

Independent Shorts

- Stephen McCotter, federal Liberal candidate for Perth-Wellington, will be hosting the Honourable Wayne Easter, MP for the PEI riding of Malpeque, on Monday, May 25. McCotter and Easter will begin a busy day touring the riding with breakfast at the Westover Inn (300 Thomas Street) in St. Marys from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. From there, they have other campaign events in Mitchell, Listowel, and in Wellington County. The day's events will culminate in the official opening of the McCotter Campaign office at 75 Wellington Street in Stratford from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Register your team of three for Euchre-Rama at the St. Marys Friendship Centre, running from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday, May 26. Call 519-284-2340 to register. The cost is \$8 per person. The day includes lunch and many prizes.
- David Letterman hosted The Late Show for the final time on Wednesday evening, capping off 20 years as the show's host and ending a 33-year career in late-night. In a star-studded Top Ten list, friends of the show including Alec Baldwin, Barbara Walters, Steve Martin, Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Carrey, Chris Rock, Julia Louis Dreyfus, Peyton Manning, Tina Fey and Bill Murray lined up to tell Dave something they had never told him before. In what must be a rare event for the 39-year-old quarterback, Manning was the youngest person on stage for the segment.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

The Flooring and Paint Store

Our business of the week is The Flooring and Paint Store, owned by Kathy Carradine since 2005. The store offers all flooring materials for home or commercial construction or renovation—ceramic, carpet, hardwoods, laminates and vinyl. The store also carries Pittsburg Paint lines for residential and commercial use. To round out your needs, there is a nice selection of Elite blinds and window coverings.

Kathy first worked at the Lumber Yard with Bob Baird and over her 11 years there, acquired a great deal of experience and knowledge of that business. When Bob was retiring, he suggested to Kathy that she start her own business as she had great product knowledge. Six months later, she was in business on Water Street where she remained for 3 years. By then the business had grown and she moved to



King Street but in 2010, she seized an opportunity to purchase what was then known as the Hunter-Duvar buildings on James Street North and Glass Street. This allowed Kathy to properly showcase a wider range of products and paints.

"I've never felt this was

just my business and I've had so much support from my family. My parents, Ron and Diane Carradine have been at my side since day one. Also, my daughter Nicole and my boys, Michael and Jamie, have pitched in whenever I needed them. I also have the help of Faye Crowder and Verna

Strathdee, who come to the store during the week so I can get out and measure and give advice on site to customers on upcoming projects." Kathy added that she is fortunate that Faye and Verna have such a good knowledge of the business also so that she knows that the customer will be well served by them.

"My focus has always been customer satisfaction, providing quality products in a professional and timely manner. I get great satisfaction seeing how happy people are when their project is done".

The store website is: www.flooringandpaintstore.ca and the phone number is 519-284-3220. The store is open Monday – Friday 9 am to 6 pm and on Saturday 9 am – 2 pm. Kathy, along with Faye and Verna, will be glad to help you make your home or business project or renovation a success.



Tree Tips: The Manitoba Maple



The Manitoba Maple is the most unique of our native maples. It is one of the fastest growing trees in Ontario. The Manitoba maple has a very distinct leaf, which is very different than the traditional Maple leaf. The leaves actually look very similar to an Ash tree and are sometimes mistaken for one.

The Manitoba Maple is valued in western Canada, in areas where trees are difficult to grow. It is

even tapped for its syrup in some areas. In Ontario, however most professionals view it as a weed. This is due to its rapid growth often causing problems when it becomes too big for the area in which it is planted.

If such a tree is located in an area on a property where there is lots of room, it is usually safe to leave the tree. Unfortunately, Manitoba Maples are more often found in problem areas

like the corner of a foundation, along a fence line, or heavily leaning over houses or cars.

If you have a Manitoba Maple it is important to pay close attention to how and where it grows. Often a home owner will leave a small tree growing by a building, and ten years later it becomes an expensive problem. Manitoba Maples are also known to fall over, due to their growing in an inconsistent shape. The inconsistent shape normally consists of a heavy lean, with a dangerous imbalance of weight. This tree can seem to be a beautiful addition to a landscape, when in fact it can quickly become a huge unexpect-

ed expense. A Manitoba Maple can be beautiful, but only in the right location.

If you have a question, you can email me at jtsquote@gmail.com, and I will respond either by email or in a future article. If you would like me to come and assess one of your trees, you can call me at 519.272.5742.

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