

Independent Shorts

- Today, Perth-Wellington NDP candidate Ethan Rabidoux will be spending the afternoon downtown in St. Marys, visiting business owners and talking to people on the street about their concerns leading up to the fall federal election. "I have been touring communities throughout Perth-Wellington to listen to what's on the minds of residents today," Rabidoux said in a statement. "I'm hoping to meet as many people from the Stonetown as possible. To make a difference, I need to hear from the people." Ethan, his fiancé Tracey Anderson and others in campaign staff will be in the St. Marys downtown core from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on May 1. After that, he'll be visiting the Parkview Creamery at 7:00 pm
- The 2015 Home and Lifestyle Show at the Listowel Memorial Arena (380 Maitland Avenue North, Listowel) begins tonight and runs to Sunday afternoon. Admission is free, however food bank donations are accepted. Hours for the show are May 1, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm; May 2 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; and May 3, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Over 60 exhibitors will be showing off their products, with a barbecue and desserts available for purchase.
- \$25 Dance-only tickets are still available for the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation's 'The (heart) Beat Goes On' Gala tomorrow evening. The tickets are available at Sam's Home Hardware, the Municipal Operations Centre (on James Street South), and at the hospital foundation office (519-284-1332, ext. 3306). They allow for entry beginning at 9:30 p.m., when the Chris Brine Band will be taking the stage.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

The St. Marys Golf and Country Club

Our Business of the Week is the St. Marys Golf and Country Club, located at 769 Queen Street East in St. Marys and co-owned by Rob Staffen, and Rick and Sandy Fifield. Officially opened with just nine holes on Canada Day 1932, the course upped its total to 18 holes in 1994.

The club's Ladies' and Men's Golf Leagues get underway next week, with the women in action May 5 and Tuesdays after that and the men teeing off May 6 and for Wednesdays the rest of the season. The leagues are open to members or those purchasing game packs. Last year's Ladies league saw over 65 golfers take part, with 106 competing in the men's league.

Those signing up for league play can expect to compete on the club's electronic leaderboard over nine holes each week. "You just come out



and sign up, and it's all a team format," said Pro Shop manager Kellen Fifield. "You get placed on a team and then each week your team faces off against another team. If you're one of the seven lowest scores on your team that week, your score counts, and it goes into the program and shows on a TV leaderboard. The lowest score wins, and you get 10 points for your team if you win that week."

It's a format that's fun for groups or solo play, he

said. "You don't have to play with your team members, you can play with anybody you want to - you're just assigned to a team by us," he said. "You go out and play nine holes and throw your score into the pro shop and it's all sorted out by the program we have."

Sign-up day for the club's Junior league (ages 7-17) is May 9, with the league beginning June 29. Golfers can also sign up to enter the different leagues throughout the season, Fifield said.

Cost for an adult full membership at the club is \$1,145, while a junior membership is \$295. For information on other membership classes including seniors, students and intermediates visit St-MarysGolf.com.

Also coming up at the course is the annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 10, to take place in the fully renovated banquet hall, which is set to host 28 weddings in 2015. To book your tables, call the club at 519-284-3704, email Fifield at Kellen@StMarysGolf.com, or drop by the club in person. "The meal costs \$18.99 for an adult and \$9.99 for a kid," he said. "There are two sittings, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm."

Beginning June 6, the club is bringing back weekly "Pub Nights," with drinks, pub food and live music Fridays throughout the summer (excluding long weekends).



Tree Tips: Properly, Planning, Planting



Before we get into the topic of hedges, I would like send a message to Jason, you called me from Kirkton, the message was interrupted, please call again, Thanks.

Hedges can greatly add many advantages your property. These advantages include privacy, protection from wind, beauty and much more. There are many different kinds of hedges. When planting a hedge, it is important to consider, the species, which you would like to plant.

The species needs to have the right characteristics to fit the area you have in mind. For example, you need to consider is the area in the

sun or the shade. Is the area very wet, or prone to drought? Perhaps there are other challenges to consider as well such as, a large number of Walnut trees in the area. Only certain plants, one example being Cedars, will grow under Walnut trees.

Another challenge is attaining consistent growth with the hedge; this is largely dependent on soil conditions. When planting a hedge it is important to try to get the soil to the same consistency, from end to end of the hedge. Otherwise the hedge will be very tall on one side and short on the other. However, soil consistency can prove very difficult; one way is to dig a trench and fill it



with a mixture of topsoil and manure. But this is cost prohibitive and not really advisable in every situation.

There are many other things to consider when planting a hedge. Size matters, if you have a small yard, it is a bad idea to grow a Siberian Elm hedge. Siberian Elms quickly grow up to 90 ft. Another thing to ponder would be; do you want it to be deciduous, or green year round? These are only some of the considerations that should go into planting a hedge, it is always important to do research to see what is best

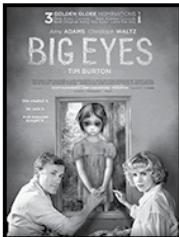
for your situation.

If you have a question, you can email me at jts-quote@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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