

Independent Shorts

• Edward "Ed" Matheson, retired St. Marys Police Chief, passed away peacefully at Ingersoll Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 15. He is remembered for his years of service to the community and will be missed by his children, grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His family is holding a private memorial.

• The St. Marys Lincolns (4-15-1-2) fell Wednesday for the second consecutive game with a 5-2 loss to LaSalle (12-7-3-1). Nathan Smith and Brandon Glover scored for the Lincs. Emanuel Vella stopped 35 of 40 shots in the loss. St. Marys also recently fell 6-3 to St. Thomas (13-6-1-1). Brent House and Nolan King each had a multi-point night, but they couldn't compete with the Stars' scoring depth. Vella stopped 29 of 34 shots in the loss. Last Friday, the Lincolns beat Chatham (11-7-1-1) by a score of 5-3. Brody Smith opened the scoring in his first game as a Lincoln, and after a goal by the Maroons, the Lincs scored four unanswered goals. A couple late goals from Chatham made it close, but Paul Town held out, stopping 40 of 43 shots. With the win, the Lincolns have already doubled last season's win total and have three more points in the standings than the 2014-2015 Lincolns did at the end of February. On Nov. 12, St. Marys fell 2-1 to the division-leading Flyers. Town stopped a remarkable 51 of 53 shots in the loss. It's a big weekend, with a rematch at home tonight against St. Thomas at 7:30 pm, and a game in Lambton Shores tomorrow night. St. Marys trails the Predators (5-15-0-2) by just one point for the eighth in the division. - Scott Maxwell

• Stop by 166 Queen Street South from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm tonight for the opening reception of Stonetown Arts' annual art show and sale "Outside the Box." Wine and refreshments will be served. The show features work from 30 artists including paintings, pottery, sculpture, glass, jewellery and more. The show continues for the next two weekends, Nov. 21-22 and Nov. 28-29, with hours from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturdays and from noon to 5:00 pm Sundays. For more information, find Stonetown Arts on Facebook.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

The Westover Inn



By Dan Rankin

Our Business of the Week is your local provider of premier food and lodging, the Westover Inn, located at 300 Thomas Street in St. Marys and owned by Stephen McCotter.

McCotter's wife Deanna Day is innkeeper at the Westover, and oversees its operations from booking events such as Christmas parties and weddings, scheduling staff for the front desk and dining room, and occasionally working at the front desk and in the dining room.

"If our handyman is not around, sometimes I'm the handyman," she said. "It depends on the day."

The Inn first opened in May 1987, but McCotter has owned the Westover for 20 years, Day said, while she has been overseeing it for the past 16 summers.

With six rooms available in the inn's main building (the Manor, built in 1867), 12 in the Terrace and four more in the Cottage, the West-

over offers guests a selection of 22 rooms. "In the off-season, rooms start at \$135 and then, in the high season, they start at \$150," she said. Some notable guests who have stayed at the Westover include actor Brian Dennehy (whose daughter was married at the Inn), actress Christine Baranski, late CBC National anchor Knowlton Nash, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada Beverley McLachlin and, of course, acclaimed actor of stage and screen Christopher Plummer, who has a luxury suite named after him at the Westover. Plummer stayed in the room for several full Festival seasons when he was performing in Stratford and still comes by when he gets the chance, Day said. "But he can't always get it, because people book it years in advance to make sure they get it," she said.

It goes without saying that the Inn is a great place to stay (they've long been a member of Ontario's Finest

Inns and Spas), but it's also recognized as a fantastic place to eat.

The executive chef at the CAA Four-Diamond award-winning kitchen is Anthony Gosselin, who has worked at the Westover for 22 years. Some entrées currently on the menu included seared sea scallops, bison striploin, Atlantic salmon, pork tenderloin and roasted rack of lamb.

The Inn's dining room is open through the winter (except for two weeks at the beginning January) for meal service from Wednesday to Saturday offering breakfast (7:30 am to 10:30 am), lunch (11:30 am to 2:00 pm) and dinner (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm). Lunch and dinner are also offered Tuesdays, and brunches on Sundays. Full week service returns in early May. Prices range from \$12 for breakfast to \$60 per person for dinner, drinks not included, Day said. On Thursday nights they offer a Brasserie menu that fea-

tures all items under \$20. "Everything is made here," Day said. "Also, pretty much everything on the dinner menu is gluten-free."

During the summer, their patio is one of the town's best kept secrets for a fun, relaxing evening – while during the winter their lounge is a popular destination for a fireside glass of wine.

The Westover is also capable of hosting private functions such as Christmas parties, business meetings or weddings. Weddings at the Westover have ranged in size from just two people to as many as 325, Day said.

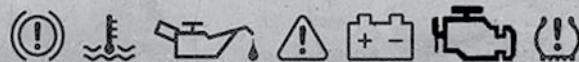
The different event rooms can accommodate groups of different sizes, from the Yellow Room off the bar (up to 25 people), to the function room (up to 40 people), to the main dining room (up to 50 people). There is a charge of \$100 to book a private room.

Coming up soon is the Westover's New Year's Eve Party, which will include a wine tasting, five-course gourmet dinner, champagne, accommodations and breakfast on New Year's Day, with rates starting at \$119 per person for an overnight stay, or \$85 for just the evening.

For more information about planning an event, email Day at Deanna@westoverinn.com, call 519-284-2977 or, toll-free, 1-800-COTTAGE. Also find them at Westoverinn.com.

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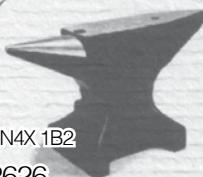
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