

Independent Shorts

- Save VIA is hosting a rally day in St. Mary's on Thursday, July 30 to draw attention to campaign's current voting phase. The day kicks off with a demonstration at the VIA Station at 8:00 am, and continues with a BBQ at 12:45 pm and talk at Barista's on Water Street at 2:30 pm. The final event is another demonstration at the VIA Station at 8:00 pm. Rail policy advisor Greg Gormick will be present for all of the events.
- The MTV Video Music Awards announced their nominees earlier this week (although the real headlines came afterwards in the Twitter feud between Nicki Minaj and Taylor Swift). Swift led the way with nominations in the categories Video of the Year, Best Pop Video, Best Female Video and Best Collaboration (with Kendrick Lamar for "Bad Blood"). Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars' hit "Uptown funk" received four nominations, with Ed Sheeran and Beyoncé both racking up three nods a piece.
- The new Adam Sandler film Pixels, about aliens who come to Earth in the form of 1980s arcade mainstays like Pac-Man and Donkey Kong, is currently ranked at 21 percent on the movie ratings site RottenTomatoes.com with most reviews including some combination of the words "unfunny," "lazy," and "dumb." What better weekend to stay in St. Marys to enjoy the annual Kinsmen Summerfest?

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BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

Village Craft and Candle



Our Business of the Week is your local chandler, candle shop, and North American candlemaking supplier, Village Craft and Candle, located at 158 Queen Street East in St. Marys and owned by Sue Griffiths.

"Customers can come in, pick up a finished candle from the front and ask 'what do I need to make this candle?' Then we can bring them into the back of the store and show them how to put it together," Griffiths said, taking a break from preparing for the store's "Relocation Celebration" taking place at the store tomorrow (July 25) from 9:00 am to 5:00

pm. Special offers that day include a free gift for the store's first 50 customers, and a free \$20 candles with purchases of \$50 or more.

Griffiths has been making candles since 2001, and at her new location she can easily lead customers through the steps of making their own, from picking the wax, wick and shape of the desired candles, to giving them an aroma by selecting from a huge range of proprietary scent oils Griffiths has been inventing over the years. These include "Rosemary Mint," "Angel Wings," "Magnolia," "Japanese Cherry Blossom," "Butterfly Kisses,"

and "Cinnamon" (along with about 350 other scents). Those fragrances can also be put to use in soaps, hand lotions, bug repellent and cleaning products using kits and supplies offered in store.

As for a candle's shape, the limit is the customer's imagination, as the store's metal forms and shaped silicon moulds can create anything from Christmas trees, to rabbits, to fruit that looks good enough to eat (but... you'd better not). For colouring, Griffiths saves her customers the messy process of adding it in a liquid form, and offers pre-mixed "chiclets" that can be easily mixed into melted wax. From there, she also offers stickers, bags, boxes and labels

for customers interested in taking their finished candles to craft shows or selling them as part of a fundraiser.

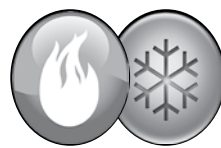
Not only providing for the needs of local customers after craft and gift ideas, Griffiths also ships her supplies around Southwestern Ontario and Canada as one of the primary candlemaking suppliers distributors in the country. For locals, however, she also offers instructional classes in candlemaking, ranging in price from \$80, for people keen to start their own candlemaking business from home, to \$15 and \$20 classes for kids. "They're about 1.5 hours," she said. "You work on a project and it's done that day."

Also science type classes for people interested in starting a home business, and kid's candlemaking classes. Keep up to date on classes and other offers by following Village Craft and Candle on Facebook.

Store hours are 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Wednesday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturdays, and 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm Sundays.

For more information, visit VillageCraftandCandle.com, email info@vccandle.com, or call 519-284-9900.

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