

Independent Shorts

- The holiday Friday necessitated releasing this week's Independent a day earlier than usual. As such, if you're reading this on Thursday, June 30, you may still have time to enjoy the Quarry Summer Kick Off Party, running from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Quarry. The Quarry itself is open until 8:00 pm. Attractions scheduled at Canada's largest outdoor freshwater swimming pool include music by DJ Rick Addy, games, prizes and swimming.
- The St. Marys Museum and Cadzow Park are the place to be to celebrate Canada Day and Canada's 149th birthday locally. Family activities, food vendors, a "red and white" contest, a tour of the Museum and the classic Canada Day cake are planned. A Flag raising and the national anthem are scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm on Friday.
- Three films are coming to theatres this weekend, including "The Legend of Tarzan," which picks up the classic story after the King of the Jungle has been living back in England for some time and stars Alexander Skarsgård, Margot Robbie and Samuel L. Jackson (it currently has a weak 27 percent rating on the movie review site RottenTomatoes.com), the third film in "The Purge" horror series, "The Purge: Election Year" (with a reasonable 67 percent rating), and the Steven Spielberg-directed adaptation of the Roald Dahl novel "The BFG" (which, with a rating of 71 percent, is this week's Indy Pick).

Business of the Week

St. Marys Bowling Lanes



By Dan Rankin

Our Business of the Week is the St. Marys Bowling Lanes, located at 21 Church Street, and run by proprietor Greg Smale.

Smale took over the business in August last year. "We knew once the leagues were finished up we would make a lot of changes," he said. They closed up shop at the start of May, and after six weeks of work, have now re-opened the

newly revamped Lanes to the public. Changes include a fresh paint job on the walls, new televisions, maintenance on the lanes, "and some other decorations and stickers," he said.

"We wanted to make it a little bit more updated place to be," he added. Leagues start up at the six lane, five-pin bowling facility in September, but until then, Smale said the Lanes plan on running summer hours "for

the first time in probably 15 years."

"There will be bowling for the kids in the summer time when they're off from school," he said, adding that they run glow-in-the-dark bowling on nights or when it's requested.

Their summer hours, beginning July 3, are Fridays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Sundays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and Tuesdays from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. "We do Toonie Tuesdays where kids 14 years and under can bowl for \$2 a

game," he said.

Those interested in hosting a party at the Lanes can contact St. Marys Bowling Lanes on Facebook, or call 226-661-0204. "We can set up a package for them, whatever they need, and we can go from there," Smale said.

Bowling shoe rentals run \$2.25 each, while regular prices per game are \$4.25 for adults and \$3.75 for students in university, college, high school or elementary school.

Snacks and drinks are available for sale. Payments are accepted in cash only for food, games and shoe rentals. "Strike!" means a very different thing at the Lanes than it does down the street at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame – but, like any good pitcher, if you can get three in a row, you're definitely doing something right. And, if you're really exceptional, maybe some day you'll get to put your name up on the wall next to the numbers 450.

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