

Independent Shorts

- For the next few weeks registration for St. Marys Minor Basketball is open. To reserve a spot for your young athlete, register online at basketball-stmarys.blogspot.ca. Kids in Grades 3 and 4 play at DCVI in the small gym on Monday nights beginning Oct. 24, while Grades 5-8 play Thursdays in the big gym starting Oct. 27.

- Local Pickleball player Karen Hill brought home a Gold Medal from the Ontario Pickleball Championships, held at the Pan Am Centre in Markham on the weekend. Karen and her Ladies doubles partner, Lorna Popofski from Huntsville, played against players from across the province before prevailing in the Final. The Provincial Championship had 260 players competing in Men's and Ladies Doubles, Mixed doubles and Singles Division. Karen's previous tournament partner, Heather Cannon from Lucan, won a Gold Medal in the Singles Ladies Division.

- The St. Marys Kinette Club installed its 2016-2017 club executive at its general meeting on Sept. 28. The new president is Wanda Mossey, while Terri Iredale is Past President and Risk Manager – as well as being Zone K Deputy Governor. Also making up the executive are Secretary Tasmin Sterkenburg, Vice President Kelly Wiffen, Registrar Vicki Lawson, Directors Sherri Barber and Stacey Wheel, Treasurer Kayla Klomp and Bulletin Editor Laura Rooke. The club's next general meeting is Oct. 26. As always, guests are welcome to attend.

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Business of the Week

Klomp's Landscaping and Hot Tubs

By Dan Rankin

Our Business of the Week is your local destination for the design, construction, and maintenance of residential or commercial landscaping, Klomp's Landscaping and Hot Tubs, owned by Susan and Tony Klomp.

The business, located at 2963 Road 119 (Highway 7) between Stratford and St. Marys, was first opened in 1989, Susan said – but they're far from stuck in the '80s. "We're very innovative on the new trends going through the landscaping industry," she said. "So, we're very environmentally conscious in tree preservation, and we do permeable paving, 'live roofs', and things like that that have come along that way, as well as your common landscaping needs."

This is also reflected in their social media presence, where they can be found on Facebook, Twitter (@Klomp's Landscape), Pinterest and – one that might be less familiar to web surfers – Houzz. "It's a website where, if you're looking for ideas for, say, 'a backyard with green shutters,' you can search it and different projects from all around the world will come up,"



Susan said.

"We have established a reputation as the leader in landscape design and construction," reads the Klomp's Houzz profile. "This distinction is a result of our constant focus on providing experience, service, quality, knowledge and value to every customer. Designing landscapes that best suit your lifestyle is our challenge... making them stylish and timeless is our goal."

A job for Klomp's could be as small as a day of lawn maintenance or walkway installation, to a major six-week downtown renovation (such as the one they did on Grand Bend's Main Street), to a multi-phase job that spans a

period of years.

"I think the biggest thing that we really aspire to is that we are complete project managers," she said. "We can go in, assess the needs and difficulties, price it up, install it, do site furnishings, we can bring the whole package together."

This does a lot to reduce stress and headaches for contractors and homeowners, she said, adding that they grow all their own trees and are open year-round.

In the winter, Klomp's likes to handle customers' architectural drawings and revisions, "so they get exactly what they want," and they're "first in line for spring."

But before that, autumn also promises to be a

busy month for Klomp's Landscaping in terms of not just their landscaping, but also with their hot tubs and swim spas. Klomp's installs and services Canadian-made Hydropool hot tubs and spas, and can place them wherever a customer wants them.

"If anyone is thinking about getting one, just give us a call," Susan said, encouraging prospective customers to contact their hot tub saleswoman Hailey Pines.

To reach Klomp's Landscaping, call 519-284-0254, visit Klomp's.ca, or email inquiries@klomp.ca.

Office hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, as well as by customer appointment.



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