


Independent Shorts

On Thursday, Oct. 20, merchants of downtown St. Marys are hosting an event to commemorate the end of the Queen Street reconstruction project. The celebration is an opportunity to showcase the new streetscape and to remind residents and visitors that downtown St. Marys is open for business. The event will begin at 4:00 pm with a charity barbecue on Water Street North between Queen Street and the Water Street Bridge. An official ribbon cutting ceremony will follow at 6:00 pm, with remarks from Mayor Al Strathdee and members of the downtown business community. A plaque will also be presented to Charlie Hammond in recognition of his long-term service to the St. Marys Business Improvement Area. For more information, check out page 19.

Nov. 4 is "Random Act of Kindness Day" across the country, and the Stratford Perth Community Foundation will be using it as a chance to work with other local groups and individuals to "help create a more empathetic and connected community." "Part of the beauty of the initiative is that it doesn't have to cost a cent," said foundation executive director Tracy Van Kalsbeek. "Holding a door open, words of thanks and encouragement, telling someone they've done a good job – these are the kinds of acts that citizens 'pay forward' on this special day." Visit SPCCF.ca and click on "Random Act of Kindness Day" to share what you are doing to spread kindness on Nov. 4. Individuals, businesses, service clubs, schools are all encouraged to participate.

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Business of the Week

The Flooring and Paint Store

Kathy Carradine, owner of The Flooring and Paint Store, is very excited to become a dealer for the Cloverdale Paint line. Cloverdale was founded in 1933 near Cloverdale, B.C. and is now one of North America's largest regional manufacturers and sellers of paint products. Their customers range from large commercial companies to the do-it-yourselfer. One of the main reasons that the Flooring and Paint Store is teaming up with Cloverdale is that "they are a Canadian company with a Canadian made product, which is very important to me", Kathy said. The Flooring and Paint Store is owned by Kathy and opened in 2005. She had worked at the Lumber Yard with Bob Baird and, over her 11 years there, she acquired a great deal of experience and knowledge of that business. When Bob was retiring, he suggested to her that she should start her own business as she had great product knowledge. Six months later she was in business on Water Street where she remained for three years. By then, the business had grown and she moved to King Street but, in 2010, she seized the opportunity to purchase what was then known as the Hunter-Duvar buildings on James Street North. This allowed Kathy to properly show-

case a wider range of products and paints. "I've never felt this was just my business and I've had so much support from my family," she said. "My parents Ron and Dianne Carradine have been at my side since day one. Also my daughter Nicole and my boys Michael and Jamie, have pitched in whenever I needed them. I also have the help of Faye Crowder and Verna Strathdee, who come to the store during the week so I can get out and measure and give advice on site to customers on upcoming projects". Kathy added that she is very fortunate that Faye and Verna have such good knowledge of the business that she knows that the customer will be well served by them. As far as the new Cloverdale paint line, Kathy is very impressed with the high quality at affordable factory direct prices for large or small projects that the company offers. "Starting as a family business, Cloverdale is proud of their products and stand behind them," she said. Another aspect that was important to Kathy in choosing this paint line was their commitment to decreasing or eliminating harmful impact on the environment. To do so, Cloverdale has developed one of the industry's largest selections of water based and low vol-



Verna Strathdee, Kathy Carradine, Faye Crowder, and Cloverdale Rep Steve Caldwell.

atile organic compound (VOC) paints and coating. As well as eggshell, semi-gloss and flat finishes, Kathy offers Cloverdale primers, stains and a Melamine great for furniture finishing. To celebrate this new partnership, Cloverdale Paint, along with The Flooring and Paint Store, is holding a BBQ at the store Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 4:00 -7:00 pm. Representatives from Cloverdale will be there to showcase the products and answer all questions. There will be prizes and give-aways. The Cloverdale paint will be on a special sale for 20%

off Thursday, Friday and Saturday that week with an additional 5% discount voucher for attending the BBQ. So Kathy asks everyone "to please join us, bring the family, have some fun and learn about a great new paint." The store website is: www.flooringandpaintstore.ca and the phone number is 519-284-3220. The store is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Kathy, Faye and Verna will be glad to help you make your home or business project or renovation a success.

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