

## Business of the Week

### The Stonetown Barber

By Stewart Grant

Our Business of the Week is The Stonetown Barber, which opened up for business yesterday by proprietor and St. Marys native Scott Jackson.

The Stonetown Barber adds to a rich tradition of barbering at 178 Queen St. East, the location most recently occupied by Simply Sew. Per conversation with Ron Ferguson, who operated Ron's Barber Shop from 1971 to 1994, this cozy space across from the town hall has over 60 years of barbershop history (see "Then and Now" feature on the opposite page for more details).

Scott is the son of Murray and Sharon Jackson, and his wife is Kim Marshall, also of St. Marys. Until they find a new home in town, Scott and Kim currently reside in Guelph where Scott spent 15 years working for Sleeman Brewery as a brewer and where Kim works as a nurse. To set his new path that would lead him back to the Stonetown, Scott decided to leave Sleeman and enrolled in the All American Barber Academy in Scottsdale, Arizona. Over the course of the required 1,500 practical hours of experience to gain his barbering license, he estimates that he's provided 2,500 haircuts from traditional trims to popular new styles such as skinfades.

Jackson was particularly excited to have the chance to set up his shop at a location so well known for barbering, and he plans to recreate the traditional feel of a classic barber shop. He has invested in a durable 1950s Belmont barber chair and a circa-1920s vintage cash register, with more interior design work planned over time to maintain the nostalgic atmosphere.

"The traditional barber shop is a place of relaxation," remarked Jackson. "This is a place where you can come to visit, have pleasant conversation, and just be yourself; or if you choose you can simply close your eyes and relax."

"It is amazing to be back in St. Marys, and I've received such incredible support from so many people already," added Jackson. "It wasn't until after high school, when I lived elsewhere, that I realized how great it is here. When I thought about coming back, I wanted a service that I could provide to the people of St. Marys. Barber-



ing is a great, honest profession and I wish I would've found it ten years ago. One of the things I love about this business is making people look and feel better about themselves."

A busy first week in business is planned at The Stonetown Barber. At the time of this writing, thirteen appointments were already booked for opening day (yesterday) and an Open House is scheduled for Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. All are welcome to stop by during the Open House to come see the shop, meet the barber and enjoy some light snacks (see ad on this page for more details).

At the present time, The Stonetown Barber is open three days a week in St. Marys: Thursdays and Fridays from 9 am to 9 pm, and Saturdays from 7 am to 5 pm. In the future, once they are fully settled in town, Jackson plans to be open 5 or 6 days a week. To book an appointment at The Stonetown Barber, contact Scott at 519-400-8902 or email thestonetownbarber@gmail.com.

## THE STONETOWN BARBER

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