

# Independent Shorts

The Town of St. Marys firefighters will transport St. Marys Snipers U12 and U14 players in a variety of fire service vehicles on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Marys Fire Department, 172 James Street South

In late March the St. Marys Snipers U12 (sponsored by Ontario Egg Farmers) and U14 (sponsored by Canada Trust and Hubbard Pharmacy) won a gold medal at the Ontario regionals in London, Ontario. A hundred plus teams from across the province came to compete during the event, which took place March 24 to 26.

In celebration of the team's achievement, the Town of St. Marys Fire Department will be transporting the players throughout St. Marys in various fire rescue vehicles. The parade will travel down James Street South, turning onto Elgin Street East and continuing down St. John Street South before going through the downtown and looping back to its starting point at the St. Marys Fire Department. The Fire Department is coordinating with the Ontario Provincial Police to ensure a safe celebration.

#### New to St. Marys?

Are you a newcomer to the St. Marys area? If yes, The Friends of the Library has a free welcome package for you to pick up at the Library. You will receive a phone book, maps, recreation information, information on local services, coupons, gifts and more. The Library is located at 15 Church Street South.

## Business of the Week The Emporium

By Stewart Grant

Our Business of the Week is the Emporium, located in downtown St. Marys at 153 Queen Street East, between St. Marys Optometry and Hubbard Pharmacy.

An artisan herself through her soap and bath product line known as The Handsome Goat Bath Co., owner Cindy McClory opened the Emporium in August 2015 to create an inviting, centralized location for local artisans to showcase and sell their products. The Emporium has been growing ever since.

At present, products from roughly 70 different local vendors can be found within the store. A variety of items from the usual to the unusual line her shelves and displays. This includes arts and crafts, handcrafted goods and wares, art, photography, soaps, lotions, jewelry, stained glass, teas, jellies, honey, granola, wood prod-



ucts, serving boards, books, gifts, toys, clothing, home décor and more.

Since opening, Cindy has also added consignment items to the Emporium, including a limited selection of furniture. Consignment offerings have further helped add variety and constantly-changing inventory to the Emporium. "Antiques and vintage stuff has really taken off," said McClory. Estate consignments are also considered a future area of growth, with the Emporium a

venue to help treasured items find a new home.

For McClory and employee Piper Badgley, it is easy to come to work each day at 153 Queen. In the words of Cindy, "I love the atmosphere of the store. It's as if Ray Bennett just oozed his greatness into the walls from all his years operating here."

The Emporium is currently open 5 days a week (Tuesdays through Saturdays), but will open for Sundays during the busy summer months. Mark your calendars for The Em-

porium's Spring Open House, to be held on Saturday, May 6th. In-store specials and great music are planned for the occasion.

To find out more about The Emporium and its vendors, please either visit The Emporium in person, follow them on social media (search for The Emporium St. Marys on Facebook, or @theemporiumstmarys on Instagram), call 519-284-2281, or email theemporium153@gmail.com.

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