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Senior of the Week



Our senior of the week is Marion Johns who celebrated her 96th birthday on April 2nd. Born in Osborne Township, Marion has 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Happy Birthday Marion!

If you would like to nominate someone for Senior of the Week, Contact us at 519-282-9595 (Phone) or 519-284-0042 (Fax), or info@exeterexaminer.com.

Business of the Week

Fabric Master Cleaning Systems

By Dan Rankin

Our Business of the Week is the Centralia-based Fabric Master Cleaning Systems, which has been your local destination for affordable carpet and upholstery cleaning, and emergency flood restoration for over 40 years.

This May marks the five-year anniversary since Ralph Wells purchased the business from Bev and Karen Prest, in 2011. Wells says he still holds a great deal of gratitude towards Bev for the help he provided to them in their first few months and years running Fabric Master. "Bev stuck with us to make sure I got going, to make sure we were okay," he said. "The assistance he provided for the first few years was invaluable. Any questions we ever had, he could answer whatever we threw at him."

He's also thankful to the clients that Bev had

built over the years who stuck with them after the ownership change. "He had a lot of clients because he did it for a lot of years," Wells said. "When we took over we held onto those repeat customers. We appreciate that. Of course, we also have quite a few new customers over the past five years."

Fabric Master Cleaning Systems serves the area from Stratford to London and Goderich to Grand Bend with their truck-mount steam cleaning system. The Fabric Master van contains a vacuum, 200 feet of hose, a 120 gallon fresh water tank and a 60 gallon waste water tank. Fresh hot water diluted with an environmental cleaner is applied to carpets and upholstery and then extracted right back off at 800 pounds of pressure, before being sent back into the van's waste tank.

The business serves homes, businesses,



boats, vehicles and recreational vehicles and offers pickup-clean-and-return service for area rugs. Two employees can move any large furniture items during the cleaning process.

Fabric Master also offers 24-hour Flood restoration, including water extraction from basement flooding, drywall and carpet removal and replacement, spray for mould prevention, as well as dryer, dehumidifier and ozone machine rentals. Their ozone machines are ideal to clean away odours such as from skunks.

Fabric Master offers free estimate. "If they want me to come by and have a look and tell them how much it's going to be, I can do that," he said. Jobs are priced by the square foot.

"If we don't like the way it looks, we'll do it again," Well said. "It's no extra charge."

Their hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. For more information or to schedule a cleaning, call 519-228-6051, email info@fabric-mastercleaningsystems.com or visit FabricMasterCleaningSystems.com.

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Most species of deciduous trees should be thinned every couple of years, normally starting a few years after they are planted. Thinning on a regular basis insures that the tree will grow with less defects. This is extremely important when a tree is young, as problems in an older tree are much harder to correct.

There are two basic types of thinning: interior and exterior. Interior thinning is the process of remov-

Tree Tips: The Importance of Thinning

ing the branches that are dead, crossing, overly crowded, and/or structurally weak. Interior thinning also normally includes removing dead or rotten limbs. This prevents the tree from developing poor structure; it also allows more air movement into the interior canopy. Air movement is necessary to eliminate both fungus and disease. Normally, interior thinning is only practiced on deciduous trees as opposed to conifers. A tree that has been properly thinned not only is healthier, but is also much more ascetically pleasing. Interior thinning should ideally be done every two to three years.

Exterior thinning is where branches are removed from the outside of the canopy. Exterior thinning is done for three purposes, the first of which is weight reduction. Branches, that are structurally weak,

may become prone to failure; therefore it is safer to reduce the weight of the tree, which in turn reduces the chance of failure. The second reason to thin the exterior of a tree is to remove dead or dying branches; these are removed to help the tree to heal and to remove dangerous falling hazards. Finally, exterior thinning allows more light through to the ground below, allowing better grass growth, or perhaps for more sun on a patio.

If you have a question,

you can email me at jts-quote@gmail.com, and I will respond either by email or in a future article. If you would like me to come and assess one of your trees, you can call me at 519-272-5742.

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