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Senior of the Week



Our Seniors of the Week are Kenneth and Patricia Smith, who have just celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on September 9. Congratulations and much love from your children Bonnie, Kathy, Dan and Doug, and their families.

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.

The Ex Files

- The South West Local Health Integration Network is giving additional funding to the "Little Hospital that Does." The funding comes from two types of investments: the Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund, as well as 1% base fund increase for small hospitals. The Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund aims to improve collaboration between small and rural hospitals and community partners. Meanwhile the base funding increases is to help improve patient care close to home. The South Huron Hospital Association will receive \$70, 600 as part of the 1% base funding increase.

- Now is your chance to nominate someone for the first-ever South Huron Business and Community Excellence Awards. President of the SH Chamber of Commerce. Awards will be presented in six categories including: Business of the Year - under 15 employees, Business of the Year - over 15 employees, Entrepreneur of the Year, Citizen of the Year, the Lifetime Business Achievement Award and the Guest Experience Award. The event will be held at the Ironwood Golf Course on Thursday October 22nd and the \$65 dollar ticket will be available at the end of September. Tickets are \$50 each for members of the BIA or Chamber of Commerce and \$65 to the general public. Tickets are limited and can be reserved by calling 226-423-3028.

- A Seaforth resident's Chevy Silverado pickup truck was stolen on September 3rd, and while the police found the truck it's of no use to the owner anymore. OPP say the truck was found on Perth Road between Sebringville and Fullarton and it was on fire. According to the OPP the thieves parked the truck on an abandoned property then set the truck on fire and destroyed it completely. Police say a burgundy box topper had been removed from the pickup before it was torched. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP or Crime Stoppers.

Business Of The Week

Straight Line Collision

Our Business of the Week are your local auto body repair specialists at Straight Line Collision, located at 274 Victoria Drive in Centralia and owned by founder Don Stuckless.

Stuckless started his own shop in 1991, after having put in years (and years and years) of experience managing and working on vehicles in other garages. "I just thought, 'why pad the next guy's pocket? Let's do something for yourself,'" he said. "I felt confident that I had the ability to succeed, and I had a good clientele already built up from working for other people."

From 1991 to 1994, his business was located along Highway 4, just around the corner from its current home on Victoria Drive. "I found the facility to be too small," he said. "With this size of building I'm in now, I can get into larger trucks, which increases my business by probably 30 percent."

The current shop is composed of 2,400 sq ft of working area, in which

he and his employees' number one focus is collision repair. "We can work on all auto body needs, but concentrate specifically on collision repair," he said, adding that their prices are "very competitive" with other area body shops.

Walking through the process, Stuckless says it all begins with repairing or replacing the damaged parts on a vehicle that's been brought in.

"From that point it goes to prep, where you're sanding and masking, and from that point it goes into the paint booth for re-finishing," he said. "Beyond that, it's basic cleanup. We like to see the vehicles leave here in better, cleaner shape."

Stuckless said he can't help but laugh when he hears his customers tell them "It looks better than before it came in!" "Let's hope so," he said. "That's the whole point!" "We like to show people that we care," he said. "We detail things and make sure it looks nice and tidy for the customer before they receive it back."

Customers of Straight

Line Collision cover a wide geographical area, from London in the south, all along the lake shore to Bayfield and Goderich in the north.

Stuckless encouraged potential clients to bring their vehicle by in order to have a chance to win Straight Line Collision's monthly customer appreciation prize. "Monthly I'll

throw in all the customers from that month into a hat and draw a name," he said. "I give a \$75 gift certificate to the winner for a business of their choosing."

Contact Stuckless by phone at 519-228-6114, by fax at 519-229-7027, or email at StraightLine-Donny@msn.com.



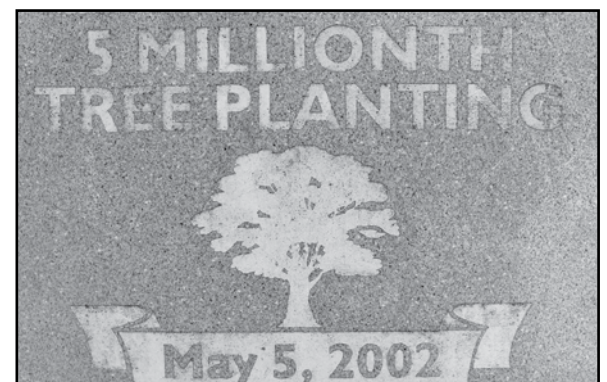
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