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Welcome to CK Senior, Issue 12

"April showers bring forth May flowers!" It's not hard to take the rain when you know what lies ahead. It's that time of year again when our memories are jogged of how quickly nature comes alive, once more as we witness our plants bursting through the soil to greet us and our trees begin to bud right before our eyes. We all look forward to getting back outside to enjoy the warmer weather and maybe take a walk, get back into the garden, ride our bike or take up a new hobby. Spring is the time for new beginnings!

As always, it was a pleasure putting together this publication and many thanks go out to all of our advertisers for making this 12th issue possible. We hope that as you go through these pages you are reminded once again about all of the wonderful businesses and services that we have available right here in our own community that address the needs of seniors living in Chatham-Kent.

Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote, "In the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." George Burns wrote "Young. Old. Just Words".

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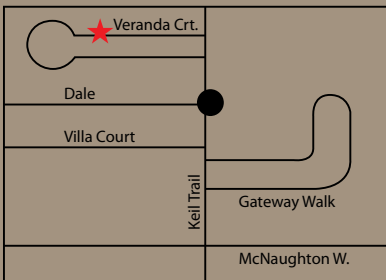


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The Art of the Outdoors, Naturally

Wayne Michaud and Nature's Pride Landscape Group

Since 1999, Wayne Michaud, Owner of Tilbury's Nature's Pride Landscape Group, has been proud to oversee the marriage of art and nature, one client at a time. A Pain Court, Ontario product, Wayne has seen area backyards as his canvases since high school, when he built on his carpentry and construction background while working alongside a local landscaper. In the years since, Wayne - now a certified horticulturist - has continued to perfect a meticulous attention to detail. "Anybody can landscape," he often says, "but the difference is in the detail."

Today, Nature's Pride's business ethos reflects a commitment to maintaining strong one-to-one customer relationships. A happily married father of three, Wayne sees Nature's Pride as an extension of the values that he holds dear in his family life. After all, "It does become very personal when you have somebody working on your property. It's all about client relations," he elaborates. "We take things to heart and pride ourselves on our relationships with our clients." To this day, Wayne still counts his very first client as one of his regulars.

Over the past decade-plus, Wayne has observed a number of homeowners across Chatham-Kent and Essex County expressing a desire to expand their living spaces into the areas outside of their homes. "People are looking for resort-type vacations in their own backyards," he explains. To this end, Nature's Pride regularly performs start-to-completion design-build projects that incorporate livable, luxurious pieces like outdoor kitchens, decks and fences, and tranquil water features. As much work as possible is always done in-house.

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If you are considering expanding or beautifying your living spaces, a more comprehensive list of Nature's Pride's services is available on its website, at www.naturespride.ca.

Wayne Michaud
owner



ABOUT THE COVER

Cycling for a cause

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We all remember our first set of wheels, our bicycles! There was nothing quite like jumping onto your bicycle, meeting up with your friends, and completely losing yourself and all track of time riding around from here to there. It was a staple for most of us during our youth and is a lost activity to many of us as we age, but for some it continues to be a vital part of our daily exercise routine.

Our cover photo features Susan Nuttall and Roger Carron, both members of the Chatham-Kent Community Cycling Group. Susan and Roger cycle for **"Fun, Food, Fitness and Friends!"** Both are also avid cyclers for numerous local fundraising events. One of the longest fundraising rides is the MS Bike Tour which runs from Grand Bend to London and back again. This will mark the 8th year for Susan and the 15th year for Roger participating in this event, while raising funds for this cause. Initially the team Roger rode with, consisted of himself and a half dozen or so female riders,



dubbing the group name **"Roger's Angels."** Roger and Susan are looking forward to participating again this year, in the MS Bike Tour with a team of all ages from Chatham-Kent, still riding for **"Fun, Food, Fitness, Friends and a cause!"**

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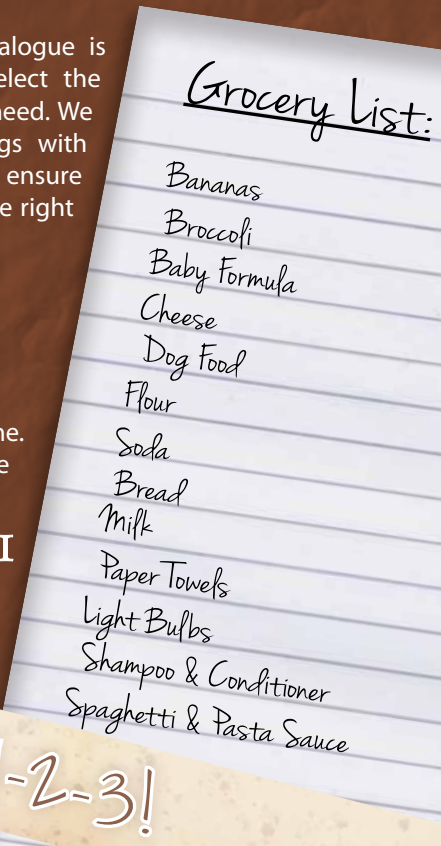
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In the Chatham-Kent area, up to 26 events are offered through a series of spring /summer and fall events. Winners from these events are eligible to participate in Regional and Provincial events which are hosted throughout the province on a rotational basis. Already in progress is a series of 22 events being hosted throughout Chatham-Kent from early April to mid-June, 2013. The events offered this spring include crokinole, 4 handed bid euchre, contract bridge, euchre, cribbage, 6 handed pepper, floor shuffleboard, duplicate bridge, scrabble, 5 pin and 10 pin bowling (teams and singles), carpet bowling, darts, prediction walking, prediction urban poling, pickleball, lawn bowling (doubles and trebles),

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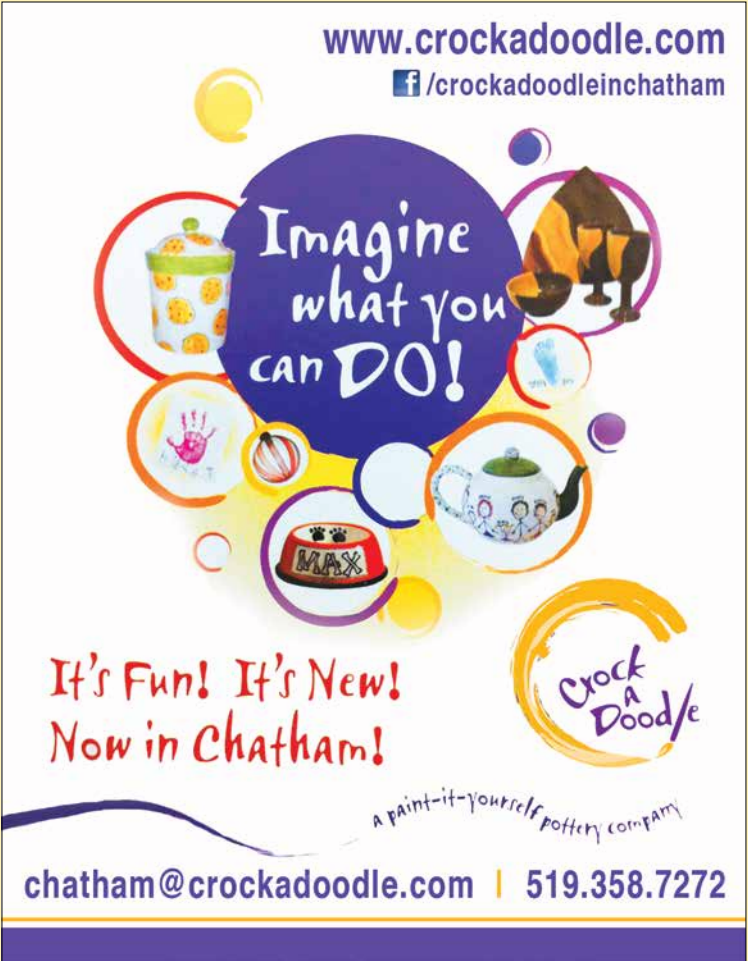
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Conveniently, the weather in Wallaceburg is very senior friendly, having one of the highest number of sunshine days in the province. The area offers great weather for year round, outdoor recreational activities like golf and fishing. Very mild winters make it an ideal place for seniors to relocate, or to remain in the community they currently call home.

The Oaks Retirement Village will offer a modern, full-service retirement residence consisting of 102 units and will include an Assisted Living component. Twenty-four hour emergency response will be delivered by professionally trained staff and a range of care and service packages will be available to meet residents' individual healthcare needs. Other services include three meals a day prepared by the residence's culinary team, weekly laundry and housekeeping, unlimited access to life enrichment programs and amenities such as a pool, health club, and licensed dining room. Phase two of this project will include the development of 25 garden townhouses.

With the changing times and the vision it will be transformed into a wonderful retirement village for those who might otherwise have had to leave the community. To pre-register and receive further information please call 519-627-1433 ext. 753 or email us at oaksrv@outlook.com

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Serving brain injury and stroke survivors

New Beginnings, with sites in Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton, is an excellent place for survivors of brain injuries, brain tumors, and strokes to attend. The Clubhouses in Chatham and Sarnia provide free day programs and support groups for survivors, as well as providing support groups for their family members/caregivers.

The atmosphere at New Beginnings is upbeat and fun. "The aim of New Beginnings is to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive place for survivors to discover their post-injury/illness selves," says Lori Gall, Executive Director of New Beginnings.

Daily programs at the Clubhouses are focused on social and recreational activities, with crafts and exercises being at the core of almost everything that takes place. "While our members are enjoying themselves and taking part in our activities, our staff and volunteers are supporting them in their physical, cognitive, and emotional recovery," says Gall.

The ability to interact and socialize with others who can relate to what the member/caregiver is going through can't be overstated. "Other survivors or caregivers have experienced what you're experiencing and can give you the support you need to move forward," notes Gall. "Knowing you're not alone is huge."

A lot of things about New Beginnings are (wonderfully) unexpected, but being able to offer all of the programs and services free of charge is perhaps the most amazing thing of all.



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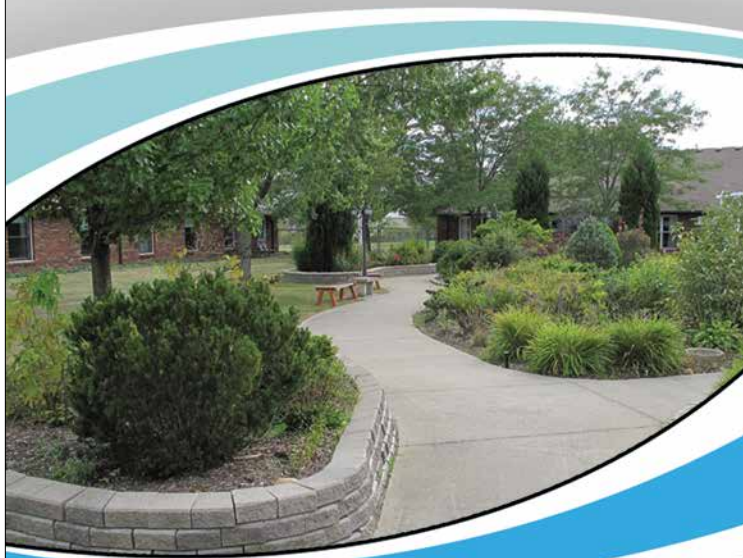


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MASTER YOUR HEALTH

The goal of this group is to teach participants how to take charge of their health through self management. A six-week group series is offered at all three of the Chatham-Kent Community Health Centres sites. This group is designed for people with a long-term health issue and those who care for someone with a long-term health issue (Arthritis, MS, Parkinsons, Depression, Cancer, Heart Disease, etc...).

SAFE STEPS

The main goal of the Safe Steps program is to facilitate safe and independent living for seniors at home. An Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist will work with you at your home to address:

• **PHYSICAL CONCERNS:**

Fall prevention, home safety, device use, and education to maintain independence.

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New permanent teeth-in-a-day solutions for denture-wearers. An advanced approach to restore function and quality of life...

At the Chatham Denture Specialists in Chatham, Ontario, we experience the challenges and frustrations denture-wearers face on a daily basis. Whether they are new to wearing dentures or have been wearing dentures for most of their lives, all patients agree that even the best dentures do not come close to replacing the function of healthy, natural teeth.

Some of the challenges denture-wearers experience regularly are: sore spots in the mouth from dentures rubbing on the gums (especially the lower denture), a decrease in bite force, loose dentures that move around and cause embarrassing moments in public, difficulty speaking (whistling and clicking of denture teeth), and an inability to eat a variety of foods. Many people who wear false teeth also complain that their food tastes bland. This is because the roof of the mouth (or palate) is covered by the upper denture, interfering with taste buds and the ability to taste food while eating. As a result, many denture-wearers over-salt their food. In combination with a limited food selection and not enough fresh vegetables or fruits, too much salt intake can pose serious health issues such as high blood pressure (hypertension), high cholesterol, heart complications, nutritional deficiencies, and chronic digestive problems to name just a few potential health risks.

Many denture wearers suffer silently from emotional distress. Loose, ill-fitting dentures can cause people to become very self-conscious, introverted, and insecure.

If asked, most denture-wearers would admit to wishing they could have healthy natural teeth again, which is impossible. However, the next closest thing to natural teeth used to be conventional dental implants and crowns, which can be financially prohibitive as costs may reach up to \$50,000 per jaw. This traditional method of dental implants is not only very expensive, but also requires placement of many implants, bone grafting, sinus lifts, and long healing and recovery periods. The whole procedure from start to finish could take up to two years to complete.

Now there exists a much more affordable technique for fixed, non-removable teeth that are fully functional and minimally invasive (meaning very little pain or discomfort) with only

one treatment session. This technique is changing the lives of denture-wearers all over the world. Coined "teeth-in-a-day," this procedure has seen very high success rates on thousands of patients in Canada and in Europe, where the procedure was developed, as well as in the United States with a success rate in the high 90 percent range. This "All-On-Four" technique converts the patient's denture into non-removable, fully functional, fixed teeth in one day. There is no painful and lengthy healing period, no large bulky denture rubbing on the gums or covering the roof of the mouth, and, best of all, you never have to take your teeth out of your mouth! This treatment allows patients to regain their quality of life by enabling the denture-wearer to feel confident eating in public, dating, smiling, and laughing without fear of their denture falling out, or having to take them out to clean them. The freedom to brush your teeth in a natural way is something that no longer needs to be taken for granted.

If you feel self-conscious about the way you look without your teeth, or you crave to eat what you want, when and where you want to, and be able to taste and enjoy your food again, this may be the solution for you.

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8 large eggs
 1 quart whipping cream
 1 cup sugar
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 1 1-pound loaf brioche or egg bread, torn into bite-size pieces

Vanilla ice cream

PREPARATION

Whisk eggs, cream, sugar, 1 cup maple syrup and vanilla in large bowl to blend. Add brioche; stir to coat. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Butter 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Transfer bread mixture to prepared dish. Bake until puffed and golden and toothpick inserted into centre comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool slightly. Cut into 6 to 8 pieces. Place 1 piece pudding on each plate. Place scoop of ice cream atop pudding, drizzle with maple syrup and serve.



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