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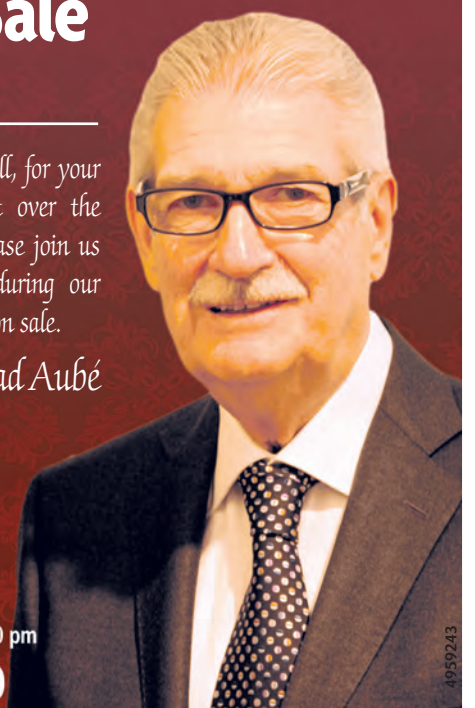
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the best of cornwall

We want to thank everyone for their answers to our first ‘Best of Cornwall’ feature. We had a lot of fun collecting your responses and using only the best technology and algorithms to analyze the data. Pfft. Who are we kidding? There was no analysis – we just wanted to have some fun and as you can see by some of the answers to our questions a lot of you had fun with this too. That being said, we engaged this process with nothing but the highest quality of editorial standards. The answers were so top secret that no one short of James Bond himself would have been able to crack the codes necessary to unlock our computerized security system. Actually, if Mr. Bond had arrived with fresh

pizza and a DVD filled with Spider-Man cartoons he could have easily has his way with us. Our answers weave a tapestry of humour (our jokes are terrible) and history (we love Wikipedia too much) that make it difficult to do anything but roll your eyes and smile. As you can see, we are trying, painfully, to avoid taking this exercise too seriously. To suggest our answers and conclusions speak for the majority would be false. We just wanted to create something that would add a little buzz in the city and area and make you smile at the same time. Seaway News editor Todd Lihou and publisher Rick Shaver supervised the (cough) editorial process. Enjoy the ‘Best of Cornwall’ and remember that it’s all



Rick & Todd ... hard at work!

about having fun – try not to take it too seriously. We have noted some people who provided us with a particularly

interesting answer (that way you can tackle them at the coffee shop and tell them how WRONG they were).

FAVOURITE AREA OF TOWN TO ENJOY A BIKE RIDE:

Lamoureux Park.

Talk about a no-brainer. There were so many identical answers to this question that we stopped counting after a while. What more can one ask for than the St. Lawrence River, green grass, beautiful trees and winding bike paths? Just make sure you avoid the goose poop.

BEST REGULAR CUSTOMER AT A LOCAL COFFEE SHOP:

Wally Beauvais

(answer courtesy Krista Grant of Cornwall).

With so many coffee shop customers to choose from, and nearly as many coffee shops, selecting the best “regular” coffee shop customer is a Herculean task at the best of times. But Wally’s ability to choke down mug after mug of java sets him apart from, well... we’re not sure. But enjoy your coffee Wally.

BEST PATIO TO ENJOY A SUMMER COCKTAIL:

Blue Anchor

(answer courtesy Annie Bouchard of Cornwall).

Who could argue with Glen Walter’s favourite watering hole that finds itself directly on the shores of the St. Lawrence River? In the summertime it’s wall-to-wall boats, bikes and beauties. Bring some sun tan lotion. Schnitzel’s and Kelseys also made the list!

BEST CORNER IN THE CITY TO PEOPLE WATCH:

Pitt and Second Street.



Another obvious one, but it’s only because it’s the centre of the universe, at least as far as Cornwallites are concerned. The addition of Pommier Square makes this corner that much better for watching the people, and personalities, that make our city great. Lawn chairs are optional.

BEST PIZZA DELIVERY PERSON:

John McDonald

(Roma’s Restaurant) gets the nod. Not only does he have a name you won’t soon forget (is it just us, or is there a John McDonald living on every block?) but he gets your pizza to you hot and on time. Once again, a tip is mandatory when John is behind the wheel.

BEST BARTENDER IN TOWN:

There are so many great bartenders in Cornwall. We could fill reams of pages with everyone’s favourite, but the answer we enjoyed the most came from a lucky Cornwall wife: “The best one would have to be my husband - I don’t have to tip.”

BEST SANDWICH IN TOWN:

Apparently there is this little number at Dish Café and Food Shop that contains avocado. We prefer our avocado mashed into guacamole and smeared over tacos and nachos, but if you like it on a sandwich then more power to you – despite the fact that we’re pretty sure it makes you a Communist (wink). Of course there are operations like Subway and Quizno’s that make pretty darn good sandwiches too (and who could forget our friends over at Riley’s Bakery?) but an avocado-based sandwich sounds delicious. Even the Capitalists like it. Also downtown features another great sandwich location, The Grind.

FAVOURITE POLICE OFFICER:

Thom Racine

(answer courtesy Florida Beauvais of Cornwall).

Folks he’s not a cop anymore – but apparently that didn’t stop many of you from selecting the likeable, but retired, Racine as your favourite man in blue. His retirement was marked with enough media coverage to warrant a national holiday – but we like him too.

BEST PLACE TO ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE:

Schnitzel’s

(answer courtesy Terry Procopid of Cornwall).

Maybe it’s the patio that makes this downtown eatery and pub a favourite of so many, but there’s something to be said about a quiet evening sipping on your favourite glass of red or white while gazing up at the stars.

BEST PLACE FOR SOME LATE-NIGHT SNACKING:

Remington’s

(answer courtesy Lynn Marinaro of South Glengarry).

The Montreal Road pub offers something called “OUCH” – a hot sauce that goes well with their wings, at least according to foodie blogs. OUCH is made with ‘1 Million Scoville’ – a hot pepper extract that promises to leave you panting in your beer and whispering: “Mommy.”

FAVOURITE LOCAL GUITAR PLAYER:

Mark Day



Mark has been a long-time musician from Cornwall. We can remember when his hair was almost as long as the guitar solos that dominated 1980s heavy metal. Day has plenty to keep him busy in the music industry in California, working behind the scenes for the likes of The Offspring and other high-profile music acts on music boards and the like.

BEST LOCALLY PRODUCED BEER/WINE:

Wine Kitz

showed up on our answer sheets more than anyone else, so they get the nod. The Pitt Street business has been owned by Julie and Marc Malette since 2008, bringing with them 40 years of experience to the business.

BEST SERVER IN TOWN:

Joel Dinelle

(Eight Zero Zero) noses out the competition, according to a handful of restaurant goers in the city. We've never had the pleasure of Joel's superb service, but we know Eight Zero Zero serves up some fantastic food – guess it's a bonus when he's delivering it to the table. Don't forget the tip. Nancy over at Peppermills, Paulette at Schnitzel's and Morgan at Kelsey's make your visit a pleasant one too.

FAVOURITE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS:

Riley's Bakery

Maybe it's the massive sandwiches, not to mention the smell of freshly baked bread and pastries. Or perhaps it's the idea that it feels like you're stepping back in time, because the beauty of Riley's Bakery is it's a true family-owned and operated business. Plus, their sandwiches are huge. Business professionals, students and passers-by love this little gem, and so do we. Did we mention the sandwiches?

FAVOURITE CHIP MAN:

This was a tough one...are there still chip men in Cornwall? You know, the guys with the white trucks and ringing bells that would bring small children scurrying from their homes, with small change in their hands, looking for some deep-fried goodness.

Seguin Patates,

on Marlborough Street offers a French fry dish that comes with gravy, onions, ground beef and possibly cheese curds...everything is better with cheese curds.

FAVOURITE LOCAL PAINTER:

Tracy-Lynn Chisholm.



We were hoping some wag would pick their father-in-law who paints the garage door every spring, but Tracy-Lynn is a solid choice too. The Cornwall painter spent time as an office employee and even a prison guard before taking up a career with a paint brush. Maybe she can paint garage doors too?

FAVOURITE STREET TO TAKE A WALK IN THE EVENING:

Where to choose? There are so many options in Cornwall for a leisurely walk, but in our opinion

Gardiner Avenue

is just a notch above the rest. The reason? It's the serenity of walking south on Gardiner just after sunset – there's a slight jog in the road before it descends down to Montreal Road. The view of the St. Lawrence River can't be beat and the breeze blowing off the water is amazing.

BEST PERSON TO EVER HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE:

Ed Lumley

This one surprised us, if only because it's been nearly 30 years since Lumley was an MP for the old Stormont-Dundas riding. Lumley, a Windsor native, was the Seaway City's mayor for a time, before a 10-year stint as a Liberal MP, which included high-profile cabinet positions in the Pierre Trudeau and John Turner governments. He was defeated in the 1984 federal election, and returned to the private sector. We also received numerous votes for Ron Martelle, Angelo Lebano, Francis Guindon and Aaron Horovitz.

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BEST LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES:
Agapè Gardens



Three acres of land on Mohawk Drive have been donated to the Agape Centre to be used as a means to grow fruits and vegetables that the local charity can use to supplement the amount it has to purchase to stock its food bank and soup kitchen. Here's hoping there's no drought this summer – the likes of which created huge headaches in 2012.

FAVOURITE LOCAL GARDEN:
Queen Elizabeth's Gardens, Upper Canada Village

To commemorate the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to Ontario in 1984 (Seaway News editor Todd Lihou actually spoke with her for all of five seconds), the province and St. Lawrence Parks Commission presented the Queen Elizabeth Gardens as a gift to Her Majesty. The gardens have been described as “an eye-pleasing oasis of brilliant colour and breathtaking fragrance” – not unlike the Queen herself.

FAVOURITE LOCAL TEACHER:
Marie Schuler, Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School

She's a guidance counsellor and program leader for both guidance and the special education department at CCVS. Schuler has spent more than 20 years in education in Cornwall, and has a devoted following among students and parents alike.

FAVOURITE LOCAL CHOIR:
Centennial Choir of Cornwall.

Not that there is huge competition between choirs in the Seaway City, but if you have heard this collection of singers in action, you would agree they deserve top honours. Whether it is their annual Christmas production, or spring showcases, Centennial Choir performances should not be missed.

BEST PINTEREST PAGE FROM A LOCAL USER:
Tammy Murphy's monument to scrapbooking is amazing.

If you enjoy scrapbooking (and who doesn't, right?) It includes everything from tips to improving your home to recipes and entertainment. pinterest.com/scrapaholic1976

FAVOURITE SUMMERTIME EVENT:

Apparently our readers like meat, because the inaugural edition of **Ribfest**



was mentioned about as liberally as barbecue sauce at a, well . . . a rib festival. The smell of sizzling ribs was wafting up Pitt Street for one glorious weekend last summer that seemed to lift the spirits of pedestrians and make all your problems go away. Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off, and Glengarry Highland Games also rounded out the list.

BEST PLACE TO ENJOY AN OUTDOOR SHOW:
Kinsmen Bandshell



Has it really been 30 years since the Bandshell was built? Guess time really does fly. The Bandshell has hosted a multitude of outdoor events in Lamoureux Park – with both professional and amateur performers gracing the stage.

FAVOURITE LOCAL FILM PROJECT:
10 Days Across Canada

(answer courtesy Kevin Mallette of Cornwall).

This film project, which included a local crew consisting of John Earle, Frank Burelle, Jamie Carr and Ron Piquette, travelled across the country in just 10 days, telling the story of our great nation. How they made NHL hockey and donut shops stretch out over 10 days, we'll never know (wink).

BEST GHOST STORY:

Angele Roy of Cornwall sends us the scary story of a man who, it is said, fell into the concrete Seaway International Bridge pillars while they were being poured during the massive structure's construction. "They say you can still hear him yelling for help at night," Roy tells us. Of course, like any ghost story, it has to be taken with a grain of salt. After all, "This story was told to me by a five-year-old," she says.

THE BEST E-MAIL YOU EVER SENT:

From an embarrassed wife whom we won't name – 'cause she sounds kinda naughty: "I accidentally sent an e-mail to a client that was meant for my husband. I won't disclose the content, but it was kind of embarrassing." Apparently she now has a client for life.

FAVOURITE LOCAL WRITER:

Sara Lauzon

(answer courtesy Krista Grant of Cornwall).

Lauzon, a university student, is new to the writing game. She's an amateur historian, but only until she graduates from the University of Ottawa. She's got a website dedicated to local history and is in the midst of uncovering the story of bodies buried at the site of a Cornwall nursing home. Apologies to newspaper hacks who thought they had this category sewn up – you know who you are.

FAVOURITE LOCAL SPORTS PERSONALITY:

Moe 'The Toe' Racine

(answer courtesy Hugh J. McAlear).

We're not sure if professional athletes aspire to a nickname like 'The Toe' (it's like someone calling a billiards expert 'The Thumb') but Moe Racine played 201 games in the Canadian Football League as an offensive lineman and placekicker for the Ottawa Rough Riders. He won the Grey Cup four times, and his jersey #62 was retired by the team. His son Thom is our top cop.

BEST SOUP IN TOWN:

Believe it or not, we have found the best bowl of soup in Cornwall is served at

Cornwall Seniors Club

on Pitt Street (Thursdays only, apparently). Make sure you arrive on time and clean up after yourself. We also strongly recommend Pat's Home Cooking and Riley's, both on Pitt Street, Au Vieux Duluth and Friday's Pea Soup at Mama Sue's.

FAVOURITE LOCAL SPORTS**PERSONALITY:****Dale Hawerchuk**

This guy has been retired from the game of hockey for years, but fans in this city still love the most prolific Royal in that team's history. Hawerchuk deserves the all the accolades he gets. The former Cornwall Royal led the team to two Memorial Cup Championships in 1980 and 1981, and then went on to a solid NHL career in Winnipeg, Buffalo, St. Louis and Philadelphia before hanging up his skates.

FAVOURITE PLACE TO EXERCISE OUTDOORS WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE YOU:

It's pretty simple actually...

the backyard.

Based on the number of answers we received on this subject, it's fair to suggest that at any given time in the summer, there are loads of health-conscious people running in circles, or doing jumping jacks in their backyard. Take a peak, if you dare... we could use the extra copy for our police files.

THE BEST WAY TO MARKET A LOCAL IDEA ONLINE:**It's still Twitter**

...much like it's cousin Facebook, Twitter has wormed its way into the social fabric and as one reader pointed out to us: "Everything is local now, thanks to things like Twitter." Good point.

BEST PLACE TO ENJOY THE BIG GAME:**Winners**

...the name says it all. One respondent said the Cornwall Civic Complex, but we think he may have missed the meaning for this category. Anyway, Winners is a great venue to have a nice cold, uh, pop and watch the game. Of course there are other locales in the city like Shoeless Joe's and Kelsey's, to name a few, where one can kick back for a sporting event – but Winner's is tradition.

BEST TWITTER ACCOUNT FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT:**Keitha Fisher,**

or @keithatweets, for those of you who have 'the' Twitter. Our most recent favourite from her Twitter feed? "I'm fairly certain I will strangle the first family member who doesn't pick up after him/herself." As an aside, Cornwall stranglings have dropped significantly.

FAVOURITE LOCAL DJ:

Is anyone quicker on the fly, with one-liners and jokes, than

Jamie Carr?

While some suggested Sue Stewart should be deemed the favourite DJ (she would win a hair contest against Carr any day of the week) the majority of respondents had Jamie out front. Maybe it's his Hollywood good looks (cough) or his boyish charm (ahem) – on second thought, no, it's none of that. We just enjoy the way he makes fun of Dan Allaire.



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**BEST LOCAL SPORTING
EVENT FOR CHILDREN:**
Soccer.



It’s pretty simple – buy your kid a pair of running shoes and turn them loose on the field. Motorists have a hard time navigating through west-end Cornwall in the summer, because the soccer fields at the far end of Second Street are jammed for weeks on end during the soccer season.

**FAVOURITE
PLACE TO VIEW THE
ST. LAWRENCE
RIVER:**
**Royal Canadian Air
Force Association
building in
Lamoureux Park**

The RCAFA Wing 424 has made its home along the shores of the St. Lawrence River for 60 years and here’s hoping they can stay there for another six decades. The commanding view of the river, not to mention Lamoureux Park, makes it a favourite among patrons and visitors.

**THE BEST SPORTS
TEAM TO EVER
REPRESENT THE
CITY-AT ANY SPORT:**
Another slam dunk answer –
the Cornwall Royals.

Your favourite major junior hockey team won three championships in the QMJHL and spawned names like Tessier, Hawerchuk, Gilmour, Tabaracci and Brodeur. Too bad the most infamous name associated with the team is Willie Wise who moved the team to Newmarket in the early 1990s. Sigh.

**IF YOU COULD BE
IN THE CORNWALL
SPORTS HALL OF
FAME-WHAT SPORT
WOULD IT BE FOR
AND WHY:**

While hockey, football and golf were mentioned in liberal doses, our favourite answer comes from Angele Roy:

table tennis...
otherwise known as ping pong. Yup ping pong. “I just love that sport,” exclaims Roy. While we’re hardly experts on the subject (it’s still played with the little white ball, right?) we’re fairly certain it’s a lot of fun – and has escaped the steroid stigma of other pro sports – for now.

**WHAT LITTLE-
KNOWN SPORT
IS CORNWALL
FAMOUS FOR?**

It’s not ping pong (sorry Angele), but is instead
darts.

Dart leagues are popular at places like the Royal Canadian Legion, where basement dwellers have long enjoyed the ability to drink beer and throw pointy miniature arrows at the wall. Seriously though, darts is a lot of fun, and we suggest you give it a try.

**FAVOURITE
LOCAL BLOG:**

Ok, it blurs the line between website and blog, but once you click over to

**Tony Lakroix’s
culinary creation**
(lovelovefood.com) you’ll be hooked.

The local chef has many delicious-looking treats and recipes. We’ve made the mistake of looking at his offerings minutes before stepping out to lunch – which would explain the \$80 bill when we were finished eating.

**FAVOURITE
FACEBOOK PAGE:**

We love this answer.

Gail St. Pierre,
who lives in rural SD and G, has some of the best status updates we have ever read. Check out some of these beauties: “Working 8 to 11 tomorrow morning and then we’re off to the Ottawa Valley Farm Show. Yippee.....I’m going so that Ralph can take me to Swiss Chalet after.” And then there is: “Ralph went out for a ride on his snowmobile. I bought a bookshelf for \$8.00 this morning, so now it’s all loaded up. Supper is cooking and the laundry is nearly done. Life if good.” Her status updates are so innocent, and thoughtful, at the same time. Look her up.

**YOUR FAVOURITE
PLACE ON THE
INTERNET THAT YOU
DON’T TALK TO YOUR
FRIENDS ABOUT:**

**Really folks?
Coupons?**

Apparently there is an underground movement among many in our fair city that spend hours on the Internet searching for coupons of all things. Seeking-coupons.com is a favourite of some. Now we know why you don’t tell your friends.

**THE BEST
WEB-BASED
LOCAL COMPANY:**
Unexia.

It’s a local firm, headed by La Citadelle graduate Eric Bergeron that offers “product innovation, internet marketing strategies, online branding and entrepreneurship that ensure your business or brand excels on the Internet.” Its logo is also way-cool.

**YOUR FAVOURITE
WAY TO MASS
COMMUNICATE
LOCALLY
ON THE WEB:**

**Oh Facebook...what
would the world be
without you?**

We’re guessing it would be a whole lot more complicated, since we may have to pick up a phone or (gasp) actually talk with someone. But seriously, our readers love Facebook, and why not? It’s a great way to catch up with an old friend, or make new ones.

**IPHONE ANDROID OR
BLACKBERRY – GO!**

At the risk of starting a war between competing cell phone users that could eventually become something akin to the faceoff between the Galactic Empire and the Rebel Alliance (it’s a Star Wars reference),

**let’s just agree to
disagree on this one,
ok people?**

**BEST SLICE OF
PIZZA IN TOWN:**

**Olympic, North End,
Pizza Pizza, Louis,
Pizza Hut**

– we could go on and on about just who makes the best slice of pizza in Cornwall (because you told us). Fact is, the best pizza slice in town is the one right in front of you – enjoy!

**BEST QUOTE BY A
LOCAL POLITICIAN:**

It would have to be the time former city councillor

Dean Hollingsworth
told another former colleague

Korey Kennedy
he’d **“hit him while the
cameras are on”**

during a heated debate that degenerated into a free-for-all over a sidewalk, of all things. Of course it was totally out of character for the mild-mannered Hollingsworth – which is why it stands out for us.

MOST NEFARIOUS CORNWALLITE

Roger Caron

(answer courtesy
Ronald MacMillan of Cornwall).

Roger Caron was a thief and criminal who became a celebrated author and winner of the prestigious Governor General's Award for non-fiction in the 1970s. Roger found it difficult to avoid a life of crime, despite his status as an author. He died nearly a year ago, and is buried in Cornwall. Many of his siblings remain ardent supporters of his.

BEST FISH TO CATCH IN THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER:

Perch...for the love of God it has to be perch.

So many of you said perch that we thought our newsprint was going to start flopping around and looking for the nearest bowl of water. It's perch, let's move on...

WHICH ROAD IN CORNWALL DO YOU MOST AVOID:

Montreal Road at McConnell Street.

We're not sure whose idea it was to put a drive-thru at this congested city intersection, but we speak from experience when we say it's incredibly difficult to navigate this part of town first thing in the morning when people are trying to get to work, and get their coffee.

BEST PLANE ON A POST:

There's only two folks - how hard can this be?

Some people didn't even answer this one. For the record, we like the one at

Nav Canada

in the east-end of the city. But the one outside the

RCAFA building

on Water Street has tradition on its side.

BEST HISTORICAL SLOGAN:

It would have to be

Pro Patria,

Cornwall's official motto. It means "For the Motherland" and is a reference to immigrants, from places like England, Scotland and Germany, who have flourished here.

MOST COLOURFUL CORNWALLITE:

Ron Martelle.

The former Cornwall mayor was made famous by his run ins with city council and veteran newspaper columnist Claude McIntosh. Love him, or hate him there was always one thing you could count on with Martelle - his passion for the city, and his belief in right over wrong. We miss him.

FAVOURITE LOCAL ART PIECE:

While we've had some fun with this feature, there's nothing funny about the artwork produced by Long Sault area artist

Renee Lalonde.



The powerful images of her daughter Jovie, who died last year following a battle with a rare genetic disease, quakes with emotion.

BEST GOLF HOLE IN CORNWALL:

#16 on the MacLennan course at Summerheights Golf Links.

This little number is a beauty. It's only a par 3, but the tee area is elevated, with the hole way down below you, about 130 yards away. When pressed for an exact distance, Summerheights owner Rory MacLennan was unsure: "But I know I use an eight iron for that one."

BEST WAY TO ENTERTAIN KIDS FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS:

Two words: aquatic centre.

During March Break the pool was filled with screaming kids who had a great time splashing, swimming and diving into the water. Parents, unaccustomed to having their children home for an extended period of time, were found napping in the lobby.

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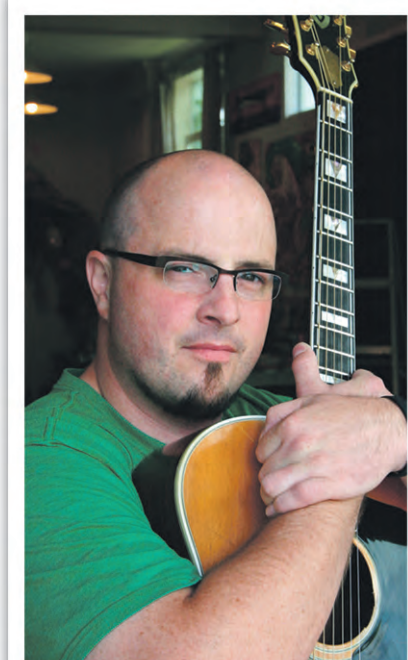
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Graham Greer



This was another tough one. The deep roster of local singing talent in Cornwall and area makes it a difficult and controversial choice to make. That being said, Graham Greer rocks. While he suffers from the same kind of follicle challenges as Jamie Carr (did we mention they are both bald?) Greer never met a concert he didn't enjoy – and concertgoers love him for it.

Nearly every one of the submissions we received mentioned the area behind the player's bench – though there was the time

Seaway News

editor Todd Lihou
was asked for his opinion on the best
vantage point at the venerable arena.

**“I like to sit in P”
was his answer.**

He's not very bright.

The Birdman, by the Barstool

Prophets. Turn your speakers up to 11 for this bad boy which features bassist Glenn Forrester, singer/songwriter Graham Greer, guitarist Al Morier, and drummer Bobby Tamas. Great rock and roll tune.

Another one that comes down to the personal preference of the person on the toboggan. While many people suggested the vast array of hills in and around

Lamoureux Park, and others off of

Race Street,
there's another gem in
Long Sault at the entrance to the
Long Sault Parkway.

#18 at Archie's mini-putt course.

You know the one, with the down face and the chance at a free game if you get the ball in the nose?

We've never won a free game,
and we're pretty sure we never will.
A close second is #3 on the South Course
at Summerheights Golf Links and #17
at Cornwall Golf & Country Club.

Lamoureux Park has gotten plenty of love in this feature, but it appears voters enjoy the peace and tranquility of

Guindon Park

for their picnics. Just make sure you leave your car in the parking lot. We love the story of one out-of-town tourist who thought the trails at Guindon Park were for vehicles as well as hikers. How does one back a minivan out of Guindon Park?

There are obviously some ardent Cornwall Royals fans in our midst. While Cornwall sports personalities have written their names into the history books for a variety of accomplishments on the ice, golf course and football field, our favourite answer would have to this little gem sent to us from a diehard Leafs fan: "Every goal

Doug Gilmour
(who won the Stanley Cup with the
Calgary Flames) is a record.”
Not sure we get the meaning,
but we love your passion.

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BEST BEER ON TAP IN THE CITY:

There's a slew of great-tasting beer from taps across the city.

Schnitzel's, Winner's, Lola's, Remington's... the list

goes on and on.

We suggest this – if you are in an establishment and the beer is cold and the taps are operating, you have found the “best” in Cornwall. Enjoy.

MOST FAMOUS CORNWALLITE:

We had a slew of different answers on this one – with no real consensus. Sports personalities, actors – even everyday people who seem to aimlessly walk the streets were mentioned. We're going with

Ryan Gosling

- officially claiming him as a Cornwallite ahead of London or Burlington or wherever else the pundits say he calls his hometown.

He's ours...hands off!

BEST PERFORMANCE AT LIFT-OFF:

While every year at Lift-Off is a special event, there was certainly a buzz in the air last year when

Burton Cummings

took the stage. Is there another Canadian performer who gives as much as Cummings on the stage every night? We don't think so.

BEST HOCKEY TEAM NAME OF ALL TIME:

While the Cornwall Royals, Colts and River Kings hold a special place in our hearts (and yours too, apparently) the favourite local hockey team name is the

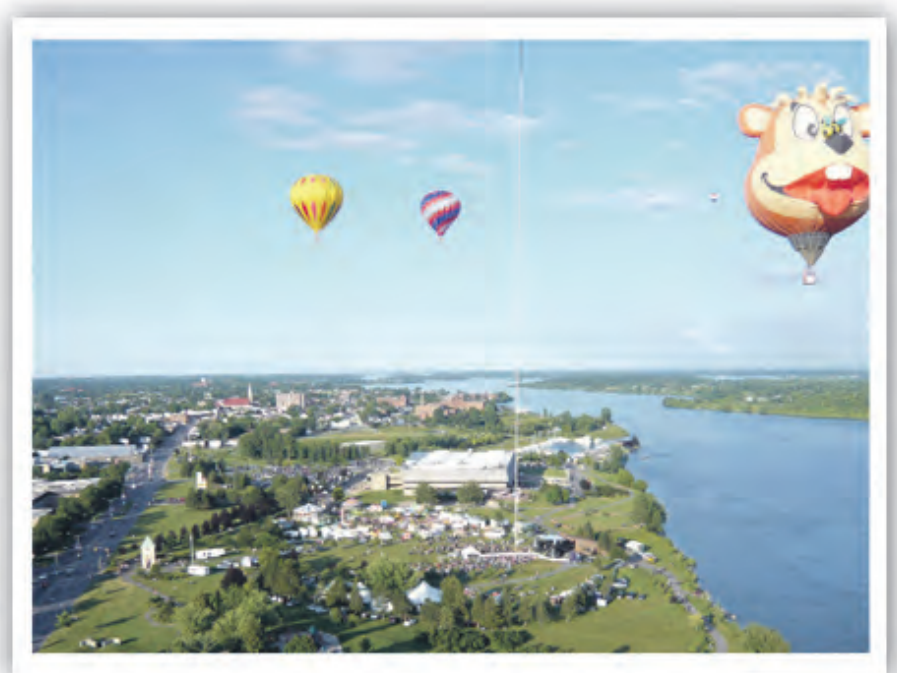
Cornwall Chevies.

The Chevies were a Senior Amateur hockey team based in Cornwall playing in the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A from 1956 to 1959. Betcha many of you didn't know that.

BEST EVENT TO SEE IN PERSON:

It's got to be

Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off



The beauty about Lift-Off is regardless of where you live in the city, you can be at Lift-Off, since the hot-air balloons are visible for miles and miles. Last year the hot air was not only found in the balloons, but in the humid conditions that descended on the city – and from local bloggers still carrying a grudge.

BEST STREET NAME:

New Street

... who came up with this one? Is it right next door to the “Old Street”? We realize it's about seven feet long (eight if you include the snow in winter) but surely

something more creative could have been found. For the record, New Street can be found between Gage Avenue and Birmingham Street near the train station.



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**BEST
OUTDOOR CLOCK:**

Maybe it’s because it’s still got that new clock smell (not unlike the new car smell we all love) but



**the timepiece at
Pommier Court**

collected the most votes. It’s a great addition to the downtown area and we’re pleased to see it.

**BEST BUILDING
IN CORNWALL:**

The Chevrier Building on Water Street got plenty of votes, but we’ve decided on the

**Cornwall Public
Library**

That building is a jewel and Cornwallites should count themselves lucky to have such a library. Besides, the former Canada Post office was once considered a bomb shelter in case the Russians ever got wise – how many cities can say that?’

**BEST ARTIFACT AT
THE MUSEUM:**

We desperately want to say Ian Bowering, but that wouldn’t be very nice. Instead we’ll go with the

old spinning wheel

...not sure why, but every museum has an old spinning wheel somewhere.

**BEST OUTDOOR
RINK:**

**King George Park on
Seventh Street**

in Cornwall. Maybe it’s the tradition associated with this park in the heart of the old city square mile, but King George Park’s rink is a great place to slap on the blades and enjoy a game of shinny.

**FIREMAN WITH THE
BIGGEST GRIN:**

(Okay no calendar in Cornwall but lots of “hot” material to choose from.

Wade Lloyd

**FAVOURITE
NATIONAL SPORTS
PERSONALITY YOU
LOVE TO HATE:**

We wanted someone to choose Dennis Rodman for that boneheaded trip to North Korea (who else but Rodman would vacation in North Korea? What’s next Dennis, the West Bank?) but our voters went with

Don Cherry.

His high collars and inflated ego aside, Cherry wears his heart on his sleeve and is passionate about Canada. Why do you hate him so much?

**BEST RUMOUR OF
AN ELVIS SIGHTING
IN CORNWALL:**

Apparently, at least according to some amateur historians, Elvis spent a night at the Cornwallis Hotel back in the day. Some have even gone as far as to suggest it was the inspiration for “Heartbreak Hotel” – but we think they’re wrong.

**BEST BURGER
IN TOWN:**

It’s called the “The Special” at **Olympic Pizza**, and if you haven’t had it yet, then you haven’t experienced what we like to call ‘Burger Bliss’. The secret is to take the coleslaw that comes with this little number and dump it right on the patty. The combination of bacon, cheese and seared beef, along with the tang of the coleslaw makes us happy all day.

**BEST STREET TO
GO OFF-ROADING
THANKS TO THE
POTHOLE:**

It’s March...it’s Cornwall...and the streets have been fighting a losing battle with sub-zero temperatures since December. If you can come up with one street in this city that hasn’t seen its fair share of potholes this winter then we have some swamp land in Florida with your name on it.

**NAME ONE OF THE
LAST ORIGINAL
RETAILERS WITH
A FAMILY MEMBER
DOWNTOWN:**

Pommier Jewellers

along with Schulmans , Melody Music, Gordon Jewellers, and Aubé Freres.

**BEST STORY FROM
ICE STORM 98:**

His name is

Kyle MacDonell

but we call him Robin Hood. MacDonell used his skills as an archer (that’s a guy with a bow and arrow) to send an arrow, secured with a rope, through a bunch of tangled wires high above the ground. Hydro workers were then able to tug on the rope, freeing the wires from their entanglement. MacDonell, a hydro worker himself, began dressing in green, dating a woman named “Marion” and hanging out with a merry group of co-workers shortly thereafter.

**BEST BRIDGE IN
CORNWALL:**

It would be easy to suggest the Seaway International Bridge, with its rusting guard rails and bumpy road conditions that can rattle the fillings from truckers’ teeth. Given that its days are numbered it would certainly be the sentimental favourite. But we’re going with the

foot-bridge

in Eco Gardens

in Lamoureux Park. Try taking your sweetheart for an evening walk on the bridge at sunset and they’ll be like putty in your hands.

**BEST URBAN LEGEND
ABOUT DOMTAR
PAPERS:**

We’re fond of the story that involves a Domtar rookie being schooled by a paper-making veteran who was working in the paper-cutting room (we don’t know the exact name because, hey, this is an urban legend). Anyway, word has it the rookie was being taught how to cut paper with this automated machine. “Whatever you do don’t stick your finger close to this area,” said the vet. “Or you could lose it.” Of course, in the process of showing the rookie where not to place his finger, the vet quickly lost the digit when it came too close to the paper blade.

**REAL ESTATE
AGENT WITH THE
BIGGEST HEAD:**

We don’t mean ego, we mean promotion ... this has to be



Luc Poirier

and the ad on the windshield of his automobile.

**BEST CANADA
DAY FIREWORKS
DISPLAY:**

While the annual display in Lamoureux Park draws thousands of people each year, there’s a fireworks display that often takes place on

Pilon Island,

across from the inlet to Grey’s Creek Marina, that often draws a crowd. We’re not sure when the Canada Day tradition began, and to be honest we’re not even sure it’s still going, but for years cottagers on the island would pool their resources and light up the night sky with a fireworks display that many on the mainland looked forward to every year.

**BEST SHIPWRECK
NEAR CORNWALL:**

The Eastcliffe Hall.

The old girl was transiting the St. Lawrence Seaway in the summer of 1970 when she plowed into a shoal near Crysler Park Marina. The 340-foot vessel sank in minutes, taking with her the lives of nine people. The wreck, in about 60 feet of water, has become a popular spot for divers.

**MOST COLORFUL
ELECTED CITY
OFFICIAL ON
COUNCIL:**

Angelo Labano.

BEST PLACE TO LOOK AT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN CORNWALL:

Our favourite Christmas stop would have to be the north end of the city, near Mercier and Ross Avenue. Are you people perpetually "jolly" or is it just us? It looks good on you, though, even the life-sized Santa Claus staring out the picture window that scares the heck out of us every time we drive by.

BARTENDER WITH GREATEST MEMORY OF SPORT TRIVIA:

Well there are a few but

Ron Johnson

controls the sports panel on this one.

BEST SNACK AT THE CORNWALL MOTOR SPEEDWAY:

One word: poutine.

We're not sure what they're putting into the poutine (besides French fries, cheese and gravy, of course) but this monumental speedway staple is oozing deep fried goodness from the first bite to the last swallow. Witnesses report speedway patrons running to set up their chairs in the grandstand – and then running to the canteen for a poutine. Napkins are optional.

BIGGEST SMILE AT LOCAL GARDEN CENTRE:

Has to be a tie between

Diane at Marlin's
and **Anna at Harvest.**



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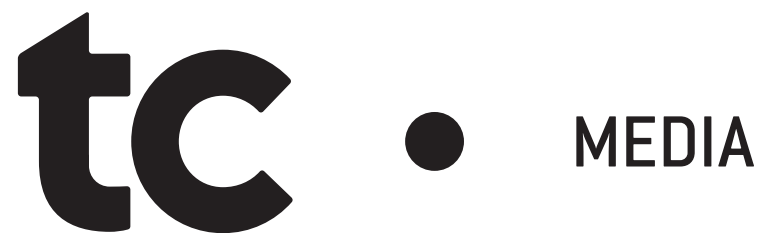
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