INTARSIA EXHIBITION: Emile Strydonck of Petrolia has an exhibition of intarsia pieces at the Petrolia library until Jan. 10. The 15 pieces were hand-carved out of teak, walnut, sumac, poplar, cedar, pine, maple and paduc by Strydonck, who started carving after retiring from farming in 1996. He started doing intarsia pieces three years later and says it is "...relaxing. I spend a lot of hours doing it and I enjoy every minute of it." The wood doesn't have to be stained or painted and a clear sealer protects the wood's natural colour and beauty. The artist is a member of the Triple 'C' Carvers and displays a few of his pieces.

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