

HONOURING ROBBIE BURNS



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Peggy Lehrbass helps one of the wee ones, Lillian Cadman, deliver haggis to the table during the 88th annual Robbie Burns Night at Guthrie Presbyterian Church Friday. It was one of the many local celebrations honouring the Baird. For more photos see page 7.

College boilermaker program gets provincial cash

Heather Wright
The Independent

There will be 24 new openings at Lambton College for people hoping to become boilermakers.

The Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Monte McNaughton, was at Lambton College in Sarnia Monday touting the province's \$926,416 investment in skilled trades training as part of his "Find a Career You Wouldn't Trade" tour. McNaughton has been travelling the province promoting careers in the skilled trades. The ministry has also produced a video encouraging people to consider the skilled trades which is now

running on social media, at Tim Hortons outlets and at movie theatres. It's also being heavily promoted on social media by Conservative MPPs.

The province has funded five skilled programs at the college for years including instrumentation and control technicians, carpenters, steam fitters, construction maintenance electricians and welders - about 363 slots for trades training. But this funding also includes the college's new construction boilermaker program. Twenty-four positions are being created in the program which will teach people to build, install, maintain and repair boilers, tanks and pressure vessels in residential and industrial settings, including the petrochemical industry.

In 2018, the provincial auditor pointed out there will be a need for 1,000 new boilermakers by 2025 just to refurbish the province's Carlington and Bruce nuclear power plants. About 40 per cent of the boilermakers in the workforce now are set to retire in the next few years.

"The minister's announcement today means Lambton College will provide training in the much-needed boilermaker construction trade, preparing our students for rewarding careers, in our community and throughout the province," said College President Judith Morris in a news release.

The additional money for the boilermaker program is part of a \$5 million increase in funding for skilled trades across Ontario.

\$335K later, MOE says Florence doesn't need sewage system

Heather Wright
The Independent

It was exactly what Mayor Al Broad wanted to hear.

After 10 years of planning - and \$335,000 taxpayer dollars - the Minister of the Environment has ordered ministry officials to work with Dawn-Euphemia to fix problems with private septic tanks along the Sydenham River instead of building a sewage system.

In 2010, the Ministry of the Environment notified the municipality up to 11 private septic systems were leaking into the Sydenham River - including the Florence Community Centre. The ministry told Dawn-Euphemia a municipal system would be required for the 40 homes in the community.

At first, the MOE was promoting a full-scale system which could have cost upward of \$6 million. But in recent years, local leaders have been touting a low-pressure system to carry the effluent to a communal drainage field. The municipality even bought land for the drainage field in Florence - at a cost of about \$208,000 - anticipating MOE approval.

After about \$127,000 in consulting fees to get the mandated Environmental Assessment completed, Dawn-Euphemia was looking for approval to move ahead. Broad was hoping to get grants to cover the estimated \$2 million cost.

But the MOE wouldn't approve the document without local politicians putting in writing the new system would be built - funding or not. That was not something Dawn-Euphemia councillors were ready to do.

So, for the first time in the decade-long drama, council asked for a meeting with the Minister of the Environment to voice their concerns. Broad met with Jeff Yurek at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association in Toronto last week.

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Execulink and Cogeco have won contracts to start building a fibre network in parts of Lambton County as part of the SWIFT program. They will work in St. Clair Township, Kettle and Stony Point, Highland Glen and the Thedford area by 2021.

Mooretown, Brigden to get better internet in 2021

Heather Wright
The Independent

Execulin and Cogeco have been picked to begin building the fibre optic network in Lambton County.

But it will still be months - even a year - before residents see the benefits.

On Jan. 20, Premier Doug Ford told delegates at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association meeting that the contracts for three counties - including Lambton - have been approved.

Four of the projects will be in Lambton County - worth about \$11 million.

The first to be served will be the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. Nine hundred homes there and another 100 cottages and homes in Lambton Shores will be hooked in by Execulink by the end of 2020.

It also has projects in Thedford and around Highland Glen, serving about 1,200 people. They'll be on line by 2021 according to SWIFT's website.

Cogeco has been hired to bring fibre broadband to a large swath of St. Clair

Township including Mooretown, Brigden, Baby's Point, Port Lambton, Sombra, and Wilkesport.

St. Clair Township council has worked for years to try to get a major company to build infrastructure in the border community. Internet service is virtually non-existent in some parts of the area. Council considered increasing the amount of hours the library in Wilkesport was open simply because it was the only place children were able to access internet to do homework. The Lambton County library system is part of a fibre network which serves government bodies, like libraries, municipal offices and schools.

About 1,700 homes will be hooked up in St. Clair Township with the project.

It's not expected to be complete until the end of 2021 either.

"This is a good start to the program," says Lambton County Warden Bill Weber in a news release.

"We look forward to the ongoing and continued support from private partners and all levels of government in future phases of this project."

meet with him to figure out the next steps. Broad expects that meeting in March.

"I am quiet comfortable we will be meeting with the land owners after meeting with the MOE to see what can be done."

Broad isn't sure which level of government will be involved - whether Lambton County will play a role in dealing with the septic systems or if the municipality will be in charge.

But he says the problem will finally be fix, ten years after the MOE first alerted Dawn-Euphemia to the problem.

"There needs to be something done," he tells *The Independent*.

"As minor as it may be in the big scheme of things, it still needs to be rectified.



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Lambton elementary teachers strike

Heather Wright
The Independent

Elementary school parents are making plans for child care as the Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario plans a rotating strike in Lambton-Kent. And next week, ETFO plans another, province-wide walkout, to back demands at the bargaining table.

But there are some hopeful signs in the long-running dispute. The mediator had scheduled talks with ETFO and the province Wednesday - the first since Dec. 19.

ETFO represents all teachers in Lambton’s public elementary schools. They’ll be walking out of class Thursday to protest lagging contract talks. The teachers’ unions in Ontario say they’re concerned about changes the province is making to education

including increasing class sizes, special education and introducing mandatory online learning.

A report out last week suggested the province hoped to make money selling the system to other boards.

The province says the teachers are focused on getting a 1.9 per cent wage increase as opposed to the one per cent the province has said it would give all provincial employees.

The one-day strike will extend an already long weekend in Lambton’s public schools since there was a professional development day Friday.

Then on Feb. 6, the local elementary teachers will join their colleagues across the province in a one-day walkout.

Over 83,000 teachers hope to send a message to the province should a contract not be reached Jan. 31.

Warwick may get new concrete plant

Heather Wright
The Independent

There are signs of growth in Warwick’s industrial park.

On Feb. 10, there will be a public meeting to change the zoning of a piece of land in the industrial park to allow McCann Redi-Mix to build a concrete plant.

Orno Adair is with the company. He says over the years, his company has done a lot of work in the area, particularly in the agricultural community.

McCann has a plant in Mt. Carmel, but

it is being taxed to the limit meeting the demands of a large area. “If this expansion happens, it will take a little pressure off our Mt. Carmel plant,” he says.

Warwick, Adair adds, is a central location. “There are opportunities close, it is close to Strathroy, close to Sarnia, close to Petrolia.”

The nearest competitors would be in Strathroy and Forest.

Adair says about five to seven jobs could be created if the construction moves ahead. For now, he’s working with Warwick officials on the zoning amendment hoping to clear the first hurdle to construction.

Brooke-Alvinston agrees to keep dust down

Heather Wright
The Independent

Brooke-Alvinston has a plan to save money on gravel and keep a neighbour happy.

For a couple of years, the public works department has been accepting used concrete. Once a year, a contractor comes in and crushes the concrete into gravel to be used in road or sewer work.

So far, Treasurer Steve Ikert says, the municipality has saved about \$30,000 recycling and reusing its material. The municipality was even recognized for its efforts - Public Works Manager Randy Hills will accept an Innovation Award at the Ontario Good Road Association conference in February.

But not everyone is a fan of the practice.

Last year, a neighbour came to council upset with the amount of dust the operation was creating. He had concerns not only about the clean up costs of the dust on his property but any potential health effects.

Brooke-Alvinston stopped crushing concrete immediately and stopped accepting

any used concrete.

Then, Hills went to work to find a way to make sure the operation wouldn’t impact the neighbours.

Hills says the issue is keeping the dust down - something that can be accomplished with enough water. “A good water supply can settle the dust with a simple sprinkler on the crusher,” he recently told council. Hills says the contractor only needs a “fine mist” to keep the dust down.

Hills met with the neighbour and discussed the plan. And he was ready to let the operation start up again, with a few conditions. Hills says Brooke-Alvinston has to give him two-weeks notice the crushing will begin and it has agreed to provide up to \$2,000 to pay for the cleaning of the property should there be a problem.

Hills says there won’t be. “The contractor gave a verbal guarantee there would be no dust...If there is any dust, were going to shut it down. We’re not going to do it.”

If the plan doesn’t work, Hills says the remaining 2,000 tonnes of concrete will be hauled away - likely at a cost of \$25,000.

Petrolia plans Family Day weekend fun

The Independent

Petrolia is gearing up for Family Day.

The town and some local groups have organized a raft of activities to keep families busy during the holiday.

The annual Heritage Day Open House will be Sat. Feb. 25 starting at 10 am at town hall. They’ll be looking at models, patents, inventions and gadgets this year.

There will also be two free movies that day - the Secret Life of Pets 2 at 6 pm and Rocketman at 8 pm at Victoria Hall.

Sunday, Captain Marvel will play at Vic-

toria Hall at 6 pm - admission is free. The Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire Department will also have an Open house and Barbecue. There will be free public skating and Family Bingo.

New Life Church will hold a free community breakfast on Family Day, Feb. 17. There will also be a free public swim and kids activities at the Y and more free public skating.

Dave Menzies, director of community services and facilities, says all the costs of the weekend events have been covered by local sponsors.

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Simple solutions best

It’s about time.

After a decade of trying to follow the convoluted instructions of the employees of the Ministry of the Environment, Dawn-Euphemia has been given permission to deal with the problem of sewage making its way into the Sydenham River without breaking the bank.

In 2010, the ministry told the rural community its hamlet of about 40 homes - Florence - would need a full-blown sewage treatment plant because eight to 11 septic tanks, including the one from the old Florence Community Centre - were leaking into the river causing environmental damage.

The estimated \$6 million cost sent shock waves through local politicians who immediately began to look for alternatives while telling anyone who would listen they could not pay for this over-kill solution. Over the years, the municipality came up with a simpler solution of moving sewage to a communal drainage bed. It would be less expensive - \$2 million - but certainly not cheap.

When Dawn-Euphemia finally got down to the short strokes, ministry employees wanted to play hardball - sign an agreement saying you will build the system, even if there is no provincial funding. Politicians dug in and wrote to the officials saying that wasn’t about to happen.

So, when Mayor Al Broad went to visit the Environment Minister, Jeff Yurek, they had done all the homework and counted all the beans. His case was simple. This will cost each homeowner \$60,000. We can’t do it. And Yurek - to his credit - agreed. He called ministry officials and ordered they find a simple solution and fix the leaky private systems. The end. And it was about time.

We strongly believe the environment needs to be protected, but the solutions aren’t always engineered and expensive. It defies logic the MOE never once wanted to talk about fixing the problem at the source.

Local politicians should be thanked for their common sense and persistence. And we hope the bureaucrats have learned sometimes easy is best.

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HALFWAY THERE



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Brooke-Alvinston officials say if the derelict building at the corner of River and Centre isn't down by January 31, the municipality will take over the demolition. Lambton County's building official gave the owner time to repair the building, but the damage was too great. He promised to take it down. The demolition caused the Alvinston Legion concern, since the buildings were linked. Before Christmas, after several delays, the owner hired his own backhoe and began taking down the part of the building close to the Legion. But the demolition didn't continue in 2020. Clerk Administrator Janet Denkers says the county building officials have been in contact with the owner and have given him until Jan. 31 to complete the demolition. If he doesn't, Denkers says the municipality will take over the work. In that case, contractor would be hired and the cost would be placed on the owner's tax bill.

Warwick council opts for 3.5 per cent increase

Heather Wright
The Independent

Warwick Mayor Jackie Rombouts says it wasn't the right time to continue aggressively increasing taxes. Warwick council approved the 2020 budget which will see a 3.5 per cent tax increase. That works out to about \$10.79 more for every \$100,000 of the value of your home. Warwick will spend \$17.8 million on operating the municipality and its capital budget in 2020.

Council had been considering a 7.5 per cent tax increase. It was part of a multi-year plan to make sure the municipal operations were fully funding by local taxes. There had been some concern Warwick would use the revenue coming in from the Twin Creeks Landfill to subsidize operations and then, when the revenue dried up, it would have to hike taxes dramatically. Rombouts says the 3.5 per cent increase will accomplish that goal.

"We can cover operation costs with the tax base, which important to council," she says. "If you didn't have the income coming from the landfill and you don't have the taxes to support (Warwick's operations) what do you do? You run a deficit which we don't want. "We have to make sure we're being responsible with taxpayers money."

The increase will bring in \$84,000 in new revenue. Included in the budget is \$7.3 million in capital projects. That includes \$5 million for the construction of the new community hall.

Rombouts says they hope some of that cost can be offset by federal and



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The proposed community hall in Warwick is expected to cost \$5 million. The money has been set aside in the Warwick 2020 budget which was recently passed. Taxpayers are facing a 3.5 per cent municipal tax increase. The budget has over \$7 million in capital project spending.

provincial grants. The municipality has applied for some of the recreational money available, however its not clear when they might hear if their project gets any cash.

"We're hoping we can get the funding for the new hall from the provincial and federal government," she says adding "We are saving from all income sources we have, putting money aside "We're going to be doing a lot of fundraising...If we don't get that funding, we'll be going after other funding."

The budget also contains money to hire an economic development officer. "We want to see more growth and an economic development officer will

help us go in that direction," says Rombouts.

"In rural Ontario, we've see a decline in growth. But we have everything here; great services, low taxes and a great way of life.

"It's just getting the message out there"

There is also \$135,000 to finish the paving on Scenic Drive and Scenic Court. The Watford fire station will be getting a new pumper/tanker. It was ordered at the same time Warwick's new vehicle was and saved significant money according to the mayor. It will cost about \$370,000. There is also almost \$350,000 for new bridges and culverts.

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Meaghan Chisholm is getting a good jump on her new business. The owner of Balance Physio Yoga won Warwick Township’s Win this Space contest. It is designed to bring new businesses into Watford’s downtown. Balance Physio Yoga will focus on hands on treatment, education, exercise prescription, mindfulness and focus on lifestyle. The business will run as both a physiotherapy clinic and a health studio. Chisholm was recently congratulated by council.

New erosion control rules coming soon

The Independent

Homeowners along Lake Huron may soon have an easier path to protecting their shoreline. St. Clair Region Conservation Authority hopes to present its executive board with some alternatives to make repairing erosion damage simpler.

Kristin Rodrigues has been working with Shoreline Erosion Collective Coalition, a group of homeowners from Sarnia to Grand Bend formed out of frustration because the process is mired red tape. She says the conservation authority has been working out some of the stringent requirements, allowing neighbour shoreline owners to work together on a group plan to share costs and to remove some requirements for coastal experts.

The conservation authority executive committee is expected to meet Feb. 13 to discuss the streamlined approach.

Rodrigues is hopeful the changes will make it easier to save lake front property.

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Celebrating the Bard

Robbie Burns remembered at Alvinston dinner

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For 88 years, people of Scottish descent have gathered at Guthrie Presbyterian Church for A Nicht Wi' Burns. Robbie Burns was a pioneer of the Romantic poetry movement. He died in 1796 but his works really became popular in the 19th and 20th centuries. Five years after the bard's death his friends gathered for dinner to remember him. Now, people around the world gather around the time of his birthday - Jan. 25 - to celebrate. In Alvinston, Tom Rankin piped in the people at the head table and then led a parade of "Wee Ones" carrying the traditional haggis for each of the tables. Lillian Cadman was part of the parade and didn't seem to appreciate the volume of Rankin's bagpipes.



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The Mooretown Jr. Flag Atom Reps are International champions. The team won their division in Forest over the weekend to claim the Silver Stick. The Flags beat Kincardine 5-0, lost in a shoot out to Penetang 3-2, beat Kemptville 6-1, and Listowel 4-0 vaulting them into the finals. It was a rematch against Penetang. The Flags broke open the scoreless game in the third, and captured the title with a 2-1 victory.

Hunters won’t return to Team Canada

Barry Wright
The Independent

Dale and Mark Hunter have decided not to return to the Hockey Canada management group for the upcoming World Junior Hockey Tournament later this year in Alberta. A Hockey Canada official told *The Independent of Petrolia and Central Lambton* this week that the Oil Springs-raised brothers were offered the opportunity to return as coach and general manager but decided to focus their efforts on the London Knights instead. Andre Tourigny of the Ottawa 67s has been named the head coach of the team for the 2020-21 affair while ex-Sarnia Sting

executive Alan Miller has been chosen to be general manager of the squad. Miller was GM with the Sarnia Sting between 2004-09 and has spent the past ten seasons as either GM or Director of Hockey Operations with Moose Jaw of the Western Hockey League. Dale Hunter led Team Canada to a dramatic gold medal victory earlier this month in the Czech Republic, while Mark Hunter was the General Manager of the team. It’s not yet known if ex-Sting Alan Letang will return as an assistant coach with the national junior team. Tourigny has yet to name his assistants. Letang is currently the head coach of Owen Sound of the Ontario Hockey League.

Knowles red hot for Petrolia Flyers

The Petrolia Flyers have crept to within four points of the fifth place Wheatley Sharks with a 4-3 win at Amherstburg Sunday night. The home team opened up a 3-0 lead early in the second period before Petrolia scored four answered goals for the two points. Michael Vanek, Josh Jamieson, Eric Marsh and Clay Dolbear scored for the Flyers. Jacob Knowles made 41 saves as the Admirals out shot Petrolia, 44-28. Knowles has stopped 95 of 101 shots over his past two starts. He made 54 stops in a 3-3 tie with the 73’s in Essex Tuesday. The home team scored with an extra attacker with less than ten seconds to play in regulation time to snatch the two points

away from the Flyers. Dolbear, Curtis Helps and Kyle Flamminio scored for Petrolia. The Flyers, now 13-19-4, and unbeaten in their last four games, have a huge contest against the Sharks in Wheatley on Wednesday. (Jan. 29) They entertain Mooretown on Thursday at 7:30. The Flyers close out the regular season with a home game against Blenheim on Feb. 6 and a game in Lakeshore a night later. Helps will play his 150th career game for the Flyers against the Sharks.



FARM FOR SALE BY TENDER

PARCEL: W ½ Lot 15 Concession 7 Dawn except Part 11 25R436 & PP416; Dawn-Euphemia (PIN: 43381-0097 LT), municipally known as 4379 Lambton Line, Dresden, ON N0P 1M0 (Dawn-Euphemia), consisting of approximately 100 acres more or less, of which approximately 100 acres more or less are workable, soil type is canister clay; systematically tiled; two storey single family dwelling (needs capital improvements) with two vehicle garage;

SEALED TENDER FORMS TO PURCHASE for the parcel will be received by WHITTAL + COMPANY PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 80 Erie Street South, Ridgetown, Ontario, NOP 2C0 until 5:00 o'clock p.m. E.D.T on February 24, 2020.

TERMS OF TENDER SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Tender for the parcel shall be in writing per the Tender Form and in a sealed envelope plainly marked as to contents and shall be submitted with a bank draft or certified cheque payable to WHITTAL + COMPANY PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION , IN TRUST in the amount of \$5,000.00. Within four days of the Tender acceptance, the successful Tenderer, if any, shall pay an additional down payment of \$40,000.00 of the sale price payable by bank draft or certified cheque to WHITTAL + COMPANY PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, IN TRUST to complete the transaction per the Tender Form.
2. The closing date to be March 26, 2020;
3. Balance of purchase price subject to the usual adjustments, shall be paid by bank draft or certified cheque on closing to the Solicitor for the Vendor;
4. Possession of lands to be provided on closing;
5. The property is subject to oil and gas storage agreements registered as instruments L706280 and L706281.
6. 2020 property taxes and any drainage assessments to be adjusted as of closing;
7. Time is to be of the essence in submission of Tender Form and closing of sale;
8. HST is in addition to the purchase price;
9. Tender Forms, unaltered, as provided by Whittal + Company Professional Corporation must be utilized in submission of Tender; and
10. Non-compliance with any details of these instructions will cause the tender to be invalid and not to be considered. All Tender Forms submitted are irrevocable. The HIGHEST or ANY TENDER will not necessarily be accepted.

For further particulars and inspection, contact Mark Hunt at 519-355-7498, and for the Tender Form, contact Daniel Whittal at 519-352-9136.

by Solicitor

WHITTAL + COMPANY PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
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80 Erie Street South,
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This Month In Lambton

January 2020



Warden Bill Weber
@LambtonWarden

Live-Streaming Council & Committee Meetings

The County is now live-streaming Committee meetings in addition to Council meetings. You can access these live-streams through the County website, lambtononline.ca, by clicking “Streamed Council Meetings” on the right hand side of the homepage. The next Council Meeting will take place on Feb. 5, and the next Committee Meeting will take place on Feb. 19.

Valentines for Seniors

Lambton County Library is partnering with Community that Cares to spread love throughout Lambton County for Valentine’s Day. The goal of this program is to promote an inclusive and connected community and to support, enrich and enhance the lives of those in Lambton County. Visit any Lambton County Library between Jan. 4 and Feb. 4 to write a valentine that will be distributed to long-term care homes around Lambton County for Valentine’s Day.

Scrapbooking the Past

Lambton County Archives members are invited to participate in a scrapbooking seminar on Feb. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Keeping historical family documents organized can be a challenge. This workshop shares tips on how to keep your family history organized and easy to read. Pre-registration is required to attend. Members can pre-register by calling 519-845-5426. Not a Lambton County Archives member? Visit lambtonarchives.ca to learn more about our memberships and fees.

Cannabis as Medicine with Dr. Pearson, MD

Lambton County Library is hosting Dr. Blake Pearson, a medical expert in using cannabis as medicine at the Petrolia Library on Tuesday Feb. 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dr. Pearson will discuss the benefits of medical marijuana for pain management, uses for other medical conditions and research in this field. Pre-register at the Petrolia Library or by calling 519-882-0771.

Mindful Meditation Workshop

Join Lambton Heritage Museum and Expedition Inner Wisdom Inc. for a Mindful Meditation Workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. You will learn a variety of mindfulness tools and techniques to aid in overall wellness and relief from symptoms of anxiety and depression. The workshop cost is \$45, payment is cash only and will be collected at the door. Pre-registration is not required. No experience is necessary. You can participate in the workshop from the comfort of a chair, on mats or on pillows - all equipment is provided.

Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., Feb. 5 - Lambton County Council
9 a.m. & 11 a.m., Feb. 19 - Committee A.M. & P.M., with a special draft budget presentation between Committee Meetings.

To read more, go to www.lambtononline.ca



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WITHIN A GOAL OF CHAMPIONSHIP



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The Petrolia Oiler Bantams came within a goal of winning the Bantam BB division in Forest this weekend. The team won all of its round robin games - including this game against Arvada by a score of 3-2 - to head to the finals, then lost 2-1 in a nail bitter to Ottawa West.

Flags set another franchise record

The 2019-20 version of the Mooretown Flags continue to set all-time franchise marks. The latest is most points in a single season. The Flags are now 30-6 for 60 points following a 4-1 win over Amherstburg Saturday night at the Moore Sports Complex. The point total eclipse the previous mark of 59 points set during the 1973-74 campaign. With four games remaining in the regular season, the Flags are also good bets to set franchise marks for the fewest losses in a season

and fewest goals allowed against. Against the Admirals, Jake Wilkins turned aside 42 shots for his province-leading 21st victory of the season. Dawson Winchester led the Flags with a goal and two assists. Mooretown, winner of seven straight games, takes on the Flyers in Petrolia on Thursday. They host Dresden on Saturday to begin a stretch of three straight home games to close out the regular season. The others are against Blenheim and Lakeshore next Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Legionnaires rally for win at Strathroy

Nolan DeGurse scored twice, including the game-winning marker at 18:22 of the third period, as the Sarnia Legionnaires rallied for a 3-2 win over the Rockets in Strathroy Saturday. DeGurse also had an assist on Sarnia's other goal by Ben Schoch. Petrolia's Carson Perry drew an assist for the Rockets. Nolan DeKoning made 38 stops for Sarnia as the home side outshot the Legionnaires, 40-29. Sarnia is now seven points clear of St. Thomas for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference and have crept to within one point of

seventh place Komoka. Sarnia entertains the Rockets in a return match Thursday at the Sarnia Arena. Game time is 7:10. They play the Lincolns in St. Marys Friday. DeGurse had a hat trick and DeKoning made 47 saves last Thursday as the Legionnaires beat the Lincolns, 5-4 in Sarnia.



New horse racing class comes to Dresden

The Independent

Horse racing fans will have a few new things to see this season. The Ontario Racing Commission recently announced racing dates across the province. Dresden Raceway will have 11 dates again this year, beginning in May and ending on the first week of August. Dresden Raceway Spokesman, Gary Patterson says, the industry has added a new class of racing this year. Patterson says they already have the Gold and Grassroots series, and they added in the third division called the Prospects series, which gives the bottom half of the horses a better chance at winning. This year, there will be four races of this division at the Dresden Racetrack.

And race enthusiasts will be able to keep track of the winners better, too. Patterson says a new tote board being installed. "It's going to be a beauty, it's like a television on the infield, that will enhance the racing as well." In addition, he says a lot of work has been done inside the grandstands, with a new paint job and minor repairs where needed. "The grandstand is the best it has looked in 30 years, it looks great," he says. Patterson says Dresden is proud to offer racing again this year. "In our area, it's something unique, it's a great way to spend an afternoon. The horse people, they work so hard to get their horses ready to go. We wouldn't have any racing without how hard the owners, trainers, and groomers work to get the horses to the track and put on a great show," says Patterson.



Petrolia Soccer

2020 Registration is ONLINE

register online at
www.petroliasoccer.com


The registration deadline is **February 29, 2020**

HOUSE LEAGUE:	COST*
U3 - U6 (D.O.B.: 2017-2014)	\$95
U7- U16 (D.O.B.: 2013-2004)	\$110

*Includes non-refundable \$25 administration fee.
Please note that U7 to U16 leagues may have games against other soccer clubs such as Corunna or Wyoming.



If you are interested volunteering or refereeing contact us at
Petroliasoccerclubreferees@gmail.com



TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Warwick will hold a **Public Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:40 pm at the Warwick Community Centre at 7074 Egremont Road**, to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would amend Warwick's Zoning By-law 121 of 2012 on lands described as CON 4 SER PT LOT 19 AND RP;25R8827 PART 2 (5438 Nauvoo Road) in the Township of Warwick. The purpose of the By-law amendment is to rezone the lands from Industrial 1 (M1(H1)) to a new Industrial Processing (M6) zone. The purpose of the new Industrial Processing (M6) Zone is to allow for the construction of a Ready Mix Concrete Facility. This zone will also establish a special height regulation for asphalt or concrete processing facilities.

NO OTHER APPLICATIONS have been received at this time.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS** in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to the Clerk of the Township of Warwick.

IF A PERSON or public body would otherwise have the ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Warwick to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Warwick before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.


IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Warwick before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Amendment, you must make a written request to the Township of Warwick, 6332 Nauvoo Road, RR#8 Watford, ON N0M 2S0.

THE KEY MAP shows more particularly the lands affected.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about this matter, including information about appeal rights and the proposed Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices at 6332 Nauvoo Road, RR#8 Watford, ON, N0M 2S0.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

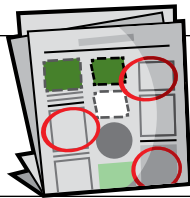


Subject Property

Amanda Gubbels
Administrator
Township of Warwick
6332 Nauvoo Road,
RR#8
Watford, ON, N0M 2S0
Telephone: 849-3926
Fax: 849-6136

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Women's Institute Hall
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- Best Wishes Only -

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DAWN-EUPHEMIA FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 2nd from 9am-noon

at the Rutherford Fire Hall.

Adults \$8, Children \$5

Everyone Welcome.

for all classified ads is

Monday at 12 noon

for the paper that prints and distributes Wed-Thurs

Obituary



NANTAIS
Raymond William

Raymond William passed away peacefully at Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia on **Monday, January 27, 2020** at the age of **93**. Beloved husband of the late Ruth Nantais (2018). Loving father of Janet (late Herb) Verwegen, Ruth Anne (Neil) Gorton, Roland (Patricia) Nantais, Robert (Mary-anne) Nantais, Reta Nantais-Moore and Deborah (Brent) MacMillan. Grandfather of 14 and their spouses, great-grandfather of 20 and great-great grandfather of 2. **Family and friends will be received at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, Brigden on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 1:00 until the time of the service at 2:00 pm. A private family graveside will be held at Black Creek Cemetery.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to Lambton Meadowview Villa Auxiliary. Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca. Steadman Brothers 519-864-1193.

Obituary



BELAN
Michael Sr.

Age **87** of Oil Springs, passed away peacefully on **Thursday, January 23, 2020** at Bluewater Heath, Sarnia. Beloved husband of Di Belan for 63 years. Loving father of Mike (Pam), Pat (Donna), Doug (Cindy), Dennis (Sandy), Todd (Liz), Tony (Cyndi) Belan. Cherished grandfather of Mike (Leah), Nikki (Bryan) Weaver, Breyden (Michelle), Kris (Sarah), Hannah, Cody, Brandy (Derek), Curtis, Brittney, Kelsey (Joel) Myers, Jamie, Justine, Brock, Shawna (Jesse). Great-grandfather of 12. Survived by his brother Lloyd (Patricia) Belan and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brother John (Muriel) Belan and parents Tony and Anna Belan. **A celebration of life will take place at the Inwood Fire Hall (6483 Weidman Line, Inwood Ontario, N0N 1K0) on Sunday, February 09, 2020 from 2-5pm.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to St. Joseph's Hospice. Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca. Arrangements entrusted to STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, Brigden 519-864-1193.



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Employment

IMMEDIATE OPENING Automotive Warranty Administrator

- Excellent verbal & written communication skills
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office and other computer programs to be taught
- Math ability, and a general automotive understanding of auto repair methods
- Time-management skills to contribute to the efficient and expedient resolution of the Warranty claims process.
- Part-time position, with above average wages, based on experience.

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Michael & Katie
are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their TWIN BOYS

January 18th, 2020
at Victoria Hospital

Alan Robert
5lbs • 3 oz

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Ken & Janet Dunlop,
Darlene (late Alan)
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Coming Events

LAMBTON COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 4, 2020
6pm

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Coming Events

SUNDAY
2
February



Groundhog Breakfast

at the Youth Centre

Eggs donated by:
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Sausage • Peameal • Eggs
Toast • Pancakes • Fruit
Juice, Coffee & Tea

9 am - 12 noon

Adults \$10 • Children (10 & under) \$5 • Pre-School Children eat FREE

Oil Springs Parks & Rec and Oil Springs Fire Department

Coming Events

ANNUAL

Roast Beef Sweetheart

DINNER

Britannia Chapter No. 34
Order of the Eastern Star

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Saturday, February 15 | 4:30 - 6:00pm

St. Paul's United Church
4169 Petrolia Line, Petrolia

Tickets \$15 each
Children 12 & Under FREE
Take-Out Available

Coming Events

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Petrolia, ON

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Show at 8:00pm
LCBO Event

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Calendar

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Events are listed FREE for non-profit groups in Petrolia and Lambton County (space permitting).
To be included in this listing email the required information to office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca Subject: FREE EVENT LISTING.

of events

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Jan 31	3-6pm	Petrolia	Nomination for Marilyn Gladu at Crabby Joe's	
Jan 31	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle/Catch the Ace	519-876-2360
Jan 31	6pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Firefighters Association Fish Fry at the Alvinston Arena. Age of Majority. \$25/Person. Everyone Welcome.	
Jan 31	8pm	Wyoming	Pickin' n' Fiddlin' at Wyoming Legion Door donations to Legion Ladies Auxiliary.	519-845-0072
Feb 1	12 Noon	Alvinston	Euchre Tournament at the Alvinston Legion with Catch the Ace at 6pm	(519) 898-2100
Feb 2	9-12	Oil Springs	Groundhog Day Breakfast at the Youth Centre. Adults \$10 • Children \$5 • Pre-school children Free. Sausage, Peameal, and more	
Feb 2	2pm	Wyoming	The Big Game Party at The Wyoming Legion. \$5/person. Door prizes/raffles/food	519-845-0072
Feb 4	9:30am	Camlachie	Coffee & Conversation at the Camlachie United Church. Topic: Your thoughts and needs during your grief journey	519-869-2102
Feb 5	10-12p	Grand Bend	Mindful Meditation Workshop at Lambton heritage Museum. \$45 at door \$35/ preregister. zhertiagemuseum.ca	519-243-2600
Feb 7	10-2p 5-7p	Thamesville	Ticket Sales - The Knitting Pilgrim - Sunday, Mar 1 Thamesville United Church. Tickets \$15/adv, \$20/door (cash only) Evelyn 519-683-8959 or Tracy 519-692-4156	
Feb 7	7pm	Petrolia	St. Philips Parish Card Parties	519-882-4840
Feb 7	8p-12a	Wyoming	First Friday at the Wyoming Legion featuring Dirt Country playing. Reserve your seat.	519-845-0072
Feb 8	1pm	Petrolia	Euchre at St. Paul's United Church from 1-4pm \$5/person. Door prizes and light lunch.	

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS

DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
1st Thurs	11a	Sarnia	Parkinson's Support Group @Strangway Centre	519-336-3286
2nd Mon	7:00p	Petrolia	Margaret Stokes Chapter IOOE Meeting	519-882-2073
2nd Tues	7:00p	Petrolia	Meadowview Villa Card Party	519-845-1198
3rd Wed	1-4pm	Petrolia	Kenny J & Friends Musical Jumboree @Pet Legion	519-882-1557
3rd Thurs	7:00p	Oil Springs	Optimists Meat Bingo @ The Youth Centre	519-834-2152
Mondays	1:15p	Oil Springs	Social/Euchre @ Oil Springs United	226-307-0929
Mondays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Fun Darts	519-876-2360
Tuesday	4:30p	Petrolia	TOPS Weight Loss Support @ Meadowview Villa	
Tuesdays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Progressive Euchre	519-876-2360
Tuesday	7:00p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toast Masters @ St.Andrews	519-882-0946
Weds	7:30p	Oakdale	IOOF Euchre Card Parties @ Oakdale Hall	
Thursday	11am	Sarnia	Parkinson's Exercises @ Strangway Centre	519-337-5330
Thursdays	5:30p	Petrolia	Lions Meat Raffle @ Haywood's	519-882-8728
Thursdays	6:00p	Petrolia	Optimists Meat Raffle @ Crabby Joe's	519-882-1255
Thursdays	6:30p	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion - Dart Night	519-882-1557
Thursdays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Cribbage	519-876-2360
Fridays	9:00a	Brigden	Brigden United Church - Mom & Tots Drop In	519-892-3151
Fridays	6:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Meat Raffle & Catch the Ace	519-876-2360
E/O Tues	12noon	Wyoming	P-W Agricultural Society Lunch & Euchre	519-845-3661
E/O Fri	7pm	Oil Springs	Srs. Card Parties @ United Church	519-882-4697

Church DIRECTORY



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414 Oil Street, Petrolia
Service at 11am
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Church Office 519-882-1430
 christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

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First Baptist Church

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia
10:30 am Church Service
Pastor: Alex Craig
Church Office 519-882-2480
email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com
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Find us on Facebook!
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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Community Corner

FRIENDS OF BROOKE CENTRAL



Brooke Central School recently got some help from their community. Pioneer donated \$2,500 to help create an outdoor garden at the school and the Optimist of Alvington and District also presented the school with a cheque for \$1,000 for the school snack program. The school also received \$500 from Nixon DeOliveria for field trips and \$500 from Envy DeOliveria for arts supplies.



MADD APPRECIATION




MADD Sarnia Lambton is honouring two police officers who go above and beyond the call of duty to keep drunk drivers off the road. This year, Lambton OPP Const. Richard Mathieson, centre, was honoured at a lunch held by MADD. He was congratulated by Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey and Sgt. Taylor Hamilton.

Want to show your community love?

Send submissions

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