

Petrolia's sidewalk plan hits a speed bump

Developers say adding sidewalks too costly

Heather Wright
The Independent

A move to make Petrolia a more walkable town has hit a speed bump.

Monday, Petrolia's Planner, Rob Nesbitt, introduced his suggestions to make the town an better place for pedestrians. They were based on the \$500,000 Community Health Study completed in 2018 by the town and Bluewater Health. The concept was to provide health services in a designated area, surrounded by senior housing and supported by good infrastructure to connect pedestrians to the key areas of the town.

Nesbitt suggests designated bike lanes where possible and bike racks at town properties to encourage cycling.

And he says development should be encouraged in a grid pattern to reduce the amount of long narrow roads and make better use of the available land.

But the idea which drew the most comments from the public at Monday's public meeting was sidewalks. All new subdivisions, says Nesbitt, should have sidewalks - something that is not required now. The health study suggested they be two-meters wide and on both sides of the street.

Housing developer Bob Leaper says mandating sidewalks on both sides of the street would add about \$3,500 to the cost of a new home and would add an extra \$903,000 to the cost of developing 129 lots in his subdivision - Countryview Estates.

Leaper told councillors homebuyers don't want sidewalks because it reduces the amount of room available to park cars and "many people still use the street even if they are there."

"Sidewalks are essential in core areas... in remote developments, where people are picked up by a (school) bus, they're not necessary," says Leaper.

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MEETING A LOCAL LEGEND



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Students from Brooke Central School had a unique opportunity to meet a Canadian Olympian during one of the days they were off because of the labour disruption in elementary schools. Alvinston native Krista Duchene was a special guest at the Alvinston Library. She talked about her journey to become an Olympic marathoner and signed some autographs for about 50 people who came to hear her speak. There is more on Duchene's visit on Pg. 7.

Dawn-Euphemia wants biosolid pile moved by March 20

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What some Dawn-Euphemia residents are calling a "mountain" of biosolids fertilizer will have to be moved by March 20.

That's the deadline officials from the township have given the Buurma family - owners of Lasalle Agri - to move the fertilizer made from human waste from a pile on Hale School Road.

Township councillors began getting calls from residents concerned about the size of the fertilizer pile earlier this month. By

Feb. 3, when council met, the pile was so large tractor with tracks and a blade could drive up the fertilizer pile to push the new transport truck loads of product around.

Some neighbours are worried it is too close to a sensitive water course - Longs Creek - which is along the property line.

The Buurma family owns the land and Lasalle Agri which markets the biosolids fertilizer. They have had trouble before with stockpiles of fertilizer in the township. Several years ago, Dawn-Euphemia voiced concern smaller piles were catching fire by spontaneous combustion. The fire

department was called out several times.

The company also plead guilty to running a commercial operation in an agricultural zone in Warwick Township last year. There the pile was larger than two football fields and about three storeys high. It took Warwick council nearly two years to resolve the issue.

Dawn-Euphemia's Clerk-Administrator, Donna Clermont, says Roger Buurma told her the fertilizer on Hale School Road was for eight 150-acre parcels his family farms in Dawn-Euphemia.

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Biosolid pile must move by March

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Clerk/Administrator Donna Clermont says under the township’s official plan, farmers or fertilizer companies are not allowed to stockpile fertilizer but may leave it on the land which it will be spread.

Buurma also told Clermont, the shipments of the biosolids would continue until the end of last week. Monday morning, The Independent photographed a transport unloading at about 8:20 am.

Councillor Mark McGuire during the Feb. 3 council meeting said he wanted the shipments stopped.

Council agreed and asked the clerk to write a letter outlining the townships Official Plan.

Monday (Feb. 10), Mayor Al Broad said a letter had been sent to the landowner saying the township’s official plan does not allow the fertilizer to be stockpiled. Broad says the company and Buurma family have been given until March 20 to remove the pile.

Broad says this should not be a problem. “This is nothing new they’ve been before the judge (for a similar case in Warwick) before; I don’t know how we can’t uphold the official plan.”

Broad says the fertilizer is not being properly stored according to Canadian regulations. He wants the company to place tarps over the product now.

Meantime, Broad says the calls of concern are increasing. And there has been damage done to the company’s



equipment on the site.

A Facebook post by David Buurma Saturday afternoon shows two windows of the red tractor with a blade on it shattered and asks for anyone with information to call him.

Broad is “disappointed” this has happened “but I’m not surprised that it happened.

“When you start affecting residents quality of life and them being able to sit out on their back porch without being able to smell the stuff, unfortunately this sort of stuff happens.”



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Two photos, one week apart, of a biosolids fertilizer pile on a farm field on Hale School Road. The bottom photo, taken from a vantage point on Lambton Line, is from Feb. 3. The top photo, taken at the same spot, is from Feb. 10. Judging from the tree and hydro poles in the foreground and the height of the piles, it has grown significantly in one week. Neighbours report seeing a number of transports dropping product last week.

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Petrolia looks at cannabis rules

Heather Wright
The Independent

Petrolia wants to be prepared when the cannabis companies come calling. The federal government legalized recreational cannabis use in October 2018. Last October it approved edibles for use. But Petrolia’s planner, Rob Nesbitt, says municipalities were caught without a plan when the “federal government dumped the issue” on their laps without a lot of direction. That became obvious in Enniskillen where Tilray bought a greenhouse and set up High Park Farms. Nesbitt says there have been issues with odours and extra light coming from the greenhouse. “The operator has been promising to take some actions, those are still forth coming,” Nesbitt told council Monday.

Bylaw stops turbine construction in PW

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming wants to make sure there are no new wind turbines turning in the community. Monday, town council passed an Interim Control Bylaw which stops any development of new wind turbines for one year. Last October, Santo Giorno who has worked with the WAIT-PW group against the Cedar Point Wind Farm, told council changes made by the Ford government which ended the Green Energy Act made it technically possible for companies to continue putting up new turbines. “The existing projects are grandfathered

Nesbitt says considering how close together homes are in Petrolia, “the only place (a cannabis operation) would make sense is in an industrial area because, in general, industrial areas are a long way from residences.” Councillor Joel Field wanted to know about production of edibles. “If Tilray came to the town and asked to do their edibles here – which is a food process – how would that fit into this?” Nesbitt says the town could have policies which would allow that in any part of town but the key is having the rules in place before companies begin inquiring. Mayor Brad Loosley agrees. “We need to put policies in place before it happens instead of doing something after the fact,” he says “because you can’t go back.” Nesbitt will come up with some policies for council to consider.

into the changed legislation,” he told council at the time. That means existing companies won’t have to follow any new municipal legislation limiting wind turbines. Giorno says each company approved more sites for individual turbines than needed and those could still be developed. There are nine turbine sites in Cedar Point alone. Under the new legislation, they could move ahead if the company could prove the power was needed. Council agreed to take a closer look and set aside \$40,000 in the budget for a study on the issue. In the meantime, the Interim Control Bylaw will stop any possible development for a year.

Sidewalks not necessary say developers, councillors

CON’T FROM PG 1

Developer Louis Bratanek - who works with Leaper on the Countryview Estates subdivision - agreed. “Most purchasers don’t want a sidewalk; it’s a liability and they have to shovel it.... Keeping housing affordable is difficult - this adds one more thing.” Both Bratanek and Leaper add because the existing subdivision doesn’t have sidewalks, the sidewalks in the new subdivisions “would lead to nowhere.” And, later in the meeting, most of council seemed to understand the developers concerns. Some agreed the sidewalks weren’t necessary. Councillor Joel Field isn’t sure sidewalks make sense “far off by the wastewater treatment plant” but says they’re necessary in the core area where seniors’ living and health care will be emphasized in the future “We need to look at the sidewalks we have.” Field also suggested some sort of fee per lot for sidewalk construction when the land is being developed. Councillor Wade Deighton says adding sidewalks costs more, so developers will pass the cost onto consumers. “Will they really want to develop here?...We have to use a common sense approach.” “I have always promoted development in this town,” says Mayor Brad Loosley. “I want developers to feel if they want a good deal we can provide good, quick performance....We don’t have the resources or the tax base to do all these things, so it is a difficult thing for us to do.” Councillor Ross O’Hara agreed. “We have to remember we are Petrolia; is it really necessary? Does it take away parking? Does it cost more for developers?” But there were some people at the public meeting who were interested in seeing more

sidewalks. Steve Cardiff is a Petrolia resident who does a lot of walking and cycling. He urged council to take a “rational approach” saying sidewalks on both sides of the street are not necessary. While Cardiff appreciates it would cost money to install the sidewalks, he says they will make money in the future. “Walkable streets increase property values...everywhere there is good walk-ability, property values go up.” And he says “people like to walk and given the chance, they will.” Cardiff adds dedicated bike lanes may not be need, however there should be some cycling routes and paths to take people off Petrolia Line. Resident Kevin Shaw also spoke in favour of sidewalks in new subdivisions. He lives on First Avenue and his children are not bused to school. “They have to walk and there is no sidewalk,” he said noting the town should be looking at putting sidewalks particularly in subdivisions surrounding schools. “We want kids to be walking and they shouldn’t be on the road...Kids should be able to walk and feel safe walking.” And some residents were concerned the sidewalks in the core area aren’t being maintained. Bonnie Lumley says her mother used to walk from Greenfield St. down Dufferin to the arena. She had two falls and now the family doesn’t want her out of the sidewalks. “You’re too focused on the newly enhanced tax bracket housing and not taking care of the old Petrolia,” she told councillors. Council has asked the planner to review his suggestions, keeping council’s comments in mind and make recommendations in the next few months.

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Editorial

Sidewalks an affordable way to healthy, safe town

Well, that may have been a waste of \$100,000. In 2017, the Town of Petrolia committed \$100,000 to work with Bluewater Health on a \$500,000 Community Health Hub Plan. The idea was to show a vision of Petrolia where there is a strong medical hub around Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital, housing and services for seniors near by and a healthy, pedestrian-friendly town with walk ways linking people to the important places in town.

If Monday’s public meeting was any indication, town leaders don’t think the new housing should be part of that vision.

Petrolia asked the planner to take concepts from the plan and turn them into solid suggestions to change the way Petrolia does business. Rob Nesbitt had a number of suggestions including bike lanes and sidewalks in new development - something that hasn’t been required for years.

The developers didn’t like the idea; it would cost more, people don’t want sidewalks because it limits their parking and they aren’t necessary because people walk on the road. A number of councillors parroted the developers concerns with the mayor saying he wants to make sure Petrolia is seen as one of the best places for developers - quick and responsive to their needs.

The town is already responsive to developers. It’s one of the only places in Lambton without development fees. That’s why the population is growing at a faster pace than almost any other Lambton community.

Not one councillor questioned the premise of the affordability of sidewalks; the developers estimated it would cost up to \$3,500 per home. While it seems like a lot, new homes are selling between \$270,000 and \$400,000 in Petrolia. If you can’t afford the \$3,500 sidewalk, perhaps you shouldn’t buy the \$400,000 house.

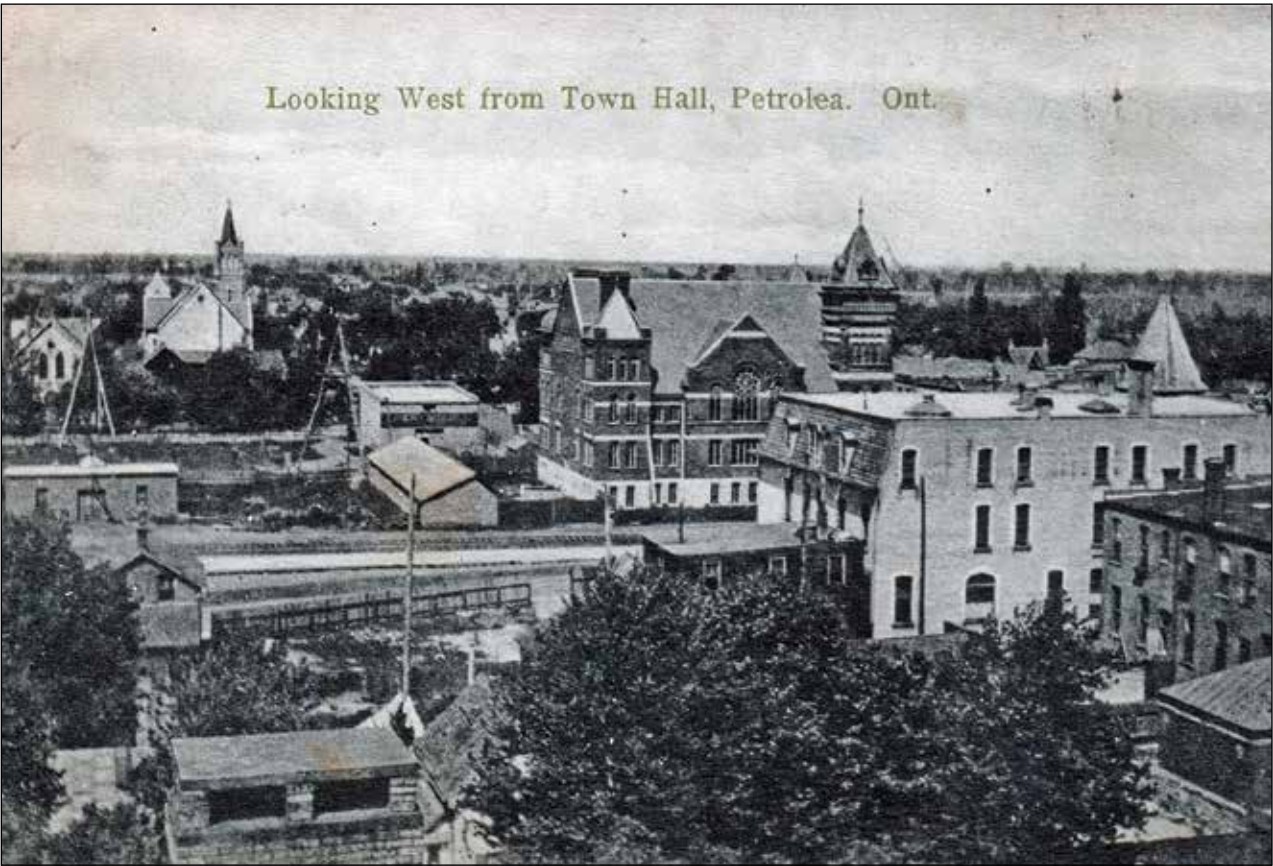
The fact of the matter is families buy those homes. Families with kids. And families with kids want sidewalks to be safe.

It’s a shame councillors and developers don’t see them as a selling point or, more importantly, as a way to make Petrolia a healthier community.

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Our Story



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION

An interesting view from the top of Petrolia’s town hall. You can see the back of the Iroquois Hotel, what was then the Methodist Church, with the railroad track running right beside it, St. Philip’s and the Presbyterian Churches as well as some of the fine homes on Petrolia Line in the distance.

Struggling to see the Conservative vision for Canada

I’m struggling to figure out what the federal Conservatives are doing as they try to choose their new leader.

I’m not a “party” person. In politics, I look at the people involved and the plan they have and then decide who to vote for; I care little about the colour of their banner; if it is good for Canada - great!

But I’m having a hard time figuring out what any of the potential leaders have to offer that is different than the last election.

Andrew Scheer - though still the leader now - is about to be replaced. There are a number of people in the race.

Peter McKay - a man best known for working with Stephen Harper to create the new Conservative party and taking expensive helicopter rides - seems to be the person tagged as the front runner. He’s said nothing to make me feel he could lead the country - other

than saying he wants the job.

Erin O’Toole - a former military man and the guy who came third to Scheer and Maxime Bernier - seems aching for a fight. He’s going to “fight to take Canada back.” I’m guessing he means from the Liberals, but many have questioned who took Canada in the first place. It also makes me wonder if Mr. O’Toole was paying attention in the last election. While the west and rural Canada loves the Conservatives, the rest of the country was ‘meh’ about them and sent a minority to Ottawa. They didn’t want a fight, they wanted cooperation.

He claims to be the only ‘true blue’ Conservative, which reminds me of Doug Ford. Who knows if that will work.

Another candidate getting some attention is Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu. She’s in her second term as MP and has made friends

across the aisle in Parliament.

She’s an engineer so she’s smart - even if she dresses up like the Grim Reaper at a party convention. She wants to be fiscally Conservative and socially compassionate., which sounds great, but a Conservative vision of social compassion has yet to be defined.

The Conservatives have a long way to get to their new leader. It would be nice if before they get there, they have some real policies - other than reversing everything the current government has done.



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Opinion

Petrolia senior concerned for warming planet

EDITOR:
Global Warming; where in Canada can we find a government able to confront and start a defence?
For the past 100 plus years, governments have allowed, directly or indirectly, the lumber, pulp and paper industries to abuse our forests, lakes and rivers.

The lack of policing and restrictions have created conditions for the First Nations people which are beyond belief.
Locally, the beautiful St. Clair River has been marred through similar incompetence.
Many of us working around the province have witnessed these abuses,

feeling helpless to report them because of the fear of job loss - our families, of course, had to come first.
I am 82 years-old. Global warming won't affect me, but I fear for the future and everyone with children and grandchildren.

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Petrolia, BWH ask for \$11 million from Lambton taxpayers

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Officials from Petrolia were at the head of a long line of people looking for cash from Lambton County.
Laurissa Ellsworth, director of marketing, arts and communications for Petrolia and Victoria Playhouse Petrolia Artistic Director David Rogers were at county council Feb. 5, looking for a \$1 million investment into Petrolia's \$9.2 million plan to renovate Victoria Hall. They hope to receive the cash over a period of five years.
Ellsworth told councillors the VPP was enjoying record growth. "In 2016, we had the highest ticket sales in the history of the playhouse....and there has been a 12 per cent increase in ticket sales from 2016 to 2018," she says.
"Ten years ago, we didn't need to be here (asking for money) because we didn't have a capacity issue."
Ellsworth says the main issue is accessibility. People with mobility issues - about 85 per cent of the VPP's patrons - can't get to the balcony and have a hard time getting downstairs to the washroom and back to their seats in time for the second act.
The pair made the pitch to council-

lors during the budget request day that the VPP is good for the region, attracting 40,000 people a year. Almost 70 per cent of those patrons come from outside of Lambton, says Ellsworth.
She added the town hopes to obtain federal and provincial funding for 73 per cent of the funding "We're asking you to help be the other 33 per cent of our success story."
The town, she says, has committed \$1 million of public funds already - although no official motion has come to town council for approval for the cash commitment. The VPP also plans to fundraise for another \$1 million.
The VPP wasn't the only theatre looking for renovation cash. The Kineto Theater is moving washrooms upstairs and renovating the box office and concession stand to the Forest historic movie house.
And they want to add more space for groups that come in on a regular basis. "Right now, when we have groups come in, they have to sit in the lobby because there is not enough space for the wheelchairs," says Glen Starkey of the Kiwanis Club of Forest which runs the theatre and is hoping for \$75,000.
And Bluewater Health also came asking for money - \$10 million over five years.

Mike Lapaine, CEO of Bluewater Health, says there are three areas the hospital needs to improve; the cancer care program, the 25 year-plan to renovate Petrolia's Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital and the Addictions Centre, including a detox unit.
Lapaine says the CEEH and detox unit projects have "been in gestation for a couple of years so we feel quite confident we will have some movement over the next couple of years."
He told councillors the "long-term benefits are quite significant. These projects touch virtually every patient that comes to Bluewater Health."
Lapaine added 95 per cent of the people at the local hospitals are from Lambton County.
Only the Bluewater Health presentation received any criticism. Sarnia City/County Councillor Dave Boushy suggested the ask was "too much" and "it is more than we can afford right now." He asked if the hospital could do with less.
"Fundraising is difficult," Lapaine says "and we aren't the only ones fundraising right now. But we do believe all of these services are vital for our community."
Council will consider all of the requests at budget time, likely in March.

Cost of Lambton's Oversized Load Corridor jumps by 40 per cent

Heather Wright
The Independent

The cost of Lambton's gateway to Alberta's oil patch is rising.
Lyle Johnson, the project manager of the Oversized Load Corridor project, says the estimated cost of the route has ballooned from about \$12 million to between \$16 and \$18.6 million.
The county and Sarnia are working together to provide a clear route for large equipment to get to Sarnia's docks. That allows fabricating com-

panies to make modular equipment for Alberta's oil patch and transport it by water. It also opens up more international markets.
The project was expected to take about \$12 million and recently the county and the city decided to move ahead without federal government funding. The feds did eventually kick in about \$6 million for the project.
But Johnson told Lambton County councillors Feb. 5 costs are rising. Moving hydro wires has proven to be particularly expensive with Hydro One

and Bluewater Power billing \$2.7 million more than expected.
And Johnson says they haven't even got a firm estimate on one of the most expensive parts of the project, preparing the Sarnia docks. "The dock is the largest individual project and it could be \$6 million," he says adding he'll have a "better comfort level" on the costs once that estimate comes in.
Johnson says the cost increase is likely to be \$1.2 million more for county taxpayers. City taxpayers will shell out \$3.2 million more.

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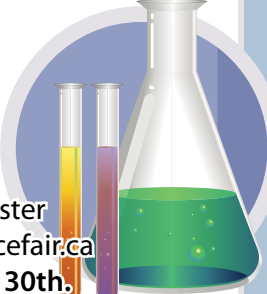

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Petrolia transfer station could open by spring

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Petrolia officials are hopeful the new yard waste transfer station will be ready in the spring.

The issue came up Monday after a resident complained about the roadside collection last fall.

“The leaf collection was atrocious in town,” Rick Pickering told councilors. “Three times I put out bags and it took seven to 10 days to be collected.” Another neighbor waited two weeks for the bags to be picked up. Pickering says the early snow didn’t help.

“My biggest concern is we are going to paper bags this year, if the (weather) conditions are going to stay the same, it is going to be utter chaos.

“If the transfer site may come into play, that would be helpful so people could bring their own leaves to the transfer station.”

The town closed the compost center on Maude St. in April 2017 after a Ministry of the Environment inspector found 12 problems – mostly bookkeeping – at the site. But town resident complained and council started looking at options.

Mike Thompson, director of operations, told council Monday the consultant working on getting approval to open a transfer site says it could come as soon as mid February or March.

“Composting starts in April and our consultant needs to figure out if we can get approval for the end of Maude or if we will have to utilize the Waste Management (depot used since the town site closed) for a short period,” says Thompson.

Wingfield construction to start in June

Heather Wright
The Independent

It looks like the reconstruction of Wingfield St. will get started this summer.

Mike Thompson, director of operations for Petrolia, says the final engineering work has been complete and they’ve found the sanitary sewers are still in good shape and won’t need to be replaced. Thompson says that should keep costs for the \$1.25 million

project under control.

Thompson says the project will include replacing water lines and storm sewers, new low curbs and replace the sidewalk on one side of the street.

The town will be looking for a contractor starting March 5 and it is expected construction could begin in June and be done by Labour Day.

There will be a public meeting about the construction May 11 at 6 pm at town hall.

Centennial Hall gets \$17,000 roof repair

The Independent

Watford’s Centennial Hall is getting a new roof.

Warwick Township staff recently brought the leaking roof to light and suggested the township repair the roof while it plans for a new \$5 million community hall to be built onto the arena.

But in a report to council Monday, Public Works Manager, Andrew Maver, said the problem was bigger than anticipated.

“The roof of the Centennial Hall has been leaking for an extended period of time and it is causing damage to the floor and ceiling in various places. A contractor was hired to inspect the roof and perform temporary fixes to minimize the leaking.

“Since that time, the roof has continued to leak and further investigation has resulted in an updated recommendation to replace the entire roof has been made,” he writes

That would cost about \$17,000.

Maver said the township could do nothing and there would be cosmetic damage to the hall since it has been leaking for at least five years already. He also suggested the township could simply close the hall now and most of the other rentals could be accommodated at the arena hall. Only two large events would not fit into the arena hall and Maver said they could use the arena floor on the off season.

But council opted to fix the roof as administrators work toward a new building. It’s not clear how long it may take.

Plympton-Wyoming turns down farm severance bid

The Independent

A Plympton-Wyoming developer has challenged a rule which stops farmers from severing homes from agricultural land.

The town’s official plan doesn’t allow farmers to sever property from agricultural property to create new housing lots, even if there is a house on it.

But Brad Zantingh’s company JN Ventures made the request for a property on London Line anyway.

JN Venture’s planner, Jay McGuffin, argues in a report to council that provincial

planning policy allows farmhouse severances if a farm has been consolidated with another - which is the case on London Line.

McGuffin says a “blanket prohibition” on farm severances means farmers can either become landlords or let the buildings decay and demolish them “which undermines the rural residential fabric of the community by creating a blight and gaps within the rural landscape.” He adds the severance is “sound land use planning”

The argument was not enough to convince council and the application was turned down.

Concrete plant given the green light in Watford

Warwick Township has approved zoning to allow a concrete facility to set up shop in Watford’s industrial area.

Monday, the township held a public meeting and approved a change to the zoning on the industrial park property to allow McCann Redi-Mix to build a plant.

Orno Adair 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 said recently.

Warwick, Adair adds, is a central location with Sarnia and Strathroy within reach.

Adair says about five to seven jobs could be created. It’s not clear when construction might begin.

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Duchene goes back to where it began

Heather Wright
The Independent

The little green shirt with the number five on the back seems impossibly small as Krista Duchene holds it up.

It was the first running uniform for the Alvinston native. Little did the marathoner know when she ran laps at Brooke Central School, collecting punches on cardboard from a cereal box during running club, that the little green shirt would turn into the red and white of Team Canada at the Brazil Olympics in 2016.

“This is where it started for me,” she told about 50 people at the Alvinston Library Feb. 5 as she held up the shirt.

Duchene says as a child she was full of energy and her mom would send her outside to run laps around the house to burn it off.

But running for sport wasn’t her thing, yet. She, like many others, was a hockey kid playing with the boys teams, changing in the first aid room, because there wasn’t a girls’ league at the time.

Duchene went to university and played hockey there. She later turned to running as way to stay fit.

She ran her first marathon on Mother’s Day in three hours and 28 minutes. “It was really hard. I wondered what I was doing and why I was doing it.”

But when it was all over, Duchene says she just “wanted to do it again.”

So, she did. As she won, her husband encouraged her to work harder and achieve more. She hired a coach and started running races that would help her qualify for the Olympics.

It wasn’t an easy road. There was a race in Rotterdam where she was very close to the Olympic marathon standard. In Russia, she collapsed from the heat about 12 kilometres into the 42-kilometre race. She went to Toronto to beat the 28 year-old Canadian marathon record, only to come second to one of her best friends.

But the most difficult moment came in Montreal, when about 500 meters before the finish of a half marathon, her leg gave out. A stress fracture turned into a broken femur



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Krista Duchene shows off her old Brooke Central School running shirt in Alvinston Feb. 5.

and it seemed her Olympic dream might not come true. But Duchene worked hard and eventually, just seven months after her injury, she qualified for Rio.

She came in 35th in the race and says it was a wonderful experience all around.

Duchene is now training again, hoping to qualify for the next Olympic games. But it will be tough. There are more female marathoners than ever and hitting the Olympic standard won’t be enough to make the team.

One person has already been guaranteed a spot and there are just two spots left. Three women have already qualified.

Duchene is hoping for a Top 10 finish at the Boston Marathon this year. She placed third overall in 2018. Whatever happens, Duchene says being a marathoner has “been a lot of fun.”

And she’s met some interesting people along the way, including a little boy who was surprised she came from Alvinston. “I thought you had to be from a big city to make it to the Olympics,” he said to her. Duchene says she’s proof small town kids can make big dreams come true, too.

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Grand Bent big cats out by March 31

Pam Wright
Local Journalism Initiative

A March 31 deadline has been set for the owners of a private zoo in Lambton Shores to remove several large cats from a Grand Bend property.

Justice John A. DeSotti made the ruling in a Sarnia court Feb. 5 regarding the Roaring Cat Retreat.

Lambton Shores has been trying to get the retreat’s owners to move the cats for the past 10 months, citing public safety concerns

The Roaring Cat is located in a residential area and the large cats — including lions and tigers — were brought to the former Pineridge Zoo without the municipality’s knowledge.

Lambton Shores passed its exotic animals bylaw in April 2019, reportedly after the large cat issue came to light. In Ontario, there are no provincial oversight laws regarding

exotic animals. Anyone can purchase exotics and keep them, as long as the host municipality does not have legislation prohibiting them.

The owners of the Roaring Cat have launched a \$5 million civil suit against Lambton Shores for damages. Last week’s ruling was made following a conference call between two solicitors for Lambton Shores and two lawyers representing the zoo’s owners.

The court ruling also allows for appeals in the event that licensing or administrative work is required for the safe removal of the cats.

There is at least one wildlife sanctuary in the United States which would be willing to take the big cats, however the regulations around the transport of endangered species mean it could take months to move them if that is the option pursued.




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DIY Party Favours

- ✳ Give away the plants and decor from your celebration as wedding favours. This is guest-friendly and eco-friendly!
- ✳ Decorate a jarred candle with burlap for a rustic, natural feel. Pick a scent or two that will warm the homes of all your guests.
- ✳ Revive the lost art of Polaroid and give your guests a keepsake to remember forever. Encourage them to take multiple photos, so

they can keep their favourites and leave a few for you in your wedding guest book.

- ✳ Lavender can be used for decoration, potpourri, bath salts and so much more. Tie this thoughtful gift together with brown paper and a decorative string.
- ✳ Fill tiny boxes or bags with fruit, vegetable or flower seeds. Guests can plant them and watch love bloom.
- ✳ Yummy jars of homemade jam are a charming way to thank guests for coming.

The Unusual and Eclectic

- ✳ Warm guests up with love by giving coffee mugs as your wedding favour. You can paint your own like this couple or gather eclectic cups from second-hand stores.
- ✳ Fill cloth satchels with fresh

coffee beans. This easy DIY is inexpensive but greatly appreciated by guests the morning after celebrating!

For Foodies

- ✳ Keep it simple and tasty with customized wedding cookies. Your guests will appreciate the extra touch and treat!
- ✳ Buy or make popcorn in bulk then hand stuff and seal your packages. .
- ✳ Share your favourite cookie by adding the necessary ingredients to a sealed jar. Place an instruction sheet on the back for easy baking.
- ✳ Compile your favourite recipes in a timeless recipe book. This wedding favour idea is easily personalized with family recipes or dishes you and your fiancé love to cook together.

What you need to know about serving alcohol

If you planning a big party with a bar for your wedding, there are bunch of regulations you need to follow according to the Ontario Alcohol and Gaming Commission.

First, you need a Special Occasion Permit or SOP.

A SOP is required for the sale and service of alcohol at special occasions such as weddings. They are issued through Liquor Control Board of Ontario. You don't need one if your caterer has already applied.

Then there are other regulations to follow. If the event is taking place on municipally owned and operated properties, municipal alcohol policies may apply to the event.

- *Never serving minors, and checking the ID of people you suspect are under 25
- *Discouraging excessive drinking or serving alcohol to anyone you suspect may already be intoxicated.
- *Don't making drinking the focus of your event
- *Always serve food with alcohol
- *Offer a variety of low-alcohol and alcohol-free drinks at a reasonable price
- *Make sure you understand the Liquor Licence Act and Regulations.
- *Create and enforce house polices that promote responsible service and moderate alcohol

- consumption.
- *Ensure that staff/volunteers serving liquor are at least 18 years. Better yet, hire someone who has taken the Smart Serve course.
 - *Station the bar far from the door, in a spot where people aren't always passing it.
 - *Serve drinks to guests rather than offering a self-serve bar.
 - *Hire a caterer with trained staff. Caterers can include both independent operators and restaurants that carry catering endorsements.
 - *Provide a variety of food items because the consumption of food slows down the absorption of alcohol.



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much you will be paying - the last thing you want is to pay extra for prints for family members when you weren't expecting it. And find out how long it will take for the photos to arrive - it's the question every member of the family will ask so you need an answer.

Something old, something new, a tradition

You likely have heard the bride should wear something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. This good luck saying dates back to Victorian times and many brides try to arrange their wedding attire accordingly. Something old represents the link with the bride's family and the past. Many brides choose to wear a piece of antique family jewelry or a mother's or grandmother's wedding gown. Something new represents good fortune and success in the bride's new life. The wedding gown is often chosen as the new item. Something borrowed is to remind the bride that friends and family will be there for her when help is needed. The borrowed object might be something such as a lace handkerchief. Something blue is the symbol of faithfulness and loyalty. Often the blue item is the garter. In Victorian times, the saying also included a silver sixpence in her shoe which was to wish the bride, wealth.

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Some Lambton farmers want more in anti protest bill

Cathy Dobson
The Independent

Lambton County farmers are fully behind proposed legislation to discourage protestors from trespassing on their property.

But some told Agriculture Minister Ernie Hardeman they want Bill 156 to go even further.

“I think it’s a good step because people shouldn’t be allowed to walk into our workplace with no repercussions,” said George Dickenson, a Lambton beef farmer and a director with the Lambton Federation of Agriculture. He was part of a group of select farmers asked to meet with Hardeman Feb. 5.

“But we’d also like to see the legislation include pastures. It’s a concern of mine because people don’t know animals like we do.”

Hardeman told about a dozen farmers from Lambton and Middlesex counties gathered for a round table discussion, that he introduced the provincial bill in answer to resolutions from Warwick Township and about 80 other municipalities.

Farmers and organizations like the Ontario Federation of Agriculture say there are increasing numbers of animal rights activists trespassing on private property without fear of criminal charges because of weaknesses in provincial legislation.

Charges are often dropped because of a lack of evidence and the Crown’s opinion that there is no reasonable chance of conviction.

“This proposed legislation will help farmers feel safer at home and at work,” says Hardeman.

Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, will also protect the general public from the risk of contaminated food should a protestor inadvertently bring disease into a barn, into a food processing plant, or interfere with the transport of animals, supporters say.

“Viruses can wipe out entire barns of animals,” says Dickenson. “That’s why there are so many protocols, especially for swine and birds.”

Without adding “teeth” to the current legislation, there’s worry that trespassing will continue to rise, says Don McCabe, an Inwood area farmer and director at the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

“Protestors are being emboldened by



Agriculture Minister Ernie Hardeman with Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey at his side, meet with farm representatives Feb. 5.

the fact that charges aren’t being laid and penalties aren’t being assessed,” says McCabe who attended the consultations at the county building.

Hardeman introduced Bill 156 on Dec. 2 and hopes to have it passed by summer.

Meanwhile he is consulting with rural communities, including Lambton farmers, in case fine tuning is required before the final reading.

If passed, trespassing fines will increase and police will be given additional tools to make convictions more likely. The proposed legislation also establishes so-called animal safety zones that cannot be entered without authorization.

Lambton farmers had hoped to convince the minister that pasture lands should be included in those safety zones but Hardeman said this bill won’t go that far.

“To be blunt, that’s not what the concern was when the bill was written,” he says. “But that could be something we look at next.”

Hardeman said the government respects the rights of people who want to protest.

“It’s just not a right on private property,” he says.

Animal rights activists have been charged with trespassing in several high-profile cases in recent years. Jenny McQueen of the animal rights organization Direct Action Everywhere posted a video online after

going into the Adare Pork breeding facility near Lucan.

She described the conditions as cruel and then took a piglet. Charges were dropped when the Crown said there was no reasonable chance of conviction.

Closer to home, Gary Franz gave animal rights activists a live turkey to take home in 2018 after they came to his Plank Road farm planning to protest his treatment of birds.

The year before, eight members of the Animal Liberation Alliance of London arrived at a Wyoming farm after a family lost 4,000 pigs in a fire.

The Animal Alliance has submitted a letter from over 30 lawyers and professors saying the bill goes to far and damages activist charter rights to protest.

“We’re not taking the right to protest away,” says Hardeman. “We’re just saying do it from the other side of the fence, do it on the sidewalk, do it on public property.

“But don’t put our food supply at risk.”

If passed, Bill 156 will allow the courts to order restitution in cases where a farmer has suffered damages to livestock or there’s been theft. It will also protect from civil claims if trespassers are injured while on a farm.

Hardeman adds he intends to meet with Indigenous leaders to assure them that Bill 156 doesn’t interfere with hunting and fishing rights.

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Sports

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Core Jackson of the LCCVI Senior Boys basketball team grapples for the ball in the Lancers final regular season game Thursday. LCCVI entertains Wallaceburg in the first round of the Lambton Kent Senior Boys “AA” basketball playoffs this week. The Lancers tip off against the Tartans at 7 p.m. for the right to the advance to the class final on Friday night. LCCVI closed out the regular season last week with a 63-52 win over Great Lakes. Trevor Syer and Matt Mueller had 19 points each to lead the Lancers who finished with a record of 6-4.

Flyers take on Admirals

The Independent

History will be made when the Petrolia Flyers take on the Admirals in Amherstburg in the opener of a best-of-seven Stobbs Division quarter-final series in the PJHL.

The franchises have never played against each other in the postseason either now or when their teams were based in Alvinston or Kingsville respectively.

Although the Admirals won four of five games against the Flyers during the regular season, three of those victories were decided by one goal, including two in overtime.

The Admirals finished in third place in the nine-team division with a record of 24-12-5 for 52 points. They won three of their last four games to end the regular season. Petrolia placed sixth with a record of 14-22-4 for 32 points. They lost four of their last five games down the stretch, but clinched sixth place with a 4-1 win over Blenheim last Thursday.

The Flyers finished second in the division in power play efficiency and was fifth on the penalty kill. The Admirals were in the middle of the pack in both categories.

The full list of games in the series is listed below:

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| Feb. 13 | in Petrolia at 7:30 |
| Feb. 16 | in Amherstburg at 7:00 |
| Feb. 19 | in Petrolia at 7:30 |
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The St. Joseph Hospice Volunteer Visiting Program is a one-to-one support for individuals who are living with life-limiting illnesses. This support is provided in the home, hospital, long term care or hospice – basically wherever you reside.

The goals are to provide emotional support, companionship, practical assistance and advocacy. Volunteer Visitors also provide respite so loved ones may take a “break” from caregiving. Often caregivers become overwhelmed in their role and need some free time to take care of themselves, or to run errands, and may not feel comfortable leaving their loved one for a short time.

Volunteer Visitors can fill this gap while also providing a listening ear, a comforting presence and much-needed companionship to their loved one. Caregivers may also access support through monthly Caregiver Groups at St. Joseph’s Hospice.

Charlotte’s Corner St. Joseph’s Hospice Volunteer Visiting Program

CALL FOR PETROLIA CLIENTS & VOLUNTEERS

Right now, the program has volunteers willing to serve in Sarnia and Petrolia, but no clients to assist in Petrolia. “My hope is that once people realize this program is available to them we’ll start to receive calls,” said Lisa Adams, St. Joseph’s Hospice’s Living Life Well Program Coordinator. “We are also always looking for more volunteers for this program.”

Ginny Williams says being a part of the Volunteer Visitor Program in Petrolia has been a life-enriching experience. “You are paired with a similar-minded client who is looking for a person to visit with. The client may ask you to simply sit and chat, play cards, bake cookies or build puzzles. No day is ever the same. When you come away from that experience, you will be proud of yourself for making a difference in that person’s life.”

If you are living with a life-limiting illness or in a caregiving role, or if you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Visitor, please contact Lisa at 519-337-0537 (ext. 126) or ladams@sjhospice.ca.

If you have questions about CEEH of Bluewater Health, please reach out to us at communications@bluewaterhealth.ca

SQUIRES OUT OF LUCK



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Ryan Trottier gets wrapped up as he shovels a pass over the blue line in the Petrolia Squires first playoff game of the season Friday. With another short bench, Petrolia lost 5-1 to the Lancers in Lucknow last Sunday afternoon and were eliminated in straight games in the best-of-three first round Senior A series. Petrolia led the contest 1-0 through the first period and hung tough only trailing 2-1 at the second intermission, but the home team iced the game with a trio of unanswered goals in the final stanza. Lucknow had won the opener Friday night at Greenwood, 4-2. The Squires ends the 50th anniversary season with an overall record of 6-18.

Second-place Flags take on Dresden

The Independent

The Mooretown Flags and Dresden Junior Kings raise the curtain on their Stobbs Division quarter-final series at the Moore Sports Complex Wednesday at 8 pm.

The Flags finished second in the division with a record of 33-7 despite a season-ending 7-2 loss to Lakeshore Saturday.

Mooretown sat most of its regulars for the final game as the Habs had clinched the division with a win over Petrolia

the night before.

The Flags won all five games against the Kings this season outscoring them 35-10, including a 14-2 romp earlier this month in Mooretown.

Mark Davis’ crew set franchise records this season for most wins and points as well as fewest losses and goals against. Special teams will likely play a pivotal role in the series as the Flags led the province this season in both power play proficiency and penalty kill percentage. Game two is in Dresden

Friday night with the third game scheduled for Mooretown on Saturday at 7:30. Game four is Monday in Dresden with games schedules for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday if needed.

This is the 12th playoff series between the two clubs over the past five decades, but the first since 2010.

The other series’ involve Essex against Wheatley and Blenheim taking on Lakeshore. Wallaceburg missed the playoffs for a ninth consecutive season.

Dittmer’s first an OT winner for Sarnia

Bryar Dittmer scored at 1:40 of the extra period to give the Sarnia Legionnaires a 5-4 victory over the Maroons in Chatham in GOJHL action. It was the Chatham products first goal of the season.

Nolan DeGurse had two goals for Sarnia, including the equalizer in the third period as the visitors battled back from 3-1 and 4-2 deficits to register the victory. He also added an

assist.

Josh Barraclough had a goal and two assists for Sarnia with Joseph Ferrera adding the other.

Ryan Barwitzki registered two assists. Nolan DeKoning stopped 42 shots for the goaltending victory as the Maroons outshot Sarnia, 46-42.

The triumph came after the Legionnaires lost games in Leamington and St. Marys last week.

Oil City’s Carson Peer had the lone goal against the Flyers Thursday.

The Legionnaires have home games against Chatham and Leamington Thursday and Saturday before taking on the Lincolns in St. Marys on Family Day Monday afternoon.

Sarnia and Komoka are tied for the final playoff spot in the conference four points behind Strathroy.

Petrolia hosts OMHA playoff tripe header

The Greenwood Recreation Centre will be a busy place this Saturday with no fewer than three OMHA playoff contests on tape.

The Petrolia Pee Wees take on Lambeth at 4:40, the

Bantams entertain Lambeth at 7:30, while Lambeth and Oiler Midget Reps face off at 9.

The Pee Wees are tied at a game each with the Lancers, the Bantams won their opener at home Saturday, while the

Midget series has yet to begin.

Meantime, Mooretown is up two games on Lambeth in Atom Rep OMHA playoffs.

Game three is Wednesday (Feb. 12) at the Moore Sports Complex at 6:20.



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REMEMBER WHO LOVES YOU

*A lonely child, she hopelessly, wandered through the street,
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Curiously dabbling, he slide into a drug filled life,
Constantly bullied, split parents, he knew only strife.*

*Does "Praise of self", create a generation that doesn't give?
Empowered by "Me", "My rights", is that how we live?
But, the bloodthirsty, unfaithful and violent, continue to soar,
Are we doomed to damnation and destruction, for-ever more?*

*He who sits in the Heavens, says, "Ask of Me",
For there is nothing hidden, that He does not see.
Cleanse me Lord, I cry, from secret faults and presumptuous sin,
Peacefully, your 'Precious Spirit' forgives and fills me, from within.*

*You see, For God so 'loved' the world, He gave His Son, for you,
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Salvation belongs to the Lord; Jesus awaits your call,
For every created soul, "One irrevocable breath", determines all.*

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This Valentine message is presented by Grogan, Watford

Eagles fly into second playoff round

The Independent

East Lambton and Lambton Shores begins an OMHA Bantam quarter-final series Wednesday in Thedford.

Puck drop is 7 pm. The Eagles advanced with a 6-1 win against Ilderton last week-end. The Bantam Reps won the first game of the play off, but the Jets pushed the series to the limit before the Eagles captured the first round.

Games two and three in the Lambton Shores series are both in Alvinston, on Friday at 7 and Saturday at 6:30.

Meantime, the East Lambton Midgents begin a series in Belmont this week-end with road games on Sunday and Monday.

And the Pee Wee Reps have advanced with a 3-0 win over Belmont. Dates have not yet been announced for the next round.

The Atom Reps opened its quarter-final set with a 4-3 win at Belmont last week.

Belmont will host the second game of the series on Wednesday before the series shifts back to Lambton County. The third game is at Alvinston on Saturday at 5:15, followed by a contest in Watford, Sunday at 3.



SQUEEZE PLAY



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Josh Graham is in the middle of the squeeze play as the LCCVI Lancer tries to take the ball up the court in a home game loss against Great Lakes. The Juniors lost to the Wolfpack, 60-17 in the final regular season contests Thursday. The teams meet in the semi-finals Wednesday at 5 pm in Sarnia. Meantime, North Lambton was eliminated losing 50-49 to Ridgetown.

Lancers now 5-1 in high school hockey season

LCCVI improved to 5-1 with a 5-0 win over Great Lakes in LKSSAA boys hockey last week.

Tanner Hull, Will Hull, Ty Moffatt, Brayden Fryfogle and Logan Lassaline scored for the Lancers. Cole Hudson had two assists.

The Lancers close out the regular season with games against St. Pat's at Clearwater on Wednesday at 3 and a final regular season matchup with first place Northern at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena on Thursday at 2:30.

Meantime, North Lambton fell

to 1-5 on the campaign losing 6-3 to the Wolfpack Monday. Ryan Richardson led the Eagles with a goal and two assists. On the girls side of the ledger, LCCVI wraps up its regular season Thursday at Greenwood. The Lady Lancers skate up against St. Pat's at 3 pm.

Hyde gets first college hoop points in Lion blowout

Rookie Mason Hyde played seven minutes off the bench for Lambton College last weekend scoring the first two points of his young collegiate career. The LCCVI grad also added

three rebounds and an assist in Lambton's 123-77 win over Canadore College. The Lions have now won four straight and are 9-8 overall. The Lions are at home

to Humber and Sheridan this Saturday and Sunday respectively. Lambton is also hosting the OCAA men's tournament, March 6-8 at the Lions Den.

Another lacrosse option for Florence's Dawson

Kyle Dawson will have another option this summer to play lacrosse. The Florence product was taken in the fifth round by

Nanaimo in the BC. Senior A Lacrosse draft last Thursday. He played with the Timbermen's junior franchise last season collecting 25 goals and 47

points and was chosen the league's Most Sportsmanlike Player. Dawson was also recently selected by Brampton in the Ontario Senior A.

One last shipment of hockey equipment heading North

It is the final shipment. After 20 years of helping indigenous hockey players in Attawapiskat First Nation, Ken Dwinnell is stepping away from the project he first began as part of an outreach project with his church. Throughout the year the former Petrolia hockey coach

collected used equipment which is shipped to the far north community. There, families can find exactly what their young hockey players need - everything from skates to sweaters and protective gear. Dwinnell says hockey equipment is a scarce commodity in the north. "If

there are a couple of kids in the same family all playing, they would have to wait for the first one to be done to use the equipment." Dwinnell is giving up the volunteer job, but says if there is someone willing to take on the project, they should call him at 519-381-5507.

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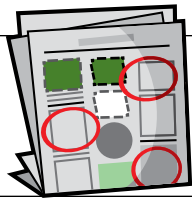
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Obituary



FOURNIE
Robert George

Robert George passed away at C.E.E. Bluewater Health, Petrolia on **Thursday, February 06, 2020** at the **age of 79**. Beloved husband of Audrey Fournie (nee Vansickile). Loving father of Lisa (Dave) Randall, the late Greg (2017) (Rebecca) Fournie, Jeff (Bobbi) Fournie. Cherished grandfather Alanna, Nicholas, Kassidy and Robert. Survived by his niece Cheryl. Predeceased by his parents Orlo and Helen (nee Rumbold) Fournie and sister Anna Slater. Robert retired from the Operators Union Local 793 and in his retirement he was an avid camper, enjoyed spending time with family and tinkering on projects, taking care of his wife and their home. **Cremation has taken place and a private family graveside will be held at Bear Creek Cemetery.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to Heart and Stoke Foundation or Kidney Foundation. Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca. Steadman Brothers 519-864-1193.

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Obituary



FISHER
Joan

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of JOAN FISHER (nee Johnson) on **Monday, February 3, 2020** at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia, at the age of **83**. Loving wife to the late Fred Fisher (2000). Joan is survived by her sister Susan (Jack) Rafuse and thier daughter Jacqueline, sister Eileen Paquett, sister-in-law Roxie Johnson, Don and Brenda Whynot all of Nova Scotia, and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother Ingram Johnson. Joan was an avid knitter and donated many newborn infant hats to the Women's Auxillary at our local hospitals. She loved to read, and had a passion for baking and decorating gingerbread houses with friends and had a very giving spirit, sharing her talent with many children throughout the years. She will be missed by many good friends. **At Joan's request, a private graveside service celebration will take place in the spring at Hillsdale Cemetery in Petrolia.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (ceehf.ca) or the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home. Memories and condolences may be shared on-line at www.needhamjay.com.

In Memory

JOHNSON
In loving memory of a great dad, grandpa and great papa, **Arnold Johnson** who passed away **7 years ago - February 18, 2013**. *His charming ways & smiling face, Are a pleasure to recall. Fond memories linger everyday, Remembrance keeps him near. He had a loving word for each, And died beloved by all.*
Fondly remembered and missed by Elaine, Len, Kathy Linda & Larry & Families

In Memory

Howard Bryans
Feb. 12, 2011

Your life was a blessing.
Your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.

Love Mavis and Family

Card of Thanks

Thank You

The family of the late Robert Elliott would like to thank family, friends & neighbours for acts of kindness, flowers, food, charitable donations, visits, cards and phone calls after Bob's passing on January 7, 2020.

Also thanks to Four Counties Hospital Staff, Firemen, Ambulance and Police. Special thanks to the Pall Bearers, Flower Bearers, Ministers, Badder Robinson Funeral Home and the United Church Women for the delicious lunch.

Margaret Vogt-Elliott, Dorothy Vogt and the Elliott Families

Card of Thanks

William Bill Dobbin

On behalf of the family of the late William (Bill) Dobbin, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to EMS crew; Dr. Chu and all the CEEH Emergency staff; Dr. L. Lam - Family Physican; Steven and all the staff at Needham-Jay Funeral Home; Town of Petrolia employee's who work at cemetary and who took time to come to the reception; the Lion's Hall group of devoted individuals who prepared the hall and lunch; Mrs. Marie McNally who officiated at the funeral service; and ALL the friends and neighbours who took the time to come to the reception, sent cards and gave heartfelts words.

THANK YOU

Card of Thanks

Thank You

I wish to thank all of my family for their comfort and support during this difficult time of Dale's illness and passing. The hospice visits, calls, delicious food, cards, flowers and donations were wonderful from family and friends. The thoughtfulness will forever be remembered.

Special thanks to all the wonderful nurses who cared for Dale in the Hospice, also Dr. Daniel, Dr. Madison, Dr.Crombeem, Dr.Khan and all the great volunteers we encountered during this time. Forever etched in my mind.

Thanks to Rev. Cameron for the lovely tribute, Needham Jay Funeral Home for their support, and the Branch 216 Legion Ladies for all their hard work preparing a lovely lunch.

Gail Moore & Family

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Feb 13	11:30-1:30p	Corunna	Corunna United Church "Soup On" Luncheon. Serving soups, bread & Dessert. Take out available. All Welcome	519-862-1040
Feb 14	7:30pm	Sarnia	Sarnia Rock & Fossil Club Meeting at Twin Lakes Terrace Retirement Home (1310 Murphy Rd)	519-869-2003
Feb 15	12 Noon	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion Pool Tournament with Catch the Ace at 6pm	519-898-2100
Feb 15	1-3pm	Sarnia	Marilyn Gladu MP Meet & Greet @ Lambton Mall Food Court Candidate for Leader of Conservative Party of Canada	
Feb 15	1-4pm	Sarnia	Sarnia Legion "Jam at the Legion" Musicians are invited to join in. Please bring instruments.	519-328-0964
Feb 15	7:30-11:30p	Wyoming	Valentine Dance at the Wyoming Legion. Music by Heritage Fiddlers. \$10/person Advance tickets only	519-845-0072
Feb 16	1-3pm	Sarnia	JNAAG: Family Sunday Drop In - New Lands	jnaag.ca
Feb 19	9:30am	Camlachie	Bible Study Group at the Camlachie United Church. No registration required. Discusses about The Book of James	519-899-4720
Feb 19	12 Noon	Corunna	Lambton Elderly Outreach Diners Club at the at Wellings of Corunna (180 Bunker Ave). \$10/person	519-845-1353 Ext 258
Feb 20	1-4pm	Sarnia	JNAAG: Family Feast	jnaag.ca
Feb 21	7pm	Petrolia	St. Philips Parish Card Parties	519-882-4840

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS

DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mondays	1:15p	Oil Springs	Social/Euchre @ Oil Springs United	226-307-0929
Mondays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Fun Darts	519-876-2360
2nd Mon	7:00p	Petrolia	Margaret Stokes Chapter IOOE Meeting	519-882-2073
Tuesdays	4:30p	Petrolia	TOPS Weight Loss Support @ Meadowview Villa	
Tuesdays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Progressive Euchre	519-876-2360
Tuesdays	7:00p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toast Masters @ St. Andrews	519-882-0946
2nd Tues	7:00p	Petrolia	Meadowview Villa Card Party	519-845-1198
E/O Tues	12noon	Wyoming	P-W Agricultural Society Lunch & Euchre	519-845-3661
Weds	7:30p	Oakdale	IOOF Euchre Card Parties @ Oakdale Hall	
3rd Wed	1-4pm	Petrolia	Kenny J & Friends Musical Jumboree @Pet Legion	519-882-1557
Thursdays	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
1st Thurs	11am	Sarnia	Parkinson's Support Group @Strangway Centre	519-336-3286
3rd Thurs	7:00p	Oil Springs	Optimists Meat Bingo @ The Youth Centre	519-834-2152
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
2nd Fri	Noon	Wyoming	Wyoming Burns Lodge - Mens Card Parties	519-899-2264
4th Fri	Noon	Wyoming	Wyoming Rebekah Lodge - Womens Card Parties	519-899-2264
E/O Fri	7pm	Oil Springs	Srs. Card Parties @ United Church	519-882-4697
3rd Sat	1-4pm	Sarnia	Sarnia Legion "Jam at the Legion" Open To All	519-328-0964

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