

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS



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Hundreds of volunteers spread out across rural Lambton County to collect food donations during Neighbour 2 Neighbour - Rural Lambton's Biggest Food Drive Saturday. Here, volunteer coordinator, Laurissa Ellsworth and Demi Krall of the Petrolia Enniskillen Agricultural Society, look over the mounds of food at Vanderwal Homes' warehouse. Organizers are still trying to figure out exactly how many pounds of food was donated, however Ellsworth calls the way the community responded "incredible." For more photos and information on the food drive see page 8.

Petrolia plaza expected in March or April

Heather Wright
The Independent

The new owner of a Petrolia plaza development hopes to have construction complete by March. Hardeep Grewal took over the development from Wayne Zhang. Zhang received approval for the plaza in May 2019. It had been in the works for a year already. At the time, he expected the car wash, gas bar, variety store and McDonald's to open by Dec. 2020. But delays in planning a turn lane on the corner of Petrolia Line and Oil Heritage Road to get access to

the plaza stalled. By July, Zhang had hoped to begin building by late summer, but construction crews only began digging last week. Petrolia officials welcomed the new developer and had a chat with Grewal at the site Friday. "I was approached by McDonald's with this opportunity," says Grewal, noting there had been "complications" with the previous developer. When Grewal took over, all the necessary approvals were in place, so they only needed a local contractor to take on the job. "Our plan is by March, that's our commitment to



Construction is underway at the corner of Petrolia Line and Oil Heritage Road McDonald's," says Grewal. "This is all depends on as you know we are getting into winter ...and you know always it is just a little tentative time; it is always beyond that."

Petrolia back in the yard waste business

Heather Wright
The Independent

After years of discussion and thousands of dollars in consultant fees, Petrolia council has finally approved moving the town's yard waste services to Maude Street again. In 2017, the compost site there was shutdown by town staff after the Ministry of the Environment had a surprise inspection. It passed down seven areas of concern - mostly bookkeeping problems - and staff felt it couldn't operate the depot anymore. So, in a matter of weeks, it made a deal with Waste Management to host a transfer site on Progress Drive for about \$28,500 a year. Residents complained and reopening the compost site became an election issue. When the new council took office, Coun-

cillor Ross O'Hara repeatedly asked when the town would return to composting. But a recent report outlined there would be significant start up costs for a station on Maude St. - about \$54,000 according to staff. And the site wouldn't have composting - it would simply be another transfer station. Several residents asked council to consider encouraging home composting instead since it would be better for the environment and save money. But Monday, council turned down the idea and decided to move the transfer site to Maude St. again and staff it with employees. Councillor Joel Field spoke against the idea, calling it "the same parking lot but on the end of Maude St." Councillors asked staff to keep the start up costs as low as possible.

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COVID case linked to Riverview School

Heather Wright
The Independent

Riverview Central School in Port Lambton is dealing with a case of COVID-19.

The school confirmed the case to parents on Friday.

It's not clear whether the person is a staff member or student. "At this time, Lambton Public Health does not feel there is any impact to the school, nor

are they dismissing any students or staff," says the website advisory.

Lambton Public Health has sent a letter to all parents about the case. "Public Health is working closely with the school community and is contacting any individuals (students and staff) who may have been in potential contact with the virus," the letter says.

Lambton Public Health will only call close contacts of confirmed cases. If you have not been contacted, you

have not been in close contact with the confirmed case.

There were 79 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ontario schools – at least 39 of those were students.

Only one school is closed in the province.

There are eight people fighting COVID-19 in Lambton. There were five new cases over the weekend, as well as some recoveries, according to Lambton's Medical Officer of Health.

Food borne salmonella sickens 180 in Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton's Medical Officer of Health says they may never find what caused a salmonella outbreak which made 180 people ill.

Dr. Sudit Ranade says nine people were in hospital and there have been 41 confirmed cases of salmonella after outbreak linked to the Barakat restaurant in Sarnia. "That makes it a fairly significant non-COVID outbreak in this area," he says noting a food-borne illness outbreak like this has not been seen for years in Lambton.

The people affected range in age from nine months old to 73 years.

Ranade says both the number of people infected and their age ranges are "significant."

Ranade says customers who ate at the Lambton Mall Rd. restaurant and at a food truck Barakat operates in Corunna have both contracted salmonella. Both these locations have closed voluntarily.

The search for what caused the outbreak continues.

"We're continuing to work with both the premises and also in our lab colleagues to determine if there is a confirmed source," says Ranade.

"Just to set your expectations... There

are many, many food borne outbreak investigations where the source is not determined or finalized by the end of it.

"There's no guarantee that we'll be able to actually have that source. But, I think that we'll be able to say when those places reopened that we don't believe there's any residual risk of ongoing infection."

Ranade says he doesn't expect any orders to be issued against Barakat for the incident.

"At the time that we can... ensure ourselves that there's no more ongoing risk than we'll be working with the premises toward reopening. They've been very good to work with in this case," says Ranade.

But the work has been time consuming. So much so, that the health unit's plans to help Peel Region with contact tracing for its rising number of COVID-19 cases had to be shelved.

Monday, there were 279 new cases there and the GTA region is in what the province calls the Red Zone, with the strictest controls on gathering and business before lockdown.

The regional health unit there imposed stricter controls including shutting down wedding receptions until the new year.

Officials said they were reaching

out to other health units for help on contract tracing and moving patients from local hospitals "all around the province."

Dr. Ranade said Lambton was ready to pitch in to help, but when the salmonella outbreak occurred.

"We had been prepared to do that until we got our salmonella outbreak. And that actually required us to redirect some of those (COVID-19 contact tracing) resources to now handle that situation," he says.

Meantime, public health continues to look for people who may have become sick after eating at Barakat.

People consumed food from the restaurant and food truck between Oct. 19-29, but Ranade says 90 per cent of these cases occurred between Oct. 21-25. Anyone who ate at either location during these dates and experiences symptoms of salmonella – which include diarrhea, fever, stomach cramps and vomiting – are asked to contact public health, and advised to contact their health care provider.



Dr. Sudit Ranade



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NOTICE OF THE PASSING
OF A ZONING BY-LAW**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Petrolia passed By-Law No. 48 of 2020 on the 9th day of November, 2020, under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

THE BY-LAW AMENDS the Town of Petrolia's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 63 of 2017 by changing the zoning on five lots described as Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Registered Plan 74 and a closed portion of Valentina Street. The property is located between Edward Street and Petrolia Line. The amendment rezones the property from "Residential - 1 (R1)" to a site-specific "Residential - 3 (R3-5)" zone. The "R3-5" zone allows development of the property for a 50-unit townhouse development. The zone requires the townhouse dwellings to be a maximum of one-storey in height.

The zone requires a minimum lot frontage of 20 metres. Townhouse dwellings are required to be located a minimum of 10.5 metres from the west lot line and a minimum of 10.25 metres from the east lot line. Two townhouse dwellings are required to be located a minimum of 8 metres from the south and north lot lines and a minimum of 3 metres from the west lot line.

Roofs over patios are allowed to project a maximum of 3.5 metres into any required setback. Accessory buildings, structures or uses are required to be located at least 10 metres from any lot line.

THE KEY MAP shows more particularly the subject lands.

APPEALS to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in respect of the By-law may be made by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Petrolia a written notice of appeal, **not later than the 30th day of November, 2020**, setting out the reasons for the appeal and accompanied by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal fee made payable to the Minister of Finance.



IF A PERSON or public body did not make oral or written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the by-law was passed; the person or public body is **not entitled to appeal** the By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. **Only individuals**, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Town of Petrolia Council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.


A COMPLETE COPY of the By-law is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Town of Petrolia Municipal Office at **411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON**

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MAJOR CLEAN UP



ALEX KURIAL/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Lambton OPP are investigating after a transport truck and a truck with a large trailer collided on Petrolia Line and Brigden Road. Lambton Emergency Medical Services were called to the scene as were St. Clair Firefighters around 9 am Friday. It is not clear if there were injuries or what exactly happened as police are still investigating.

More study needed before Glenview rezoning

Heather Wright
The Independent

Nancy Hind says a plan to put more houses is a “square peg going into a round hole.”

Hind, a First Avenue resident, was speaking during a proposed Official Plan amendment and rezoning application by an Ontario numbered company wanting to put more housing into the Glenview Subdivision.

The developers hope to build 46 more homes around the golf course.

In the last year, the developers had some of the land rezoned from open space to residential so the development could come together.

The first homes in Glenview Estates were built in the 1990s around the historic golf course.

The latest subdivision is tucked between holes 15, 16 and 17 and a pond which is the backyard of the homes fronting on First Street.

Another development of 92 homes is

planned around hole 14.

Ray Dobbin, who is working with the company, says the big concern about these two developments is drainage.

He’s been working with the Ministry of the Environment on a plan which would ensure the water quality which will be heading into the existing pond in the area.

Dobbin says the developers are hopeful, with council’s approval, to begin construction in the area in 2022.

Petrolia Council held a public meeting Monday to talk about the proposed change to the official plan and the zoning. Planner Rob Nesbitt says the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has some concerns about the development. He’s recommended the developer study the issues further before council makes a decision.

Hind, who lives on First St. was one of the people to speak against the idea of allowing more homes in an area she says has a lot of wildlife including deer, mink and frogs.

“Until you have actually walked this and lived in this area, you have no idea what is going on here...it is more valuable than a subdivision.”

Hind says many trees including red oak and hickory will have to be removed for roads.

“Council is not being pressured to develop this area at this time; an industry is not coming.” she added.

Walter Brand, who operates a historical oil field near by, is concerned about more development. “It is a historical fact that no oil producing property in our cradle of the oil industry, Victorian Oil Town, has survived residential encroachment,” he wrote in a letter to council.

He says the regulations for oil well setbacks from a home will not protect his operation- which has been in operation 150 years - from residential encroachment.

Council will review the issue at its Dec. 14 meeting.

Warwick’s mayor seeks deputy warden’s position

Heather Wright
The Independent

Warwick Mayor Jackie Rombouts is the latest to put her name forward for one of the top jobs in Lambton County.

Today, during a virtual county council meeting, Rombouts announced she would seek the deputy warden’s position during the December election among the elected leaders of the county.

Sarnia Councillor Mike Stark previously announced he would seek

the position.

There will also be a race for warden. Current warden, Lambton Shores Mayor Bill Weber, is seeking a third term at the helm of council. Deputy warden, Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott is also seeking the top job.

Members of county council elect the warden and deputy warden. Normally, politicians interested in the job announce their intentions during a warden’s dinner earlier in the year. That dinner didn’t take place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic will also change the election which is steeped in tradition. The council chambers in Wyoming is normally packed with family and friends as well as past wardens to watch the election unfold. Once the decision is made, the new warden is brought back into the council chamber in the tricornd hat and robes to the sound of the pipes

This year, councillors have voted to hold the election in a virtual meeting Dec. 2.

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Editorial

The power of community

Often on the pages of a newspaper, people expect bad news. In community newspapers, we try to reflect the good things of the places we live as well.

This week, it is not hard.

The very best of the community was on display this weekend as hundreds of people across Lambton County got together to help those in need. And the response was overwhelming.

Volunteers started planning Neighbour 2 Neighbour - Rural Lambton's Biggest Food Drive a month ago with the idea of making sure food security programs, like food banks and school nutrition programs, would have enough to meet the need during the pandemic. It's obvious, the economic stability of the region has taken a hit, as people faced layoffs during the mandated shut-downs. The group didn't know how that would affect what people might give.

But they had faith in the generosity of the community. All had seen in their own corners of Lambton how people step forward in a time of need. So, they planned, collected boxes and said a small prayer that they would be filled.

As soon as the drive was announced, the volunteers started stepping forward. Some wanted to go door-to-door, some wanted to sort food. Others wanted to give money or food right away.

Then Saturday, as the volunteers fanned out across the county, the power of community was seen. With each box of cereal and can of food, neighbours reached out to help their neighbours in need.

At the writing of this editorial, volunteers are still trying to put a figure on how much was given; safe to say it was thousands and thousands of pounds of food.

An event like this takes organization. But what is needed the most is heart. Without warm and generous hearts, all the organizing in the world won't put food on people's tables.

So, the people of Lambton County need to be thanked.

You showed us once again the power of community to help a neighbour.

Letters to the Editor

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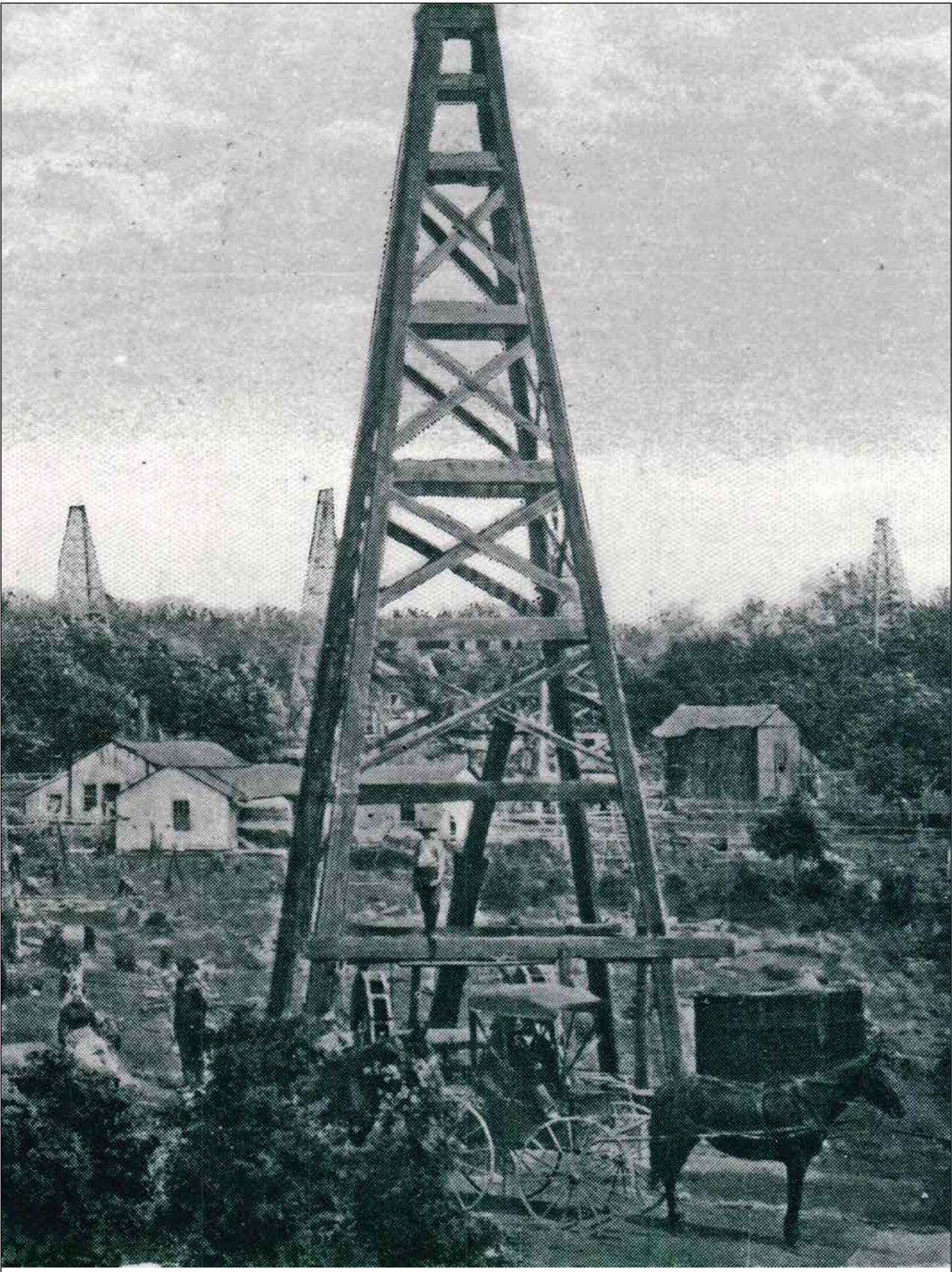
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Our Story



DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION PHOTO

A beautiful postcard from the Dave Burwell collection of Petrolia called "In the Heart of Oil Country." It's not clear when the postcard was created.

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Camlachie’s quiet Remembrance

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

It was a quiet remembrance at the Camlachie cenotaph Sunday. Families laid wreaths without a crowd. A piper played Amazing Grace and the 403 Honour Wing flew overhead Sunday to mark Remembrance Day.



St. Clair pushes rates up as much as 122 per cent

Costs increase due to COVID-19

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

St. Clair residents will be looking at increased fees at the pool, fitness center and golf course next year as the township attempts to recoup losses from COVID-19 closures.

One of the biggest jumps will come through the year-long aqua fitness membership. The existing annual price of \$225 will go up 122 per cent to \$500.

The fitness center is where most of the big leaps will take place though. A one-year single membership goes from \$275 to \$617.50 - up 125 per cent

- with the equivalent senior’s price going to \$522.50 from this year’s \$255 or an extra 105 per cent.

A one-year membership for couples goes from \$450 to \$731.25 which is up 63 per cent and a one-year family from \$600 to \$926.25 - up 54 per cent.

Six-month passes will be getting the same treatment: a single pass goes from \$200 to \$325 - up 63 per cent, a senior from \$175 to \$275 a 57 per cent increase, a couple from \$255 to \$487.50 - up 91 per cent, and a family pass from \$450 to \$682.50 - up 52 per cent.

The golf course won’t be escaping the rate hikes either. The biggest percentage increase will be for a nine-hole cart, jumping 77 per cent from \$9.04 to \$20. An 18-hole cart goes from \$18.08 to \$30, up 47 per cent.

Most other golf services will go up by 10 per cent. The biggest dollar increase will be on the family membership with two adults and up to three children, which rises from \$2,825 to \$3,107.50 that’s up 10 per cent.

Mayor Steve Arnold says he expects the biggest push back to the new rates will be from golfers.

“I did have some feedback that they were disappointed that we put the price up for golfing as much as we did,” Arnold says.

But he added that without mass distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine on the horizon, these prices aren’t likely to come down if people want the course to operate, since the increased cleaning fees have to be factored in.

The new fitness center and pool prices will begin on Apr. 1, 2021, while the new golf course fees will start on New Year’s Day.

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The Oil Springs Optimist Club members got a good look at a new pavilion built by JD Renovations at Optimist Park recently. The Oil Springs Legion members were also on hand to present \$5,000 for the project- made through their bingo proceeds at Jackpot Bingo. Pictured here from left to right are Adam Veen, Poppy Fund chair and Alan Byers, President of Legion Br 535 Oil Springs are donating their cheque for the project to Mike Callaghan, president, Laurie Byers, Ken and Laura McLeod, members of the Oil Springs Optimist Club.

Broadband cash could help improve Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton officials are hoping there will be more money for internet projects in the region after the province threw more money into the pot for projects.

Premier Doug Ford says an additional \$680 million will be directed toward internet projects in Ontario. That brings Ontario’s total spending on getting internet to rural areas to \$1 billion.

Lambton Warden Bill Weber is pleased more cash is available.

“Lambton County has done very well

with the projects we have got so far,” he says noting SWIFT has already spent \$17 million in Lambton County which was considered underserved.

“I think this is another boost as the province realizes what broadband is needed in rural areas.”

Weber isn’t sure how much of the new money might land in Lambton considering the province is looking to get the most “bang for its buck.”

Robert Wilks, Lambton’s manager of Information Technology, says there are still a number of areas which need help. And this money may fill those needs.

“They’ll spring off the projects that

are already out there,” says Wilks.

“There are still pockets of homes and businesses in most local municipalities that are still under-served throughout Lambton County, for the most part, in the more sparsely populated rural areas.

“Before SWIFT, roughly 8,600 premises - homes/businesses/farms - in Lambton were considered under-served.”

“The five SWIFT projects are making a huge difference in Lambton getting broadband services to over 4,600 of those underserved homes and businesses, fixing over 53 per cent of the problem in Lambton.”

Petrolia admits mistake was made which led to land deal

Heather Wright
The Independent

All Norm Sutherland wanted was an explanation.

But he was having a hard time getting it.

The long-time Petrolia Council observer asked in September about the purchase of some land in the Giampietri subdivision. He wanted to know how much it cost and why it was done.

Council didn’t directly answer Sutherland.

So Monday, he returned to council. Sutherland, who was an engineer who helped create over 80 subdivisions in his time, said he was shocked that the town would pay for about 2,000 square meters of land for an “enormous amount of money” when in most subdivision agreements - all that he

has worked on - transfer land for \$1 instead.

“This should have never happened,” says Sutherland.

Sutherland wanted to know why the fees weren’t worked out in 1992 - when Mayor Brad Loosley was the clerk.

Loosley says the town went into negotiations with the subdivider.

Councillor Joel Field, who sits on a committee overseeing development, says the developer approached the town.

He says a mistake was made at the time in 1992. But he said council purchased the land to move another development ahead to the north of Giampietri’s subdivision.

And he says the money the town paid will be returned to the town in development fees from the new developer to the north.

Councillor Marty Souch put it another way. “That was our entrance to progress...now we are going to have another subdivision on the go.”

Sutherland appreciated Field’s explanation and hoped the town - which has hundreds of lots in development - will make sure this doesn’t happen again.

Council has not disclosed how much was paid for the land, telling Sutherland the amount would show up in the accounts listing. Town officials were not immediately available to answer how much was spent.

Sutherland complained that the council wasn’t as transparent as many had promised during 2018. And he laid blame on *The Independent*, saying it didn’t report what was going on at Petrolia council like it used to. Sutherland said he was simply trying to find out what was going on for the taxpayer.

CORRECTION; In a story in the Nov. 5, 2020 edition of *The Independent* stated the Plympton-Wyoming Agriculture Society donated \$10,000 to the new wellness center. The group in fact donated \$25,000. The Independent regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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a) Rural water rates would increase by 5% in 2021 which means a difference of **\$5.67** per **quarterly** billing on **minimum** water charges.

b) Sewer rates would increase by 5% in 2021 which means a difference of **\$5.37** per **quarterly** billing on **minimum** sewer charges.

**SCHEDULE “Ai”
PART 1 – RURAL METERED WATER/SEWER
Effective January 1, 2021**

URBAN WATER RATES (billed quarterly) **

Minimum Water Charge: up to 33 cubic metres quarterly	\$119.28 *
33.00001 to 171 cubic metres quarterly	1.8727/m3
Over 171 cubic metres quarterly	1.6365/m3

*Minimum water rate = \$3.6148/m3

SEWER RATES (billed quarterly) **

Minimum Sewer Rate: up to 33 cubic metres quarterly	\$112.65 *
33.00001 to 171 cubic metres quarterly	1.7677/m3
Over 171 cubic metres quarterly	1.5448/m3

* Minimum sewer rate = \$3.4136/m3
** Subject to rounding on billings.

The Township of Warwick
**PUBLIC NOTICE
WATER AND SEWER RATES**

In accordance with Provincial Legislation, Water & Waste Water Rate need to be increased annually in order to be sustainable; therefore effective **January 1, 2021** increases will be adjusted as follows:

a) Urban water rates would increase by 5% in 2021 which means a difference of **\$1.89** per **monthly** billing on **minimum** water charges.

b) Urban rates will increase by 5% in 2021 which means a difference of **\$1.79** per **monthly** billing on **minimum** sewer charges.

**SCHEDULE “Aii”
PART 1 – URBAN METERED WATER/SEWER
Effective January 1, 2021**

URBAN WATER RATES (billed monthly) **

Minimum Water Charge: up to 11 cubic metres monthly OR up to 2,420 gallons monthly	\$39.76 *
11.00001 to 57 cubic metres monthly OR 2420.00001 to 12,540 gallons monthly	1.8727/m3 .008511/gal.
Over 57 cubic metres monthly OR over 12,540 gallons monthly	1.6365/m3 .007443/gal.

*Minimum water rate = \$3.6148/m3 or \$.016432/gal.

SEWER RATES (billed monthly) **

Minimum Sewer Rate: up to 11 cubic metres monthly OR 2,420 gallons monthly	\$37.55*
11.00001 to 57 cubic metres monthly OR 2,420.00001 gallons to 12,540 gallons monthly	1.7677/m3 .008035/gal.
Over 57 cubic metres monthly OR over 12,540 gallons monthly	1.5448/m3 .007020/gal.

* Minimum sewer rate = \$3.4136/m3 or \$.015516/gal.
** Subject to rounding on billings.

Neighbours came out to help Neighbours as thousands of pounds of food donated

The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad is overwhelmed by the support of his community.

Broad served as the community leader for Neighbour 2 Neighbour - Rural Lambton’s Biggest Food Drive. He watched as pickup trucks full of food came into the Florence Community Centre Saturday in response to a call to help out neighbours facing food insecurity.

In the end, some of the 30 volunteers sorted through over 250 boxes of donations, everything from soup, to cereal and soap.

The drive also collected over \$5,800 in donations for the local food banks and school nutrition programs.

Dawn-Euphemia - with under 900 homes - brought in 250 large boxes of food. Broad called the day “unbelievable.”

The story was the same across rural Lambton. Community Leader Laurissa Ellsworth stood in the middle of a warehouse with over 500 boxes of canned goods near her.

She says at one point, the bags of food covered half of the floor of the warehouse. She called the day “Incredible. Our community is amazing; it always pulls together for things like this astoundingly. Every time.”

In nearby Enniskillen, Mary Lynne McCallum and her volunteers filled a large trailer with donations and collected nearly \$4,000 in donations.

The most moving tribute came from a family who gave a \$250 donation in honour of their daughter who had died several years ago on the same day.

They weren’t the only ones receiving heartfelt donations.

Volunteers unpacking donations at the Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre in Florence found home-baked cookies with stickers saying they were for the volunteers.

The also found a poem, written by a resident, about the day’s event.

Broad says it was a heart-warming thank you to the volunteers.

And he says one man, who had known what it was like to be hungry as a kid, brought in two pickup trucks filled with boxes for the Dawn-Euphemia drive. In Camlachie, Community Leader Tim Wilkins was bowled over by the generosity of the community. “I didn’t know what to expect and it totally blew me away how much people give,” he says.

He says over 12,000 pounds of food have been collected.

In many places, it is hard to estimate how much food was collected. In Forest, food stretched along a wall of Kimball Hall. In Oil Springs, boxes of sorted cans and goods sat on and under tables around the Youth Centre.

The donations were counted by pickup loads in Wyoming. Community leader Steve McGrail says six

pickup trucks were packed with food and will head to the Petrolia Food Bank.

The donations from Brooke-Alvinston will be going to the Alvinston Food Bank. Community Leader, Dan Cumming, says food bank representatives were overwhelmed with the food donations, estimated to be around 2,680 pounds.

There will also be a cash

donation coming their way. Cumming auctioned off a can of soup which went for over \$1,000.

The drive was modelled after the May 16 Miracle in Chatham-Kent where hundreds of thousands of pounds of food were donated.

Organizers hope to release an estimate of the food collected this week.

Two men fined after pot shop raid

Two raids lead to over \$200K in drugs seized
Many face fines

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

Hefty fines have been handed out to two men involved in drug raids at an Aamjiwnaang cannabis shop. Derek Donkers, 35 from Sarnia, and Steven Caza, 38 from Windsor, were in Sarnia court on Nov. 6 pleading guilty to charges under the Cannabis Act. The men were involved with illegal sales of the drug made from the Pot of Gold cannabis store on St. Clair Pkwy on the Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

The first incident took place in Dec. 2018. Sarnia Police’s Vice Unit had been observing the business for some time and suspected illegal sales were taking place. While the store was licensed to sell cannabis, all product sold must come from greenhouses operated by Health Canada. The Vice Unit believed this wasn’t the case at Pot of Gold.

The Unit received a warrant on Dec. 20 and moved into the business – being operated out of a sea container on the property – at 3:30 pm.

Four employees inside were arrested. In addition to Donkers, Ryan Bressette, 37 from Aamjiwnaang, Arnold Mayers, 62 of Corunna, and Ricardo Tersigni, 20 of Sarnia, were taken into custody.

Police found a massive amount of drugs inside, including 22 pounds of fresh cannabis worth \$99,000, edibles and other cannabis products worth \$12,752, and \$9,260 in cash.

Pot of Gold was right back in the eyes of the law less than six months later when their actions drew the attention of the Provincial Joint Forces Cannabis Enforcement Team, made up of officers from the OPP and Sarnia Police.

The team found that the business owner, 40-year-old Melissa Portelance from

Corunna, had previously been charged under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

This helped the team obtain warrants to once again search Pot of Gold, along with a Corunna home on Secretariate Dr. and two vehicles.

At 12:45 pm on June 6 the OPP and Sarnia Vice Unit conducted simultaneous raids at the two locations.

The Corunna house was empty, and as officers prepared to enter Pot of Gold they saw two men closing up the shop.

The two men then took off through a large patch of tall grass next to the property.

Police pursued the two men to Chippewa Cres. on the other side of the tall grass field. They had taken off in a Hyundai car, but were quickly stopped by nearby police. Inside the Hyundai were Jeremy Carey, 34 from Sarnia, Marc Henderson, 27 from Sarnia, and Christopher Lagrone, 37 from Windsor. All three were arrested.

This raid yielded even more illicit material than the previous one.

Thousands of grams of illegal cannabis was discovered, along with thousands of cannabis-related items including edibles, gummies, oils, packets, syringes, cigarettes, and more. Cash, bear spray, electronics, surveillance cameras and other merchandise was also discovered.

The total value estimate of all items seized was \$134,180.

Caza’s role in the operation was discovered when a search of one of the vehicles turned up his driver’s license. It was later revealed that the police’s request for a warrant was strengthened when Donkers unknowingly sold cannabis to an undercover officer just days before the raid.

“The facts speak to the extent of the enterprise,” Justice Deborah Austin says during sentencing.

She imposed fines totalling \$4,000 for Caza, and \$4,500 for Donkers as he was involved in both raids.

Neither Donkers or Caza spoke during sentencing. Austin also handed both men lifetime weapons bans and ordered they forfeit any merchandise seized by police.



TOWN OF PETROLIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 AND 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT

APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

OWNER: Elbee Investments Sarnia Ltd.

AGENT: Bob Leaper, Bobcat Developments Petrolia Ltd.

LOCATION: West of Countryview Drive, between Joe Street and Valentina Street

ROLL NO.: 3819-000-030-00120

Purpose and Effect

The proposed official plan amendment would re-designate a portion of the lands owned by Elbee Investments Sarnia Limited and described as Part of Lot 10, Concession 10 & Part 2 RP25R8811 in the Town of Petrolia from “Significant Woodlot” to “Residential”. The Amendment would accommodate a proposed extension of a draft approved plan of subdivision.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment would rezone the above-noted lands from “Significant Woodlot” to “Residential-1 (R1)”.

The attached Key Map is provided to show the general location of the lands to which the Amendments pertain.

In accordance with Section 34(10.4) of the [Planning Act](#), the Town of Petrolia Senior Planner has deemed this rezoning application to be complete for the purposes of Section 34(10.1) and (10.2) of the [Planning Act](#). And, to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment under Section 21 of the Planning Act.

Description and Location of Subject Property

The property is approximately 9.9 hectares (24 acres) in size. The property is located west of Countryview Drive, between Joe Street and Valentina Street.

Public Meeting

Town Council will hold a public meeting to consider the rezoning application on:

Date: Monday December 14th, 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Via Zoom

You are invited to attend the public meeting and to present verbal and written comments regarding this matter.

Other Planning Act Applications

None.

Other Information:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Petrolia to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia 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 Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Petrolia with respect to the proposed by-law, you must submit a written request to the Town Clerk, whose contact information is provided below.

Additional information regarding this application is available for public for inspection at the Town of Petrolia Municipal Office, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, Ontario, N0N 1R0. If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Rob Nesbitt, Town Planner, at 519.882.2350.

DATED AT PETROLIA, ONTARIO this 6th day of November 2020

Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk

Township of Petrolia

411 Greenfield Street

Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0

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APPLICATION FOR ZONING BY-LAW & OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

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West of Countryview Drive, between Joe Street and Valentina Street

Legal Description Part of Lot 10, Concession 10 & Part 2 RP25R8811

(geographic Town of Petrolia)



Town of Petrolia
Key Map

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Lambton residents help their neighbours with ‘incredible’ food drive



Hundreds of volunteers fanned out across Lambton County to collect food donations for local food banks and school nutrition programs Saturday. Neighbour 2 Neighbour was billed as Rural Lambton's Biggest Food Drive and it turned out to be a good title as the food came pouring in as volunteers brought food collected from doorsteps, laneways and rural depots came in. Organizers have yet to fully calculate how many pounds of food has been donated. That is likely to be announced next week. Over \$10,000 was also donated during the drive. See more details on page 6.



Sports

Winter high school sports axed

Barry Wright
The Independent

The latest local sports activity to fall prey to the novel coronavirus is the Lambton Kent high school winter sports season. “LKSSAA student athletic activities remain cancelled until further notice. “This decision is the result of decisions made by the provincial government and local school boards,” stated association President James Clarke in a Sunday post on the LKSSAA website. “This means there will be no organized activities for athletics. No practices or gatherings of student-athletes and coaches in any capacity will be permitted,” added Clarke. The local update followed a decision by the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic

Association (OFSAA) late last week to pull the plug on all provincial championships during the winter season. “After a meeting of our Return to Sports Working Group in recent days, OFSAA’s executive council determined that the current reopening regulations within the province have not progressed to the point where our winter championships and festivals can take place,” OFSAA president Nick Rowe said in a statement. The winter season in Lambton Kent typically consists of boys’ basketball, girls’ volleyball, hockey, curling, swimming and wrestling. The fall season which normally includes football, girls’ basketball, boys’ volleyball, junior soccer, cross country, golf and tennis had previously been cancelled due to the pandemic.



SUBMITTED PHOTO


The Mooretown Flags have been practicing hoping for the opening of the new PJHL season.

Flyers, Flags aim for PJHL season in new year

The Independent

Although nothing has been finalized, it’s expected fans won’t see any Provincial Junior Hockey League action until at least the early stages of 2021. Petrolia Flyers GM Dennis Meston says the league has not had a meeting since the OHL announced its decision to push back its regular season to February 4 at the earliest.

“I think a lot of things will have to come together before anyone is playing anything other than exhibition games,” said Meston in a recent text to *The Independent*. The Flyers and Mooretown Flags continue to workout several times a week, following public health protocols, in hopes of the puck dropping sometime in the future. The league has yet to release a schedule to resume play.



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Obituary



DOUGLAS
Allen

Surrounded by family on **Wednesday, November 4, 2020** at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia, Allen Ross Douglas passed away at the age of **55**. Beloved son to the late Jack (2009) and Shirley Douglas (nee Burr). Dear brother to the late Karen (1975). Allen was dearly loved by his aunts, uncle and many cousins. He had love and passion for farming and also worked as machinist and millwright for over 30 years. **A private family service will be taking place followed by an interment at Hillsdale Cemetery.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (ceehf.ca) or the Canadian Cancer Society (Cancer.ca). Arrangements entrusted to Needham Jay Funeral Home, Petrolia (519) 882-0100 www.needhamjay.com

Obituary




WARD
Allan Robert

Nov. 9, 1932 – Nov. 4, 2020

Just 5 days before his 88th birthday, Allan Robert Ward passed away on Wednesday, **November 4, 2020** at Bluewater Health CEE Site Petrolia, Ontario. Beloved husband of Joan (nee Nottley) Ward for 64 years. Proud father of Carol of Petrolia, Paul (Lynda) of Pickering, Michael of Paisley, Tim (Cecilia) of Chatham, and Joel of Plympton-Wyoming. Poppa to Sarah (David) of Ottawa, and Sofi of Chatham, and several nieces and nephews. Allan was raised on a farm near Oil Springs. He enjoyed telling people about the history of the area. He was a Teacher and Principal for 36 years, beginning his career at 4 ½ Plympton-Wyoming, then to Corunna 2 years later where he spent 22 years at Hill Street, Murray Street and Colborne Street Schools, in Sarnia at George Perry, retiring at Riverview, Sombra-Port Lambton. Real estate called him for a few years until finally retiring to enjoy the lake and gardening at Hillcrest Heights. Allan was an active member of the United Church at Corunna and Forest, and at the Presbytery and Conference level. Predeceased by his parents Robert and Pansy (Smale) Ward, his sister Mary McLean, brothers Jim (Donna), and Wilfred, his nephews Larry Ward, Bob McLean, and niece Betty Lou McCormack. The family would like to thank the many doctors who treated Allan through the years, especially Dr. Robert Borek and Dr. John Butler. We wish to thank the staff at Fiddick's Nursing Home. The good care you provided as well as your kindness to him and his family is so appreciated. Our thanks also to the staff at CEE, your care and compassion made a difficult time much easier. **A private family service will take place. Celebration of Life to follow at a later date.** For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Forest United Church, Heart & Stroke Foundation, or to the Lambton United Church Centre. Online condolences may be left at www.forestfuneralhome.com For more information please call DENNING'S OF FOREST, 519-786-2401

Obituary




BOYD
J. Beverly

Feb. 11, 1940 - Nov. 7, 2020

Passed away peacefully with his family by his side, at his home on **Saturday, November 7, 2020**. Raised in Point Edward, J. Beverly Boyd, of Petrolia, was in his **81st year**. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 60 years Carol (nee Shortt), his sons Michael Boyd and Max (Charlotte) Boyd, and his grandchildren Conor, Riley (Taylor), Ryan, and Collin. He is also the brother of Robert (the late Joyce) Boyd, Clayton (Marlene) Boyd, Joyce (Hank) Vanderzwardt, and Peggy Boyd. Bev was the son of the late William and Ev Boyd and was predeceased by siblings Bill (the late Grace) Boyd, George (the late Annie) Boyd, Geraldine (the late Tom) Haggarty, and Grant Boyd. He was also the brother-in-law of Clint (the late Ruby) Shortt, the late Burton (the late Faye) Shortt, and Leland (Sandy) Shortt. Bev was a longtime and active member of Petrolia/Washington Masonic Lodge No. 194. He was a retired Pipefitter from Polysar, a proud member of Unifor Local 914, and a 20 year board member of Polysar Employees Credit Union. Bev enjoyed many things including following local hockey teams particularly his grandsons teams. He also took great pride in maintaining his gardens and yard, enjoyed traveling to many destinations with Carol, and entertaining family and long-time friends. **Visitors will be received on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Please use the link sign up for a time. <https://signup.com/go/jDznpCt> Please know that due to COVID 19, the province requires masks to be worn at all times in our facility. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. A private memorial service will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. (the service will be live streamed at [Facebook.com/NeedhamJay](https://www.facebook.com/NeedhamJay)). Interment will be in Hillsdale Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca) or the London Regional Cancer Centre (<https://lhsc.ca>). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com.

Obituary



ANNETT
Leone

Surrounded by family on **Sunday, November 8, 2020**, Barbara Ann LEONE ANNETT (nee Melton) passed away at the age of **80 years**. Beloved wife to Jim. Loved mother to Mike and Cathy and their son Connor, Dean and Bridgett and their children Tracy, Basia (Ryan) and Tyler, Todd and Megan and their children Brett, Brooke, Mahdi and Maya, and Tim and Tracy and their children Aidan and Matthew. Leone will be missed by her siblings Lorna (the late Bob) Huggett, Clara (the late Horst) Hirt, and her sister in law Peggy (the late Wayne) Melton. She will also be missed by Jim's siblings, Glen (Edna) Annett, Ila (Roger) Croxall, Sharon (the late Bob) Tinney and Jean (the late Keith) Tully. Predeceased by her parents, George and Alice Melton and her brother and sisters-in-law, Dorothy, (Doug) Davis, Shirley (Albert) Lawes, Marion (Len) Parkhouse, and Carl (Helen) Annett. Leone was a Hockey Mom to her very core. She epitomised what it meant to be a strong and graceful leader for her family, taking care of everything from cooking, canning, cleaning, and the Hockey schedule, to farming and Accounting, all while displaying her warmth and deep abiding love. She was an incredible hostess who took a deep pride in her home and welcomed everyone into their home, which was always immaculate and the grass was always meticulously cared for. She loved Hockey and Baseball, especially the Leafs and the Jays, and country music. She will be remembered especially for her bravery, her selflessness, her love for her family and of course, her famous cherry cheesecake. **A private memorial service will be streamed online on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/NeedhamJay>.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made by cheque to the charity of your choice. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com

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who passed away on November 14, 2019
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In Memory

In loving memory of
Jamilyn Rachell Piggott
November 14th, 2000

*20 years have passed since we
been apart,
There is not a day goes by that
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Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kaitlyn & Rae
xoxo

Jamilyn Rachelle Piggott

*May the winds of heaven blow
softly
and whisper in your ear
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Love Grandma Whiting

In loving memory of
Jamilyn Rachell Piggott
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"Chris"
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DeVRIES, Jurjen "Julius"
Age 88, of Woodstock
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

GOOCH, Judith "Judy"
Age 62, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

RISTAU, Thane
Age 60, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

BOURRET, Marcel
Age 77, of Watford
Denning's of Watford

DOYON, Irene Marie
Age 80, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

SEBELE, Gloria
Age 82, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

BUTTERFIELD, John
Age 88, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

FORBES, Monica
Age 95, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

DOUGLAS, Allen
Age 55, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

CLARK, Clifford
Age 78, of Forest
Denning's of Forest

SILK, Ronald James
Age 86, of Kettle Point
Denning's of Forest

GRIGG, Nora
Age 87, of Mooretown
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapel

WARD, Allan
Age 87, of Forest
Denning's of Forest

FLETCHER, Marjorie
Age 91, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

COLLIER, Ronald
Age 75, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

GELINAS, Ruth
Age 87, of Sarnia
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SCHWEMLER, Matthew
Age 65, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

SHAW, Jean
Age 95, of Corunna
Knight Funeral Home

WEISMILLER, Reita
Age 97, of Forest
Denning's of Forest

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

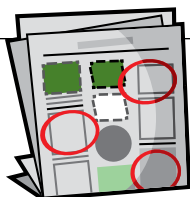
BOYD, Bev
Age 81, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

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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
Nov 12 -14		Petrolia	Petrolia Optimist Online Craft Sale. Visit their Facebook page to purchase items. Over 40 unique craft items for sale. Proceeds will benefit the youth of our community.	
Nov 12	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 13	4-7pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Wing Night at the Petrolia Lions Hall. 10 wings for \$15 served with veggies. Please per-order. Call 519-882-8728 by Nov 12. Take out only.	
Nov 13	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace & 50/50	
Nov 13	7-10pm	Petrolia	Live music by Demi Krall at the Kingswell Clubhouse.	
Nov 14	3:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion Meat Raffle for the Poppy Fund & Catch the Ace at 6pm.	
Nov 14	1-3p	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion Turkey Bacon Wrap Meal. Only \$5. Side of coleslaw included. No need to per-order. Take-out or eat-in. bar open upstairs until 5pm.	
Nov 14	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle & 50/50 Draw	
Nov 18	8-10pm	Petrolia	Join Michael Vanhevel for Trivia Night at Kingswell Clubhouse (4300 Garden Cres). Max Team size of 6.	
Nov 19	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 20	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace & 50/50	519-876-2360
Nov 21	9-2pm	Wyoming	Wyoming Vendor/Craft Show at the Wyoming Legion. 100's of products available. All covid-19 rules will be followed. Lunch Available.	
Nov 21	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle & 50/50 Draw	
Nov 25	7-9pm	Petrolia	ESCAPE! at Kingswell Clubhouse is an Escape Room Style experience all at your table! Teams of 4-6. \$15 a person. Limited availability. To register email ally@petroliahospitality.com to register your team.	
Nov 26	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 26	7-10pm	Petrolia	LCDS Holiday Craft Night at Kingswell Glen Golf Club. \$35 a spot. Create one-of-a-kind holiday decor & enjoy a fun night out! To register please contact Shawna at 519-882-0933 ext10 or email sbelan@lcs.on.ca max group of 6. Cash bar available.	
Nov 27	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace & 50/50	519-876-2360
Nov 28	9am	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion Bake Sale & Dutch Auction. Meat Raffle & Catch the Ace at 3:30pm	
Nov 28	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle & 50/50 Draw	
Nov 28	6-8p	Forest	Forest Santa Claus Parade at Forest Fairgrounds. Enter off Hubbard Line. Entry fee of a canned food. Decorate your car! for more info email ilmanruth@gmail.com	
Nov 29	4:30-6:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston ice Angels Drive Thru Chicken & Rib Dinner at the BAICC. \$20/Meal. Chicken & Rib, baked potato, bkd beans, buns, cookie. Advanced tickets only.	
Dec 2	8-10pm	Petrolia	Join Michael Vanhevel for Trivia Night at Kingswell Clubhouse (4300 Garden Cres). Max Team size of 6.	
Dec 3	4:30-6:30p	Watford	Watford Legion Drive by Turkey Dinner. Dinner includes: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, wold's greatest dressing, dinner roll, dessert. \$20 donation to legion. Cash only. Limited meals. Call Joan @ 519-876-2519 to reserve your meal & pick up time.	
Dec 3	6-8p	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Dec 4	6pm	Petrolia	Petrolia's Lighting of the Lights - Watch Virtually. Go to the Town of Petrolia's Facebook or Youtube Page to watch	
Dec 5	9am-12pm	Petrolia	Santa is coming to town. Santa will be visiting every street in Petrolia. He will be escorted by firetrucks.	
Dec 5	1-3pm	Petrolia	Santa at the Farmer's Market. Join in and get a photo with Santa. Sponsored by the Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club.	
Dec 10	6-8p	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	

To have your event included in the above Calendar of Events the following information is required:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Town: _____

Event Title: _____

Phone # / website: _____

You can drop this off at our office or email the information to us at office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

****Deadline for submitting free events is Mondays at noon.****

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MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 6 FEET (2 METERS) FROM OTHERS & remember to WEAR YOUR MASK!

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Trim Work - Custom Carpentry

329 Centre St., Petrolia
www.bourquerenovations.com

519-882-3344

GB Excavating

Excavating/Septic

Steve Greer
Owner

4396 Nauvoo Rd.
Watford ON
N0M 2S0
519-494-1855

gbexc@brktel.on.ca
gbexcavating.ca

Church DIRECTORY

Christ Church Anglican

414 Oil Street, Petrolia

Sunday Service at 11am

Please follow all Covid-19 guidelines and wear you mask.

Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee
Church Office 519-882-1430
christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

416 Queen Street, Petrolia
(Behind the Post Office)

In this time of Social distancing we invite you to join a virtual congregation and watch the Sunday morning worship at St. Andrew's.
10am Service - Live

www.standrews-petrolia.ca

St. Paul's United Church

4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

St. Paul's United Church is now open to the public for Sunday Services. New protocols will be in place for everyone's safety.

Rev. Susan Cameron
10:30am Service
Church Office: 519-882-1390
stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

First Baptist Church

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

SERVICE SUSPENDED until further notice in compliance with Ontario Corona Virus meeting guidelines

Pastor: Alex Craig
Church Office 519-882-2480
email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com
www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca

Find us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia

Wyoming United Church

730 Second Street, Wyoming

Welcome Back!

We invite you to join our congregation for Sunday Worship at 11am
Masks are required!

Join Us for Worship - All are Welcome
Church Office 519-845-3963
Find us on Facebook

HOT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Bluewater Power was stringing Christmas lights in 22 C heat Friday. The power company volunteers each year to reach the tallest parts of the pine trees with their ladder trucks.

‘Dangerous’ altercation in Watford but no jail

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

A Watford woman will serve no jail time after a “dangerous” altercation with the OPP.

The woman was in court on Nov. 7 to plead to resisting arrest. This incident occurred Apr. 20 after OPP responded to a domestic dispute call at an Ontario St. apartment complex.

Officers arrived just after 10 pm but when they knocked on the door a woman inside yelled “I’m not going to [expletive] answer that.” Eventually she opened the door but refused to let the officers in. Her husband eventually convinced her to allow the police entry.

The woman continued to yell and swear at the officers, briefly leaving the house before returning to restart her verbal tirade at the officers. By this point the woman was foaming at the mouth, according to police and said she was going to attack her husband. When an officer said she would be arrested, the woman responded “[expletive] you I’ll fight.”

The officer put a hand on her shoulder and said she was under arrest which prompted her to take a swing at him. He dodged it and dragged her to the ground.

The woman continued to struggle but was eventually handcuffed. She

continued to resist as she was taken to the Petrolia OPP station to spend the night.

The court heard the woman has struggled with mental health issues, but has begun seeing a psychologist and taking medication.

“Certainly this was a very challenging dispute for the police to manage... But it’s certainly positive to hear that she’s taking steps to better her own personal circumstances moving forward,” says Crown attorney Aniko Coughlan.

Coughlan and defense lawyer Jamie Guggisberg agreed to a joint submission of a conditional discharge with 12 months of probation. The woman must take counselling for substance abuse, mental health and anger management, and cannot have any weapons.

“Obviously this was an unfortunate night and your actions and reactions made a difficult investigation for police worse – and dangerous – not only for the police officers but for yourself in the way that your conduct unfolded and the police having to respond,” says Justice Deborah Austin.

But she agreed with the lawyers that the woman didn’t deserve a harsher punishment. “I agree that you should be given the chance to keep your good name without a formal criminal record.”

Documenting snow history in Lambton County

Almost everyone has a story about “Snowmageden” the 2010 snowstorm which left hundreds of people stranded, some on the 402.

Now Lambton Archives wants to hear those stories. It’s asking residents to submit photos, videos and written accounts about the experience on Dec. 12, 2010.

“We have a unique opportunity to assist Lambton County Archives in documenting the community history of this event,” said Lambton County Warden Bill Weber. “In addition, if emergency planners can better understand how individual households prepare for winter storms, it can help to inform future planning for similar events.” Items can be uploaded to Lambton Archives.

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- Wash your hands often.



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