

Dr. Riedl hailed as ‘a doctor first’

Heather Wright
The Independent

Dr. Frank Riedl is being hailed as a caring, compassionate professional, a man dedicated to the medical profession and Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital.

Riedl, who graduated from the University of Western Ontario, began practicing in Petrolia in 1967 where he served until he died Friday.

He was 81.

For many people in Petrolia and Alvinston, Dr. Riedl was the only family physician they ever had. He brought them into the world, cared for them and their children as they aged.

“He has been my family doctor for my whole life as well as for both my children. He has been an amazing doctor and friend,” said Bonnie Broad in the online tributes posted to Dr. Riedl’s obituary. “His dedication to the medical profession has been top notch and will definitely be missed.”

Others spoke of the time the doctor would spend with each patient. “He never stopped caring for his patients,” wrote Marianne Terpstra. “He was one of the last doctors to still go into people’s homes to care for them. He truly was a great man.”

“He was a doctor first, regardless of the hour or the day. He was a gentleman with great integrity,” wrote Mayor Brad Loosley on his personal social media. “He would call on a Sunday to check on the status of anyone in the family who was ill or to tell you to come in the next day because he’d found something in your blood work.

“He won our hearts when we first met him with a very colicky baby 42 years ago and we have trusted him and loved him ever since.”



Dr. Frank Riedl

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UNDER THE LIGHTS



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Workers from COPE Construction were working under the lights at the corner of Dufferin and Greenfield St. in Petrolia Monday. Greenfield St. is under construction and there was a problem with one of the water lines. Crews were able to fix it in under two hours.

Changes needed for Buurma Acres to store biosolid fertilizer

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The Normal Farm Practices Protection Board has laid down new rules on how biosolids fertilizer must be stored in the province.

And Brooke-Alvinston’s lawyer is hopeful it will mean fresher air in the municipality.

The rules are a result of a six-day hearing where a Lambton County farmer fought to have the right to centrally store the fertilizer made from human waste on his Churchill Line farm.

Two Brooke-Alvinston bylaws were prohibiting him from doing that, he argued.

In April 2020, David Buurma’s numbered company filed an appeal asking the Normal Farm Practices Protection board to rule that a large bunker where he stored fertilizer is a normal part of his farm’s business. He also wanted the board to rule Brooke-Alvinston’s Tidy Yards Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw was restricting the practice.

The NFPPB released its decision Friday saying “storage of fertilizer is deemed to be included in the list of agricultural activities (in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act) and is therefore part of an agricultural operation.”

It pointed to evidence given by other farmers that large operations do store all

types of fertilizer in a central location for distribution to larger farm parcels. Buurma Acres owns 55 farm properties over four counties, including Lambton, which David Buurma told the hearing, use the fertilizer stored on Churchill Line.

And the board’s ruling says the municipality’s two bylaws stop the practice. The board in its ruling said the municipality believed the storage was a commercial activity since Buurma Acres includes the biomass fertilizer company LaSalle Agri.

“We note that there was no evidence that there was any sale of fertilizer from the subject lands,” says the board’s ruling.

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Changes to be made

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But changes have to be made. The board said Buurma Acres is operating the centralized storage within a “regulatory gap.” Biosolid fertilizer is not regulated under either Ontario’s Nutrient Management Act nor the federal Canadian Fertilizer Act. And the farm was not storing the product according to the Canada Product Label instructions – the only official guidelines available.

The board said Buurma Acres stored it far longer than others. One witness said the farms which do use biosolid fertilizer generally don’t keep it on site longer than three months. Buurma Acres says the fertilizer could stay in the concrete bunker on Churchill Line for up to a year but is generally stored for up to nine months.

That long term storage, coupled with a bunker which the board found does not protect the fertilizer from the elements, leads to odours which neighbours testified caused significant problems.

Witnesses told the board of being unable to open windows when the odours rose and how it would stick to clothing and even food for hours.

The board accepted the smell was a problem when the fertilizer was wet, although no official studies were done.

The board has given Buurma Acres one year to modify the storage saying the system in place is “ineffective.”

It wants the fertilizer stored in either a covered vertical silo with the product covered by a nitrogen blanket to reduce the risk of combustion or stored in a waterproof bunker with a fixed roof and an entry

that can be closed to keep out rain and snow since precipitation increases the moisture content of the fertilizer and leads to combustion and the strong odour.

The board also wants the farm unit to start active weekly testing of the biosolid fertilizer to make sure it stays dry with less than 10 per cent moisture content.

“The evidence also convinces the board that by keeping the product permanently covered and dry, the excessive odour from the fertilizer and the combustion events should be significantly reduced and hopefully eliminated,” the board concluded.

“From the municipalities’ point of view, I think that is a good result,” Lawyer Peter Pickfield told *The Independent*. “It means that they will have to actually store this material properly inside a storage facility.

“It’s consistent with what we were saying,” Pickfield adds. “Our bylaws were not set up to regulate this kind of material...so it simply didn’t permit this kind of storage.

“What the board has done is they’ve put in place some appropriate regulations to deal with this, which makes perfect sense.” And that may be helpful to both Dawn-Euphemia and Warwick Townships which also face hearings at the board with the Buurmas.

Buurma Acres has one year to change the storage. Pickfield says it is not clear what the corporation’s plans are yet. And Pickfield isn’t sure what will happen if Buurma Acres decides to ignore the board’s order. Pickfield says the corporation would not be following the zoning bylaws, and the storage then could not continue.

Riedl served his entire career in Petrolia and Alvinston

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“Dr. Riedl has been an exemplary doctor and friend for many years. His stories and sense of humour became an enjoyable part of every visit,” said Lawrence Swift.

Those personal touches were seen by those who worked with him, too. “I worked a few years with him at CEE Hospital. He was always kind, and pleasant with the utmost dedication to his patients and practice,” says Paula

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The flag at Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital flies at half staff in honour of the long time Petrolia physician who died Friday.

Lumley.

“Frank was the last true old school Doc. He was still doing house calls. He was a great man and his strong work ethic and dedication will be remembered for years to come,” said Lambton paramedic and Petrolia Town Councillor Grant Purdy.

While Dr. Riedl made a demonstrable difference in his patients’ lives, he also made a mark in the community.

Riedl was the medical director at Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia during one of the most turbulent times in the rural hospital’s history.

In 2010, Dr. Riedl was one of many local doctors who fought to bring more

doctors to the emergency department as Bluewater Health and the Erie St. Clair LHIN planned to eliminate the 24 hour emergency department.

After a massive public outcry – the LHIN formed a reference panel to review the plan and to find ways to keep the emergency department open 24 hours. Dr Riedl was part of that panel.

Today, the emergency department in Petrolia still operates 24 hours a day.

Dr. Riedl is survived by his wife, Lynne, and his children, Becky, Craig, Jenny, and Frankie and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements had not yet been finalized at press time.




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Stay at Home order over, but not much changes

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The Independent

The provincial government’s Stay-at-Home order has ended, but not much has changed.

The Solicitor General of Ontario, Sylvia Jones says all other public health and workplace measures remain in place until Ontario kick starts its reopening plan.

Premier Doug Ford has said that may be June 14.

That first step only eases restrictions in outdoor areas, allowing up to 10 people to gather outside, retail business to operate at 15 per cent and four people dining on an outdoor patio.

“With the Stay-At-Home order set to expire, we need to provide people with

certainly so that they can continue to follow public health guidance,” says Jones in a news release.

On April 7 as the number of daily infections of COVID-19 rose to nearly 4,000, the province ordered everyone to stay at home except for essential trips like work, health care or getting essentials. Those rules expired Wednesday. But restrictions on gatherings, businesses, services and activities will continue according to a government news release.

This includes limiting indoor gatherings to households only and outdoor gatherings to up to five people, maintaining a cap of 25 per cent capacity for essential retail, restricting non-essential retail to curbside pickup and delivery only, as well as limiting short-

term rentals to individuals in need of housing and allowing Ontario Parks and campgrounds on public lands to be used for day-use only.

You can go to a secondary residence but Jones says it should only be with your own household.

As the order ended, the number of COVID-19 cases daily is decreasing rapidly. In Lambton there have been just 26 cases since May 25. Thirty-three people are actively ill and there are no outbreaks reported.

In Ontario, there were 699 new cases of COVID-19 reported Tuesday. It’s the second day in a row of case counts lower than 1,000. There were nine deaths and 593 people remain in intensive care units across the province with 387 on ventilators.

Dad admits to shaking son leading to his death

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

A Sarnia man has admitted killing his two-month old son in their Corunna home.

Nathan Watson, 21, appeared in Sarnia Court by video with his lawyer Friday pleading guilty to manslaughter. He kept his head down as court heard the tragic events of baby Liam’s death.

It was the afternoon of Aug. 20, 2019 and Watson was in his Cameron Street home in Corunna where he lived with his partner. The pair had three children; two with Watson and a five year old, the oldest.

That Monday, the mother went shopping and Watson, then 19, was watching the kids. Shortly after she left, Liam, the newest addition to the family, began crying and fussing in his pink bouncy chair. Watson, who was playing video games, went over to him.

Watson picked up his infant son and began shaking him and asking what he wanted. Liam, whose mother says he was “happy and healthy” when she left the house, quickly “went lifeless and his lips turned blue.”

Watson panicked and called his partner to tell her Liam was limp. She told him to call for help, which he did, and soon Lambton OPP, paramedics and firefighters were on the scene.

They too found Liam “unresponsive and blue in colour.”

The baby was rushed to Bluewater Health and later to Children’s Hospital in London. But Liam had suffered a catastrophic brain injury. He was left with no brain stem reflex or motor responses and no response to pain, no cough or gag reflex and no pupil dilation. A ventilator performed all of Liam’s breathing.

On Aug. 26, 2019 Liam was removed from life support at his family’s request. He passed away at 11 pm. Liam’s organs were all donated to other children.

A post-mortem exam revealed Liam had been abused before he was shaken violently on Aug. 20. The baby – the post mortem showed – had suffered fractured ribs and brain bleeding in the days and weeks leading up to the fatal assault.

Watson’s story about what happened changed several times. He first told police he left Liam with his five-year-old step-son while he went to get the baby food and when he came back Liam was unresponsive. He later said Liam became unresponsive after he kicked the bouncy chair.

On Aug. 20, 2020, exactly one year after the incident, Watson was arrested for Liam’s killing. He finally confessed that “with everything going on in his life and with the children being

a handful that he picked up a crying Liam... and started to shake him.”

Watson was originally charged with second-degree murder before eventually agreeing to the manslaughter plea. He was granted bail in September and has been living in London. Defence Lawyer Ken Marley says during this time his client has been working full time and “made positive steps in his personal life and his social life and his medical treatment.”

Following the guilty plea Marley requested a pre-sentence report and psychiatric assessment be prepared before sentencing.

“Mr. Watson has a lengthy history of developmental and psychiatric as well as psychological issues which should be fully explained and explored for the court for the purposes of assisting you in determining the appropriate penalty in this case,” Marley told Justice Deborah Austin.

Austin adjourned Watson’s sentence to Aug. 18, where he will appear in person. Watson will remain on bail in London until then.



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For full tender details, please visit the Town’s website at: www.plympton-wyoming.com

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Editorial

Canada’s shame in plain sight again

For parents, the first day of putting your junior kindergartner on the bus is a bit scary. They climb up the steps of the bus as if they were climbing the Rockies. But, for the most part, we lived in hope that the place we are sending them is safe and there are people there who have dedicated their lives to learning and the stable development of children.

For generations of Indigenous families there was no hope. Government officials would come to their homes and tear children - some as young as three - from their mother’s arms to take them off “to school.”

It wasn’t just school; it was another horrifying planet where the job of the teachers and those who worked there was to drive “the Indian” out of them. To obliterate any sense they had of belonging to their birth community. To make them like the white settlers who had taken their land.

The cruelty these children endured became the horrors they relived as adults. At least, those who survived.

As we as a nation have seen this week, children as young as three died at the hands of priests, nuns and workers at Canada’s residential schools. A grave with 215 children’s bodies was confirmed. The news stopped many in their tracks.

Social media lit up with people talking about how they knew so little about Canada’s residential school system. And while it is true most people over 30 were unlikely to have learned about residential schools as part of their formal education, the evidence has been there for us to see for decades. Neighbouring First Nations have survivors of the schools. They are shaped by their experiences and understandably how they view “white” government. There are monuments to the children who never returned within driving distance of us.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission laid bare the horrors of the residential school system. But, by and large, Canada has done nothing to deal with the government policies which led to these children’s deaths. But here we are at the foot of the graves of 215 children, with Canada’s shame laid bare again.

This time, let us work to improve our understanding of the horrors our neighbours faced and press our governments to do more, including finding thousands of lost children now - lest we forget again.

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Our Story



LAMBTON HERITAGE MUSEUM PHOTO

This is Petrolia’s horse drawn ambulance built by Petrolia Wagon Company in 1908. It was aquired by the Lambton Museum in the 1930s and was restored in 2009. It is the oldest horse drawn ambulance in Ontario.

Hockey’s moments with dad etched in my memory

As I watched our son, John, revel in the joy of a Montreal Canadiens win Monday night, I couldn’t help but think of my dad. He had to be one of the biggest hockey fans who never actually played the game.

Dad was born in Holland and could skate with the best of them. But I don’t think there was a whole lot of hockey happening on The Netherlands canals.

When he and his family came to Canada after the Second World War, there wasn’t time or money to play the sport. But the Kok brothers loved to watch.

One of my favourite pictures of dad is from one New Years’ Eve. He’s standing in the living room of one of his brothers’ homes holding up a cord from the TV antenna.

It was the only way the TV would pick up the Team Canada - Russia game, so the Kok boys took turns

holding it as high as their 5’6” frames could get it, for as long as possible.

You never had to wonder where Dad was on a Saturday night, at least during hockey season. He’d be sitting on his corner of the couch and later in his easy chair watching Hockey Night in Canada.

Many nights, particularly when I was very young, I would watch with him. He was an exuberant hockey fan. There was lots of exclamations when the puck missed the net or the ref made a bad call. It was quite the treat to stay up until after 8 pm watching the game with Dad knowing as soon as Peter Puck was done, I had to head upstairs.

I remember one night - it must have been playoff season - when Dad came up with his own version of picture-in-picture.

We had one of those big console TVs

that sat on the floor and we had inherited a small black and white somewhere down the line. With the Leafs on the black and white and his favourite Canadiens in colour, he watched both games simultaneously.

Those nights of watching Tiger Williams and Guy Lafleur are etched in my memory as some of the good times with my dad. Hockey is often hailed as one of the greatest sports; that may be true if just for the memories it made for me.



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VIGIL FOR 215 CHILDREN



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Sunday, members of the Walpole Island First Nation had begun leaving children's shoes at the memorial to residential school survivors. A grave with 215 children entombed was confirmed in BC over the weekend. Municipalities and school boards across the province joined the mourning as First Nations pleaded with government to provide finances to search the grounds of residential schools across Canada for the bodies of missing Indigenous children. Walpole Island Chief Charles Sampson said the community was "extremely heartbroken" by the discovery at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. He added justice must be sought for all and said there should be a National Day of Mourning. Sampson wants Canada to be held accountable for "crimes against humanity." He also wants the federal government to pay to search for the remains of other children - an estimated 6,000 - who never returned home again.

Highland Glen boat ramp fix tops \$3 million

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The Independent

An engineer's report says the Highland Glen Conservation Area boat ramp and shoreline needs \$3.34 million in repairs over the next 10 years. In 1990 a steel sheet pile wall with an armour stone breakwater was installed on the northeast side of the ramp which is heavily used by local boaters. A steel sheet pile breakwater was connected to the existing groyne on the southwest side. But in late 2019, the original groyne wall on the west side of the boat launch ramp was damaged due to wave action and is now missing. Water levels on Lake Huron have been high, contributing to erosion on both the east and west sides of the ramp protection structure. The erosion has exposed the steel sheet pile wall of the boat ramp and has eroded the banks further along the beach. The banks have continued to erode, putting the parking lot in jeopardy. The conservation authority closed the boat ramp in 2019, and received dozens of complaints. Aecom Engineering has been trying

to come up with a fix for some time. Greg Wilcox, the manager of conservation areas, says while much of the study has been complete, the company is still looking at parts of the boat ramp which could not be reached in last fall's poor weather. Aecom, in the report to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, says the boat ramp could be temporarily fixed for about \$85,500. That would include repairing the walkways on the dock, providing aluminum stairways for beach access and putting up rip rap - a temporary fix until the steel retaining wall is replaced. It would also require a floating breakwater structure to reduce the wave action inside the marina. But the report also lays out what will be needed in the long term with \$709,000 in repairs needed in the next three years, another \$710,000 in the next five years and the \$550,000 replacement of the ramp. The engineering firm also suggests replacing the erosion control at a cost of \$1.29 million. Wilcox says the cost of bringing the boat launch up to standards is quite high - much higher than some of the

shoreline control projects done regularly along the lake. The only way the conservation authority generates cash at the site is through a \$15 launch fee. Wilcox says that won't even come close to covering the costs. He expects that would mean the project - if it is approved by the conservation authority - would need some major government grants to go ahead. Wilcox says the board likely won't consider the full engineering report until September, well after the boating season is over. He knows that won't go over well with boaters who like to use the launch. Wilcox says when it first closed, the conservation authority received calls from about 60 people asking what was going on. Now, he receives several calls a week asking when the launch will be open. Wilcox acknowledges the costs of the repairs will be high, but says the authority also has to consider safety. Highland Glen is the only public boat launch between Grand Bend and Sarnia and boaters need the port in a storm.

Warwick wants to know when natural gas is coming

The Independent

Warwick Councillor Wayne Morris wants to know when natural gas is coming to the Warwick Village. The provincial government came to the village just after the 2018 election touting its plan to extend natural gas to rural areas. It was something Warwick Township politicians campaigned on, knowing it can cost up to \$35,000 for one landowner to bring natural gas to

their door. Many farms use natural gas to dry grain. In October 2020, Enbridge filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board for over 200 natural gas pipeline projects including an \$8 million project to bring natural gas to 115 customers in Warwick Village. Warwick even wrote a letter of support for the project hoping to speed it along. But Morris says the municipality has been left in the dark and has

no idea when the project will actually begin. "We deserve an official update," Morris recently told council. Mayor Jackie Rombouts agreed, saying the municipality should be seeking answers from the Energy Board. She suggested, and council agreed, to try to meet with the Ministry of Energy during the Association of Municipalities conference this year to see where the approval stands.

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St. Clair joins housing boom with \$11 million in construction so far in 2021

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St. Clair’s new housing market is hot out of the gate in 2021. In the first three months of this year, there were 33 residential building permits approved. This is already closing in on the entire 2020 total of 43.

“We’re way up on our residential development for 2021 compared to what we were the last couple of years,” says Mayor Steve Arnold.

The construction value for the 33 homes is \$10,872,000, averaging \$329,455 per home.

Arnold points to subdivisions such as Paddock Green in Corunna and stretches of the St. Clair Parkway as areas where new builds have been thriving.

But he adds he’d like to see even more types of housing in the township.

“We asked the county to look at smaller housing units, places

where they could possibly develop tiny home subdivisions and things like that. Because there is a market out there for that,” says Arnold.

The mayor says the county’s current official plan doesn’t allow for the construction of smaller houses catering to one or two people.

He’s hopeful changes could be made to allow these, even down to approval of 200 square-foot tiny homes.

“I’ve been a proponent for years that we should be looking at single family units... There’s a lot more singles and couples and we need to really take a look at how we can cater to them,” says Arnold.

Renovations are also on pace to hit recent highs with 11 already approved by the end of March. Last year there were 35 total.

“The pandemic has really caused a lot of people to do renovations just to tune their houses up,” says Arnold.

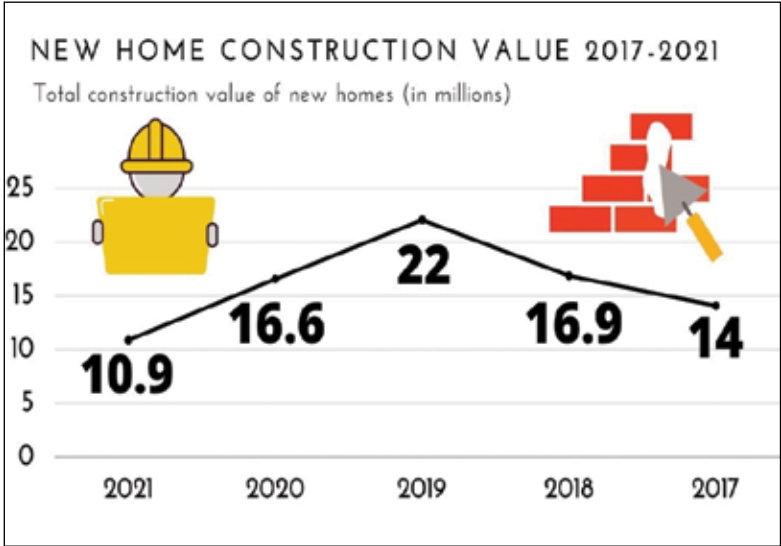
“All that increases job opportunities for constructors as well as our suppliers. I see the rest of 2021 just continuing on at a strong pace.”

Pre-pandemic renovation totals were 24 in 2019, 21 in 2018 and 26 in 2017.

St. Clair’s new housing permits in 2020 had dropped by nearly half from the year before. Arnold doesn’t believe it is a pandemic dip, rather the 43 new residential permits fell more in line with previous years following a 2019 boom.

That year saw 76 new homes given the green light. 2020’s total, while still the lowest in four years, was much closer to the 53 permits from 2018 and 48 permits from 2017.

But despite the lower total of new homes approved for 2020, their average build value of \$386,963 was the highest of



the last four years and almost \$100,000 more than 2019’s average of \$289,172.

Part of that can be attributed to higher costs for building materials.

The average cost to build a home in 2018 was \$317,906, up from

\$291,854 in 2017.

Last year’s construction value of new homes, \$16,639,419, was on par with 2018’s \$16,849,000 and above 2017’s \$14,009,000. The 76 homes in 2019 netted a total construction value of \$22,018,175.

Lambton MOH says back to school possible without impacting health care as Ford considers return

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

The calendar has now turned over to June and there’s still no decision on whether Ontario kids will return to the classroom.

There’s just four weeks left of the traditional school year. It’s been all virtual learning since mid-April after schools closed following record high cases of COVID in the province.

Ontario’s COVID-19 science table has expressed support for a regional approach to reopening schools. Lambton’s Medical Officer of Health says some school boards

are very large, covering several health units and that could cause problems.

Dr. Sudit Ranade adds bringing children back to class will likely cause COVID-19 to spread.

“I think we know that it’s important for kids to be in school for in-person learning, because learning is a social process, and it needs to happen in a social way. The challenge is when the modeling says that when you open schools, because of that kind of movement of people, there are going to be increases in cases.

“Then you have to figure out what’s the impact of that going

to be on the health system and so forth. Right. So I think that’s probably the current discussion that’s happening.”

But Ranade says because the number of cases of COVID-19 in Lambton are low, he believes the local schools could open without causing too much pressure on the health care system.

The Lambton Kent District School Board says they’re ready to get kids back in the classroom.

“We support reopening and we’re ready should the decision be made to reopen,” says Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes.

“We’ve had, throughout the year,

times where we’ve transitioned back from remote learning to in-person learning,” says Hughes, adding a quick turnaround wouldn’t be a problem. “We would be able to transition to in-person learning on whatever date the province thinks that schools are to reopen.”

While in-person learning may return, students won’t have to take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

Normally a requirement for graduation, the province has scrapped the test as mandatory and made it optional instead.

Lambton Kent has opted out

“due to the uncertainty of when students will return to in-person learning,” says Hughes.

Reports in *The Toronto Star* Tuesday indicate the premier will meet with his cabinet Wednesday to talk about the possible return to school.

The Star reports Ford doesn’t believe it is a good idea right now. Scientists have suggested there could be a six to 11 per cent rise in cases if kids head back to class.

The report says if children remain home, businesses may open by Friday.

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Warwick private campground put on hold

Heather Wright
The Independent

Since the 1970s, tucked behind some trees off Bear Creek in the Village of Warwick, campers have been nestling their trailers in the woods at Bear Lake Campground.

Janet Watson’s family has run the private campground for years. She and her husband, Robert Roy of Windsor, recently took over the property and have begun cleaning it up with the hope of continuing to operate the facility which can’t be seen and has no signage at the roadway.

But the couple has run into a roadblock. The property is zoned agricultural and environmental protection because of a wetland on the site.

So, Roy and Watson went to Warwick Council to try to change the zoning to allow the 12 trailer campsite to open.

But planning officials and councillors say they don’t yet have enough information about the property. Administrators say a detailed report will have to be done to demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions if the campground is approved.

Council put the application for rezoning on hold until that could be complete.

Meantime, some neighbours voiced concerns about the campground saying they’re not sure if the trailers that are there are taking care of their waste and waste water properly.

Brian Nethercott questioned whether they would be able to expand the site further and suggested having another private campground in the area could lower property values. Others are asking what rules campers will follow and whether a fence will be erected to protect their property.

Manitoba COVID patients get help in Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

People suffering from COVID-19 who need care in an intensive care unit are coming to Lambton County.

Bluewater Health says it will start caring for up to five patients in the coming days after the province of Manitoba announced its ICUs are well over capacity as the need for the beds continues to increase.

Manitoba normally has 70 or so intensive care unit beds. Today, there are 69 people in them with COVID-19. That doesn’t include 25 critically ill patients who have been sent to Ontario for help.

A provincial official said Thursday more patients will be transferred to Ontario and, for the first time, Saskatchewan. Bluewater Health is one of those hospitals.

“Since the beginning of the pandemic we’ve had COVID patients from other areas – Leamington, Windsor, London, then the GTA, and now from out of province,” says Dr. Mike Haddad, Chief of Staff, Bluewater Health in a news release.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A patient from Manitoba arrives in Sarnia for care.

“Capacity pressures have reached a level in Manitoba where they are requesting our support and we are proud to help. This is why we are here and do what we do – we care for people and use our skills to save lives if we can.

“This pandemic has to have a team approach to ensure we all make it to the finish line together,” says Haddad.

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BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A PADDLE



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Sunday’s beautiful weather drew all kinds of people outdoors in Petrolia. These three friends were seen paddling through Bridgeview Park in the afternoon.

Camlachie ball ask province to play ball

Heather Wright
The Independent

Kim Lyons wants the province to let kids play ball. The secretary of the Camlachie Athletic Association says the board has been planning the return to baseball for months. The association had a COVID-19 plan to return to play which was approved by Plympton-Wyoming council a month ago. But within days, the province had introduced a Three Step Reopening Plan which got rid of the colour-coded reopening program used in the ball associations’ plan. Now, Lyons says, the teams won’t be playing games until July. “They’re going to have to practice for six weeks, and then only have four weeks of baseball,” she says.

“It’s been frustrating, because all the parents want to know, ‘now that everything’s changed, what are we doing?’” Lyons says there is no firm answer, particularly considering the province is making the call on when Ontario will move to the next steps of reopening. “We don’t know what’s going to happen, there’s no guarantee that we’re going to move through the steps the way they anticipate.” Lyons is worried parents and ball players might lose interest if they believe they’ll be only practicing. And she’s worried the kids will lose another year of development. COVID-19 also sank the 2020 season. And then there are the unknown factors; will families want to continue on without any guarantees of play when they could be visiting friends they

haven’t seen for months. “Who’s going to want to stay back to play baseball?” Lyons says the association is asking parents to contact the local MPP, Bob Bailey, asking the province to consider moving baseball play up in the reopening plan. “We’ve already lost a month,” she says, adding kids are out playing anyway. “It’s probably safer for them to play baseball than it is when you drive by and you see them already playing volleyball at Lakeshore Park.” And there is a financial concern as well. Lyons says the association has already bought COVID-19 supplies including cleaners, a fogger and personal protective equipment to make sure the season is safe. If the season is cancelled, all that money will be lost.

Sixty per cent of Lambton adults have first COVID-19 shot

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton’s medical officer of health says 60 per cent of adults in the region have now had their first COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Sudit Ranade said there have been 68,755 vaccines given in Lambton by May 26. That’s 58.7 per cent of all adults with one dose. Only five per cent of adults are fully vaccinated. About 1.5 per cent of youth – people under 18 – have had their first shot and just 0.1 per cent are fully vaccinated. That rate of vaccination will keep climbing in June as the amount of vaccine coming into Lambton increases. Ranade says there will be

between 28,000 and 30,000 doses delivered in June. In May, there were between 20,000 and 25,000, he says. Ranade says public health officials are able to handle the 12 to 20 per cent increase as another test clinic ramps up at Clearwater Arena. “The purpose of the test clinic is really just because we’ve got it all set up, we want to make sure that we can run it efficiently and that way, there aren’t going to be any delays if we do get a ton of vaccines,” says Ranade. The Clearwater site is the second mass vaccination clinic. The other in Point Edward, has the capability to vaccinate 2,500 people daily. Meantime, the province is allowing older

adults to move up their second dose of vaccinations. Originally, the province moved the second dose, recommended to be after 21 days, back to 16 weeks because of the lack of vaccine. But the federal government is delivering 2.4 million doses of vaccine each week in June, so these vaccines can move up. People 80 years of age and older, or who received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on or before March 16, are now eligible to book their second dose appointment. You will be contacted directly via email or phone to schedule your second vaccine. If you haven’t received a call, you can reach out to Lambton Public Health at 226-254-8222

Buurma legal fight tops \$150k

Heather Wright
The Independent

Taxpayers in Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia and Warwick Township have shelled out more than \$150,000 so far in legal fees for hearings at the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board. Buurma Acres filed three notices, one against each municipality, after run-ins with them over David Buurma’s storage of biosolid fertilizer. The product, made from human waste, releases a strong odour when wet. The board recently ruled Buurma Acres could continue to store the

product on its Churchill Line farm, but it would have to put it in an enclosed barn. It’s not clear if Buurma Acres will comply with the ruling. Accounts from Brooke-Alvinston dating back to April 2020, when the first appeal was filed, showed the municipality had received \$128,260.72 in bills. Both Warwick and Dawn-Euphemia have amassed \$12,500 in bills each. That brings the bill, so far to \$153,260.72. The three municipalities plan to split the costs three ways once the hearings and any possible appeals have been completed.



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Sports

Central Lambton players wait for OHL draft

Barry Wright
The Independent

Four members of the Lambton Junior Sting AAA minor midget squad from Central Lambton are eligible for the OHL Priority Selection (draft) being held online Friday and Saturday. Forwards Will Hull of Oil Springs and Evan Morningstar of Camlachie are available to any of the 20 OHL squads, while rearguards Bo Duxtator of Corunna and Jace McGrail of Wyoming are also up for grabs. Junior Sting Head Coach Brad Riley has been asked

the most questions about McGrail but also thinks the other three have a chance to be drafted too. The first three rounds of the draft will be held Friday evening at 7 pm with the remaining rounds, four to 15, on Saturday beginning at 9 am. As a result of a first-ever OHL draft lottery due to the cancellation of the 2020-21 season, the Sting drew the 13th choice in the first round while the London Knights will select 16th. The Sudbury Wolves have the first overall pick. They are expected to select 15 year-old power forward



Oil Springs' Will Hull is one of four local players to watch in the OHL draft this weekend. Quentin Musty from the New Jersey Avalanche AAA program.

Hatcher steps down as Sting head coach

Barry Wright
The Independent

A Stanley Cup champion has relinquished his position as head coach of the Sarnia Sting, but Derian Hatcher will retain co-ownership of the franchise. After five seasons behind the bench, Hatcher says it's time for "a fresh voice" to lead the team. "This past year has been one of reflection for everyone including myself

and my family," he said in a prepared statement issued Tuesday. He said it's in the best interest of all concerned that a change be made now. Continuing in his role as governor, Hatcher will remain involved in both the Sting organization and the Sarnia-Lambton community. "I remain committed to the City of Sarnia and the Sting organization," he said. "I am very excited about the direction our group is

heading and look forward to continuing my role as governor, while working closely with (co-owner) David (Legwand) and (GM) Dylan (Seca) as we search for the next head coach of the Sarnia Sting. "Our focus remains on creating a positive, supportive environment for our players that promotes success and development as both hockey players and as people," added Hatcher.

Drouin returns to track and field action in Qatar

The Independent

After competing in just a handful of events over the past few years due to back and Achilles troubles, Corunna's Derek Drouin finished in a tie for fifth place in the high jump event at the Diamond League event in Doha, Qatar. It was his first Diamond League event in more than four years but despite the

likelihood of rust, his jump of 2.24 metres was the third best by a Canadian this season. He missed all three attempts at 2.27 metres. The reigning Olympic champion and St. Pat's grad holds the Canadian record of 2.40 metres set in 2014. The Olympic standard for the Tokyo Games is 2.33. The next Diamond League event is next week in Rome.



FILE PHOTO
Derek Drouin

Myers, Gamecocks get second chance in playoffs

The Independent

Noah Myers of Wyoming and the University of South Carolina Gamecocks baseball team have been given a second chance. Despite losing three of its last four games including an early exit from the SEC

tournament last week, South Carolina will host an NCAA regional tournament this weekend. In addition to the home team, the four-team event will include top-seeded Old Dominion along with Virginia and Jacksonville. The number two Gamecocks

open the double elimination against third-seeded Virginia Friday at noon. South Carolina is 33-21 on the season, including a 22-8 mark at home. They played the third toughest NCAA schedule this season.

McGregor plays for Team Canada in the Czech Republic

The Independent

Tyler McGregor will again don the red and white jersey for an IPC World Para Hockey Championship. The North Lambton grad was named to the

17 member team for the tournament in the Czech Republic later this month. The Forest product has won six medals as a member of Team Canada since making his national team debut in 2012, including

gold medals at the world championships in 2013 and 2017. Canada opens preliminary round play at the 2021 event against Team USA on June 19.



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Born in Petrolia, son of the late Ernest and Mabel Freer (Dobbin), Max Freer passed away on **Friday, May 21, 2021**, at Bluewater Health, Sarnia, following a short hospitalization and complications due to Covid 19. Max is survived by his partner of many years Diane Gibbons; a twin sister Maxine MacKellar (Alex); a brother Stan Freer (Shirley); daughters Debbie Footwinkler (Gary Footwinkler), Cathy Freer-Leszczyński (Bob Leszczyński); special daughters Carla Bolton (Paul Bolton), Justine Loader (Leo Sammon); grandchildren Bobby, Jocelyne, Cassie, Nick, Julie, Jenna, Tyson, Victoria and Tatum ; great-grandchildren Kingston, Phoenix, and Bella; his first wife Joanne Nixon (Barber); godson Carson La Pierre, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Max was predeceased by his oldest brother Ray Freer (Kay Freer) in 2013. Max was very proud of his role as a volunteer firefighter with the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department. He was a breeder of gun dogs and had some success as a competitor in the sport. He was a retired member of Carpenters Union Local #1256 and travelled to Alberta for employment on occasion. Max had a unique sense of humour and he often shared strong views on life with friends and family. He was asking questions till the end. Max was loved and will forever hold a strong place in our memories. **Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Max's life may be announced when Covid restrictions have been lifted. Arrangements entrusted to Smith Funeral Home, 1576 London Line, Sarnia.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to a charity of your choice (cheques only at the funeral home please). Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.smithfuneralhome.ca or emailed to cferles@shaw.ca

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FLEMING, John Harvey – **Age 87** passed away on **May 30, 2021** at Bluewater Health, Sarnia. Beloved husband of the late Janette for 51 years. Loving father of John (Catharine), James (Margaret), Bethany (Michael) Thompson and Mary (deceased infant). Grandfather of Daniel (Cassandra), Samantha (Guy), Nicolas (Ryenne), James, Vashti, Aaron, Heather Thompson, Caleb Thompson, Darius Thompson and Adam Thompson. Great grandfather of Livia Smith and Quinn Fleming. Dear brother of the late Edgar, the late Henry and Jean Kimmerly. Survived by many Nieces and nephews. **A private family graveside service will take place at Oil Springs Cemetery.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer.ca). Cheques mailed to funeral home. Memories and condolences may be sent online at **www.steadmanbrothers.ca**. Arrangements entrusted to STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, 519-864-1193.

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Notice
LFA POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP - The Lambton Federation of Agriculture will be offering ten scholarships this year for the 2022 school year, for both college and university students. For the regular scholarships: Applicants need to be from a family actively farming in Lambton County: While you do not need to be an LFA/OFA member, it is required that you (or parents or grandparents or guardian) have a valid FBR number registered in Lambton County. The **deadline to apply for the scholarships is July 15th 2021.** For a list of the scholarships and their individual criteria, please see the LFA Website scholarships page at **<https://lambtonfederation.ca/scholarships/>**

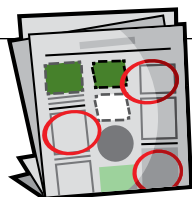
ANDERSON, William Lyle “Bill” – **Age 82** passed away on **May 30, 2021** at Fiddick's Nursing Home, Petrolia. Beloved husband of Betty Searson-Anderson for almost 40 years. Loving father of Janet (David) Whitehead. Grandfather of Kathryn Whitehead (Barry Hunnakkko) and Brian (Ingrid) Whitehead. Great grandfather of Rose Whitehead. Dear brother of Marlene (Joseph) Nauta and Wayne (Elaine) Anderson. Survived by many nieces and nephews, sister-in-laws Joan Roberts, Anne Walker, Mary Ethel Douglas and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Roy (Debra) Searson. Predeceased by his parents Lyle and Doreen (Loosemore) Anderson, sister and brother-in-law Eva and Bill Jacques, and his parents-in-laws John and Leah (Heaton) Searson. Bill was a worshipful master of the Leopold Lodge #397 Brigden, a lifelong farmer in Dawn Township, and a resident of Oil Springs. **A private family visitation and service will take place at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, BRIGDEN, followed by a private family interment at St. James Brooke Cemetery, Watford.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to C.E.E Hospital Foundation www.bwhf.ca or charity of choice. (Cheques mailed to funeral home). Memories and condolences may be sent online at **www.steadmanbrothers.ca**. Arrangements entrusted to STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, 519-864-1193.

Coming Event
Petrolia Resident Compost Transfer Site - This years site has moved to 546 Maude Street. 2021 Residents are required to have a pas to access the site. Passes are available for no charge at Town Hall now, and at the Petrolia Farmers' market during the 2021 Season. June 5, 12, 26, July 17, August 7, September 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9 & 16, 2021 from 8am until 12noon. Petrolia compost depot will accept: grass clippings, dead plants, sticks/branches under 4", and leaves. The depot will NOT accept: mulch & fertilizer bags, rocks/bricks, plastic pots, dirt/sod, plastic barriers/fencing. Tips to make it a smooth drop off: Yard waste and brush will be separated into two bins - please do not bag it together. Please use paper bags or reusable bins. Brush must be of reasonable size and length. Residents will be asked to take unacceptable items home.

Notice
In order to improve response times and provide better customer service, Lambton Public Health unveiled a new dedicated Vaccine Call Centre which will operate from **Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Individuals with COVID-19 vaccine inquiries are asked to call this new phone number to speak with an agent directly. **The new Vaccine Call Centre can be reached at 226-254-8222.**

Notice
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Monday @ 12 noon



Classifieds

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4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728
or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

Notice


ONTARIO PARKS DAY PASSES
- Lambton County Library has added Ontario Parks day-use passes to its collection. With a library card you can now borrow a seasonal day-use permit for up to seven days and gain entry into any provincial park in Ontario.

Coming Event

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12 - Join the Canadian Cancer Society on Saturday, June 12 to Relay for Life from the comfort of your own home! Sarnia-Lambton residents of all ages are welcome to attend our virtual event, which will be hosted on Facebook and Youtube and broadcasted on YESTV. This Year's virtual Relay will include all the signature components of our in-person events, including an opening ceremony with inspirational stories, performances from incredible entertainers, a virtual luminary celebration and more to help celebrate survivors and support those living with cancer. Even though this year we are physically apart, we still Relay together. Join us - register today at relayforlife.ca/sarnia. Stay up to date with the latest news at Facebook.com/SarniaRelayForLife.

Notice

The County of Lambton is working together on the community vaccination efforts. **Lambton County Libraries are offering free, contact less curb side pickup of vaccine screening & consent forms,** no library card required. Getting us all vaccinated and safe is a community effort. But we can do it.


for all classified ads is Monday at 12 noon
for the paper that prints and distributes Wed-Thurs

Coming Event

2021 SARNIA KINSMEN DRIVE THRU RIBFEST - June 18-21, 2021 at Lambton College.
Guests will be able to drive thru and pickup their meals and have the option of taking it home or enjoy their meal at one of our family pods. Volunteers from the Ribfest Committee will be stationed at the entrance to Lambton College off London Rd. Someone will safely approach your vehicle to make sure your order form is filled out, if you do not have an order form they will hand you one to fill out. Payments can be processed by credit, debit or cash. For more information or to download the order form please visit: <http://sarniakinribfest.com/>

Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 noon

Coming Event

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: The County of Lambton, in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Inc., hosts several HHW collections events each year. The events give Lambton County residents an opportunity to properly dispose of potentially dangerous waste from their homes and protect our environment at the same time. If hazardous products are thrown in with the regular garbage, it can injure sanitation workers and cause long-term environmental problems. HHW Days take place at the Clean Harbors Canada Inc. site, 4090 Telfer Road in St. Clair Township the last Saturdays of May, June, September, and October.

Notice

REMINDER - The deadline for applications to the SCRCA's 2021 Conservation Scholarships is fast approaching (May 31, 2021). Please visit our website for more information on eligibility and how to apply: <https://www.scrca.on.ca/foundation/scholarships/>

Church DIRECTORY



Christ Anglican Church
414 Oil Street, Petrolia

We are closed due to Covid-19 at this time.

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

In-person services have been suspended. Services can be viewed on our facebook page, youtube page, or website.

View us on YouTube at
St Paul's United Church Petrolia AV
10:30am Service

Rev. Carey Wagner
Church Office: 519-882-1390
www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

First Baptist Church
418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

WORSHIP SERVICES
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Sunday Mornings 10:30am

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

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Wyoming United Church
730 Second Street, Wyoming

In-person services suspended at this time. Please contact our office at wyming_united@outlook.com to be sent the Zoom link to join us for our 10am live service.


Rev. Steven Longmoore
Church Office 519-845-3963
Find us on Facebook

Death Notices

May 22 - May 28, 2021

SATURDAY, MAY 22 MUNRO, Ross Age 76, of Thamesville Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapel	TUESDAY, MAY 25 DROUILLARD, Brenda Age 67, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home
HIGGINS, Wayne Age 81, of Watford Denning's of Watford	WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 McEACHEN, Vaughn Age 43, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home
MacLACHLAN, Lois Age 94, of Petrolia Needham-Jay Funeral Home	BRUCKMANN, Klaus Age 84, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home
SUNDAY, MAY 23 ARCHER, Katherine Age 59, of Sarnia McCormack Funeral Home	THURSDAY, MAY 27 DUPUIS, Gerald Age 80, of Inwood Van Heck Funeral Home
SETOLA, Antonio Age 78, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home	FRIDAY, MAY 28 AMUNDSON, Mary Age 78, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home
GODFREY, Don Age 80, of Sarnia Needham-Jay Funeral Home	RIEDEL, Dr. Frank Age 81, of Petrolia Needham-Jay Funeral Home
CURTS, Margaret Age 85, of Forest Denning's of Forest	
MONDAY, MAY 24 ARCHER, Audrey Age 95, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home	

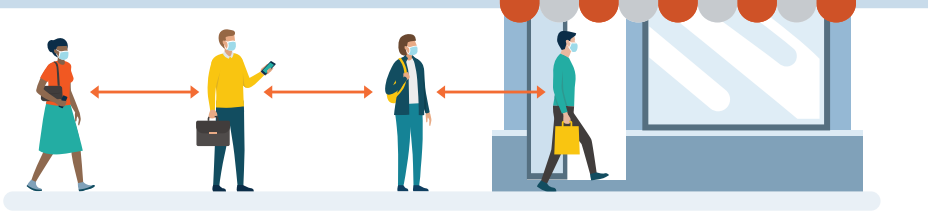
This information is provided as a community service. For detailed information, please refer to the funeral home website listing.



COVID-19

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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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Armed robbery nets Sarnia man two years of time served

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

An late night armed robbery of a Sarnia Circle K, combined with a slew of other offences, landed a man two years of jail time.

Edward Oliver, 37, entered the Confederation Street convenience store just after 4:30 am Aug. 17. His face was masked with a white bandana and he wielded a yellow crowbar as he demanded the lone female cashier give him all the money in the till. Ultimately he left with just \$25.

This “unsophisticated incident,” as Justice Deborah Austin called it, was serious but far from the only of Oliver’s crimes. His May 31 court appearance from Sarnia Jail included sentencing on eight different charges. Many of these involved breaches of bail but there was also a Sept. 2019 theft of a motorcycle from a George Street home and flight from police. The spree quickly ended when Oliver wiped out after missing a curve on Indian Road. The crash closed the overpass for 12 hours and sent Oliver to hospital in London for surgery.

“I would describe these crimes as senseless,” says Austin, calling them “offences that caused harm to the community and were committed by Mr. Oliver alone in the early morning hours and while under the influence of drugs that clouded his mind, his judgement and his recollection.”

Court heard that Oliver lived his life into his mid-30s with no criminal record. But breakdowns in his personal life led to addictions with crystal meth and fentanyl which fueled the behaviour.

“I truly am sorry. I’ve had a lot of time to reflect on my behaviour in the past,” says Oliver. “I’d just like to work on my healing journey from here on.”

In a Gladue report provided to the court Oliver says “Before I came to jail I knew I needed help. I also knew if I kept up that lifestyle I would be dead. I knew I could not go on living my life the way I was.”

Austin says Oliver’s rehab efforts have been “important for Mr. Oliver’s path forward and the insight he appears to have gained about some of the root causes of his offending behaviour.”

“His comments expressing remorse and desire to apologize to the victims directly and his acceptance of a period of incarceration is the first step to making amends by accepting punishment in jail.”

Austin determined an 18 month sentence was appropriate for the armed robbery, which was covered by Oliver’s 368 days of pre-sentence custody. An additional six months were added for Oliver’s other crimes including the motorcycle theft. He’ll serve this time in the community through a conditional sentence then be on probation for 18 months. He’ll also continue his substance abuse and trauma counselling and will be banned from owning a weapon for 10 years.

OVERHEATED APPLIANCES



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Two people were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries after Watford Fire responded to an accident on Egremont Drive near the border of Lambton and Middlesex. An appliance delivery truck was heavily damaged in the accident Monday.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with the Town of Petrolia.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:

- 1. An order approving the renewal of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Town of Petrolia which would grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas for a period of 20 years.**
- 2. An order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Town of Petrolia is not required in relation to the natural gas franchise agreement.**

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas’s application. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Enbridge Gas’s requests.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

In order to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a person must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Franchises Act* (Act). This Act requires that a person that intends to distribute natural gas within a municipality must first receive approval from the OEB, in the form of a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate). Where the OEB has issued a certificate for an area but there is currently no natural gas distribution service, another person can apply for a certificate to serve that area.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas on the OEB’s website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **June 14, 2021** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB’s decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this application is **EB-2021-0157**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2021-0157** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **June 14, 2021**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55.



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