

## INDIGENOUS CHILDREN REMEMBERED



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Tom Mackesy of the Petrolia Legion bows his head during a moment of remembrance for Indigenous children who died at residential schools in Canada. It was part of more sombre Canada Day events across the region. See pages 6 and 7 for more.

## New Petrolia subdivisions will need to have sidewalks

Heather Wright  
The Independent

In the future, there will be sidewalks on at least one side of the street in all new subdivisions in Petrolia.

That after town council agreed to clarify the planning document which governs development in the town.

Developers in the community have argued for years sidewalks aren't necessary in new housing developments. Just last month, Bob Leaper and Louis Bratanek, who are completing the phase five of Countryview Estates, told councillors homeowners don't want sidewalks in front of their house, mainly because it reduces the amount of parking available.

They also argued it made housing more expensive.

Leaper suggested instead developers pay into a fund for sidewalks in areas which really need them.

But Lambton County Manager of Planning, Ken Melanson, shot down those arguments at the June 28 council meeting.

Melanson says the town's official plan - approved in 2016 - makes it clear that sidewalks are required in new communities. "So this isn't the issue that's before council."

The official plan also has a clause that says sidewalks are to be built "at council's discretion" allowing other newer subdivisions including Woodland Estates, to be built with-

out any sidewalks at all.

Melanson added that while sidewalks are expensive to replace after decades of use, they cost the municipality very little to maintain throughout the course of the year.

The planner also took issue with the idea residents don't want sidewalks on their property.

"Most properties have portions of the front yard which fall into the road right of way, which is where the curbs, sidewalks, roads and other infrastructure are placed," he told council. "These areas are restricted in what can be done with them, particularly the portion that is in the road right of way. It is also important to recognize that the road right of way is under the control of the town."

Melanson says it's quite common for people to consider that portion of their front yard as their property, but it belongs to the town to provide services.

The planner also discounted the suggestion sidewalks make housing more expensive pointing out that if each house would need \$2,000 worth of sidewalk, as local developers had suggested, that would add a half a percent to the cost of a \$400,000 home - the typical cost of a new house in Petrolia. A sidewalk would add just 0.2 per cent to the cost of a \$1 million home.

Armed with the information, council decided to revise the current Official Plan to make it clear all new

neighbourhoods would be required to have a sidewalk on at least one side of the street, while main roads within a subdivision would need two. Lambton County planners had suggested there should be sidewalks on both sides of all streets.

Councillor Ross O'Hara thought that wasn't necessary, discounting the planners concern for the safety of pedestrians crossing the road and calling two sidewalks per street "overkill."

And Councillor Wade Deighton is still concerned about reducing the amount of parking for new homes.

"It's going to start shutting down people from either having extra cars, with growing families that we know we have multiple generations now starting to live in one house... because of the cost of housing... and then you say 'Oh, by the way, you can't have any more cars' that's one of the reasons that people don't want sidewalks in their neighborhood."

"One sidewalk, I can maybe understand, but if you start putting two sidewalks in, I think you're going to find people find another place to build."

Councillor Grant Purdy also wanted to see sidewalks on at least one side of the road.

"We've always listened to and tried to cater to people that have certain interests, be it a developer, be it a homeowner, I get it."

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## Enniskillen looks at whether it could stop another cannabis operation from opening on Lasalle

Heather Wright  
The Independent

An Enniskillen farmer wants to make sure his family won't have to deal with the smells of cannabis again.

Trevor Brand is asking Enniskillen council to look at the zoning regulations to make sure a greenhouse across the road from his farm won't host another can-

nabis operation.

In May, the company confirmed High Park Farms on Lasalle Line would harvest its last crop this summer and then close in September. It's the result of a merger between High Park's parent company, Tilray and Aphira on May 3. The new management had said it would consolidate its cannabis growing operations in the Leamington area at the time.

Brand and his family had been dealing with the side affects of the operation for several years.

The greenhouse used lights early in the morning to stimulate plant growth, but it was disturbing to the neighbours. And often the smell of the growing marijuana escaped, making it difficult to spend any-time outdoors.

High Park Farms used curtains to block the greenhouse lights

with some success however the odours surrounding the production continues today.

Brand recently went to Enniskillen Township council asking them to investigate ways to keep a cannabis operation from setting up again in that location.

Enniskillen Mayor, Kevin Marriott, who is also Lambton's Warden, doesn't want to have the same problems with whoever occupies

the greenhouse next. "But the initial indications are that the zoning doesn't apply to a company, it applies to the property," Marriott tells *The Independent*.

Since greenhouses are zoned agricultural and the federal government says even the commercial production of cannabis is agriculture, there could be another operation move in as it stands now.

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# First of acute care rooms at CEEH has been renovated

The Independent

Bluewater Health is showing off the first of the newly renovated acute care beds at Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia.

Over the past five years, Bluewater Health has pumped \$5.8 million into infrastructure upgrades at the hospital including a new boiler plant and electrical upgrades.

The second phase of the renovation is the acute care wing. The rooms had been semi-private with a shared bathroom and didn't include a shower. They also didn't meet accessibility standards.

The rooms are being renovated two at a time, and the first two rooms have been completed. They are now private rooms which are fully accessible.

"The newly renovated acute care rooms bring the rooms up to current day standards, improve patient privacy and access, as well as the overall patient experience" says Dr. Charles Winegard, Medical Director, Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital of Bluewater Health in a news release. "We are excited to see the beautiful results of infrastructure investments to our Petrolia hospital; updates our staff and patients can see and experience themselves."

When the rooms are completed, all will be private rooms. There will also be a dedicated palliative room and one ward room.



Paul Marley, seen here with his wife, Lois, and Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Lonny Napper, was named Senior of the Year for 2021.

## Long-time pharmacist, volunteer named Senior of the Year

Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Lonny Napper can remember going to Paul Marley's door to collect team jerseys for the local baseball team.

The pharmacist, who lives in the center of the village, would regularly sponsor a team. But Marley's community mindedness went far beyond the local ball diamonds; that's why Napper and Plympton-Wyoming council named him 2021's Senior of the Year.

Marley came to Wyoming when he was just 13. His dad was taking over the local pharmacy. Years later, he'd follow in his father's footsteps with his wife, Lois, at his side.

The Marley home was connected to the pharmacy – something everyone in town knew – so, even on holidays, Lois says people would come to the door looking for help.

When he wasn't busy meeting the town's medical needs, he was a volunteer with the Wyoming Lions. Town officials say he's been a member for 59 years.

Marley is also a history buff keeping all kinds of artifacts from the pharmacy including the original weigh scales. The Wyoming man is generous with that history – he donated enough artifacts from the pharmacy that the Camlachie Museum has a small display of an apothecary thanks to his generosity.

And, over the years, Marley has been active in his local church. He and Lois are lifelong members of the Wyoming United Church. Lois is a lay minister and before COVID-19 curtailed their activities, she and Paul would travel around Lambton County preaching at local nursing homes for the residents.

Marley was pleased to receive the award from Mayor Lonny Napper, adding Wyoming is a great place to live because "it has everything."

## Council likely to approve amendment

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Nobody wants sidewalks in their front yard...but we have to recognize that it's 2021.

"We have to at some point, bite the bullet and say, 'you know, we're going have to do this...it's the responsible thing to do'. And maybe if for years, we didn't put it off or neglect it, we wouldn't be in a situation where we have all these gaps to fill in."

Council passed a motion to move ahead with an official plan amendment making it clear there would need to be at least one sidewalk on all roads in new subdivisions.

Town council is likely to approve the official amendment at their July 12 meeting.

The Independent asked town staff what that means for subdivisions already under development.

By press time, we had not received an answer.

## Hopeful for vegetable growing industry

**CONT'D FROM PG 1**

Marriott says council has asked staff to investigate how they could change that before High Park closes up shop.

But with many cannabis companies merging production and the market not being as profitable as first anticipated, Marriot doubts

another cannabis operation will try to use the greenhouse.

Marriott and Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership officials are hopeful the greenhouse will be attractive to the vegetable growing industry which is expanding in southern Ontario.

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Unveiling Renovated Patient Rooms in Petrolia

By Dr. Charles Winegard, Medical Director, Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital of Bluewater Health

Our Petrolia hospital is seeing some exciting progress in overall infrastructure improvements. Since securing \$7.5M in infrastructure funding from the Ministry of Health in 2017, an additional \$5.8M has been invested into infrastructural upgrades, including boiler plant and electrical upgrades.

This week, our patients and staff are celebrating the completion of two

beautifully renovated acute care rooms, the first in a series of patient rooms. These spacious and bright new acute care rooms are an early priority of the 25-year Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital Redevelopment Project Plan.

Previously, our acute care rooms were semi-private and bathrooms were shared, did not include a shower, and did not meet modern accessibility standards. The newly renovated acute care rooms are private and have been modernized to offer a bright, fresh, and intimate patient experience. Renovations also include much-needed spacious and private bathrooms; updated with a shower to meet patient care and accessibility needs, including walker/wheelchair access.

The renovations bring the rooms up to current day standards, improve patient privacy and access, as well as the overall patient experience. It is exciting to see the beautiful results of these infrastructure investments to our Petrolia hospital; updates our staff and patients can see and experience themselves. Patients will feel like they're recovering and being cared for in a hotel room, rather than a community hospital.

In order to avoid delays in patient care, construction plans have the remaining acute care rooms to be renovated in two-room blocks. When all renovations are completed, our acute medicine unit will offer modern patient rooms, including fully private rooms/ bathrooms – one of which will be a dedicated palliative room – and one ward room.

These new renovations mark the beginning of a successful and viable Petrolia hospital for many years to come.

Stage 2 work of the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital Redevelopment Project has also begun; which includes reorganizing of hospital services (departments) and moving services more centrally into renovated spaces. I will share more details as planning and construction progresses.





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Crews from Harold Marcus were cleaning up the 104,000 gallons of oil spilled at an independently operated oil field at the corner of Oil Springs Line and Brigden Road June 30.

# Lightning strike likely cause of oil tanker explosion

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

While the Ontario Fire Marshal's office hasn't completed its report, lightning likely caused an oil tanker near Bridgen to explode.

About 9 pm Monday, while thunderstorms were in the area, the tanker blew up at the corner of Brigden Road and Oil Springs Line. St. Clair Fire Chief Walt Anderson says neighbours watching the storm called

911 and said lightning had hit the tanker.

When fire crews arrived, Anderson says they worked quickly to make sure the 104,000 gallons of crude oil which spilled wouldn't get to any nearby creeks.

"First when we got there, we isolated electricity because it was an electrical driven pump ...and then looked at how big this spill was and where it was going. It poured rain and still was raining a bit when they got there.

“And in a farmer’s field next to it, which

was tiled, they found the drain was pouring some oil into the ditch. So that's when they ordered some sand from the township to come out and dam up the ditches before it got too far and headed towards the creek."

Investigators from the Ministry of Environment and the Ontario Fire Marshal's office were at the well site on the corner of Brigden Road and Oil Springs Line Tuesday investigating.

The owner of the well has now brought in a cleanup crew. The oil that was in the

ditches has been removed, says Anderson, however the oil that spilled onto the ground will have to be excavated and clean fill will be brought in. That oil-stained soil will be moved offsite – likely to Clean Harbors on Petrolia Line.

Anderson couldn't say what the lightning strike would have cost the oil well owner, adding the tanker was almost full with a pickup scheduled for the day after the lightning strike.

# MNR says two or three bears roaming in Lambton

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

The Ministry of Natural Resources says it's likely there are at least two bears wandering Lambton County.

Officials say there have been 23 reported sightings of the bear in June which apparently has made its way down to Lambton from the Bruce Peninsula. The bear has also been spotted in the Cam-lachie area.

“The Ministry believes these could be two different bears as reports have detailed two unique size descriptions during the same time period,” says Ministry of Natural Resources spokesperson Jolanta Kowalski in an email. “The reports are likely two or three bears spotted multiple times.”

Kowalski says that while it is unusual to see a black bear in this area, the MNR is not planning any extraordinary steps to get it out of the area.

“The Ministry has the ability to trap problem bears when all other means of preventing human-bear conflicts have been implemented and proven unsuccessful. The ministry is continually monitoring and assessing the situation in the Lambton Shores area, and trapping and relocation is not appropriate at this time,” she added.

Meantime, there is more evidence the bears are simply looking for food. The beehives at Camp Attawandaron and the Scout Canada camp near Pinery Provincial Park sustained a lot of damage and nearby were some tracks which appeared to be from a bear.



While it hasn't been confirmed to be the work of the black bear wandering around Lambton Shores and Plympton-Wyoming, Kowalski says it is possible.

"That wouldn't be surprising because that is one of their favourite things," she says. "They love anything that smells good. And that can be garbage or that can be honeycombs, you know, it's not that unusual."

"This bear seems to be very active and is getting into trouble at various locations. I'm not sure if they can trap just him based on where the sightings have been. I got the sense that this bear was moving around a lot."

Kowalski says the best option is for people to make sure they have nothing to eat, including bird feeders, pet food and garbage around to attract the bear.

Meantime, Imperial Oil, which tweeted out about the damage at the Scout camp, says it will give the camp \$5,000 for new bee hives and a place to store the bee-keeping equipment.



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# Editorial

## Plan for sidewalks

The perennial discussion about whether new subdivisions should have sidewalks appears to have been put to rest. With some help from the Lambton County planners stating the obvious.

For years, developers have fought against the idea of putting sidewalks in new subdivisions in Petrolia. Look at any major newish subdivision in the town and you'll see pedestrians have no choice but to walk on the roads.

Developers have argued homeowners don't want sidewalks in front of their homes because it cuts off their property. They can't park overtop of a sidewalk without getting ticketed and that cuts down on parking spaces.

As Lambton's planner pointed out, the land where sidewalks are built is actually town property.

All over Ontario, towns control the land closest to the roads. It should be pointed out to potential homeowners when they're looking at a house that their property line stops at the town's easement. It's not.

The planners also shattered another myth - that municipal council can allow developers to exclude sidewalks. Petrolia's official plan explicitly says all new developments shall have sidewalks. It would be interesting to know if the councils of the day actually had read this part of the Official Plan and were wilfully ignoring it when all that housing was being built or if they simply have never read the planning rules for the community.

Of course, there is enough wiggle room that councillors can make a case for past decisions.

The Official Plan also gives council "discretion" on the matter as well. Councils in Petrolia have made discretion a tacit approval of subdivisions without sidewalks.

And it has all been in a bid to grow the community - which in and of itself is not a bad thing.

However when councils overlook what is good for the public at large - like safe places to walk in growing communities - to please developers, it becomes a problem.

Developers already have it pretty good in Petrolia - they pay no development fees where other communities required developers to pay \$10,000 to \$20,000 per lot. Surely, a few sidewalks isn't going to be the deal breaker that sends them off to build their homes elsewhere.

Council has now agreed to put into the official plan that all new streets in the community must have a sidewalk on at least one side. Main roads will need two. It's a good first step, however we're not counting our sidewalk chickens before they're hatched. There is still plenty of time for councillors to change their minds again and continue giving politicians discretion on whether something as necessary as a sidewalk is built.

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## TRUCKS COLLIDE



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Two people suffered what police are calling moderate and minor injuries after an accident at the corner of Mandaumin Road and London Line. On June 30, a dump truck and a Canflow truck collided at the intersection at mid-day. The Canflow truck wasn't carrying any liquid at the time and the dump truck had a load of soil. It took several hours to remove the trucks. The driver of the dump truck has been charged with failing to yield.

# Food truck fees go down as residents call for bylaw changes

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Petrolia is lowering the fees for food trucks, at least for this year.

Just a few weeks after council passed a bylaw to regulate where food trucks could locate, three people asked for changes to it.

Under the bylaw, commercial businesses, industries and private homeowners would have to pay a \$200 fee to host a truck on their property. It was a one time fee and the truck could come to the property numerous times.

Councillors were looking for a way to not only track where the trucks were, but also to provide fairness to businesses who pay business licences and taxes. A food truck would only have to have a business licence to operate in Petrolia. The town also has four designated areas for food trucks in Bridgeview Park with a fee of \$5,000 per year for a spot.

First Liz Welsh came to council for her employer, Albany Retirement Residence, to ask for an exemption for the fee. The business was planning socially distanced entertainment for the seniors who had been isolating during the pandemic and hoped to have the ice

cream truck visit the home three times. Council granted a one time exemption to the home from the \$200 fee.

At the same council meeting, resident Mary Jo Edgar suggested exemptions for food trucks with business licences from the town and a special event permit. She also suggested events at a private home should be free, if they last just 90 minutes.

Emily Denham Weed, in a letter to council June 28, agreed. She says having an ice cream truck at a private party would be a great, socially distanced event.

And she says, council passed the bylaw without public input. "I don't feel the voices of the community were properly heard on this topic."

Mayor Brad Loosley disagreed. He said council had been discussing the bylaw for months and the issue had been raised at council three times, giving the public time to voice opinions.

"The bylaw is to protect residential areas from commercial type uses of any mobile refreshment vehicles," Loosley read from prepared remarks. "It was based on public feedback to ensure the best interests of all residents or settings. Anyone can apply for special events permit. This is not a

new practice, which is then reviewed by the director of community services for compliance within our regulated bylaws, from noise, fireworks tents to parties, and a \$200 fee covers review of the application, along with the contribution aligned to what a downtown brick and mortar business contributes to property taxes."

Loosley added charities don't pay the fee.

The mayor says the bylaw is a balance to allow the trucks to operate but not disadvantage established businesses.

"Downtown businesses are satisfied that the municipality is licensing and treating equally transient businesses and downtown brick and mortar businesses that pay year round taxes."

Instead of reviewing the bylaw, Councillor Joel Field suggested lowering the fee. "I'm recommending for the rest of this year, in light of COVID, having people being able to finally get together with family and friends and having an option for this at a reasonable price - I had put \$50 in this bylaw - that we change it this year, and that we bring it back to our fee structure meeting when we do our budget."

Council agreed.

## PW decides against taking on woodlot park

A suggestion for Plympton-Wyoming to create a park in the middle of a new subdivision has been turned down after council learned the developer only wanted to turn over a small piece of wetland.

Developer Doug Bain of Key Homes is working on the Trails Edge subdivision. It's a 41 lot single family home subdivision bounded by King St., Fleming and Egremont Roads.

There is a large woodlot in the area being developed and one resident, during a public meeting on the project, suggested the town consider taking on the area and creating a park.

At first, Councillor Tim Wilkins was in favour of the idea saying in 25 years, that area of Plympton-Wyoming will have a lot of homes and it would

be a "pretty attractive place to have a nature trail going through there."

Wilkins added because of the new homes in the area, there would be more tax dollars to maintain a park.

"We have to look 25 - 30 years down the road and how beneficial that would be for our people."

Bain agreed, saying there could be a trail around the wetlands "in around the trees" where the land is dry.

That peaked council's interest with one councillor asking how much land the developer would be willing to turn over to Plympton-Wyoming if the town was interested. Bain said he only wanted to turn over the wetland in the area - about two to three acres.

Wilkins and the rest of council decided the portion of land was too small

and declined the opportunity to negotiate for the land with the developer.

The woodland is expected to remain in tact but in private hands.

## Petrolia ends 2020 with a surplus

Heather Wright  
The Independent

While 2020 was a tough year financially for many, the Town of Petrolia was able to rack up a surplus of \$107,800 - mostly due to increasing federal and provincial grants.

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# A different kind of Canada Day

There were small celebrations, moments of reflection and a very large show of support for the Indigenous community Canada Day.

The normally boisterous celebration of Canada was marked on a smaller scale, partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic which still places limits on socializing, and because of tragic details of the confirmation of at least 1,500 unmarked graves of children who died at Indian residential schools.

Since the formation of Canada until 1996, Indian residential schools were federally mandated. Their original goal was to “take the Indian out of the child.” Thousands of children were taken from their homes to go to school and an unknown number died there. In most cases, the children were buried on the school grounds and many family members never knew what happened or where they had been laid to rest.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission heard testimony about the unmarked graves in 2008. At the time, the commission asked for \$1.5 million from the federal government to investigate; the request was turned down.

New technology has led to the confirmation of what many First Nations had known, children were buried in unmarked graves on school grounds. So far, about 1,500 graves have been discovered in a month.

A massive crowd, most wearing orange t-shirts – a symbol of the horrors children faced at residential schools – gathered at Sarnia City Hall Canada Day to show support for the Indigenous communities in the area. The photos below, by Lou Sprenger, are of that gathering.

In Petrolia, downsized Canada Day celebrations started with raising the flag at the Petrolia Legion. There, a land acknowledgement was made and about 50 people took some time to reflect on the realities of Indian residential schools.

The day in Petrolia included a scavenger hunt by car, the opening of the annual fishing derby and a party wagon that made its way around town handing out goodie bags to families. The night ended with virtual fireworks.

In Brooke-Alvinston, the annual Canada Day dinner became a drive-thru affair and the community was one of the only spots in the region to see live fireworks.



Photos by  
Heather Wright  
and  
Lou Sprenger

# Sports

## LCCVI grad among Stefanko Award recipients

LCCVI graduate Core Jackson has won one of the most prestigious sports awards for high school students in Lambton.

The Wyoming teen has been honoured with the Stefanko Award.



Core Jackson

Jackson's first love is baseball. He committed to the University of Nebraska for a baseball scholarship and was one of a handful of Central Lambton athletes who played for the Great Lake Canadians. In a blog post

from the Canadian Premier Baseball League, Jackson talked about his decision to accept the offer to play in the US.

“Nebraska was exactly what I was looking for. I always wanted to go to a Power Five school and Nebraska was offering everything that I wanted. I was very impressed with the coaching staff there and also the amazing facilities. Adam Stern was also a big part in my decision to go to Nebraska as he attended there.”

He credits his parents for helping him get to this point, acknowledging their sacrifice in helping him achieve his dreams.

“The biggest influence of my baseball career would have to be my parents. They have been with me every step of the way. They have always given me the opportunity to play ball at the highest level. They have made many sacrifices so that I can try and live out my dream of playing professional baseball.”

Jackson looks forward to what's to come.

“I love the game and just want to play it every day.”

The Stefanko Award recognizes excellence in sports and the community.

In a news release, the Lambton-Kent District School Board Director of Education, John Howitt, says: “Core understands the importance of balancing academics and athletics, having received academic honours and athlete of the year awards throughout his secondary career.

“A team player, Core participated in volleyball, badminton, basketball and baseball during high school. Core was able to lead by example, both in his game play, but also in motivating his teammates to work together and perform at their best,” says Howitt.

Hannah Elliott of Northern Collegiate has also received the Stefanko Award. “She has excelled in the classroom and in all athletic activities that she has been involved in throughout high school, including basketball, volleyball and track and field. A driven and committed athlete, Hannah has opted to train with a provincial rowing program. She has been a valued member of the peer mentorship program at the school and is a leader amongst her peers and youth alike, including supporting young athletes as a basketball camp counsellor,” says Howitt.

## Sting, Knights ramp up rivalry in 2021-22 OHL season

An effort by the Ontario Hockey League to cut down on travel and overnight stays is good news for the rivalry between the Sarnia Sting and London Knights. The adversaries will play 10 times this season beginning with a contest on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Progressive Auto Sales Arena. The teams will also close out the 2021 calendar year with their traditional home-and-home series on Wednesday, Dec. 29 and late Friday afternoon, Dec. 31 in Sarnia and London respectively.

The Sting will also play Windsor 10 times including home openers for both squads on Oct. 7 and 8 in Windsor and Sarnia. The Sting-Spittire matchups will feature former Sarnia teammates in Tevor Letowski and Alan Letang as opposing coaches.

Additionally, the Sting will play Owen Sound, Flint, Kitchener and Saginaw eight times each, six games each against the Soo Greyhounds and Guelph Storm and four against the Erie Otters.

Out of an abundance of COVID-related caution, there will

be no games against Eastern Conference teams during the regular season which will end on Apr. 3.

Friday and Sunday remain the predominant home dates for the club with 16 and 10 respectively. They also have five games on Wednesday and one each on Monday. (Family Day) Tuesday and Saturday. All games except Sundays start at 7:05 pm, while the Sunday contests will begin at 2:05 pm.

“It’s an exciting time of new beginnings for our League,” says Commissioner David Branch in a statement on the league website. “The OHL continues its tradition of developing the world’s best young student athletes and we’re very much looking forward to having players back in OHL communities as they pursue both their hockey and academic-related goals.. We’re also looking ahead to the safe return of our great fans to OHL arenas this season,” Branch added. “The OHL benefits from a long and storied past on the ice, but the fans, billets and community partners have always played an integral role in making our league so special.”





# Seniors in Lambton not getting vaccines as quickly as those in long term care (LTC)

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Lambton’s medical officer of health isn’t too concerned some of the oldest residents – most susceptible to COVID-19 – aren’t fully vaccinated yet.

As of July 2, 85 per cent of 70 year olds and 81 per cent of 80 year-olds have had their first vaccine – 71 per cent are fully vaccinated.

But just 74 per cent of 90 year-olds have had their first shot and 69 per cent are fully vaccinated.

That’s compared to more than 90 per cent of seniors in long term care in Lambton who have had both shots of the vaccine.

Dr. Sudit Ranade isn’t sure why the seniors are not getting the shot yet.

Part of the issue may be the population projections public health uses to calculate the percentage of people vaccinated may be off. In other words, there may be fewer seniors in that age range than public health thinks.

“The practical experience of doing those (90 year-old) clinics was that they were full, and that they had a lot of people who were helping them to do those bookings, and come in to make sure that they got their vaccine,” says Ranade.

“I haven’t heard a lot of situations where ninety year-olds would say to us, ‘I can’t get my appointment, or I can’t get my vaccine.’”

And he’s comfortable public health is getting to seniors where they live.

“We take requests from people if they can’t leave their house for medical reasons,” says Ranade, adding public health has been doing “home based immunization... and we’ve been doing that for quite a while now. So if we didn’t have that, I might be thinking, ‘oh, maybe there’s just no way that they can come to the centre.’ But they’ve been getting requests and meeting them.”

If a senior you know still needs a vaccination, you can call public health’s hotline at 226-254-8222.

# More COVID cash coming to Lambton

The Independent

Lambton County municipalities will be getting more infrastructure cash from the federal and provincial governments.

The federal government is providing \$40.9 million and the province \$10.2 million through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure.

The funding will support the development of accessible recreational spaces, emergency and health facilities, increase active transportation and the renovation

of municipal infrastructure and community centers to provide safe and inclusive spaces according to a provincial news release.

Most of the small municipalities in Central Lambton will be receiving \$100,000 for infrastructure. Petrolia will receive \$115,600 and St. Clair will receive just over \$385,000.

Lambton County will also have an additional \$401,000 to use to upgrade infrastructure.

The federal government provides 80 per cent of the

funding and the province 20 per cent to the following municipalities;

- Brooke-Alvinston \$100,000
- Dawn-Euphemia \$100,000
- Enniskillen \$100,000
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- Oil Springs \$100,000
- Petrolia \$115,6000
- Plympton Wyoming \$100,000
- Pt Edward \$100,000
- Sarnia \$739,000
- St Clair \$385,621
- Warwick \$100,000

# Teens now can get their second shots

The Independent

Teens between 12 and 17 can start booking their second COVID-19 shot.

The province announced it’s allowing the teens to start booking July 5 at 8 am to give them a “strong level of protection against COVID-19 including the Delta variant and support a safe return to school in September.”

The students should book through the provincial booking system or the local public health unit to receive their Pfizer shot – the only vaccine approved for that age group.

A provincial news release says during the week of June 21, the province administered more than one million doses in four days, including 26,771 doses administered in a single day at Toronto’s Scotiabank Arena Clinic, setting a North American record.

Public health units, mass vaccination clinics, hospital sites, pharmacies and primary care providers have administered over 15 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, with more than 77 per cent of adult Ontarians having received their first dose and more than 42 per cent fully immunized.

# Surplus at end of 2020

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in a report to council in June, says a number of grants increased, including the Ontario Community Investment Fund by \$47,000, the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund also increased \$27,000. The town also receives cash from Bluewater Power each year - dividends which are a nod towards Petrolia being involved in the formation of the power company. Those dividends were up \$19,000.

Charlebois says the public works department also saved \$94,000 because of lower insurance costs and salary and benefits and less winter maintenance.

There was also a deficit in the protective services - fire and police - in 2020 of \$83,000. Any of the expenses related to COVID-19 were already covered by the provincial and federal government.

The excess cash will go into the capital reserve fund to help fund future capital projects.

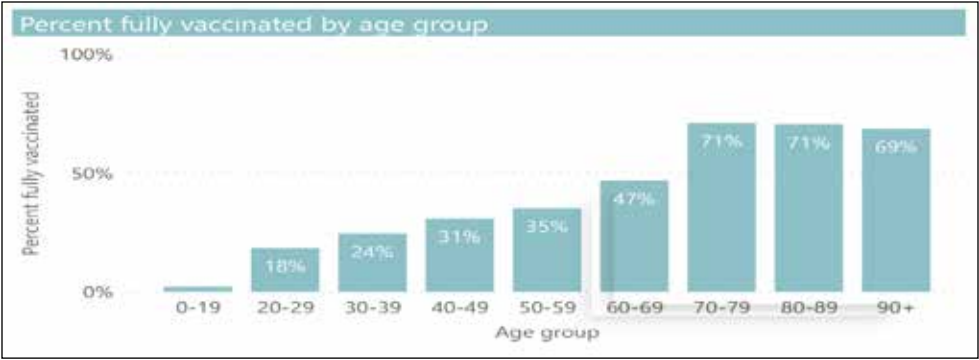
# Mosquito patrol on again

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has been hired by Lambton Public Health to start dropping larvicide in catch basins around the county.

It’s a yearly program where Methoprene is dropped in pellets in the standing water of the catch basin to stop the mosquitos from reproducing. The conservation authority also checks the mosquito traps set out to catch the bugs to check for West Nile virus in the region.

That program begins this week. But if you find a dead bird this year, public health won’t be checking it for effects of the West Nile virus. Officials say you should put on some gloves and dispose of the bird in your garbage.

While the larvicide program helps reduce the mosquito population and the chance of people getting the virus which can have serious health effects, public health says it is only one way to reduce the bug population.



In long term care homes in Lambton, more than 90 per cent of seniors are vaccinated against COVID-19. Seniors in the community are not getting their vaccines as quickly.

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# Almost 80k trees planted in 2020

The Independent

2021 was a big year for trees in Lambton County. The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority says more landowners got involved in annual tree programs than the last 10 years. Demand for the tree seedlings was between two

and five times higher than normal, officials said, with 83 landowners purchasing more than 14,000 trees. Another 65,000 trees were planted throughout the watershed for 29 landowners for a total of 79,000 trees in all. There were two mechanical tree planting crews at work and one small hand planting crew who worked three weeks to finish planting all the trees before the end of May. The conservation authority paid \$193,000 toward the project while landowners paid \$104,000 for the new trees. There were also 26 individual tree orders for 1,433

large potted stock trees this year worth over \$30,000. Trees orders by Brooke-Alvinston and Warwick made up more than half of the trees ordered. Both municipalities had landowners purchasing trees from them, leading officials to say this is an effective method of getting people to plant trees.

## Petrolia councillor to raise money for tribute bench for Dr. Frank Riedl

Heather Wright  
The Independent

A Petrolia councillor who wants to see Dr. Frank Riedl honoured for his work in the community plans to raise money to place a memorial in thanks for his service. Grant Purdy wanted the town to place a memorial bench for the family physician who recently passed away. Purdy says Riedl worked in the community 54 years “providing exceptional service to his patients in Petrolia and

Lambton County. I believe that this is deserving of some sort of commemoration that will show appreciation to his family and for future generations to be able to enjoy and learn about what he had done.” In a report to council, town staff spoke against the idea, saying the town has a bereavement acknowledgment policy to make sure that all are remembered while not honouring some more than others. Under the policy, the town did send a card of condolence and made a donation to the Petrolia Com-

munity Foundation in Riedl’s memory. Staff added there is a memorial tree and bench program in place, however the town doesn’t foot the bill for these. The report also added the town has to make sure the wishes of the family are respected. Purdy accepted the town would not be involved but says he will start fundraising for the memorial for Dr. Riedl. “I just think that he is deserving of some sort of lasting commemoration of his legacy.”

## Discovering local conservation authorities at SCRCAs 60th anniversary

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority wants you to explore their 19 sites. To celebrate its 60th anniversary, the conservation authority has started a virtual fundraiser to encourage people to walk through the conservation areas - eight of which are in Central Lambton - while raising money to support conservation programs. That includes

tree planting, wetland creation and species at risk research. You can choose to walk, hike, bike or paddle between six and 60 kilometres of trails in various conservation areas in the Sydenham River watershed while you raise money for every kilometre explored. “We hope this event will not only raise money to support conservation

efforts in our region, but also introduce people to local natural gems they may not have been aware of,” says Donna Blue, manager of communications for the authority. You can register for the event, which runs until the end of August, by going to [raceroster.com/events](https://raceroster.com/events) and search for The St. Clair Challenge.

## Fewer COVID-19 testing centres needed now

Heather Wright  
The Independent

One of Lambton’s COVID-19 testing centres is closing its doors. The Rapids Family Health team closed its assessment centre at the end of June saying there is less demand. Between June 20 and 27, there were 1,319 people who were tested across the county for COVID-19. That’s far below the testing of nearly 6,000 people in one week during the peak of Lambton’s second wave in January. It’s the lowest rate of testing since August 2020. Lambton’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, says eventually, all the stand alone clinics will be closed. “Over time, we want to move into a place where the way we test for COVID is more like the way we test for other respiratory viruses,” he says, noting it will simply be another test in your doctor’s office. Ranade says those who might have gone to The Rapids’ centre will simply go to another in the region, including the Rural Testing Centre in Wyoming. He adds the centre can always reopen. “We do have that scalable capacity to open up testing or to reduce it as needed.”

## Nineteen firearms charges laid after Petrolia break-in

A 45 year-old St. Clair man is being held in custody after a Petrolia break-in. Lambton OPP were called to Garfield St. for a break and enter. Police confirmed with the homeowner several firearms had been taken. Investigators, including Forensic Identification Services and the Crime Unit, tracked down a suspect.

Herbert McDonald, 45, of St. Clair Township faces 19 firearms charges and a charge of break and enter to steal a firearm. He remains in custody.

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**ANOQUOT, Ilene**  
Age 89, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home  
**EDWARD, Jordan**  
Age 92, of Sarnia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**SUNDAY, JUNE 27**  
**EGGLETON, Valda**  
Age 82, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home  
**McCABE, Doris**  
Age 86, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**MONDAY, JUNE 28**  
**GERALD, Gonzales**  
Age 68, of Forest  
Gilpin Funeral Home  
**CLEMENS, Sharon**  
Age 80, of Lambton Shores  
Denning's of Forest

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29**  
**CLEVELAND BOUCHER, Tyler**  
Age 23, of Forest  
Gilpin Funeral Home

**BRESSETTE, Harold**  
Age 55, of Kettle Point  
Gilpin Funeral Home  
**EYRE, Donna**  
Age 86, of Brights grove  
Smith Funeral Home

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30**  
**ELLERKER, Linda**  
Age 69, of Brampton  
Denning's of Forest  
**SLEEMAN, David**  
Age 73, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home  
**WALTERHOUSE, Madeline**  
Age 93, of Lambton Shore  
Gilpin Funeral Home

**THURSDAY, JULY 1**  
**BAZIN, Earlien**  
Age 70, of Sarnia  
McCormack Funeral Home  
**BRUSCO, Maria**  
Age 73, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home  
**BOONSTRA, Sylvia**  
Age 91, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**FRIDAY, JULY 2**  
**CARLETON, Catherine**  
Age 97, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

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In Memory



## MITCHELL


In loving memory of  
**Mildred Mitchell**  
who passed away on  
**July 3, 1984**  
and  
**Gerald Mitchell**  
who passed away  
**August 9, 2007**

*So often we reminisce and share  
a laugh or two,  
What precious memories you left  
behind.*

*Your love and smiles,  
Your friendly waves.  
Thought the link that binds  
our family circle will never be  
missed in our hearts.  
Now your place is with the  
angles above.*

**Love always  
- The Mitchell Families -**

In Memory



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In loving memory of  
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great-grandfather  
**RAYMOND**  
who passed away July 5, 1994  
and  
our dear mother, grandmother  
and great-grandmother  
**VIVIAN**  
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It seems so hard to comprehend  
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But all the happy memories  
will help to keep you near.  
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Obituary



### DAYMAN

Kevin

It is with heavy heart that Lyle and Joyce Dayman announce the sudden passing of their son, Kevin Dayman on **June 23, 2021** at the age of **64**. Brother to Joan Karr, husband Ron Karr, siblings Adam and Aaron. Brother to Karen Benusik, husband Peter Benusik, siblings Iain and Jason. Brother to Lois Elliott, husband Gregg Elliott, siblings Jessie, Corrie and Brittany. Brother to Eric Dayman, wife Laurie Dayman, siblings Kallie. He leaves behind many family members that will miss him dearly, Kevin was a quiet man that lived a simple life with wife Cathy Dayman and son Jonathan Dayman. There will be no service held for Kevin as this was what he wished but a quiet celebration of life held with immediate family.

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Obituary



### EDWARD

Jordan

Peacefully and surrounded by his family, F. Jordan Edward (Jobber) passed away on **June 26, 2021** at Bluewater Health in Sarnia at age **92**. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 63 years, Ruth Alison (nee Hawley), his cherished daughters Alison, Jane and Mimi (Mark) and grandchildren Ossie, Maitland and Kaedy. Predeceased by his parents Frederick Hayne Edward and Ethel Mae (nee Fowler) and his sister Mary Lee Berwick, he is fondly remembered by nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Jordan was raised in Petrolia and was proud of his oil heritage. Called to the bar in 1956, he had a law practice in Sarnia and Petrolia until his retirement in 1992. A member of the Rotary Club of Sarnia, he received recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. Jordan loved the family cottage, Kemah, on Lake Manitou. In this fourth-generation sanctuary, he treasured time spent with family and friends. Jordan was a man of integrity who loved poetry and we will fondly remember his gentle humour, welcoming smile and kindness. **Cremation was followed by a private interment at Hillsdale Cemetery, Petrolia.** If you wish to make a donation, memorial contributions to The Rotary Club of Sarnia Charitable Foundation, 1210 Michigan Ave. PO Box 22014, Twin Lakes Postal Outlet, Sarnia, Ontario N7S 6J4 ([www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/rotary-club-of-sarnia-charitable-foundation](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/rotary-club-of-sarnia-charitable-foundation)) OR Bluewater Health Foundation for Palliative Care ([www.bluewaterhealthfoundation.ca](http://www.bluewaterhealthfoundation.ca)) would be appreciated. Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).

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Jul 9	3-9p	Forest	<b>Forest Legion back patio open.</b> Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 10	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The <b>Petrolia Farmers' Market</b> with local vender's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Jul 10	10-3p	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Discovery Tours.</b> Admission by donation. All public health protocols will be followed. Masks Mandatory inside.	
Jul 10	11a-2p	Watford	<b>Mike Harvey Foundation BBQ</b> at Trinity Anglican Church 5331 Nauvoo Rd. Donations collected will go to MHEART	
Jul 10	2-8p	Forest	<b>Forest Legion back patio open.</b> Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 13	5-9p	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Night Market</b> at 396 Fletcher (Behind te library). Makers, creators, food vendors, crafters and more! call 519-882-2350 for more info.	
Jul 14	8a-1p	Grand Bend	Grand Bend <b>Farmers' Market</b> at the Lambton Heritage Museum Parking lot. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. <a href="http://www.lambtonshoremarchets.com">www.lambtonshoremarchets.com</a>	
Jul 15	4-8p	Forest	Forest <b>Farmers' Market</b> at the corner of Jefferson and Main St. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. <a href="http://www.lambtonshoremarchets.com">www.lambtonshoremarchets.com</a>	
Jul 16	3-8p	Forest	<b>Forest Legion back patio open.</b> Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 17	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The <b>Petrolia Farmers' Market</b> with local vender's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Jul 17	2-8p	Forest	<b>Forest Legion back patio open.</b> Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 17	7:30pm	Sarnia	Laugh Outside with Mike Wilmot at Valley Axe. 1886 London Line for more info visit valleyaxe.com. \$20 a ticket.	
Jul 20	5-9p	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Night Market</b> at 396 Fletcher (Behind te library). Makers, creators, food vendors, crafters and more! call 519-882-2350 for more info.	
Jul 21	8a-1p	Grand Bend	Grand Bend <b>Farmers' Market</b> at the Lambton Heritage Museum Parking lot. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. <a href="http://www.lambtonshoremarchets.com">www.lambtonshoremarchets.com</a>	
Jul 22	4-8p	Forest	Forest <b>Farmers' Market</b> at the corner of Jefferson and Main St. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. <a href="http://www.lambtonshoremarchets.com">www.lambtonshoremarchets.com</a>	
Jul 23-24		Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Town-wide Garage Sales.</b> Brought to you by the Volunteer Business Group & Town of Petrolia.	
Jul 23	3-8p	Forest	<b>Forest Legion back patio open.</b> Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 24	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The <b>Petrolia Farmers' Market</b> with local vender's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Jul 24	8a-noon	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>E-Waste Drop Off</b> at 100 Annie St. Pick up in the afternoon call 519-330-1621	
Jul 24	8a-noon	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Peameal on a Bun</b> at 100 Annie St.	
Jul 24	2-8p	Forest	<b>Forest Legion back patio open.</b> Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 27	5-9p	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Night Market</b> at 396 Fletcher (Behind te library). Makers, creators, food vendors, crafters and more! call 519-882-2350 for more info.	
Jul 28	8a-1p	Grand Bend	Grand Bend <b>Farmers' Market</b> at the Lambton Heritage Museum Parking lot. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. <a href="http://www.lambtonshoremarchets.com">www.lambtonshoremarchets.com</a>	
Jul 29	4-8p	Forest	Forest <b>Farmers' Market</b> at the corner of Jefferson and Main St. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. <a href="http://www.lambtonshoremarchets.com">www.lambtonshoremarchets.com</a>	
Jul 30	2-6p	Sarnia	Kiwanis Club of Petrolia and Area <b>Backyard BBQ Bundle.</b> Accepting orders until Sat Jul 24. Dinner for two bundle includes blueberry hickory smoked back ribs, rosemary garlic roasted potatoes, artisan ceaser salas, vanilla caramel swirl fudge, 2 cans of endless summer citurs wheat beer. \$65 per bundle. Pick up at 1173 Michener Rd Unit 3, Sarnia	
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Jul 31	2-8p	Forest	<b>Forest Legion back patio open.</b> Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Aug 3	5-9p	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Night Market</b> at 396 Fletcher (Behind te library). Makers, creators, food vendors, crafters and more! call 519-882-2350 for more info.	

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# 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](mailto: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](http://www.standrews-petrolia.ca)

### St. Paul's United Church

4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

**In Person Services now taking place Sunday's 10am**

We will be closed for Summer Break August 1, 8 & 15 with no Sunday Service

Service will resume August 22 at 10am

Rev. Carey Wagner  
Church Office: 519-882-1390  
[www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net](http://www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net)

### First Baptist Church

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

**Outdoor Church Service Sunday Mornings 10:30am**  
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Pastor: Alex Craig  
Church Office 519-882-2480  
email: [fbcpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:fbcpetrolia@gmail.com)  
[www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca](http://www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca)

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[www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia](http://www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia)

### Wyoming United Church

730 Second Street, Wyoming

In-person services suspended at this time. Please contact our office at [wyoming\\_united@outlook.com](mailto:wyoming_united@outlook.com) to be sent the Zoom link to join us for our 10am live service.

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## FARMERS’ MARKET OPEN



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Saturday, July 3 was the grand opening of the 2021 Petrolia Farmers’ Market. There was live music on hand and the Lambton Central Petrolia Optimists were handing out free burgers and hot dogs throughout the morning.

## Gypsy moth survey to take place in St. Clair

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

St. Clair Township is taking preliminary steps to address gypsy moth infestations.

Like many other municipalities in Lambton County the township is not immune to the ravenous insects. They’ve been responsible for the defoliation and destruction of many trees in southwestern Ontario.

Some towns have been spraying highly infested areas in an effort to ward off the moths. Lambton Shores took this approach earlier this year.

Now that residents in St. Clair have been reporting them, Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay asked council to allow for surveying of the township to see where local spraying might need to be carried out.

Lindsay says the survey is an important step to see just how bad the problem is. “They would look at the tree canopies that we have throughout the township and then choose where they’re going to look for them and then they would come back with populations and whether the thresholds were met,” he says of the process.

The scale of gypsy moth numbers can often be underestimated.

“People that think they have a lot of gypsy moths, (usually) don’t. An actual severe infestation is very noticeable,” says Lindsay, explaining that

even if people think they have a lot of moths their area might not necessarily be sprayed.

BioForest Technologies was the recommended company to carry out the survey. Costs were estimated at between \$10,000-20,000 for the survey and \$1,000 per hectare of land eventually sprayed. The pesticide most likely to be used would be Dipel.

Lindsay says other municipalities have had success with the spraying, but they’d have to decide how to move ahead in areas with heavy moth concentrations.

“One municipality I talked to was spraying private land because they were trying to protect their city tree canopy,” he says. “And then others were just spraying township property. That’s the other part of the equation if we go down this road, are we going to just spray municipal property or are we going to try to protect the trees.”

Deputy Mayor Steve Miller was wary of spraying on private property while Mayor Steve Arnold wanted more information on possible fallout.

“Sometimes the cure is worse than the cause,” says Arnold. “We could have lawsuits or people being sick because of what we spray, even on our own property.”

The survey was originally budgeted for 2022 but council approved money from the Education and Environment fund to move it up to this year.

## OPP busy with drunk drivers

Eight people are facing impaired driving charges.

Lambton OPP laid the charges over the course of just one week in St. Clair, Brooke-Alvinston, Lambton Shores, Grand Bend, Sarnia and Plympton-Wyoming. In all cases, vehicles were seen driving erratically before the

driver was pulled over.

The accused have all been released and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice.

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