

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Mike Bush throws some shade at his sparring partner from the Ripley Wolves during the Petrolia Squires home opener Friday night. The pair tussled and fell to the ice where the referees were trying to pull them apart as the fight continued.

Petrolia may consider housing development fees

Heather Wright
The Independent

After years of avoiding them like the plague, it appears Petrolia council will at least consider the idea of charging development fees.

The town is one of only a handful of municipalities across the province which doesn't use the revenue generating tool. Municipalities across Ontario are able to levy development charges as a tool to recover capital costs for either infrastructure or services that will benefit future growth. The idea is growth pays for its share so that the existing taxpayers aren't paying the costs of extending sewers or adding on to treatment plants which will benefit people living in the yet-to-be built homes.

Typically, municipalities hire a consultant to look at what construction is on the horizon in the next five years and what infra-

structure and services will be needed. Then, a value is assigned to each of those things and when a developer begins building, they pay a set fee for those services.

Petrolia has been enjoying a growth spurt in the last few years. In 2021 for example, 23 new home permits were granted with the value of the homes in June alone pegged at \$4.8 million.

Councillors heard recently there are seven different housing developments in the works in the community.

That's led to calls for development fees - including from a former mayor.

"Initially, in Petrolia, the idea was to create an advantage over other municipalities by not charging fees, so the town could enjoy growth and it worked," wrote Realtor John McCharles in a letter to the editor.

"Recently, it appears, the developers have taken advantage of the hot market and no fees to increase their profit margin as

witnessed by new comparable home prices in other communities. The prices of new homes in Petrolia are similar to other local municipalities that have development fees."

Development fees range from \$9,000 to \$30,000 per home in Sarnia, are as high as \$11,000 in Lambton Shores and around \$6,600 in St. Clair Township. Plympton-Wyoming has raised its fees to \$10,400.

McCharles says it's time to consider the fees. "The new developments increase the operation costs for the entire town and must be reviewed. Just the costs of road maintenance, fire and police protection and other municipal services are severely impacted."

Councillor Joel Field, who has been against the idea during his time on council, raised the issue at the Oct. 12 meeting, suggesting staff should be educating councillors about the idea.

That will happen in November, during the first budget meeting according to the CAO.

New drive test centre to run seven days a week by November

Heather Wright
The Independent

Kyra Mevis is at her wits end.

The Lambton woman is one of thousands trying to figure out when they'll be able to get a drivers test in Ontario. The university student hoped it would get better when the province announced it was opening a new testing centre in Sarnia, but so far, she's come up empty in her quest to become a fully licenced driver before she has to start her teaching rotations for her education courses.

Mevis received her G2 licence in 2020, just before the pandemic hit. She'd planned to get her full licence as soon as possible because she was expecting to study overseas. With COVID-19 restrictions, that didn't happen. Stuck at home, Mevis was hopeful she'd be able to try for her licence later. But the Ministry of Transportation had to shut down all driving tests for long periods of time. That created wait lists across the province. It's estimated 700,000 people are waiting for a test to be licenced.

Mevis' hopes were raised at word the province had opened a new test centre in Sarnia. She got online the first hour appointments were being taken only to find out there was nothing available.

"They were just already completely booked, because it was just every single day was grey indicating that there wasn't any appointments available," she told *The Independent* from her home in Kingston.

Mevis couldn't get an appointment until April 2023.

She goes back to the website every other day to see if something new has come up. "I stayed up past midnight trying to find appointments... I've actually been late to one of my classes, because I was on the website trying to look, and the website just constantly crashes."

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Buurma’s bid to get Brooke-Alvinston to pay hearing fees fails

Heather Wright
The Independent

An attempt by one of the principals of Buurma Acres to force Brooke-Alvinston to pay his legal bills for a case he filed to the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board has failed.

In April 2020, David Buurma appealed to the board to look at the bylaws of Brooke-Alvinston limiting the director of LaSalle Agri from storing the fertilizer made from human waste on fields in the region and to store large quantities of it on a Buurma Acres farm on Churchill Line.

The board ruled that while centralized storage was a normal

farm practice, the facility Buurma Acres was using wasn’t adequate. It ordered the organization to fix the building to reduce the possibility of odours escaping and spontaneous combustion of the material.

Recently, lawyers for Buurma filed written arguments to the board asking it to order Brooke-Alvinston to pay \$125,000 of its \$173,121 legal bill.

Buurma’s lawyers wrote the municipality “made a clear and concerted effort to malign the character of David Buurma as a principal of LaSalle Agri Inc. It is alleged that this started before the hearing and came out further during the course of the hearing,”

adding “there was an attempt to ‘demonize’ the fertilizer itself.”

The municipality denied that.

The NFPPB Chair, Glenn Walker wrote in his Oct. 5 decision, “there was no attempt to malign the character of David Buurma personally; and if there was, there is no evidence to suggest that this was done maliciously.”

Buurma’s lawyers also said the municipality should have paid legal costs because it failed to call evidence from anyone with farming experience, or about concerns about the environment, nor did it call expert witnesses about the odour concerns or first responders about the smouldering biosolids fertilizer in question.

Walker says normally, costs would be awarded if a defense wasn’t mounted at all.

“A party should be free to choose the nature and amount of evidence it calls at a hearing. It may be that the party will be unsuccessful in the litigation as a result of that choice. However, that choice does not represent clearly unreasonable, frivolous, vexatious or bad faith conduct,” Walker wrote.

The chair of the NFPPB turned down Buurma’s requests for costs.

The municipality in its reply to the request asked the chair to award it costs of \$11,413 for responding to Buurma’s latest legal moves. Walker instead ordered Buurma to pay \$1,000 to

the municipality and added in any future cases the costs would be “more realistic.”

The Independent calculated that by May 2021, Brooke-Alvinston had already spent \$128,260.72 defending itself at the NFPPB. Warwick had also incurred \$12,500 in costs. Brooke-Alvinston, Warwick and Dawn-Euphemia, against whom Buurma Acres had filed cases before the NFPPB, were to split those bills three ways.

Meantime, Brooke-Alvinston council will be asking neighbouring municipalities - particularly Adelaide-Metcalf - to help pay the legal bill since the ruling will be useful in a similar case there.

Drive Tests still hard to find now, availability likely to improve in November

CON’T FROM PG 1

Mevis says right now she can manage with just her G2, but soon, she’ll need a full licence to get around for work.

“I’m trying to become a teacher and part of that every year is I have to take practicum placements. And because I don’t have the capabilities of driving, that limits somewhat, what options I can even consider.”

Mevis isn’t alone in her concerns. Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey says his office has

been flooded with calls from families about the backlog of driving tests. It was particularly bad when Sarnia’s office remained open while the province closed facilities in Toronto and Windsor. Drivers there were travelling to Sarnia for their tests; a practice the province ended soon after the backlog materialized.

But after each lockdown to stop the spread of the virus, the list for getting driving appointments got longer and the phone kept ringing at his office.

Bailey’s constituency assistant, Michelle Roe, answered a lot of those calls. The issue also hit home for her. Roe’s son needed his licence. They ended up getting a test in Simcoe first. He ended up retaking the road test in Sarnia in February.

Roe says the calls are ramping up again as people hear about the new testing centre - which happens to be in the same building as Bailey’s constituency office.

She’s urging drivers to be patient. The province hired 167 new

testers, however they’re not all ready to get on the road yet.

“They’re still ramping up,” says Roe. “My understanding is they release blocks of time. So they’ll say, ‘okay, for the next two weeks, we’re going to be doing say 20 a day or 40 a day.’”

Right now, they’re doing about five to 10 a day.

Officials from the Ministry of Transportation say the number of new appointments should open up in November, when the testers are working at capacity.

“The Sarnia temporary road test centre will offer class G2 road tests Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm for the first two weeks, and will extend operating hours to seven days a week from 7 am to 6 pm starting in November,” say officials in an email to *The Independent*.

“Class G tests will be offered at this location later this fall as capacity is increased.”

Until then, drivers will have to keep surfing to find an earlier opening.

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Plympton-Wyoming fire spending could drop 50 per cent

Heather Wright
The Independent

The budget of Plympton-Wyoming fire service is being cut in half. But it comes on a couple years of intense spending on capital - including several new fire trucks. The fire executive committee had a chance to look at the first draft of the 2022 budget from the director

of fire services, Darryl Thompson, Monday. It showed the 2022 budget is suggested to be \$1.167 million less than the 2021 budget. That's a 53 per cent drop in spending. But the decrease is only dramatic because the department isn't planning on buying any fire trucks this year. Four vehicles have been replaced in the fleet in the last two years. Two were paid in full by

insurance payouts. Last year alone, the department spent \$1.35 million for trucks that respond to the scene. This year, Chief Thompson is proposing to spend \$105,000. So while the overall effect is dramatic and will free up a lot of cash, the spending on the day to day operation of the Wyoming and Camlachie stations is actually climbing by about \$81,000. That's

about a 12.5 per cent increase in spending and translates into a 6.3 per cent increase in funding from the town. Overall, the draft budget suggests spending \$1,027,343 to run the two departments - \$492,775 in Camlachie and \$534,568 in Wyoming. That compares to nearby Petrolia, where the department costs over \$410,000 a year to run - a cost which is shared with Enniskillen.

Wet weather hampering last harvest of soybeans in Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

Kevin Marriott suspects soybeans left in Lambton fields may be a complete loss. The warden of Lambton, who is also an Enniskillen Township farmer, says the heavy rains in October are making it difficult to get the last 30 per cent of the soybean crop off the fields. Marriott says many farmers risked taking the beans off early this year after forecasts predicted a very wet October. "People say 'oh they're not ready' but I'm like 'well you better push the envelope because with beans, you can do them

a little bit early - you don't have to wait till it's perfect. You can have swelled up ones in there," he says. Marriott took off about 300 acres of beans and is glad he did. The fields north of Petrolia are still extremely wet and the soybeans left there are beginning to swell and pop out of the pods. Marriott says that means lost profit. The farms he's walked "lost probably at least a couple bushels to the acre which is you know 30 bucks a bushel." Farmers are getting anxious, trying to get out into the field to bring the last 30 per cent of the crop in, but Marriott says they may be doing

more harm than good. "They're pushing the envelope now and they're causing damage to their fields for next year." While there are problems with this year's soybean harvest, Marriott says there is about 10 per cent more corn already off the field than a normal October. "It had a good year to dry down and normally isn't this dry and there's been some farmers doing corn either because it was too wet to do beans or they're done beans. But there's more corn off than there normally is for this time in October."


Dawn-Euphemia backs \$250 million pipeline project

Heather Wright
The Independent


Dawn-Euphemia is backing a \$250 million pipeline project by Enbridge. The company will be asking the Ontario Energy Board for approval to decommission seven of 11 natural gas compressors in Corunna and then build a 36 inch steel natural gas pipeline from the compressor station to the Dawn Operations Centre. That's about

20 kilometres of pipeline. Company officials told councilors Monday natural gas compressors normally last 40 to 50 years. The ones being taken offline in Corunna have been there 50 years, but are still in good shape. Enbridge will be submitting the plan to the energy board next month and will start archaeological work next year. The pipeline could be complete by the winter of 2024.

St. Clair Township council has already supported the plan. Monday, Dawn-Euphemia also agreed to write a letter to the energy board to encourage the approval of the project. "It's always exciting to a municipality to hear about a project with three to 400 jobs on the line," says Mayor Al Broad. "It's probably \$250 million - I call that a quarter of a billion dollars because it sounds bigger and richer and nicer."



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216
Legion Poppy Campaign




On Friday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m., the Petrolia Legion's Poppy Campaign will kick off with the flag raising ceremony at the Petrolia Legion at 4129 Glenview Rd, Petrolia. The Poppy Campaign is the only national event of the Royal Canadian Legion and is held yearly from the last Friday in October until Nov. 11.


Poppy boxes will be distributed to all the local stores and business as in the past however due to covid-19 restrictions many events have been canceled.

All wreaths for veterans and local businesses will be pre-placed at the cenotaph on November 7th and there will be a small service at the cenotaph on November 11th.


The executive, members and veterans of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216 in Petrolia want to thank you for your continued support and invite you to stop by the cenotaph throughout the upcoming Poppy campaign to remember those that gave so much for the freedoms we have today.

Wreath and other donations are gratefully accepted and may be dropped off at the Legion or mailed directly to 4129 Glenview Rd, Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0 with cheques made out to the R.C.L. Petrolia Poppy Fund.





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Two Maude St. men admit to drug trafficking

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Two Petrolia men have admitted to drug trafficking after about \$18,000 in cocaine was seized during a Maude Street drug bust in February 2020. James Kember, 26, and Justin Gadd, 25, entered guilty pleas to trafficking cocaine in front of Justice Bruce Thomas in Sarnia Superior Court. They’ll return for sentencing early in 2022.

Both appearing by video the two listened to the facts of the Feb. 18, 2020 afternoon when their enterprise unravelled. Kember and Gadd had attracted the attention of the Lambton OPP Community Street Crimes Unit.

Police were granted a search warrant for the two men along with their home and vehicles.

Gadd was the first to be arrested, taken down outside a Sarnia dry cleaners as he walked out with his laundry. Inside his 2009 Volkswagen sedan was 18 grams of cocaine, \$950 cash and multiple cell phones. The car was towed.

Half an hour later Kember arrived at the Maude Street house he shared with Gadd. The police were waiting and took him into custody. Kember was in trouble before police even entered the house; inside his 1997 Chevy pickup was six grams of cocaine and lots of petty cash.

But this was nothing compared to the

haul indoors. Between the two men’s bedrooms and a spare room 188 grams of cocaine was seized in addition to thousands in cash in Canadian, American and Dominican currency. SIM cards, some ecstasy and drug paraphernalia was also recovered.

The total cocaine seized was 212 grams or 7.5 ounces worth an estimated \$18,000. Police also found \$5,670 Canadian, \$311 American and 50 Dominican pesos.

Lawyers for both men requested pre-sentence reports be prepared prior to their January sentencing date. With jail a possibility the next appearance will be in-person.

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Railcar company expanding in St. Clair

Alex Kurial
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Plans to expand a Lasalle Line rail yard by more than five times has township support.

The 33 hectare plot of land, wedged between the Shell Corunna Refinery and Lambton College Fire School, was purchased earlier in the year by Cando Rail which manages railcars for its customers. It was previously used by the CSX and Watco rail companies.

The current site, which runs along the CN track, can store about 85 rail cars. Cando wants to add new tracks and bring this number to between 400 and 500.

The company, which operates in Canada and the U.S., says there’s no plans to conduct other business on the property such as train repair buildings or office space.

“It is a staging yard, so the intent is just to simply hold them for the

customer and then have the customer move them out when it’s appropriate for them,” says Vice President of Infrastructure Development Tim Yamashita of the rail cars that would occupy the site.

The southern third of the property is a wooded area which Yamashita says would remain largely untouched. All new rail lines would be installed in the northern two-thirds of the land which is currently occupied by the existing rail yard and some agricultural land.

Yamashita says any farm land which isn’t converted into rail tracks will become a prairie habitat with vernal pools.

Councillors asked what will be in the rail cars while they’re on-site and whether any will have hazardous waste. Yamashita says no cars will have any dangerous material and while some may have loads most of them will be empty.

Councillor Pat Brown wondered

whether the new cars will affect traffic in Corunna. “That CN line does get used quite heavily when it crosses over Hill Street and it does lead to some traffic backups from time to time,” he says.

Yamashita doesn’t think this will be a major problem.

Cando is currently working on site details with the Ministry of Environment and the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. The company is also in discussions with the Aamjiwnaang and Walpole Island First Nations groups.

It’s not clear how much money the company will invest in the site.

“I think it’s a great project and see a lot of future for you in the community,” says Mayor Steve Arnold. “I think it’s wonderful you folks have decided to take over that spot and come here.”

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Petrolia man ‘just trying to get off the road,’ fined for drunk driving

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

It was short as far as car chases go, but local OPP still had to maneuver to stop a drunk driver trying to escape home.

It was one of the final days of 2019 when Joshua Borrie, 34, caught the attention of officers with his erratic early evening driving on Oil Heritage Road.

He made a quick turn onto North Street in Petrolia – essentially across the street from the police station – when officers turned their lights on.

But Borrie wasn’t concerned with the flashing red and blue behind him; instead he was focused on his house which was just a few hundred yards away. The British Columbia man thought he could make it and mistakenly believed the police might call off their pursuit if he succeeded.

But an OPP cruiser at the other end of the street put an end to the brief chase,

blocking Borrie as he approached. The failed escapee got out of his vehicle swaying and yelling through slurred speech at police.

Borrie said he could see his house and demanded police let him go, but his calls went unheeded.

Borrie struggled throughout his arrest and was described as being in a “highly intoxicated” state.

After the brief drive back to the station he registered blood alcohol readings of .290 and .299, more than 3.5 times the legal limit.

Borrie was also a suspended driver. While he plead guilty in Sarnia court Oct. 13, the accused says the incident was largely overblown.

“I was just trying to get off the road and get into the driveway. It was a couple hundred yards away. I wasn’t impeding traffic... I wasn’t trying to flee or anything.

“As for being rude to the officers I was actually pretty polite,” he says.

Justice Krista Leszczynski appeared

less than sympathetic to Borrie’s version of events.

She cited his highly elevated readings, adding “It was aggravating that there was the necessity of a police pursuit... as well as your poor driving conduct.”

The justice accepted a submission of a \$2,500 fine for drunk driving and \$1,000 for not having a licence. In addition Borrie received an 18 month driving ban.

The Crown withdrew the evading police charge.

“I hope you consider yourself fortunate that’s all the primary consequences of that night and that someone wasn’t seriously injured or killed as a result,” says Leszczynski regarding Borrie’s \$3,500 in fines.

Borrie finally acknowledged his choices weren’t the best.

“I’ve definitely learned my lesson... It’s been a tough pill to swallow and will never happen again that’s for sure.”

Plympton-Wyoming looks for grant cash for fire master plan

The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming wants to create a master plan for its fire department.

Council has given approval to apply for provincial grants for two studies,

a fire master plan and assessment of community risks. It’s expected the studies will cost \$55,000 with the municipality footing the bill for about \$19,000 in 2022.

Over the last year, the fire executive

committee has been going over the department’s standard operating guidelines and procedures while the former chief was on a leave of absence. The current chief Darryl Thompson, suggested the in-depth studies.

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Former Sarnia chief to step in at St. Clair fire

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

Richard Boyes is the new fire chief in St. Clair following the retirement of Walt Anderson last month. Boyes is accepting the position on an interim basis. The Corunna resident previously served as fire chief for eight years in Sarnia and six

years in Oakville. Boyes was also the executive director of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs for seven years. Anderson’s decision to retire came following a township investigation into concerning comments posted on his social media pages. Many of them came during the recent federal election and hinted at violence

during the campaign. Anderson maintained his accounts had been hacked and he was being impersonated online. However following a closed session of council to discuss the matter he announced his retirement at the end of September. Boyes officially began his new role Oct. 18.



Richard Boyes

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Town of PETROLIA

Plea to end ‘political’ masks in schools ignored

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

A presentation to the public school board calling for an end to youth mask mandates failed to move any trustees. Inga Kerr, who has a child in the Lambton Kent District School Board, gave a 10 minute presentation during the last board meeting on why she felt the requirement for kids to wear masks at school and on the bus was unnecessary. She says her background with “critical thinking, ability to analyze information and ability to do independent research,” qualify her to make this determination. “Having studied a plethora of resources I have come to the conclusion that mask and vaccine mandates for children and adolescents are useless, harmful, unscientific and political,”

she says. Kerr’s presented evidence included a number of claims and studies that are generally seen as misleading or inaccurate. She also dismissed the effect the virus has already had on children. “There have hardly been any children who died from COVID-19 and those who did had serious underlying conditions. Therefore children are not in grave danger.” Kerr says she is from the former USSR and can “recognize signs of a totalitarian system taking over in Canada. There is censorship, silence, discrediting, intimidating anybody with dissenting views, hijacking of the media to create parallel realities, the pervasion of personal freedom and maintaining of total control.” “I do think the measures we

have in Ontario and Canada are political rather than scientific,” she concluded. Kerr says she had plenty to say about vaccines as well but didn’t have time. Tuesday there were three active COVID outbreaks in Lambton schools. All of them are in Sarnia, two in the public board and one in the Catholic board. Lambton public schools have 22 COVID cases in 11 schools, led by Petrolia’s Queen Elizabeth II with five. Lambton Catholic schools have 11 cases in five schools with St. John Fisher in Forest topping the list with four. In Lambton, about 72 per cent of teens between 12 and 17 are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

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THE NEWS

Renewed interest in Oil Springs history

The Independent

Oil Spring’s oil history is attracting new attention around the world. “It’s exciting to know Oil Springs and the Lambton International Drillers are being currently discussed in Poland, the Czech Republic, the Ottawa Valley and Calgary,” says Charlie Fairbank, the owner of Fairbank Oil Fields in Oil Springs. “I have been delighted to meet these enthusiastic talented individuals, explain the technology and history, and point them to more resources. We’re eager to see their finished products.” This month, the authentic 1860s technology of Fairbank Oil Fields and at Petrolia Discovery were photographed for the Canadian Energy Centre out of Calgary. David Chidley, a former Lambton College photography instructor now living in Alberta, says his photo story is to raise the profile of Enniskillen Township’s history, which is still largely unknown throughout Canada. Earlier in October, the Canadian playwright Ewan McLaren gathered information at Fairbank Oil Fields and also at the county archives, to write a novel about Lambton’s famous International Drillers. More than 500 drillers took their drilling expertise, tools, and knowledge to 86 countries opening oil fields between 1873 and 1945. McLaren intends to return to Lambton County next summer for further research. In September, a conference was held in Bobkra, Poland for a number of oil museums around the world with the idea they could submit a serial application to UNESCO World Heritage. Gary May, the author of Hard Oiler, gave a 15-minute virtual presentation on William McGarvey,



David Chidley was recently in Oil Springs to photograph the oil fields for the Canadian Energy Centre in Calgary.

the Petrolia oilman who took his team of experts to Galicia in the 1870s (now Ukraine and Poland) and revolutionized the industry there. *Crude Genius*, his new in-depth book on McGarvey, is to be published in April. The Polish conference also included a presentation by James Douet of The International Committee for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage. His study on the Heritage of Petroleum, which includes Oil Springs, is central to the international TIC-CIH conference slated for Oil Springs and Sarnia next summer. In August, Fairbank toured and was interviewed by two documentary film makers from the Ottawa Valley. Tyson Burger and his camera man sought out the oil families in Oil Springs who are still producing oil. The five families – Fairbank, Morningstar, Barnes, Mitchell and Kersey – all date back several generations. Burger returned to interview Erin Dee Richards this month.

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Sports

GREEN PUNCH



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Mike Bush of the Petrolia Squires gets in a tussle during the first game of the Western Ontario Hockey League season. The Squires lost 5-2 to Ripley. Andrew McLean and Kole Keating scored for Petrolia in a losing cause. This Friday, they take on Clinton at the Greenwood at 8:30 pm.

Flyers host Wallaceburg Thursday

Barry Wright
The Independent

A pair of teams in search of their first regulation victory of the PJHL season go head-to-head this week in Petrolia. The hometown Flyers entertain Wallaceburg on Thursday at 7:30.

Petrolia is 0-3-1 on the season. The Thunderhawks are 0-6.

The Flyers picked up their lone point in the standings to date bowing 5-4 in overtime at home to Wheatley last Thursday.

Tyler Richardson was the star of the

contest making 51 stops as the Sharks outshot the Flyers, 56-29.

Petrolia had leads of 2-0 and 4-1 but could not hold on for the two points.

Clay Dolbear scored twice for the Flyers in a losing cause with singles going to Andrew Jaques and Logan O’Leary-Dilosa.

A night later in Lakeshore, the Canadiens skated past Petrolia, 7-1. Peyton Armitage had the lone goal for the Flyers; a second period power play marker.

Richardson and Cole Irwin combined to make 41 saves as the Habs outshot Petrolia, 48-13.

Flags on the road to take on the Habs

Barry Wright
The Independent

It’s a game the teams would have preferred to play more than 19 months ago, but better late than never.

The Mooretown Flags travel to Lakeshore for PJHL action this Friday night at 7 pm.

As of press time, both teams were 4-0. Lakeshore was gunning for its fifth straight victory with a game in Dresden Wednesday, but the score was not available prior to press time.

The Canadiens and Mooretown were the

top two teams in the 2019-20 regular season and both had breezed through the first two rounds of the playoffs on their way to a highly anticipated Stobbs Division final and perhaps a run at a provincial title when the dream died after the season was cancelled due to COVID hours before the final was to have begun.

It’s the only game on the schedule for the Flags this week.

Last week, Mooretown rode a 44-save performance by Nathan King in a 5-1 win over Essex and they defeated the Admirals in Amherstburg, 4-1.

Killer Bees put up seven but remain winless

The Independent

The Alvinston Killer Bees fell to 0-4 in Western Ontario Super Hockey League action, bowing 15-7 to Tillsonburg last Saturday in the east Lambton community.

Sebastian Nogueira and Rick Pantling scored twice for the Bees with one each going to Grant Spence, Justin Lightfoot and Bobby Zenick. Spence also had two assists.

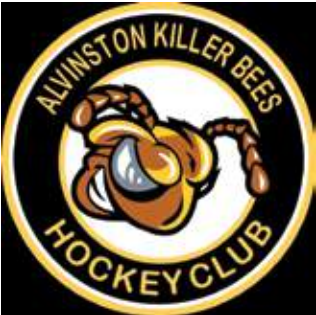
The night before, in Strathroy, the hometown Jets scored five times in the second period to beat Alvinston, 7-1.

Tyler Ryan had the lone Bees goal midway

through the second period.

Alvinston is at home to the Stratford Fighting Irish on Saturday at 6:30. The Irish are 0-3-1 on the season.

The Killer Bees entertain Strathroy on Sunday. The game is in Glencoe at noon.





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Always missed, Ruthy Bright

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The family of **Liz Moffatt** greatly appreciate the flowers, food, visits, cards, charity donations, and prayers given by our friends and family. Thanks to Dr. Jog, Dr. Hebb, and Cheryl Johnson at University Hospital in London and Dr. Yoshida and all those that helped with Liz's care at Bluewater Health in Sarnia and Petrolia. A very special thank you to Dr. Daniel for your care and friendship over so many years. To Steve Mailloux and staff at Needham-Jay for all you did for us. Thanks to Rev. Jim Breen for such a beautiful service and for helping our family so many times in the past. Thanks so much to Madelyn, Dave, Makenna, and Haleigh for your great contributions to the service and to grandsons Cody, Dan, Braedan, Bailey, Harrison, Jack, and Kyle for being pall bearers. Thanks to the Rops family for all your help with meals and to Jane and Ken for hosting the luncheon and other family gatherings.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Oct 20	7:00pm	Camlachie	Plympton Wyoming Historical Society Meeting. Camlachie Community Centre, 6767 Camlachie Rd. Guest speaker Sheila Hewitt on "Searching Ancestors for Beginners". Proof of double vaccination required. Please wear masks. All welcome.	
Oct 23	3:30pm	Watford	Watford Legion Fish Fry	
Oct 23	9am-4pm	Petrolia	Optimist Club of Lambton Central - Petrolia Outdoor Craft & Gift Show	
Oct 29		Forest	Poppy Campaign begins. Forest Legion Flag raising	
Oct 30	11am	Watford	Watford Legion Dart Tournament	
Nov 3	5-7pm	Alvinston	Hope United Church Drive Thru Turkey Supper advance tickets only call 519-847-5494 or email hopeunited1880@gmail.com	
Nov 4	4-7pm	Sarnia	Pawstafest in support of the Sarnia Humane Society . Pasta, meatballs, salad and focaccia bread. \$15.00. Gluten free and veggie options available. Order online at www.sarniahumanesociety.com .	
Nov 6	10am-2pm	Forest	Forest Legion Annual Poppy Boot Drive. At the Traffic light - King and Main.	
Nov 7		Watford	Remembrance Brunch	
Nov 11	10:45 am	Forest	Forest Legion Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Forest Cenotaph, Townsend Line.	
Nov 11			Remembrance Day Services	

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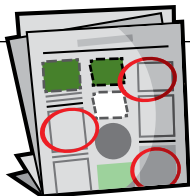
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Mondays	1:15p	Oil Springs	Social/Euchre @ Oil Springs United	226-307-0929
Mondays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Darts (starts Oct 18)	519-876-2360
2nd Mon	7:00p	Petrolia	Margaret Stokes Chapter IODE Meeting	519-882-2073
Tuesdays	4:30p	Petrolia	TOPS Weight Loss Support @ Meadowview Villa	
Tuesdays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Progressive Euchre	519-876-2360
Tuesdays	7:00p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toast Masters @ St.Andrews	519-882-0946
2nd Tues	7:00p	Petrolia	Meadowview Villa Card Party	519-845-1198
E/O Tues	12noon	Wyoming	P-W Agricultural Society Lunch & Euchre	519-845-3661
Weds	7:30p	Oakdale	IOOF Euchre Card Parties @ Oakdale Hall	
3rd Wed	1-4pm	Petrolia	Kenny J & Friends Musical Jumboree @Pet Legion	519-882-1557
Thursdays	11am	Sarnia	Parkinson's Exercises @ Strangway Centre	519-337-5330
Thursdays	5:30p	Petrolia	Lions Meat Raffle @ Haywood's	519-882-8728
Thursdays	6:00p	Petrolia	Optimists Meat Raffle @ Crabby Joe's	519-882-1255
Thursdays	6:30p	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion - Dart Night	519-882-1557
Thursdays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Cribbage	519-876-2360
1st Thurs	11am	Sarnia	Parkinson's Support Group @Strangway Centre	519-336-3286
3rd Thurs	7:00p	Oil Springs	Optimists Meat Bingo @ The Youth Centre	519-834-2152
Fridays	9:00a	Brigden	Brigden United Church - Mom & Tots Drop In	519-892-3151
Fridays	6:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Meat Raffle & Catch the Ace	519-876-2360
2nd Fri	Noon	Wyoming	Wyoming Burns Lodge - Mens Card Parties	519-899-2264
4th Fri	Noon	Wyoming	Wyoming Rebekah Lodge - Womens Card Parties	519-899-2264
E/O Fri	7pm	Oil Springs	Srs. Card Parties @ United Church	519-882-4697
3rd Sat	1-4pm	Sarnia	Sarnia Legion "Jam at the Legion" Open To All	519-328-0964

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

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

LAWRENCE, Charles Alan
Age 87
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

TUPLIN, David
Age 74
Knight Funeral Home

REDCLIFF, Rae

Age 66
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

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Sports



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Luke Holmes of the LCCVI Lancers tags out the runner at third during the final game of the regular season against the Great Lakes Wolfpack. The Lancers 5-0.

Lancers spike ‘Burg in Sr. Volleyball

The Independent

The LCCVI senior boys’ volleyball team improved to 1-1 on the season with a three-set victory over Wallaceburg Monday. It followed a tough five-set loss to John McGregor last week. The juniors are also 1-1 after beating John McGregor in four sets and then losing in straight sets to Wallaceburg Monday. Elsewhere in junior boys’ action, Chatham Christian defeated North Lambton, three sets to one. The LCCVI senior girls’ basketball squad lost 52-24 to Northern last week. And the boys’ baseball team was eliminated from the playoff contention bowing 11-1 to Northern in quarterfinal action Monday.

LCCVI regional bronze

The LCCVI tennis team swung their way to a third place finish at regionals Tuesday. Tyler McGrail and Alberto Diegoli finished second in Boys Doubles while Tessa Jackson and Ella Jackson also came runners up in Girls Doubles. Mixed Doubles teams had strong results too, Emma Patchett and Nolan Patchett placed third and Ali Goodacre and Ryan Noordam were right behind in fourth place. The team entered regionals following a dominating victory at North Division Playdowns. The Girls Doubles team grabbed victory thanks to the Jackson’s and the Patchett’s finished top spot in Mixed Doubles. Girls Doubles runners up were Madison Baresich and Karen VanDamme, Mixed Doubles runners up Goodacre and Noordam. Tristan Spuehler was third in Boys Singles.

McDonald notches OT winner

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Corunna’s Owen MacDonald had two goals, including the winner in overtime, and an assist to lead the Sarnia Legionnaires to a 5-4 win over the Strathroy Rockets in GOJHL action last week. Former Flyer Wil O’Leary-Dilosa had a goal and two helpers for the Legionnaires. Petrolia’s Carson Perry registered two assists for the Rockets. He had a goal and five assists in three games last week also having picked up points in games against St. Thomas and Komoka.

East Lambton flavour to OCAA playoffs

Watford’s Jenna McLean and Alvinston’s Sydney Redick will both be front and centre for their respective teams as the OCAA women’s softball playoffs open this Friday. McLean had an outstanding offensive regular season for London’s Fanshawe College finishing in the top ten in the province in hits, RBI’s, average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage. Redick, with Oshawa-based Durham College, was among the leaders in the province in strikeouts per game and ERA.



Jenna McLean

With the beautiful weather we are experiencing and increased capacities for outdoor events, Warwick Township is hosting a milestone event to celebrate the construction of the East Lambton Community Complex!

Please Join the
Township of Warwick
at the
Groundbreaking Ceremony
for the
East Lambton Community Complex

Date: Friday, October 22, 2021
Time: 11:00a.m.
Location: Watford Ball Park Pavilion,
101 Centennial Avenue, Watford, ON



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