

PETROLIA CRASH



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Petrolia/North Enniskillen firefighters climb into a van which flipped onto its side on Petrolia Line Tuesday around the lunch hour. One person was removed from the van and was taken to hospital with unknown injuries.

OPP tight lipped about murder in Marthaville

Sarnia man found in habitat parking lot Thursday

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton OPP are saying little about the murder of a Sarnia man at the Marthaville Habitat as his family prepares for a funeral.

Around 7:15 Thursday, police were called to the popular hiking spot on Marthaville Road after a body was found.

About six police vehicles lined the closed road most of Thursday with orange pylons and smaller orange markers dotting the road.

Neighbours in the area say OPP came to their door Thursday asking if they had heard anything in the conservation area overnight.

Officers could be seen walking along the road, scanning the ditches by the trees and beside the farm field across the road from the habitat.

Friday, the road was still closed to the public with only one police cruiser and a van visible at the site mid morning.

In a news release Friday afternoon, OPP said 45 year-old Andrew Chute's body was found in the parking lot at the popular walking trail between Churchill Line and Lasalle Road. Police say he'd been murdered.

"Investigators believe this to be a targeted incident at this time, and there is no threat to public safety. The investigation is continuing with the assistance of the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario," officials said in a news release.

The Marthaville Habitat is owned by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and is a popular spot for people to take their dogs for a stroll along the three kilometre trail. The trail is often busy in the early morning.

SEE MURDER PG 2

Province pitching big bucks for \$16 million Petrolia water repair

The Independent

One of the final pieces to upgrading Petrolia's water treatment plant is moving ahead.

The provincial government has approved the replacement of the Intake Pipeline at the Bright's Grove Water Treatment plant as part of a joint federal/provincial funding program for infrastructure.

The project will see the long

length of pipeline which reaches out into Lake Huron to draw water into the treatment plant replaced. It has been of concern for over five years.

In 2017, the town hired contractors to put a steel crib around the pipeline which brings water to the treatment plant to stabilize it. The project cost about \$460,000 at the time. Officials knew then it would need to eventually be replaced,

however other upgrades moved ahead at the plant, including replacing the clear well in 2019 to 2020. That was an \$8.1 million project.

Replacing the water intake is the most costly repair yet - a \$16.1 million job.

The provincial government said it would provide 33 per cent of the cost of the project Thursday. The federal government which will

provide 40 per cent of the funding for approved projects, has yet to publicly announce it's approval but it is anticipated. The remainder of the project cost will be paid through revenue generated by water rates.

Petrolia applied for the grant with the support of Enniskillen, Oil Springs and Dawn-Euphemia who buy water from the town system.

"These projects will help provide increased access to clean, reliable drinking water, while building strong communities and maintaining a healthy environment for local residents," says Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey in a news release.

It is not clear when construction would begin however town officials say it could take four years to complete.

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Lambton OPP were keeping the public and media far away from the investigation in to the murder of Andrew Chute at the Marthaville Habitat.

Few details about murder in Marthaville

CON'T FROM PG 1

OPP had a call from a park visitor who came upon the man’s body. “The poor person who would have went there first this morning,” said the neighbour, imagining the discovery.

Police maintained a presence on at the habitat until late Sunday when Marthaville Road was reopened. However police barracaded the park gates. Lambton County is the owner of the property. Warden Kevin Marriott said the habitat was expected to be reopened to the public Wednesday.



Andrew Chute

Since Friday, when police confirmed the Sarnia man found in Marthaville had been murdered, little has been said.

Police haven’t released a motive for the attack which led to the man’s death.

Chute was a mechanic/welder with International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, according to his social media profile.

Chute leaves behind a daughter, Haley who wrote beneath his obituary “Oh Dad,



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The Marthaville Habitat remained closed to the public Monday and Tuesday. County officials expect it will reopen Wednesday

this is a huge shock! I’ll never forget your smile or laugh. You’re still here with everyone but just through me. I am a mini you and that’s a given! I love you so much dad.”

In the obituary, Chute is described as someone who loved being outside.

“Andrew excelled at all sports, hockey and weight lifting in particular. He enjoyed fishing in the local waterways and was always the first to lend a hand when someone needed help,” his family wrote in the obituary. “Andrew was known for his infectious laugh.”

A funeral service for Chute will be held Friday.

NOVA spring shutdown prepares for new plant

Heather Wright
The Independent

NOVA Chemicals has begun a three and a half month shutdown for maintenance and to link the new Cracker Unit unit to the existing plant.

Spokesperson Julia Iacovella says a scheduled maintenance turnaround began last week and will last until early July.

“Beyond scheduled maintenance, inspections, cleaning and repairs, we are also completing sustaining capital work, tie-ins for the Corunna Cracker Expansion project and replacing the flare tip. This turnaround is a key enabling event for the safe and successful start-up of our new polyethylene facility – Rokeby Site – later this year,” she says in a news release.

The Corunna Cracker Expansion project is part of a \$2.5 billion expansion of NOVA. The cracker unit and a new polyethylene plant are the biggest investments in the petrochemical industry in Sarnia ever. Officials in the past had said they were to go online in late 2022 and have held to the schedule meaning the historic project is now in its final stages.

Iacovella says this particular maintenance

turnaround has been in the planning stages for four years.

“Turnarounds are important to ensure enhanced reliability of operations. They allow us to complete preventative maintenance and do reliability/improvement work, tie-ins for growth and capital projects that cannot be executed when units are on-line and inspect or address equipment to enhance facility performance,” she says.

Julia Iacovella adds there will be “elevated flaring and some increased noise” in the first days of the shutdown. There will also be increased traffic in the area of the site for the duration of the outage between the hours of 6 and 8 am, and between 5 and 7 pm.



FILE PHOTO

An April 2021 photo of work at NOVA's \$2.5 billion expansion.



TOWN OF PETROLIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia will hold a **Public Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would amend the Town's Zoning By-law 63 of 2017 as it applies to part of a property described as West Part Lot 15, Concession 10. The subject property is generally located east of Fourth Street and south of Third Street. The intent of the proposed amendment is to rezone the part of the property shown in the following Key Map from "Residential - 1 with a holding provision (R1-h)" to "Residential - 3 (R3)". The proposed amendment would allow the use of the property for townhouse dwellings.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. If you wish to submit a written or make an oral presentation at the public hearing, please contact the Town of Petrolia **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022.** The public hearing will be held in person at Victoria Hall, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to Mandi Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia.

IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the By-law Amendment is passed the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Petrolia to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the By-law Amendment is passed the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH to be notified of the passing of the proposed Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia at the address below.

THE KEY MAP shows more particularly the lands affected.

DATED at the TOWN OF PETROLIA this 1st DAY of April, 2022.

Mandi Pearson
Clerk-Operations Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia will hold a Public Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment under Section 21 of the Planning Act and a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT would remove the “Significant Woodlot” designation from the lands owned by MI 637 (Agent: R. Dobbin Engineering Inc.) and described as Lots 2 to 4, Part Lot 5, Plan 15 and Parts 1 and 2, RP 25R3236 in the Town of Petrolia. The lands would be designated “Residential”.

THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would remove the “Significant Woodlot” zoning designation from the above-noted lands. The lands would be zoned “Residential - 1 (H) (R1-H)”.

The subject lands are located on the south side of Discovery Line, between Stanley Street and Eureka Street. The attached Key Map shows the general location of the lands to which the Amendments pertain. The Amendments would accommodate a proposed plan of subdivision.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-law Amendment. If you wish to submit a written or make an oral presentation at the public hearing, please contact the Town of Petrolia **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022.** The public hearing will be held in person at Victoria Hall, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Petrolia in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-law Amendment, does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted and the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

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If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia, by contacting the undersigned during regular business hours.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection at the Clerk's office (Attn: Mandi Pearson) located at 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON or at the County of Lambton Department of Planning and Development (Attn: Rob Nesbitt) located at 789 Broadway St. Wyoming, ON.

Dated at the Town of Petrolia this 1st day of April, 2022.

Mandi Pearson
Clerk-Operations Clerk

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Highland Glen fix gets green light

Heather Wright
The Independent

After nearly three years, repairs are moving ahead on the Highland Glen boat launch. But boaters, don't start your engines just yet.

Plympton-Wyoming council approved about \$105,000 in repairs to the launch at a meeting April 14. But it may be August before the ramp will be ready for use.

The boat launch was closed in 2019 after high water and winds damaged the steel groins around the ramp. The conservation authority hired an engineer to look at the damage to the ramp and also the banks of the park which were collapsing. At the time, Aecom Engineering said it would take about \$3 million over a number of years to fix the damage.

The authority board continued studying the problem and then began negotiations with the town to take over the park. Plympton-Wyoming had been vocal in its desire for the boat ramp to be reopened. Council decided earlier this year it should try to reclaim the regional park - as it had with McEwen Conservation Area - to move the repairs forward. But, negotiations for Highland Glen are still ongoing.

Recently, residents came to Plympton-Wyoming asking town council to begin work on the project immediately in the hope of having the boat ramp opened by the end of April for the annual salmon derby. They also voiced concern that the launch is the only one for 41 kilometres, and in an emergency it was a welcome safe haven.

Council agreed to do what they could to get the repairs moving now, even though the

conservation authority is still the owner of the park.

In a report to council, Chief Administrative Officer Carolyn Tripp says the conservation authority wants the town to move forward.

"Mr. Phillips was very receptive to the suggestion and offered the assistance of the SCRCA with their permitting process time frames," Tripp writes.

"However, he advised that the approval of additional permits would likely be required from Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The time frames associated with these permits is unknown at this time."

Tripp says the authority believes the federal and provincial authorities would need design and detailed drawings of any proposed repairs. Phillips added the authority has set aside \$32,000 for repairs this year that might be used.

Town staff called three marine repair companies for quotes on the project, including some longer term items like dredging the boat ramp area and are recommending Gordon Marine be hired to fix the damage at the site at a cost of \$105,000.

Council approved the immediate repairs last week, however it will take some time for repairs. "The final completion date cannot be determined until the required permits are obtained," writes Tripp. "In addition, due to the fish spawning season, no works can be conducted in the water until after July 15."

Councillor Mike Vasey if work begins at that time it is possible for the work to be complete by August. He's worried there may be "a lot of hoops to jump through" to finish the project by then.

New fire ride leaves one PW councillor wondering

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming's fire chief is getting a new vehicle, but the deal is leaving at least one councillor scratching his head.

In January, council discussed buying a truck for the fire chief's use. Council agreed to buy a F150 pickup XLT 4x4 from Grogan Ford Lincoln for \$41,486.00 according to the minutes from the meeting.

But in April, staff heard the delivery of the new vehicle would be delayed, possibly until next year. Car manufacturers have had a hard time getting auto parts and dealers around the world are now taking orders for vehicles to be filled months later.

In a report to council, Chief Darryl Thompson said he's using a 1993 GMC pickup and it is using "significantly higher than normal fuel costs." He also pointed out, it is reducing the re-sale value of the vehicle as the kilometres add up.

So, staff went looking for a used a similar used vehicle.

They found a 2019 Ford F150 4X4 Super-Crew truck with approximately 30,000 kms at Ron Clark Motors. "The tendered price received from Grogan Ford was \$43,500.00 for the 2022 F150 with the municipal discount applied," wrote Thompson in his report to council. "The cost of this 2019 F-150 vehicle at Ron Clark Motors is \$47,495.00. Unfortunately, municipal discounts due not apply to used vehicles."

Originally, the town planned to spend \$40,000.

Thompson says by selling three fire vehicles, including a pumper, about \$10,000 in revenue is coming into the municipality, offsetting the increased cost.

Council approved purchasing the used vehicle by a vote of 6-1 with Councillor Mike Vasey opposing the move.

"I don't think its a good deal," he tells The Independent in a text message. "I agreed at \$35,000 for a small truck, then we decided the F150 was better. It was \$43,000. Now we buy a used 2019 for \$47,000, with a limited warranty? I don't get it."

More help in Lambton for kids with eating disorders

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

A new Eating Disorders Intensive Outreach Program will be in place at Bluewater Health by early this summer.

Bluewater Health has offered eating disorder services to adults and youth at a satellite site of London Health Science Centre's Regional Program for more than 15 years and this new program will allow for the expansion of services closer to home.

Bluewater Health has seen an increase in demand for support services, especially

during the last two years during the pandemic.

The program will be offered on an outpatient basis with intensive and day treatment services available.

It is to be offered to each patient for eight weeks. There will be increased access to social workers, psychiatry, registered dieticians and meal support. The program will also allow for patients to be admitted to hospital if needed.

The province is providing \$382,000 of annual funding to provide the services.

- THE INDEPENDENT

WARWICK'S NEW HOME



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Breanna Weber was busy trying to figure out which historic map would go where in the massive new storage area in the new Warwick Township office on Nauvoo Road in downtown Watford. The municipality moved in to its new, leased digs Thursday and plan an open house on April 25 to get a look at the new administration offices.

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We hope you can join us!



Editorial

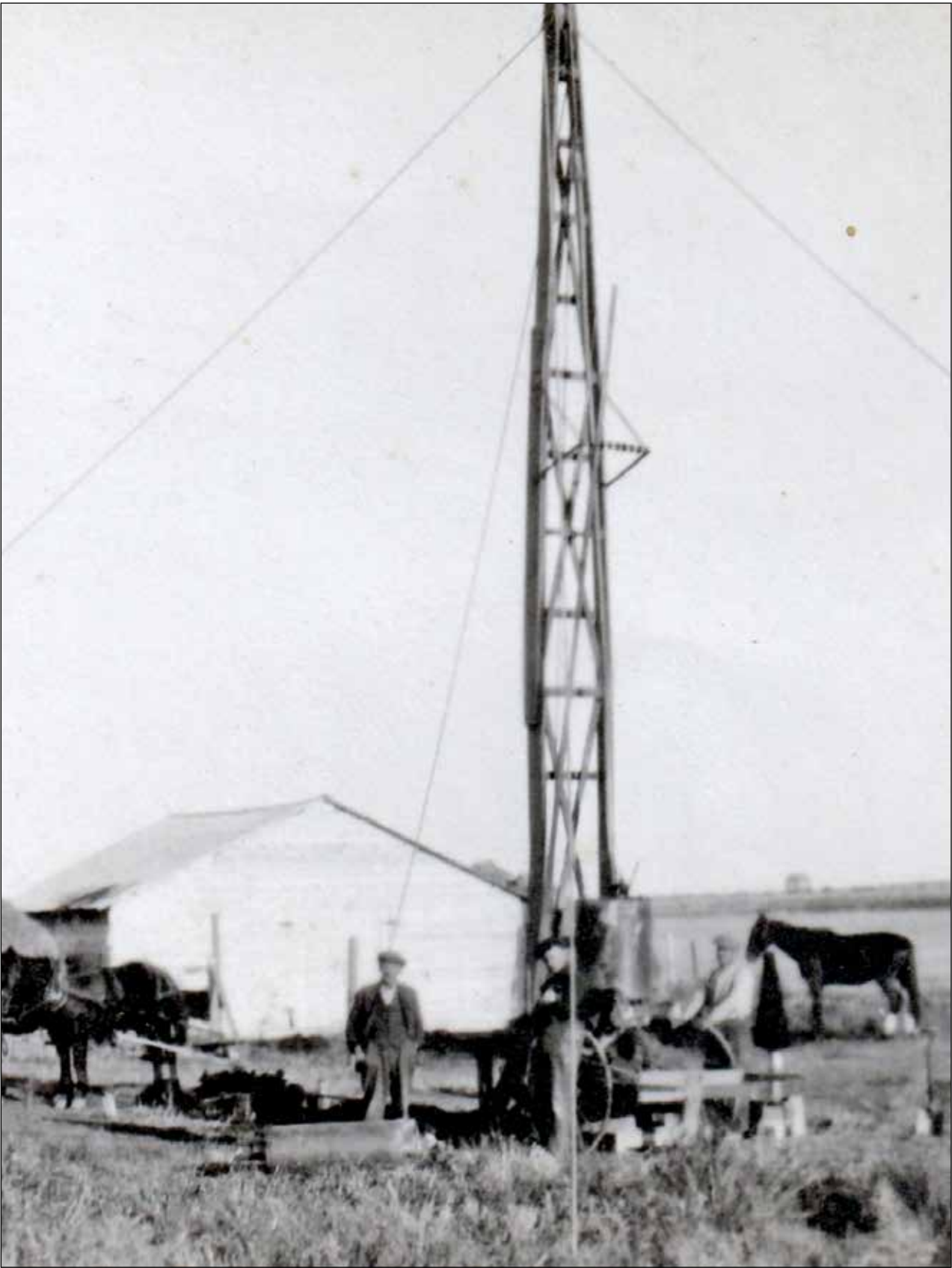
Election cash arrives

News that Petrolia will be getting significant cash from the provincial government to replacing an aging piece of equipment at the Bright’s Grove Water Treatment plant is undoubtedly good news for the community. But it is also a sign of the times - election times. The province released a list of Green Projects it would co-fund with the federal government just before Easter. Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey echoed the news in a release for members of the local media - rightly highlighting what money would be provided for which projects in his constituency. The Petrolia project, worth \$16.1 million, will receive over \$5 million in funding from the the province. That’s a good chunk of change. But here’s the rub - this is a federal plan where both the feds and the province pay part of the tab, and the federal government hasn’t said yet what projects it will provide funding toward. Normally, these type of announcements are joint ventures with each level of government patting themselves on the back for providing generous amounts of cash from their level of government. But we’re not really in normal times; this is election season in Ontario. Work at the provincial legislature is winding down as the parties all eye the June 2 election date. The Conservatives have the advantage in the race to get win voters - they can hand out money for every project imaginable, hoping voters will remember their contribution when it comes time to vote. Every announcement being held right now has an election campaign ring to it. To be clear, the Conservative didn’t invent this election tactic. All political parties in power try to “finish strong” heading into an election splashing out cash along the way. One might argue however, for Conservatives who like to tout fiscal responsibility, it’s a little strange to see them handing out cash like a drunken sailor at this most opportune time. We’ve said it before, and we’ll say it again, it would be nice if upper levels of government wouldn’t wait to hand out cash until the end of their terms as a way to win votes. Perhaps if they spent it wisely for four years, voters would remember that at the ballot box.

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Our Story



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Farming and oil production have always gone hand in hand in Lambton County as can be seen here in this photo taken in Petrolia at the turn of the century - part of the Dave Burwell Post Card Collection.

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Opinion

County ignoring provincial law on oil wells: Brand

EDITOR:
Regarding the Plan of Subdivision for Glenview Estates. Firstly, all wells and facilities are licenced, operating and inspected by the MNRF. It is not my focus to impede the development of adjacent lands.
Rather I am looking for assurances that the laws, regulations and best practices will be implemented into the plan of subdivision to protect, mitigate and ensure the protection of my Historical Oilfield, farm and lifelong investment.
The setbacks in the Act and Regulations are also in place to protect the residents of the nearby subdivision (from) gas, noise, and odour.
In reference to the latest planning

report, the county planners have refused to protect my oil property from unlawful residential encroachment. The county has based this decision on a report (J McIntosh) which suggests several different options relative to the proximity of my oil producing operations.
The planners report is selective choosing only the options that support this residential development, ignoring options that protect me.
The planning department advised me they will not revise the planning report and my only recourse will be a Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) court appeal or “trial” in order to force them to obey or respect provincial law described in Oil Gas Salt Resource Act -OGSRA 10.2.
This is absurd I absolutely resent being sent to a OLT for frivolous reasons. This is vindictive behaviour. With new pertinent information, out in the open will the county planner department implement the lawful oil field protection afforded me by OGSRA law and follow the Provincial Policy Protections (PPS) which were not even addressed in the McIntosh report.
The bottom line is the County of Lambton able to ignore provincial law? I think not!

Walter Brand
Petrolia, ON

Oil producers worry Petrolia zoning precedent setting

Heather Wright
The Independent

A Petrolia oil producer is worried a council decision on Glenview Estates could cause problems for him in the future.
That after Petrolia’s planner said the town should not reconsider its decision to allow a subdivision to build close to an historic oil field.
Developers have been working on the latest phase of Glenview subdivision since 2019. They applied for and received rezoning to allow the subdivision to use land previously zoned Major Open Space and Hazard & Environmental Protection.
The latest phase of the housing is tucked between holes 15, 16 and 17 and a pond which is the backyard of the homes fronting on First Street and next to the historic, working oil field of Walter Brand.
He’s objected saying the Oil Gas and Salt Resources Act wouldn’t allow for the development of four proposed lots because they are within 75 meters of his oil wells, which while historic, are still producing oil.
The town went back to the developers and asked them to get an opinion on the issue.
Engineer Jim McIntosh said those active wells which are classified as historic should not stop the project. “The act clearly exempts the construction within the subdivisions from being bound by any offset provisions within the regulations or standards with respect to any of the Walter Brand pro-

ducing historical oil wells. As such, the house lots close to the Walter Brand property could be developed.”
Brand objected: “These are operational wells in production. You’ve made a mistake,” Brand said.
In a report to council April 14, Planner Rob Nesbitt says the town should not revisit its decision. “Once council has made a decision – the process for council is complete. No further actions are required and no further decisions can be made. Council has no authority under the Planning Act to reconsider or change their decision,” Nesbitt wrote.
He says the planner listened to Brand’s concerns but does not agree. And he says the developers haven’t filed a plan of subdivision yet. Nesbitt added the plan circulated in the council agenda in 2019 “remains conceptual and is subject to change.” Approving the zoning, he says, allows the developer to start the subdivision review process.
“If Council is going to consider changing their decision, where no legal framework exists to do so – it may be prudent for the town to obtain legal advice on the risks,” Nesbitt said.
Brand once again objected to the idea telling council; “The planning department advised me they will not revise the planning report and my only recourse will be a Ontario Land Tribunal court appeal or trial in order to force them to obey or respect provincial law described in Oil Gas Salt Resource Act -OGSRA 10.2.
“This is absurd. I absolutely resent

being sent to a OLT for frivolous reasons.
“This is vindictive behaviour.”
The producer was also backed by fellow producer Trevor Brand.
“I believe that the precedent set by this matter could have the potential to jeopardize not only myself and my historic oil operations but also the operations of similar producers in the area,” he told council April 14.
Trevor Brand says the Ministry of Natural Resources “can confirm that petroleum wells within fields designated as ‘historical fields’ are not exempt from setbacks in the standards. “I fail to see how council and its planners can endorse an expert’s report and submit this report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing knowing that it makes false and inaccurate statements and claims,” Brand added.
The oil producer added McIntosh is not a legal expert.
Brand had obtained a legal opinion which also said the historic oil field is not exempt from the rules.
And Brand says he can’t understand why council ignores that when it has been pointed out by provincial officials.
“As oil producers we are not trying to stop the growth of Petrolia, we merely insist that the Laws regarding setbacks and protection for petroleum resources be respected,” he says.
Council received Nesbitt’s report adding there would be public input on the subdivision when it was presented to council in the future.

Dawn-Euphemia firefighter on a date saves a life

Heather Wright
The Independent

A Dawn-Euphemia firefighter is being applauded after saving a life while out on a date with his wife.
Captain John Sanderson says Firefighter Jeff Wernham was out on a date in Chatham with his wife, Amber, when a man who was eating at the same restaurant had a medical emergency.
Wernham saw the man was choking and used the skills he learned as a

firefighter to revive the man.
Sanderson says without Wernham’s help, the man likely would not have survived.
“We are proud of Jeff and his dedication,” says Sanderson in a social media post.
“We are fortunate to have a member-



Jeff Wernham

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READING THE BIBLE FOR 150 YEARS



BLAKE ELLIS PHOTO

The congregation of First Baptist Church have been reading the bible for the past 150 years, so it seems appropriate they celebrate their milestone anniversary doing the same thing. Pastor Alex Craig, and his wife Wyn, were among the readers who will read the Bible aloud from 7 am to 9 pm until April 27. The church will then hold a Festival of Praise, marking the 150th anniversary.

Dye testing coming in Florence

Test to pinpoint sewage leaks

Heather Wright
The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia officials hope to pinpoint the source of sewage contamination in Florence by having residents volunteer to have their septic systems dye tested.

It's the latest move in a three decade quest to figure out the source of the sewage found in the Sydenham River. Thirty years ago, The Ministry of the Environment ran tests and confirmed the problem after local complaints. Dawn-Euphemia council worked for years on a possible solution and before the pandemic, developed a sewage system with a cost in excess for over \$1 million - far more than the 67 residents of the hamlet could pay. Council stopped actively pursuing the project saying they would need provincial funding to build it.

But the ministry approached Dawn-Euphemia again saying the situation had not changed and the municipality was responsible to find a solution.

Since then, the municipal government has been working with the provincial ministry to address the concerns.

Tuesday, council approved sending a letter to the homeowners in the hamlet asking them to be involved dye testing to figure out which septic systems were the sources of the pollution.

In a letter to be sent to the homeowners, Dawn-Euphemia officials say the township has agreed with the ministry on a way to "identify and address individual septic systems that are failing and/or directly connected to the storm water system, and have the individual homeowners rectify the problem."

The pamphlet goes on to say that if the homeowner's system was found to be one of the problems, they would be "required to take appropriate action to rectify the situation which may include upgrades or replacements of the existing system."

Clerk-Administrator Donna Clement isn't sure how many residents will be involved. "I'm hoping we get a good turnout, but I'm not counting on it. But hopefully people will volunteer," she told council Tuesday.

If people don't volunteer, Clement said the township would be using a camera to scan the septic systems remotely. They'll also be required to fix any issues at their own expense.

Clermont is hoping people sign up by June 1.



FORM 6 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on May 12, 2022, at the Southwest Middlesex Municipal Office, 153 McKellar Street, Glencoe.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Southwest Middlesex Municipal Office, 153 McKellar Street, Glencoe.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 39 06 000 040 02000 0000; 6401 Longwoods Rd., Melbourne; PIN 08553-0023(LT); PT OF LT 2, RANGE 1 SLR AS IN MW114306; EKFRID; File No. 19-01
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$1,116,000

Minimum tender amount: \$29,811.93

2. Roll No. 39 06 001 020 00500 0000; 1150 Limerick Rd., Newbury; PIN 08568-0011 (LT); PT LTS 19 & 20, CON 4, PART 1, 34R611 & PART 1, 34R1432; MOSA; File No. 19-05
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$98,000

Minimum tender amount: \$15,860.53

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
www.OntarioTaxSales.ca
or if no internet access available, contact:

Kristen McGill, H.B.Com, CPA, CGA
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NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

Take Notice that the Corporation of the Township of Warwick is inviting offers for the purchase of surplus lands described below and will accept offers until **3:00 p.m. local time on April 21, 2022**, at the Warwick Township Office, P.O. Box 10, 5280 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0.

Offers will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Warwick Township Office, 5280 Nauvoo Road, Watford.

The Corporation of the Township of Warwick shall not be required to accept the highest offer, or any offer. Offers will be reviewed by municipal staff and legal counsel who will make recommendations to Council. If there are no offers which The Corporation of the Township of Warwick wishes to accept, the Township may at its discretion sell the lands or market the lands for sale by any alternative method, or keep the lands. The Township reserves the right to consider offers and receive legal and staff advice regarding offers in closed Council.

Description of Lands:

Location: South of Confederation Line (See Parcel Map located in offer form)

Legal Description:

PT LT 20 CON 5 SER WARWICK BEING PTS 1, 4, 5, 7 AND 8, PLAN 25R9960; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AS IN L136417; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 PLAN 25R9960 IN FAVOUR OF PT LT 20 CON 5 SER WARWICK BEING PTS 2, 3, 6 PLAN 25R9960 AS IN LA99444; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 PLAN 25R9960 IN FAVOUR OF PT LT 20 CON 5 SER WARWICK BEING PT 5 PLAN 25R9563 AS IN LA99444; TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

PIN 43053-0509

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- Offers must be accompanied by a letter with a detailed explanation as to the Buyer's intended use of the property and the expected timeline for its development.

Offerors Please Take Note of the Following:

- Offerors are solely responsible for their own due diligence. If an offeror requires diligence conditions they should insert such conditions in Schedule B of the offer.
- Offerors are hereby advised that the Township may rely on information provided in the letter to be submitted with the offer, and at its discretion may deem representations in the letter which are unambiguous to be covenants which will survive the closing of any agreement of purchase and sale arising as a result of this notice. Therefore offerors should ensure to provide accurate and truthful information and realistic timelines which they intend to meet. A Buyer's misrepresentation or intentional or negligent breach of covenant may give rise to damages or other remedies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, acceptance of any Offer shall not entitle the Offeror/Buyer to any favourable treatment or bonus of any kind related to any applications related to development of the property, regardless of whether the property is in fact developed in accordance with the letter or for any particular use, and nor shall acceptance be deemed or construed of pre-approval of any such applications.

**Property Information Packages are available at the Township Office
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For further information regarding this Notice of Sale of Surplus Lands contact:

Trevor Jarrett, Treasurer/Deputy Administrator
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(519) 849-3926
tjarrett@warwicktownship.ca



Warwick woodlot will remain mostly intact

Heather Wright
The Independent

A Warwick woodlot owner has abandoned his plan to remove over 22 acres of trees on Zion Line.

Mackie Rombouts wanted to drain a woodlot and would have to cut large swaths through the acreage to do it. He requested that he be allowed to remove the entire woodlot - which he said contained a lot of dead ash trees and scrub - and replant another parcel of land nearby with about 20 acres of trees.

But Lambton’s Woodlands Conservation Officer, Tim Payne, said the woodlot “has timber value with no major infestations or woodland concerns.” He also said the woodland provided “ground water recharge,

improving water quality in the area and reduces flood and erosion.”

He added the land to be planted was “marginal” and had erosion issues and wasn’t suitable for planting.

Rombouts disagreed, adding by planting the area it would provide a corridor for animals to use.

But the Woodland Hearing Board didn’t want to see the entire woodlot removed, suggesting about five acres be cut to make way for the drainage. Rombouts didn’t agree. He was concerned he would have to continue to replant some of the woodlot, but wouldn’t have access to grants to do it.

Instead, he’ll remove about four acres for the drainage, and won’t have to replant them since trees can be removed for drainage under the Woodlands Bylaw.

Dawn-Euphemia election costs almost double

Heather Wright
The Independent

The cost of democracy is going up in Dawn-Euphemia.

Adminstrator-Clerk Donna Clermont told council Tuesday the contract with DataFix, which takes care of the municipality’s mail in ballot election has nearly doubled.

“There’s a significant increase from 2018, up from \$5,200 to \$9,400, which was a little unexpected,” she told council. “But I guess that’s the cost of doing businesses these days.”

Clermont said the company didn’t give a reason for the sharp increase.

“I know they’ve held their price pretty much that same price for many, many years. It’s only gone up very minimal over the past

four elections.”

Clermont added it was too late to look for another provider.

“We wouldn’t have much choice but to sign with them now. Because it’s just too late in the game to look at anyone else.

“And I’m not so sure I would recommend ever looking at anyone else, they’re just that good to deal with.”

Councillor Mark McGuire called the increase “excessive.”

Both he and Mayor Al Broad asked Clermont to ask the company which the price has increased.

Whatever the answer, the township will have to find some extra cash for the process.

“We will be over budget because I never anticipated that big of an increase on this part of the election,” Clermont told council.

Thamesville man fined for St. Clair drunk driving

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

A Thamesville man will pay a \$1,000 fine and serve six months of probation for careless driving in Lambton County.

Police were conducting a RIDE check on Plank Road in St. Clair Township Dec. 9 as Steven Thompson drove up. Officers suspected he had been drinking.

Sarnia Court heard April 14, Thompson failed a breathalyzer test, was arrested and taken back to the Petrolia OPP detachment. He registered two blood-alcohol readings over the legal limit of 80 milligrams. He

had been charged with impaired driving but pleaded guilty to careless driving.

As part of his sentence, Thompson is to be is to be completely sober while driving. He is not to drive for the first 30 days of his probation unless he is going to work, school or going to an appointment for his probation. An ignition interlock device is to be installed in Thompson’s vehicle and during the last five months, he is only able to drive the vehicle with that device.

He is to also complete the Back on Track or Mothers Against Drunk Driving program for impaired drivers.

- THE INDEPENDENT

Ninety day sentence for drugs found in condom

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

An Aamjiwnaang man who was found with crack and crystal meth in a condom is remaining in jail after pleading guilty to drug possession.

Joshua Wolfe plead guilty to the charge in Sarnia Court April 14.

Court heard he was wanted on a warrant when police found him passed out in a rear bedroom of his Tashmoo Avenue home. Wolfe was arrested, taken to the Sarnia police station and searched.

Eight grams of crack cocaine and 16 grams of crystal meth were found tucked into a condom in the front waistband of his underwear.

Wolfe’s criminal record is “long and dense” but, until now, it has no drug convictions, said Assistant Federal Prosecutor Brian Higgins. Wolfe was originally charged with drug trafficking but pleaded guilty to two lesser charges of drug

possession.

Defence Lawyer Sarah Donohue said her client has addiction issues. She called him institutionalized, as he usually finds himself in jail six months out of every year. Wolfe, she says, has difficulty transitioning to life outside of jail.

He was sentenced last December to two months in jail for possession of a dangerous weapon for his involvement in the Montrose Street standoff in Sarnia on June 1 where he and another man were barricaded in a home for up to eight hours equipped with high-powered rifles.

The standoff came to an end without incident when they surrendered.

This time, Justice Deborah Austin sentenced Wolfe to 90 days in jail, but he’s already served the time because he’s been in jail since Jan. 8. Wolfe is already under a three year probation order.

And he was not released from jail, since he still has to face other charges in court.

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Olympian
Tyler McGregor tells
Lambton Centennial
students to

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FROM EVERY
EXPERIENCE



Heather Wright
The Independent

Canadian Paralympian Tyler McGregor is urging students at Lambton Centennial to learn from every experience, even the tough ones.

The Forest native who has competed in three Paralympic Games visited the Enniskillen school Tuesday showing off some of his hardware and sharing his story with the students gathered for their first assembly since the COVID-19 pandemic began two years ago. And in sharing his story, McGregor showed the students that even the tough moments in life can teach important lessons.

McGregor grew up like many sitting on the floor at Centennial. A small town boy, he was skating as a toddler and enrolled in hockey by the time he was three. McGregor lived and breathed the sport.

“I dreamed of playing in the NHL,” he told the students. “I would spend so many hours, both in my garage and in the wintertime in the backyard rink, just pretending to be that, and wanting to someday represent Canada. And I practiced and I practiced and practiced and I continue to fall in love with hockey as a young kid.”

At 15, he was playing with the South Huron Perth Lakers and working hard to realize his dream. Then, he broke his leg. It spelled the end of his season and eventually lead to an eight month hospital stay.

As he recovered from the broken leg, a mass started to grow below his knee. When McGregor was ready to hit the ice again, it was the size of a tennis ball.

“In hockey, you wear shin pads and it was pretty difficult at that time just to be able to fit the shin pads around my legs, it had grown so much,” McGregor said.

Doctors diagnosed him with cancer similar to the type Terry Fox. As he geared up for a fight, the doctor delivered devastating news.

“I met with an orthopedic oncologist who specializes in bone cancer and he said, ‘Tyler, in order to save your life, we have to amputate your leg.’” In April 2010, doctors removed his leg above the knee. McGregor had eight months of chemotherapy - spent mostly in isolation from his friends.

The toughest part, he told the students, was coming to the realization it wasn’t going to be a piece of cake to walk again. “I had to relearn pretty much everything, had to relearn

how to walk, which was far more difficult than I ever anticipated. I figured that I would just get a prosthetic leg and walk right out of the hospital and it certainly wasn’t like that.”

Eventually he figured it out. Then McGregor tried to skate. That didn’t go well. Soon, he found out about sledge hockey and joined a team. One year later, he became the youngest member of Team Canada’s para hockey team and was headed to South Korea where they won the World Championship.

Canada’s sledge hockey team is always among the best in the world, but McGregor said Olympic gold was elusive. He’s competed at the Paralympics three times and brought home a bronze and two silver medals, including one this year from Beijing.

McGregor told the students that while each time he was aiming for gold, he learned something from each Olympic experience. And he’s says he’s particularly proud of this year’s Silver medal.

“I’m so proud of our team for the discipline and the resilience of just dealing with the pandemic. And finding a way to continue to improve and to be prepared through some of the most challenging circumstances that we’ve seen in the past century.

“I think with each with each experience, regardless of the outcome, you have to accept that and you have to try and learn from that. And you have to take all the good things that have come from that.”

And McGregor urged the students to see how well they’ve done during the pandemic.

“I’m proud of you for how resilient you’ve been over the past few years, and I bet it feels so good to be back in school with all your friends. Enjoy the opportunity to be in school, to be social, McGregor said adding, “Take advantage of every opportunity to play sports to participate in the Terry Fox Run, do different school activities. Soak every single moment and as you move forward in life.”

And McGregor thanked Lambton Centennial students for their role in his recovery.

“Thanks to all the cancer research and awareness through things like the Terry Fox Run, that all of you do every single year, I’ve been fortunate enough to regain my health and to survive, and to continue to chase my dreams.

“So thank you, for your efforts in supporting the Terry Fox are in every single year because it has an enormous impact not only for people like myself, but people all around the world, and their families.”

Paralympian Tyler McGregor high fives a student at Lambton Centennial School Tuesday. After speaking to the students, he gave them a chance to view his Paralympic medals. McGregor and Cash McKinnon talked a bit about each medal after the speech. He also took some time to sign autographs for students. McGregor is taking a break after the Beijing Olympics and plans to continue to promote accessible sport as he prepares for the Paralympics in four years.



Sports

Flyers one win from Tier Two trophy

Barry Wright
The Independent

Phoenix Timmington converted a pass from Andrew Jaques at 1:53 of overtime Sunday in Blenheim to give the Petrolia Flyers a 4-3 win over Blades. The Flyers now lead the best-of-seven tier two final, three games to one. Game five is at Greenwood on Thursday night at 7:30.

Clay Dolbear scored his second of the game with an extra attacker late in the third period to send the contest to extra time. The Alvinston product now has nine goals in seven tier two playoff games this season. Daniel Gibson had the other Petrolia. He has a goal in three of his last four contests and is riding a four-game point scoring streak. Tyler Richardson made 48 saves,

including 20 in the first period when the home team outshot Petrolia, 22-5. Richardson is now 6-1-1 in the consolation playoffs with a 2.84 goals-against average and a .920 save percentage.

Tate Bowden had one of the goals for the Blades. It was his first game back after serving a seven-game suspension for uttering a racial slur to Bo Doxtator of the Mooretown Flags in the first round of the postseason.

Last Thursday at home, Michael Vanek scored twice, and Richardson made 38 stops as the Flyers downed the Blades, 4-1. Gibson and Jaques had the others. Keegan Watson contributed two assists. If the Blades can stave off elimination on Thursday, game six will be in Blenheim on Sunday at 7.



Andrew Jaques dekes around a Blenheim player Thursday in the 4-3 win.

Former Flyer knocked out of PJHL divisional final

Jakob Knowles’ season ended last weekend when the Essex 73’s lost 3-2 in overtime to Lakeshore in the PJHL divisional final.

The Canadiens won the series in six

games.

Knowles, the ex-Petrolia Flyer goalie, made 20 saves. He ended the playoffs with a 3-1-1 record and a save percentage of .927.

Lakeshore will now take on the North Middlesex Stars (Parkhill) for the Western Conference title. The Stars’ roster includes Harrison Rops of Watford as an affiliated player.

PW’s Harper, Sting preparing for playoff opener in Windsor

Wyoming’s Austin Harper returned to the Sting lineup in a 1-0 loss to the Knights in London.

He had missed the previous 20 games because of injury.

The Lambton Junior Sting grad ended the season with a goal and an assist in 17 games after signing with

the club late last year.

The Sting open the best-of-seven first round playoff series with games in Windsor on Thursday, April 21 and Saturday, April 23.

The first home game is next Tuesday, April 26 at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena at 7 pm.

Fryfogle brothers named USPHL all-stars

Petrolia minor hockey products Bayly and Brayden Fryfogle have been named Mountain Division all-stars in the United States Premier Hockey League.

Brayden, the younger of the brothers, led the Northern Colorado Eagles in scoring this year with 22 goals and 53

points in 45 regular season games. His totals were nearly five times that of his rookie season last year when he only notched 11 points.

He also had a goal and an assist this year in five playoff contests.

Bayly led the Eagles d-core with a career high 13 goals and 30 points in

43 games along with three points in five postseason contests.

He also led the Eagles in ice time at 28:30 per game, plus/minus at plus 15 and hits with 37.

He was second in blocked shots with 35.

Central Lambton athletes front and centre at Lambton awards

Riley Brown of Brigden and Corunna’s Joe Stock were co-Most Valuable Players for the 2021 Lambton College men’s baseball team as announced at the college athletic awards banquet.

Brown was also chosen as the Hitter of the Year and Stock was honoured as Pitcher of the Year.

LCCVI grad Sarah Sanders of Wyoming was named the MVP for the women’s soccer side and Kyle

Fowler of Oil Springs won the male student athlete award with a grade point average of 3.83 in the Chemical Production and Power Engineering Technology Program while playing on the Lions baseball team.

Petrolia student honoured by Sting

Cash McKinnon has been signed by the Sarnia Sting to an OHL Standard Player Agreement.

The club signed the Petrolia area teen to a one-day contract and rolled out the red carpet for the 11 year old Friday.

Sarnia Sting General Manager Dylan Seca says the Sting were looking for a youth in our community who share in the core values of our organizations by continuing to demonstrate the dedication, hard work, kindness, and passion required to be a member of Sting Nation.

The club was flooded with

nominations but McKinnon’s - made by one of his teachers, Steve McGrail, stood out.

McKinnon has Cerebral Palsy, but according to McGrail, never lets his disability get in the way and has a positive can-do attitude.

McKinnon is now playing para-hockey and helps coach sports at Lambton Centennial.

McKinnon got to meet the members of the Sting in the dressing room, got a custom jersey, and had lunch with Sting Captain Nolan Dillingham.



General Manager Dylan Seca signs Cash McKinnon to a one day contract.

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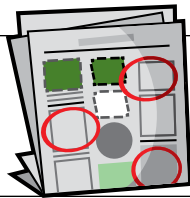
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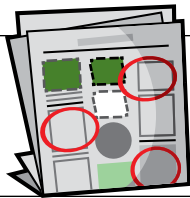
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Birth Announcement

Minten

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*A wee bit of Heaven, drifted down from above...
a handful of happiness ... a heart full of love.*

Daniel & Cindy Minten, along with
big sisters **Danni-Lynn** and **Adrianna**, and
big brothers **Russell**, **James** and **Adam**
are tickled pink to have a new baby sister,

Hayleigh Jade

born on April 5th, 2022

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Proud Grandparents are
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Obituary

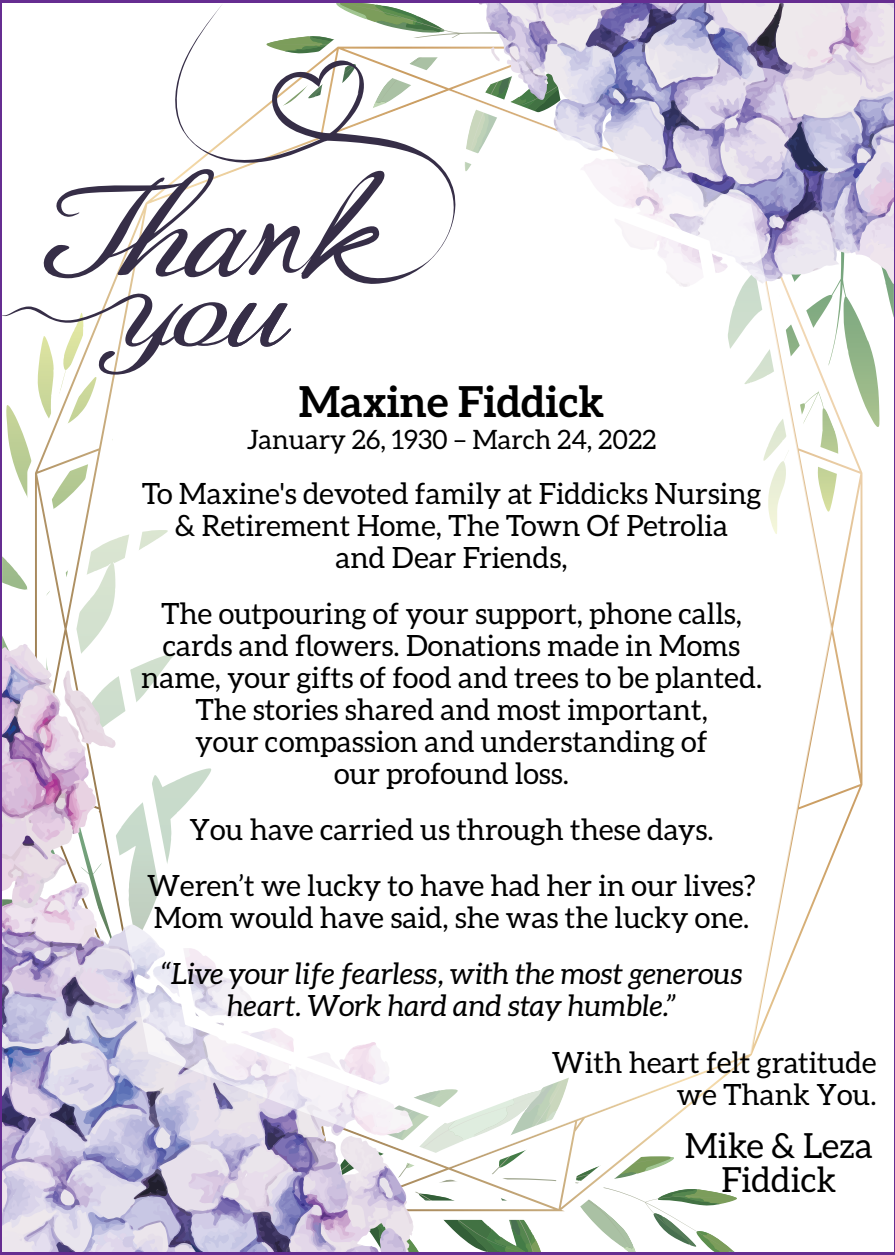
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Gary



Gary Ingram passed away peacefully at the age of **91** with his family by his side on **Tuesday, April 5th** at Bluewater Health -CEE Hospital in Petrolia. Gary is survived by; his children, Gary Ingram Jr and Pam and Rob Horwood of Toronto and his grandchildren, Jared and Samantha. Gary is also survived by his brother Wynn of New Zealand, as well as many loving sister, brother and cousin in-laws, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Andrena (2016), his brother Peter and parents Garden and Ethyl Ingram. Gary was born in Hamilton, New Zealand in 1930. He emigrated to Canada in 1955 to pursue his career in engineering. After brief work stop overs in Vancouver, Kenora, Campbell River and Toronto he arrived in Sarnia in 1958. He joined Jim Monteith to create Monteith-Ingram Engineering Ltd. In Petrolia, which would later become MIG Engineering based in Sarnia. Gary would provide civil and structural expertise to Lambton County and beyond for the next 40 years.

Gary moved to Petrolia in 1960, designed and built his family home on Gem Avenue and loved his life there. He started volunteering right away with the design and construction supervision of the Petrolia Arena, design and construction supervision of the Golf Clubhouse and later the curling rink. Gary was an avid golfer and curler. In the 1970's Gary was the principle in a company that purchased 330 acres by the existing golf course and donated the land to the town and club to build another 9 holes, which he designed. Alongside the subdivision that was built in the area, land was donated to the Conservation Authority which was a vision of Gary's from the initial purchase. Also in the 70's Gary was on the Petrolia Promotion Committee that recognized that the town's oil history was fading away. He was the Chairman of the Historic Oil Site from 1973 until the early 1980's. He was an important voice in what would become the Petrolia Discovery we know today. Gary had his turn as President of the Lions Club, the St. Andrew's Society, sat on the Board of Governors of Lambton College and the St. Clair Region Conservation Advisory Committee. He was a Big Brother and mentored students at St. Philip Catholic School in Petrolia. He fostered many children over the years through Foster Parents Plan and visited them around the world when he could. Gary served with a group of engineers that travelled to China and also travelled to Haiti to volunteer in that region. Gary had many hobbies. He had his pilot's license for years and loved planes and flying. He loved to garden, read and paint and was an avid All Blacks Fan. He loved to play golf, tennis and curl. He loved sailing and embarked on 9 major sailing trips from the North Channel to the Virgin Islands and to Greece as well. He loved his fellow sailors very much. Later he embarked on guided sailing trips through Greenland and Newfoundland and then to the High Arctic. He also made many trips back to his homeland of New Zealand. It is an understatement to say Gary loved to travel and he passed that love on to his family through their many travel adventures across the globe. He lived life to the fullest and will be greatly missed. **Cremation has taken place. There will be a private family interment of ashes at a later date followed by a public celebration of life.** Special thank you to the nursing staff at Bluewater Health in Sarnia and Petrolia, the staff at Albany Retirement Home, Kevin Knight at Knight Funeral Home and to Dr Danny Li Wan Po for his years of care and friendship. Sympathy may be expressed through memorial donations to the Petrolia Community Fund and the CEE Hospital Foundation. **Arrangements entrusted to Knight Funeral Home, 588 St. Clair Parkway, Corunna. Messages and condolences may be left online @ www.knightfuneralhome.ca Knight 519-862-2845**



Thank you

Maxine Fiddick
January 26, 1930 – March 24, 2022

To Maxine's devoted family at Fiddicks Nursing & Retirement Home, The Town Of Petrolia and Dear Friends,

The outpouring of your support, phone calls, cards and flowers. Donations made in Moms name, your gifts of food and trees to be planted. The stories shared and most important, your compassion and understanding of our profound loss.

You have carried us through these days.

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Pastor Katherine Hawley

Ingram, 91, left his mark on many Petrolia landmarks

The Independent

The man who volunteered to design the Greenwood Recreation Centre and whose fingerprints are all over major buildings in Petrolia has died. Gary Ingram died at the age of 91 at Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital April 5. Ingram came to Canada from New Zealand at 25. He came

to Lambton in 1958 and with partner Jim Monteith created Monteith Ingram Engineering in Petrolia. It would later become MIG Engineering. He moved to Petrolia in 1960 and began volunteering, according to his obituary. He designed and supervised the construction of the Petrolia Arena. Ingram was also the designer

of the clubhouse for the golf course. He later designed the curling rink there as well. “In the 1970’s Gary was the principle in a company that purchased 330 acres by the existing golf course and donated the land to the town and club to build another nine holes, which he designed. Alongside the subdivision that was built in the area, land was donated

to the Conservation Authority which was a vision of Gary’s from the initial purchase,” his obituary says. Ingram also loved history and was the chair of the Petrolia Promotion Committee that recognized the town’s oil history was fading away. He was one of the people who shaped Petrolia Discovery. Ingram was an active volun-

teer with the Petrolia Lions, the St. Andrew’s Society, was a member of the Lambton College Board of Directors and the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. Ingram loved to travel and was an avid sailor, and pilot. A family funeral was held already and a celebration of life is yet to be held.



Gary Ingram

Easter in Lambton

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Families celebrated the first Easter in two years without COVID-19 restrictions, but there were still signs of caution during the festivities. The Petrolia Lions hosted an Easter Egg drive thru event again this year instead of the tradition Easter Egg Hunt. Anna MacDonald, nine months, and her brother, Luka, 3, wondered what was going on as their dog, Lily sniffed out the treats. In Alvinston, members of Hope United Church carried the cross to Guthrie Presbyterian Church across town on Good Friday, below left, as did the members of First Baptist Church, who were joined by people from St. Andrew’s Presbyterian and St. Paul’s United Church. The three congregations celebrated Good Friday together at St. Paul’s.



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