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# THE BIG PUSH



# Former Petrolia immigrant readies home for Ukrainians

**Cathy Dobson** For The Independent

A Petrolia couple is among about 50 area residents offering to host Ukrainian refugees.

Carla and Jamie Rankin are empty-nesters who say they are moved by images of the war in Ukraine, especially reports of families fleeing the country, and are offering two bedrooms for any wanting to relocate to Petrolia.

"I watched children and their moms leaving on the train without their fathers, losing everything, leaving everything... my heart just broke," says Carla who immigrated to Canada from Holland when she was 15 years old. "I had very little English when I first came

so I know what that's like. The Ukrainians coming to Canada are going to need our support to find homes, jobs, and deal with the trauma they've experienced," she said.

"We thought offering two bedrooms with us would help."

The first Ukrainian refugees began arriving in Sarnia-Lambton two weeks ago.

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# Independent wins

The Independent

For the third time in four years, The Independent has been named the best small newspaper in Ontario.

The Independent was given the honour Friday during a virtual ceremony by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

"This paper is filled with strong hard

### Members of the Wyoming fire department rolled up their sleeves to bring their new number one pumper into the station Monday night. The unit replaces another which was damaged beyond repair after an accident near Reece's Corners in September 2019. The pumper tipped into a creek after an unstable bank gave way as the crew tried to make its way to a stolen pickup on fire in a cornfield. Monday's ceremony was one of two in the municipality. Camlachie has also received its new pumper. See page 2

# Saying thanks after Dawn-Euphemia firefighter saves a life

# **Heather Wright**

The Independent

At 95, Chuck Skipper says he has a lot of life to live yet and he wanted to thank the man that allowed him to do it.

The Merlin man just about choked to death but was saved by a firefighter out with his wife.

So on Monday, during the Dawn-Euphemia Township council meeting, Skipper and his family sneaked into the Florence Community Centre and waited for Mayor Al Broad to bring in Jeff Wernham.

Wernham and his wife, Amber, were at the Central in Chatham on Good Friday around 5 pm when they noticed a commotion at a nearby table.

Skipper, who is from Merlin and was there celebrating Easter with his family. He started choking after a chunk or two of beef lodged in his throat.

"My husband and I were sitting across the table from my dad and my husband first noticed that he was having difficulty," Skipper's daughter Heather Wilcox tells The Herald. "So we're asking him if he's okay. And he was doing this," she said moving

her hand across her throat - the signal people use when they can't breathe.

Wilcox's husband, Tim, went behind Skipper to try the Heimlich manoeuver as he had in the past. Skipper lost consciousness and the family laid him on the floor. That's when Amber told Wernham he should help. As a volunteer firefighter, Wernham had spent hours in training, including for CPR.

'Jeff immediately started doing the

Heimlich and trying to get it out. Then dad was blue so they start doing CPR," says Wilcox.

**SEE GIVING THANKS PG 3** 

news stories along with interesting features," wrote the judges. "A great read from start to finish.

### **SEE THE INDEPENDENT PG 3**



# **ALL IN**



DAWSON CURRIE PHOT

Members of the Camlachie fire department push in the new pumper #7 to the hall Monday night. The new unit is a replacement for one which had reached the end of its service. The tradition stems from a time when firefighters used a horse and wagon. When they returned, the horses wouldn't back into the fire station, so it was up to the firefighters to push them in. Plympton-Wyoming had two push in ceremonies Monday, one in Camlachie and one in Wyoming. The trucks cost over \$1.6 million.

# Petrolia couple ready host refugees

### CON'T PG 1

Initially they are being matched with host families who live in the city where services are handy, jobs may be more available and there's public transit.

"But at some point we expect to get slammed with a lot of people arriving at the same time and we'll need many more hosts including ones in the rural areas," said Dr. Cassandra Taylor who is helping to coordinate the local community response.

Taylor set up a Facebook page called "Save Ukraine – Sarnia and Lambton County," which a central hub for all information related to bringing refugees here. She says she's aware of about 27 Ukrainian families hoping to come to Sarnia-Lambton. That number is growing by the week, she said.

Families have left Ukraine, many without their men who stayed to fight, and are waiting in Poland, Romania and surrounding countries for emergency visas and government screening.

"I feel it's within all of us to step up and help these people," Dr. Taylor said. "We are grataful for anyone offering to host" Rankins began networking online to see how they can help. They have not been matched with a family yet but anticipate it may happen by summer. "Once here, there

are a lot of details to look after like getting medical appointments and registering for English classes," said Jamie. "And

then there's the trauma of going

through a war. We expect there will be a lot to deal with."

Carla, who is a recently-retired hairdresser, said the couple is prepared to host a family for six months or longer.

"We want to give them a safe haven, a place without pressure.

'Our hope is this war will end soon and



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Carla and Jamie Rankin

Rankin

graterul for anyone offering to host."

The Rankins say their daughter was involved in pre-COVID missions to Ukraine and worked with orphans there through New Life Assembly in Petrolia. New Life is affiliated with Bethel Pentecostal Church in Sarnia where Pastor Tim Gibb is assisting with the effort. St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Trinity Anglican Church and several other church groups in Sarnia are also working to bring families to Canada.

Bethel is committed to helping 20 Ukrainians come to Canada, said Gibb.

"Every day it changes and the system is overloaded. But we have quite a few in the process of coming – families, young single ladies, teenage boys with their siblings and moms with their children."

Within a week of the war starting, the

she said. "If not, we want them to stay and enjoy the freedoms we have."

The federal government is providing open work permits for three years and the provincial government has pledged immediate free health care and school for the refugees.

"It's a big commitment for anyone thinking of hosting," added Jamie who works in water treatment.

"They will need time to settle in and time to grieve what's happened to them." A Townhall meeting is planned for Thursday May 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Bethel Pentecostal Church to provide details about the process of bringing Ukrainian families here and to answer questions. The meeting will be livestreamed on MP

Marilyn Gladu's Facebook page.

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# Poore first out of the gate in race to be Petrolia's mayor

### **Heather Wright** The Independent

The nominations for municipal councils across Ontario have opened and Petrolia already has a candidate for mayor.

Richard Poore, the town's former Director of Cultural Services, was the first to officially file papers in the election in Petrolia. He retired in 2018 and right now serves as the chair of the volunteer board of the Petrolia Discovery Foundation.

"I've been placed throughout my careers, both voluntarily and within my job scopes, to be leader of various organizations, and I want to bring those skills and my experience and my wonderful experience working in the town and living in the town ... to bring

that to the to the mayor's position," he tells The Independent. Poore, 63, has never run for public

office but believes he's well suited for the role as mayor.

"I really believe that my leadership skills and experience lend themselves really well to the what is officially known as the head of council to that leadership role."

And he doesn't believe it would be difficult to be the political head of the body overseeing administrators he has worked with. "I think being mayor, you need to find all of those balances, and you have to listen and be fair. And so no, I wouldn't perceive that I would have any conflict there."

Poore says the campaign is just getting started and he plans to listen to the concerns of the community.

But he says the development of the town is something he's concerned about. "I think it's really important to strategically plan for all of this growth," says Poore. "I want to see Petrolia grow and develop and become the best

place that people can possibly come to live and play and experience."

Mayor Brad Loosely wasn't immediately available to comment on whether he would seek re-election.



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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 Bylaw 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

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# The Independent best small newspaper of 2021

### CON'T FROM PG 1

The judges also commented the "good looking ads and photos make it a strong package."

The Independent has now been named best newspaper in its class in 2018, 2020 and 2021.

Publisher Heather Wright is particularly pleased the paper has been acknowledge during the two years of the pandemic, one of the most difficult time for all small businesses and community newspapers. "Like everyone else, we found new ways to do the things we needed to do to tell the stories of our community.'

The Haliburton Highlander placed second in the category and The Independent's sister paper, The Herald serving Thamesville, Dresden and Bothwell, placed third.

Wright and former Justice Reporter Alex Kurial placed second in the province for their coverage of the pandemic.

The judge noted the articles were "well written" and "offered emotion" as well as the technical details of the pandemic.

Wright was also named the Columnist of the Year in Ontario.

Judge Greg Calgan said: "Local readers crave columns they can relate to and have an impact and meaning in their lives. With her writing, Heather achieved this much to the fortune of readers." Wright's photo, Christmas Joy of a young child framed in the O of a Christmas ornament in Victoria Park also took second in the province wide competition.



Chuck Skipper thanks Firefighter Jeff Wernham for saving his life on Good Friday. Giving thanks for saving the life of a 'real character' wen.

"That was awful because his pulse was gone." Working together, Wernham and Tim Wilcox did three rounds of CPR and Skipper was revived. By the time the paramedics arrived, Skipper was talking saying he couldn't go to the hospital because he had to cut the grass tomorrow.

Skipper remembers nothing of that. "I choked up and passed out on the floor and that's when the fireman helped me," he says.

"I ended up in the hospital for three days but I

didn't remember anything." In the chaotic situation, Skipper's family didn't think to get Wernham's full name. Using social media and contacting Mayor Broad, the family was able to arrange a public thank you during a council meeting Monday.

Wernham says it is good to know that Skipper - who wants to live to be at least 100 - is doing

The firefighter has done CPR six times in his life. Skipper is the first to live. "A lot of times when you're called to a scene, you don't know the people...A lot of times, you don't know the ultimate outcome for them," says Wernham. "It's really nice to see the message you get from his daughter a couple of days later that he wants to go out and cut the lawn...that he's back to his normal lifestyle." Wernham says being at the restaurant and being able to intervene early was the key to saving Skipper's life.

It was a series of small changes that led the Wernham's to be there at the same time. The Skippers originally planned to go to London for dinner. The Wernhams wanted a later reservation. Instead, the timing worked out that they were all together and a life was saved.

And Skipper just wanted to say thank you. "I'm happy to meet the man who brought me back."

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.

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Mandi Pearson Clerk-Operations Clerk

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# Editorial

# Welcome to the vortex

We are about to be thrown into an election vortex. Ontario residents will be inundated with election information from both their municipal leaders and the people who want to represent them at the Ontario legislature over the next few months.

Nominations for municipal council opened Monday. Would-be politicians have until Aug. 19 to declare their intentions before the October vote.

Tuesday, Premier Doug Ford asked Ontario's Lieutenant Governor to dissolve the legislature. She'll call an election for June 2 Wednesday.

So, as you're beginning to enjoy warmer days with fewer worries about the pandemic, politicians of all stripes on two different levels will be looking to win your vote.

Ford has been doing that for some time now. He stopped saying the word COVID in February. We guess it was some strategist's idea to distance himself from the past two difficult years.

The rules he put in place, which often were confusing, separated families, kept kids home from school and led to the closure of businesses. While all of that was done to avert thousands of deaths, it was not very popular - particularly with Ford's base. So, he doesn't talk about it anymore. Even during the sixth wave, Ford didn't use the word COVID often.

Instead, as per usual for any provincial official seeking re-election, he's been playing Santa Claus, doling out your money for hospitals and new auto plants at this very convenient time. Most recently, money for kids mental health - the motherhood and apple pie issue - was promised in Sarnia. It was pure electioneering since even those involved in the project said they wouldn't know how much they would be receiving until after the provincial election.

The run up to the municipal election isn't quite as obvious. Municipal councillors can't simply throw cash around in an attempt to be popular. They - by law

- have to balance the books at the end of the year. But there is a more noticable attempt by many local politicians to point out the "good news" ever five minutes; even if it isn't particularly good or news.

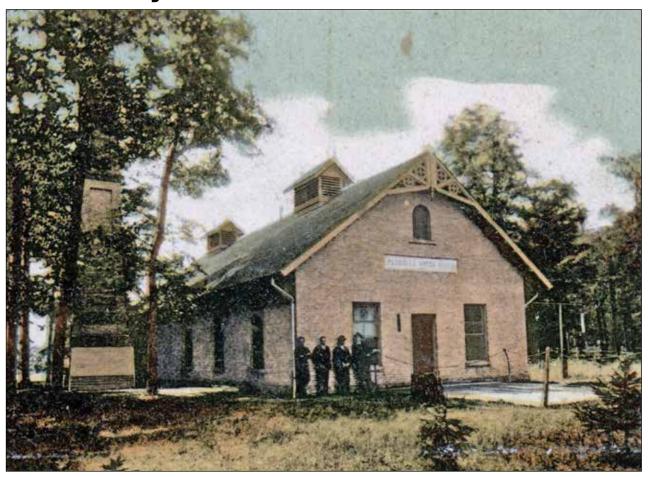
Voters can expect more of the same, both provincially and municipally until the last ballot is cast in October when we can emerge from the political black hole and hopefully get back to some semblance of normal.

# Letters to the Editor

The Independent welcomes Letters to the Editor. Our preferred methods to receive letters are via email to news@petrolialambtonindependent.ca (please use Letter in the subject line) or through our website www. petrolialambtonindependent.ca

You can also deliver letters to The Independent at 4156 Petrolia Line, Petrolia or drop them in the mail at *The* Independent, Petrolia, ON, NON 1R0. The Independent reserves the right to edit letters for brevity

# **Our Story**



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POST CARD COLLECTION

This post card shows the old 'Petrolea' water plant in Bright's Grove; one of the first municipal water systems to bring Lake Huron water over land. The building - although renovated and upgraded - still stands on Lakeshore and Waterworks Road as part of the current Petrolia water system.

# There is nothing like being in the right place at the right time

This Good Friday really was a good Friday for Chuck Skinner's family. But it could have been so much different.

The spry 95 year-old choked on a piece of meat while having Easter dinner with his family at a Chatham restaurant. When his family couldn't dislodge the gristle with the Heimlich manoeuver, Skinner stopped breathing and started to turn blue.

Dawn-Euphemia firefighter Jeff Wernham and his wife, Amber, were at the same restaurant and stepped up to help. Jeff's first aid training was put to good use as he did chest compressions and Skinner's son-in-law provided the air.

It didn't take long and Skinner was alert and talking - although not really understanding what had just gone on. The senior - whom family calls a "character" and "determined" was sore from the compressions but otherwise okay. Skinner is back to driving himself around to car shows and cutting the lawn.

The intervention of a complete stranger meant the Skinner family will have more holidays together; it means Good Friday will still be a good memory.

Two things struck me when talking to the very grateful relatives. First, but for a few changes in plans, the Wernham's and Skinners paths wouldn't have crossed. The Skinners originally planned dinner in London but decided to stay in Chatham because the 95 year-old was determined to drive. The Wernhams wanted to have a later dinner reservation but could only get in at 5 pm. Or, if they had checked the movie schedule, they would have gone

in Chatham as they thought. As

Wernham's wife, Amber said, 'there is nothing like being in the right place at the right time.'

The other thing which moved me was the sheer number of Skinner's family that came to say thank you; from young children to teens, to sons and daughters and their wives,



Heather Wright

many with tears in their eyes, all grateful he had been spared. Every life, no matter how long, is precious. What a great thing to celebrate.

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to Sarnia for dinner, since the flick they wanted to see was not playing



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# WATER PLANT CASH



Politicians from Petrolia, Dawn-Euphemia and Enniskillen Township joined MPP Bob Bailey for a tour of the Petrolia water treatment plant in Bright's Grove. The federal government this week committed its share of the funding to replace the water pipeline which brings Lake Huron water into the plant to be treated. The province and feds will provide \$11.9 million of the \$16.2 million cost for the construction which could take four years.

# Plympton-Wyoming okays outdoor rink in Camlachie

**Cathy Dobson** For The Independent

Huron Shores Optimist Club members plan to raise at least \$1 million to build an outdoor ice rink in Camlachie now that it has approval in principle from Plympton-Wyoming council.

"We will raise the funds to make this happen. We'll build it, then turn it over to you," club member Alex Palimaka told council. "The wheels are in motion and... we think there's momentum right now."

The Optimists went to council asking the municipality to finance the project upfront on the condition the club pays the entire loan back over 10 years.

The club's 50 members are excited about building an outdoor ice rink with a roof that can be used for recreation in the winter and as a covered venue for summer activities like a market the rest of the year.

"Our board of directors unanimously voted for it," said President Bruce Moulton. The lack of recreation and group activity during the pandemic drove home how important an outdoor rink could be for local youth, he said. We think this could be a great asset for everyone in the community." The rink will be located near the Camlachie Community Centre and

available to all of Plympton-Wyoming, Moulton said. An exact location has not been selected.

Once built, Palimaka suggested the club may be willing to help the town with management and generate funds to offset operating costs, estimated at \$3,000 - \$4,500 per month in the winter.

Ted Cooper, the club's fundraising lead, said the Optimists already have \$60,000 in the bank for the rink and are ready to apply for grants.

If final approval comes through from council, the club plans to approach major industry and businesses for donations.

Moulton pointed out to council that the Huron Shores Optimists raised the money and built the Camlachie Community Centre, then donated it back to the town. This would be a similar arrangement, he said.

Town council voted unanimously to approve the outdoor rink in principle, and for municipal staff and club members to work together to confirm a location, a design and the capital cost.

Approval in principle does not mean council has agreed to the project, stressed Deputy Mayor Muriel Wright. But it will assist in grant

rink every year," said Councillor Bob Woolvet. "I think this is a fantastic idea for this community.'

BLAKE FLUS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Woolvet questioned whether \$1 million will be enough but said a new multi-purpose recreational facility is needed in Camlachie because that's where the population is growing.

"Hopefully (this proposal) will minimize costs to the taxpayer." Mayor Lonny Napper said it's an ambitious project.

"Makes me want to move to Camlachie," he joked.

Councillor Tim Wilkins, voted in favour but said he is concerned about the financing and that the operating costs could be much higher than expected.

Moulton agreed it's an ambitious project and said the club is prepared to build the rink in stages, possibly starting out with only a concrete slab.

"We've seen the price of everything is going up and I don't see it getting any better," he said.

Town CAO Carolyn Tripp said approval from council in principle will assist the club's fundraising but doesn't commit the town to the project yet.

A proposal with more detail will be

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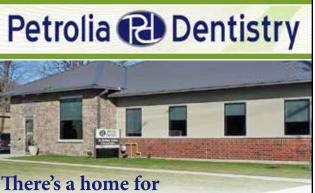
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# Drone handgun delivery fails

### The Independent

Lambton OPP are looking for clues to a hi-tech shipment of handguns.

Police were called to Port Lambton Friday morning after neighbours saw a large drone stuck in the trees along the St. Clair River.

Attached to the drone was a bag with 11 handguns inside. Police believe they were coming from the US. OPP have seized the handguns and

had the help of St. Clair Fire to remove the drone from the tree.

Anyone who has information about the transport are asked to call the OPP at \*677 on your cell.



back to council in the coming months and a decision can be made then if it the rink will be considered in the 2023 budget, she said.



One of 11 handouns seized and the drone

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# LOOKING FOR DEALS IN PETROLIA



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It was a sure sign of spring. Petrolia was full of activity on Saturday morning as the annual town wide yard sale was held. Almost every street was busy as there was a wide variety of yard sales to choose from. The population of the community nearly tripled as people came to see if they could find a deal or get that gem that just makes the perfect addition to their home.

# Alvinston woman NDP candidate in LMK

### Heather Wright The Independent

An Alvinston artist will carry the NDP banner in the coming provincial election.

Vanessa Benoit, who ran for a councillors seat in Brooke-Alvinston in 2018, is the NDP candidate in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex June2.

Benoit works at the library, is a music educator and a singer-songwriter. She's been part of the Alvinston Arts Music Fest and the Friends of AW Campbell Park.

Benoit, who is married with one son, want to make sure Ontario invests in the services that rural families rely on like public schools and health care.

"I'm excited to work hard on behalf of Lambton—Kent—Middlesex families and fix the things that matter most to them," says Benoit in in a news release. "That means creating a longterm and home care system that puts care before profits, and investing in smaller class sizes and repairing our aging public schools.

"It also means making sure the provincial government supports rural municipalities so that

the families in our riding get the same level of services as anywhere else."

Benoit will face an uphill battle for the spot, running against Conservative Monte McNaughton, who has been a cabinet minister throughout the four year Doug Ford government.

The Liberals have yet to nominate a candidate in the riding.

Wanda Dickey will run for the Green Party, Dave Barnwell of Ilderton is the New Blue Party candidate and Dave Eve is registered to run for the None of The Above Party.

In Sarnia-Lambton, Incumbent Conservative MPP Bob Bailey was acclaimed as the candidate in Sept. 2020. The NDP expects to nominate Dylan Stelpstra of Sarnia at a meeting May 4. And the New Blue Party has nominated Keith Benn, a retired geology professor who is from Port Lambton.

The Liberals have yet to nominate a candidate in the Sarnia Lambton riding.

Premier Doug Ford visited Ontario Lieutenant Governor Tuesday to dissolve the Ontario Legislature. The election announcement will be tomorrow with the election set for June 2.

# Aamjiwnaang man thought it was his right to carry firearm

Blake Ellis

Local Journalism Initiative

In the other incident, police noticed an e-bike travelling at a high rate of speed on London Line in Sarnia on Jan. 13, 2021. The police officer got

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An Aamjiwnaang man thought he had the right as an Indigenous person to carry a firearm as part of his treaty rights.

This is why Jason Nahmabin was walking with a green camouflage gun case over his shoulder in St. Thomas on June 26, 2019, according to his lawyer.

A police officer stopped him and found a .22 caliber rifle with no safety lock. Nahmabin also had no documentation to legally possess the weapon. He was arrested.

Defence Lawyer Autumn Johnson said it is his right to hunt and fish as an Indigenous person, but he does not have the right, due to safety reasons, to carry a firearm without a permit. He now understands this.

Nahmabin pled guilty to two counts of possessing prohibited weapons in Sarnia court on April 28.

behind it to pace it for half a kilometre and found it was going 50 kilometres an hour faster than the 32 kilometres that bikes are allowed to travel. He was stopped and Nahmabin confirmed it was an e-bike, but he had not modified it to go faster. He was a suspended driver with unpaid fines. Police searched Nahmabin and found a four-inch knife hanging from the front pocket of his pants. It was spring loaded, making it a prohibited weapon.

Nahmabin purchased the knife at a store in Sarnia so he was not aware it was prohibited, said Johnson.

Nahmabin's criminal record is quite extensive stretching back to 2001 with his most recent conviction being in 2019. He had spent six days in jail and was given time served with a weapons prohibition of five years. He will still be allowed to sustenance hunt with supervision. PSB PETROLIA STREET BAKERY

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County of Lambton worker, Steve Mathers, was busy putting the finishing touches on the windows in the front foyer of the Petrolia Library Monday. The library has been closed for nearly a month for renovations. The children's room has been repainted and carpeted and new book shelves have been installed. The hardwood floors throughout the building have been refinished and the circulation desk has

# Drug addiction fueled car theft, fraud

### Blake Ellis

Local Journalism Initiative

A Plympton-Wyoming woman will serve nine months of house arrest followed by 18 months of probation after pleading guilty to 17 counts including break and enter, fraud, theft and breaching court orders.

A Sarnia court on May 2 heard a string of events which led to Kayla Siklosi's guilty plea.

Court was told how a black Chevy Camaro lost control on Sept. 10, 2019, hit the ditch on Mandaumin Road in St. Clair Township and rolled several times. The car was followed by a black SUV, who took the injured male driver, several backpacks from the trunk and sped away. The police learned the Camaro had been stolen from a home on Egremont Road in Plympton-Wyoming after a break-in that day where several other items had been taken. The SUV was registered to Siklosi's mother and she said her daughter and her husband had the vehicle at the time. Siklosi was seen walking on Lakeshore Road and Mack Avenue four days later in Plympton-Wyoming where there were a number of break and enters. In one case, a car was broken and cash, a wallet and a purse had been taken. All of these items were found on Siklosi when she was

arrested

An employee at Shoppers' Drug Mart on Mitton Street in Sarnia noticed panty hose and a USB charger fall out of Siklosi's purse at the entrance to the store on Aug. 31, 2019. When she approached her, she was ignored and walked away. Police found her later that day where she handed them over and was arrested.

The bank manager of the Scotia Bank on Indian Road in Sarnia contacted police after the bank became suspicious about some transactions.

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Eight cheques, amounting to just under \$6,000, had been deposited from May 22 and June 8, 2020 through a mobile app. Siklosi had forged the cheques.

Defence Lawyer Luigi Persia explained Siklosi's behavior is linked to her addiction to opioids.

She was prescribed drugs for a medical procedure but became addicted.

"Those actions aren't me, that is a drug," said Siklosi told the court. "It took control of my life so fast. Now I am going to make it right and I will."

Siklosi will have to pay restitution of nearly \$6,000 to Scotia Bank, \$1,000 to the owner of the Camaro for his deductible and almost \$30,000 to the auto insurance company.

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# Deposit fees cut in half for car wash build

### **Heather Wright** The Independent

Warwick council has given the okay to a car wash project in the Watford Industrial Park. And the owners won't be forced to put up half the project cost in a line of credit.

Colin and Jen Van Kessel have been talking with municipal staff about building 79 Auto Shine with the staff since 2020. At the time, Warwick required anyone building to produce a line of credit between \$5,000

and \$10,000. That money would only be used if the municipality had to intervene to finish it.

But during the planning stages, the township changed its policy on the deposit for buildings. It now requires a letter of

credit equal to half the construction costs. That caught the Van Kessel's off guard. They would have to obtain a line of credit for \$107,000.

The couple asked council to

reduce the fee to 25 per cent of the construction value instead. Councillors voiced support for the project and wondered if the project was in the works before the township approved the changes in April 2021.

"If this project application was started before the fee structure was changed they should be under the old fee," said Councillor Wayne Morris.

Council agreed approving a 25 per cent deposit and moving the project forward.

large renovation to the school

which at the time could house

in the past, including roofing

This year's window re-

placement project will cost

There have been repairs done

over 1.100 students.

work.

\$383,489.73.

# LCCVI to get all new windows and doors this summer

The Independent

LCCVI will be spruced up this summer.

The Lambton-Kent District School Board Tuesday approved the replacement of all the windows and doors as well as entrance systems at the Petrolia high school. Parts of the building date

back to 1926. The school was remodelled and a cafeteria was added in the 1950s. A second cafeteria was part of the renovations in the 1960s. In 1967, the technical wing

was added. It would be the last

Warwick urges province to reopen urgent care clinics

Council agreed the lack of urgent care clinics is a problem and agreed to write a letter to urge the province to reopen the clinics "to free up some of our emergency rooms for those strong emergencies," Rombouts

"It's costing the province a

### 25. "That's a huge cost; it adds up." **Heather Wright** the burden on emergency rooms The Independent by allowing people with injur-

Warwick councillors want urgent care clinics to reopen.

Mayor Jackie Rombouts, still sporting a bandage from an accident she had, says she found out the hard way that none on the urgent care clinics in the region have been open since the pandemic.

The clinics are meant to ease

ies which need attention, like wounds, to get help without going to the emergency department which is a much higher cost method of care. Rombouts said she had to go

to the emergency department to have some stitches above her eye removed. "Just to register in emerge is over 300 and some dollars," she told council April

# said.

lot of money not having those clinics open."

# Local school more expensive to fix than replace

**Heather Wright** The Independent

East Lambton Elementary is one of five schools which will cost more to repair than replace in the next ten year.

That's according to the Lambton-Kent District School Board which recently released its yearly capital plan. The board estimates East Lambton will need \$8.63 million in repairs over 10 years while it will cost \$8.62 million to build a new school.

LCCVI is another school with a long list of repairs over the next 10 years. Officials say \$22.5 million in repairs

are expected based on a 2016 assessment. It would cost an estimated \$33 million to replace the building.

Brooke Central is also high on that list. Over 10 years, the board says the Alvinston area school will need \$6.1 million in repairs. To replace it would cost \$8.8 million.

# Sarnia man pleads guilty to 12 theft and bail charges

**Blake Ellis** Local Journalism Initiative

A 32 year old man says he's "ready now more than ever to stay clean."

Sean Helps made the state-

and rode south. He was found later that morning walking down Christina Street, as the bike had been taken from him. Ten days later on May 28, he was seen taking a

was soon stopped where it was found he had several break and enter tools.

He was seen by police behind a vacant house on London Line on Dec. 18. He was wanted on a warrant because of breaking one of his bail conditions by not reporting to the John Howard Society. He again was found with a series of break and enter tools.

# **150 YEARS OF PRAISE**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The benches of First Baptist Church were filled as the historic church celebrated 150 years on Sunday. The congregation spent two weeks publicly reading through the bible and Sunday held a special anniversary service and dinner with past and present members.



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 Bylaw 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 Parts1 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.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Approval Authority, the County of Lambton, in respect of the proposed Official Plan 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, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

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.

ment after pleading guilty to 12 counts of theft and several breaches of court orders over nine months in 2021.

Helps was loitering inside the automated teller machine area at Southwest Credit Union on Exmouth Street in Sarnia on April 12, 2021. Two large kitchen knives fell out of the tarp he was using to carry all of his belongings. He was arrested, as he was not to have any weapons as part of his probation.

He cut the lock of a bicycle outside the McDonald's restaurant on Christina Street in the early morning of May 18 cigarette holder at the Ontario Convenience Store on Ontario Street. He then took a cell phone, which was sitting on the counter in the store.

Police were called to the Fauld's Motel on London Line on Oct. 9 where a shed had been broken into the night before. A chainsaw, jigsaw and a bicycle were taken. Helps was identified through security camera surveillance.

Helps was seen by police rummaging around the building at Habitat for Humanity on London Line on Nov. 11. When he noticed the police officer, he rode away on his bicycle. He

Helps was sentenced to 210 days in jail but will only have to serve nine days now, since he'd been in jail since then.

He'll be on probation for a year.

Justice Mark Hornblower said drug addiction was the root of the problems.

"I am ready now more than ever to stay clean," said Helps, as he plans to go into a drug rehabilitation program.

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### 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  $1^{\mbox{\scriptsize st}}$ day of April, 2022.

Mandi Pearson **Clerk-Operations Clerk** 

Town of Petrolia 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia N0N 1R0 mpearson@petrolia.ca



# <u>Sports</u>

# Alvinston's Duncan going to OHL's 67s RUGBY TOURNEY

# **Barry Wright**

The Independent

Hayden Duncan is in good company. The Lambton Jr. Sting goalie was selected in the sixth round, 110th overall, by the Ottawa 67's in the 2022 OHL Priority Selection last weekend.

He becomes the highest local goalie taken in the draft since Petrolia's Michael Leighton was selected in the third round by the Windsor Spitfires in 1998. Leighton, the former Petrolia Jet, went on win more 300 games with the NHL, AHL and KHL. He is currently the goaltending coach with the Spitfires.

Duncan, who turned 16 just over a week ago, attends LCCVI and is a graduate of Brooke-Central Public School in Alvinston.

While a member of Bronco Nation, he was featured in the Independent of Petrolia and Central Lambton for representing North America at a Draftday tournament in 2019 that included teams from Russia, Sweden, Latvia and a combined squad from Switzerland and Italy. He finished that tournament with a goals-against average of 2.34 over six games played and a .916 save percentage.

"Hayden is a highly athletic goaltender," said 67's scout Tristan Whitley after the selection. "He is a relentless competitor, who never gives

# Peer a double-winner at Legionnaires banquet

Oil City's Carson Peer won a pair of awards at the yearend banquet for the GOJHL's Sarnia Legionnaires last weekend. Peer received the People's Choice award and was the co-recipient of the Coaches award. Among other winners, Forest's Ryan Richardson and Plympton

Wyoming's Austin Harper were honoured as the most improved player and the leading scorer and Corunna's Owen MacDonald was chosen as co-

Havden Duncan

selection while attending the Sarnia Legionnaires

Rearguard Josh Glavin was the other member of

the Lambton Jr. Sting to be taken in the draft. He

was selected in the third round by the Saginaw

Spirit. Glavin is the son of long-time Sarnia

assistant general manager Mark Glavin.

up on the play." Duncan found out about the

Prospects Camp last weekend.

Harper and MacDonald both spent time this season with the Sarnia Sting as well.

# Mooretown Flags win two PJHL divisional awards

Corunna's Bo Doxtator is the Stobbs Division rookie of the year in the PJHL.

The 16-year-old had three goals and 11 assists in 24 games this season with the Mooretown Flags.

Meantime, Jake Vince won the best defenceman honour in the division. The former Legionnaire had 20 goals and 49 points in 32 games during the 2021-22 campaign. The Flags will hand out their individual team awards on Friday.

# Alvinston's Cumming, Racers open WHAC tourney

Ally Cumming and the University of Northwestern Ohio Racers open play this (Wed) afternoon at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Association (WHAC) women's softball tournament in Sylvania, Ohio.

The Racers finished conference play last weekend with a doubleheader sweep to secure the third seed in the eight-team affair. UNO won a record setting 16 of  $\overline{22}$  conference games this

### season.

Cumming played a large part in the decisive game with three hits, including two doubles, three RBI's and a run scored.

The LCCVI grad from Alvinston finished the regular season with a stat line of .362/.397/.464 with seven doubles, 19 runs scored, 12 RBI and five stolen bases.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

St. Pat;s edged LCCVI, 7-5 in the final game of an LKSSAA senior boys' rugby tournament Monday in Petrolia. Earlier, the Lancers had lost 43-0 to Great Lakes. The Wolfpack beat the Irish, 29-0 in the other game. The teams play another round robin set at St. Pat;'s next Tuesday.



### 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, June 13th, 2022 at 6:00 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 a property described as Plan 64, Block I, Lot 6, Registered Plan 25R10796 Part 2. The property is located on Dufferin Avenue between 4119 Dufferin Avenue and 445 Queen Street. The intent of the proposed amendment is to rezone the property from "Residential - 1 (R1)" to a new site specific "Residential - 2 (R2-7)" zone. The proposed amendment would allow the conversion of an existing building into a Semi-Detached Dwelling and establish site specific developments for side yard setbacks, minimum dwelling size and minimum lot frontage.

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 June 13, 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.

**ISH** to be notified of the passing must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia at the address below.

# best defenceman.

# Wyoming's Myers named Big South Player of the Week

Noah Myers continues to light it up for the University of South Carolina Upstate Spartans baseball squad.

Following three homers in three games last weekend, the Wyoming product was named the Big South Conference player of the week. The three bombs in back-to-back-to-back games are a new D-1 school record for the Spartans. Myers also set a new school stolen base record earlier this season.

USC Spartans are 13-5 and second in the conference standings.

Their regular season wraps up late this month.

THE KEY MAP shows more particularly the lands affected.

### DATED at the TOWN OF PETROLIA this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022

### Mandi Pearson Clerk – Operations Clerk Town of Petrolia 411 Greenfield Street Petrolia, ON NON 1R0 Telephone: 519-882-2350 Email: mpearson@petrolia.ca



# LCCVI girls head to pitches this week in high school action The LCCVI girls' rugby squad is at Chatham-The Lancers girls take on the Vikings in Sarnia

Kent Thursday trying to bounce back from a season-opening 32-5 loss to Ursuline last week. Elsewhere, the Lancers girls' soccer side and Great Lakes played to a 1-all draw. LCCVI visited Wallaceburg Tuesday but the score was not available prior to press time

next Monday and return home to entertain Wallaceburg next Tuesday at 4.

In boys' soccer, North Lambton opened its season with a 9-nil romp over Chatham Christian last week. The Eagles girls' and boys' teams both play at Dresden on Thursday afternoon at 4:45.

**Classified Deadline:** Monday @ 12 noon



**TUESDAY, APRIL 26** BROOKS, Susan "Sue" Lyn Age 48, of Wyoming Needham-Jay - Wyoming Chapel **COUTURE**, Sharon Delynn (n Woods) Age 80 McCormack Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

**GILFOYLE**, Scott Terrence Age 55 Smith Funeral Home

O'BRADOVIC, Mary Beatrice (n Mullin)

Age 81 McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home WILLIAMSON, Marion Florence Age 81

Smith Funeral Home

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28** HERBERT, Frederick "Fred" Charles Age 68 Smith Funeral Home **HEWITT**, F Ronald Age 83 Smith Funeral Home

Age 90 Smith Funeral Home **ZOMBORI**, Janet Anne (n Shephard) Age 59 Smith Funeral Home FRIDAY, APRIL 29

LONGLEY, Lorne Camsell

**GARSIDE**, William Laverne Age 82 Denning's of Watford **STAFFORD**, Frances Madeline Age 94 Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY, MAY 1 **ROBINSON**, Ray Age 88 Needham-Jay - Wyoming Chapel WOODS, Robert "Bob" Age 77 Denning's of Watford

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



It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone. A part of us went with you the day God called you home.

If tears could build a stairway and heartaches make a lane, we'd walk our way to heaven and bring you back again.

In life we loved you dearly. In death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place no one could ever fill.





### **Obituaries**

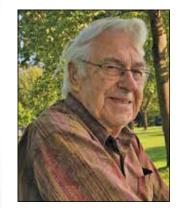
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# Yvonne Peacefully passed away at Fiddick's

**BRYSON** 

by her husband Lorne Bryson (1992). Survived by her daughter Diane Buckingham (Bill), and her grandson Darrell Ford (Sara), and her great-grandchildren Katherine and Christopher. Also survived by her sisters Aleta Laird of Boerne, Texas, and Katherine Dresden of Petrolia, and her nieces and

nephews. Predeceased by her parents Leslie and Alfrettia Watson, her sister Gloria Helwig (1961) and her brother Gerald Watson (2000). Life member of the Wyoming Legion Ladies Auxiliary with over 65 years of service. There will be a burial service taking place at Wyoming cemetery on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Wyoming Legion. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Fiddick's Retirement/Nursing Home or the Wyoming Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Br #388. Online condolences may be left at www.forestfuneralhome.com Funeral arrangements entrusted to DENNING'S OF FOREST



www.needhamiav.com.

Ray Robinson, **88 years**, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at

Ray

Vision Nursing Home, Sarnia. Ray was the husband of 63 years to Eileen (nee Campbell). He will be missed by his daughters Heather (Drew) and Hollie (Pete). He was a proud grandpa of Brody, Georgia, Farleigh, and the late Charlotte (2019). Ray was predeceased by his parents Gardner and Mildred Robinson and his brother Walter

Robinson. Ray retired in 1992 from Imperial Oil, in his spare time he enjoyed farming and hunting. A private

graveside service will be in Alvinston Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at

# **Card of Thanks**

## Thank you... from the family of the late PETER ZANTINGH

God saw you getting tired, When a cure was not to be So he closed his arms around you, And whispered come to me

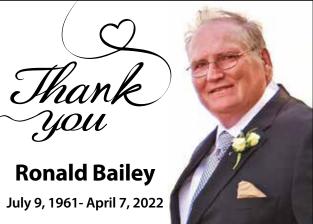
A Huge Thank you for all the kind words,

expressions of sympathy, flowers and cards, meals

and all those you attended the Memorial Service.

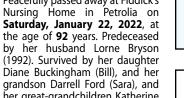


Mary Zantingh, Sue, Les, Sarah and Michael Douglas Peter (Jody), Josh, and Nick Zantingh Brad, Jen, Quinn and Fay Zantingh



huge thanks to our family, friends, The Village of Oil Springs, Oil Springs Fire Department, Ron's co-workers at CEDA Sarnia, The Oil Springs Legion and community flowers, donations made in Ron's name, your gifts of food and trees to be planted. All the stories/memories shared and most important, your compassion and understanding of our heartfelt loss. We couldn't get through this without your love and support.

> With Sincere thanks, Maureen Bailey Holly, Tim, Tyson & Mason Strangway Greg, Kelly, Harper & Cooper Bailey



Thursday, May 5, 2022

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St. Andrew's **Presbyterian Church** 416 Queen Street, Petrolia (Behind the Post Office) **In-Person Service** Sundays @ 10:00<sup>°</sup> am Services also available online: www.standrews-petrolia.ca **Pastor Katherine Hawley**  Thursday, May 5, 2022

**Classified Deadline:** Monday @ 12 noon

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## **Upcoming Events**



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### Notice

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### **Township of Warwick Employment Opportunity** (12 month contract position)

### **Records Management Project** Implementation Coordinator

The Records Management Project Implementation Coordinator is responsible for the implementation of various comprehensive updates to the municipality's records management program and practices, including an Electronic Document Records Management System (EDRMS).

This position requires a self-directed, energetic and team oriented problem solver to lead all activities associated with updating the records management program in Warwick. The successful candidate will be a proactive communicator who can facilitate group discussions with a focus on amending process to achieve results. The successful candidate will be familiar with related records legislation in the municipal sector in order to ensure continued records legislative compliance.

The report providing the impetus for this position, and the key deliverables, is available on warwicktownship.ca.

### How to Apply:

Interested applicants are asked to apply online at www.lambtononline.ca/jobs and select Job # J0422-1527. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 20, 2022. The Township of Warwick has partnered with the County of Lambton to advertise this job opportunity. The job description can be found in the job posting from the link above

Any questions regarding this job opportunity with the Township of Warwick should be directed to:

> Amanda Gubbels, CAO/Clerk Email: agubbels@warwicktownship.ca Phone: 519-848-3926

Job Board: www.lambtononline.ca/jobs

We thank all interstet applicants however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The Corporation of the Township of Warwick is dedicated to maintaining a fair and equitable work environment, and in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, and the Human Rights Code, the Township of Warwick will provide accommodations throughout the recruitment and selection process to applicants with disabilities. Telesteted to participate in the recruitment process, please inform the Township of Warwick of the nature of any accommodations you may require to ensure equal participation. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municpal Freedom of Information and Protection of privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, and will be used or the purpose of determining eligible for employment.



### MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE-ALVINSTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston will hold a Public Meeting on May 19, 2022 at 4 p.m. virtually via ZOOM to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would amend the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Comprehensive Zoning By-law 9 of 2013 by changing the zoning on lands located to the east of Broadway Street and to the south of Lisgar Street from the "Residential 1 (R1)" Zone to a site-specific "Residential 3 (R3)" Zone. The proposed "R3" Zoning would allow lots proposed for single-detached dwellings to have a minimum frontage of 15 metres. The zoning would also allow portions of the property to be used for other residential uses, including semi-detached dwellings, duplexes and street townhouses

THE KEY MAP shows more particularly the lands affected.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting 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 Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 18, 2022. The public meeting will be held via a ZOOM Teleconference format.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to the Clerk of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston.

IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston 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 Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed they 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.

of Lambton Central **OUTDOOR SPRING CRAFT & GIFT SHOW** - Over 60 Vendors. Saturday, May 14 from 9a-4p in the market area behind the library, 396 Fletcher Street, Petrolia. RAIN or SHINE. FREE admission. Toonie table raffle, food and refreshments available at Optimist BBQ Food Booth. For more information please contact: Optimist Deb Kohoutek at d\_kohoutek@hotmail.com or 519-330-1802.

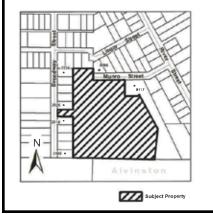
The Sarnia Horticultural Society 40TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE - Saturday May 14, 8a-1p. Note new location: 1515 Lakeshore Rd., Sarnia (parking on Modeland). Perennials, tropicals, bulbs, trees, shrubs, containers. Garden décor, new 80' hoses, books and magazines. 2022 memberships. Bargain prices, healthy plants, free advice.

Petrolia Lions COMMUNITY PASTA DINNER Saturday, May 14 4:30-7p at Petrolia Lions Hall. All proceeds go to the Petrolia Food Bank. Adults \$12, Children under 10 \$6, pre-school age FREE. Take out available. Everyone Welcome. Wheelchair accessible.

UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	START Time	LOCATION	EVENT CONTACT INFO
May6	7р	Petrolia	Card Party @ St Philip Church Hall Apr29-May27 519-882-4840
Мауб	бр	Sarnia	Lambton County High School Art Show @ the Lawrence House. Call 519-337-0507 for more info.
May7	2р	Petrolia	Sisters of Choice Concert and Takeout Dinner @ St. Paul's United Church. Call 519-383-9085 or 519-882-1390 for tickets.
May7	9a	Wyoming	Vendor Craft Show @ the Wyoming Legion. Lunch is available.
May10	12p	Pt Edward	All-Candidates Luncheon and Q&A @ Sarnia Golf and Curling Club for information email info@slchamber.ca
May12	7р		Lambton Cty Branch of Ont Ancestors - Zoom Meeting - Alberta Family Histories Society, email lambton@ogs.on.ca for link
May14	4р	Oil Springs	Oil Springs Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50/50 Draw</b> , everyone welcome to attend 519-834-2537
May20	1p	ZOOM	"Voting Basics" Virtual Workshop. Email virtualcommunity- lawschool@gmail.com for the link by May 19.
May21	10a	Petrolia	RC Legion Br#216 presents a <b>Car Show</b> with Sarnia Street Cruisers @ 4129 Glenview Dr.

IF YOU WISH to be notified of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment being passed, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT will be available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Brooke-Alvinston Municipal Office, located at 3236 River Street in Alvinston



Janet Denkers Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston 3236 River Street, Box 28 Alvinston, ON NON 1A0 Telephone: 519-898-2173 Fax: 519-898-5653 Email: idenkers@brookealvinston.com

Dated: April 14, 2022

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Mandaumin Woods Nature Reserve property manager Roberta Buchanan and her husband Mark listen to Gerry Clements speak at a celebration Sunday to mark the nature preserve's 50th birthday. Clements was among a small Lambton Wildlife group that purchased the 25 acre property in 1972.

# **Celebrating 50 years of biodiversity**

Pam Wright For The Independent

Mother Nature had plenty to celebrate at Mandaumin Woods Nature Reserve on the weekend.

The 25 acre slice of Carolinian forest marked its 50th year of existence with Lambton Wildlife celebrating the occasion with an outdoor party complete with cupcakes, an indigenous plant giveaway, and guided walking tours.

One of the founders who helped purchase the woodlot back in 1972 was on hand to share in the celebration.

Gerry Clements was part of a six-member committee that negotiated the purchase of the land for \$10,500. Clements said it meant a lot to be able to come back to the woods.

"I was out here a lot," Clements told the gathering. Specializing in birds, the lifelong naturalist was known for leading many guided tours and sharing his knowledge with others.

However, Clements joked that he doesn't get out on the trails much any more due to having to use his "geezer mobile."

Clements was among the early Lambton Wildlife members who helped fundraise to pay for the woodlot. They managed to do in just two years.

It was Lambton Wildlife's first land purchase and it signalled the start of many conservation projects to come.

The woodlot, marked by a trail throughout, is one of the most biologically diverse areas documented in Lambton County. It has an impressive variety of native trees, birds and features 50 different kinds of wildflowers.

It is a typical Carolinian woodlot in Lambton County comprised of Sugar Maple, Basswood, Beech, White Ash, Hickory, Hop Hornbeam, White Elm, Bitternut and Shagbark Hickories, Bur Oak, Blue Beech, Quaking Willow, Black Alder, Sugar Maple, Black Cherry, Hawthorne, Black and Red Ash.

Extensive inventories have been made of the vascular plants, breeding birds and fungi, LWI officials say. Awards were also given out at the ceremony. Roberta Buchanan, the reserve's property manager since 2013, was presented with a Meritorious Service Award for her tireless efforts in caring for the property.

Lynn Tremain was also recognized with a Wildlife Award for collecting balloon debris and starting a petition that would see the federal government prohibit the release of helium balloons.

Lambton Wildlife Inc. was founded in 1966.

The not-for-profit charity is also a land trust. Lambton Wildlife also owns and manages the Karner Blue Sanctuary near Port Franks.



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: <u>www.OntarioTaxSales.ca</u> or if no internet access available, contact:

Kristen McGill, H.B.Com, CPA, CGA Treasurer The Corporation of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex 153 McKellar Street Glencoe ON NOL 1M0 (519) 287-2015 Ext. 108 kmcgill@southwestmiddlesex.ca



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 June 13, 2022 at 6:00 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 by amending the definition of schools to include private schools as defined under the Province of Ontario's Education Act.

**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 <u>no</u> <u>later than 4:30 p.m. on June 13 2022</u>. 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.

# Provincial funding on the way - after the election

The Independent

Sarnia-Lambton's Youth Wellness Centre will be part of a provincial network of organizations providing mental health services.

St. Clair Child and Youth, Bluewater Health Foundation and the Lambton-Kent division of the Canadian Mental Health Association all expressed joy that the province would be including the centre, at the corner of Lochiel and Front St. in Sarnia, would be part of the Youth Wellness Hubs of Ontario.

The announcement Tuesday committed to provincial funding for the operating costs of the Access Open Minds Centre in the former CIBC building which provides mental health and addictions care for people from 11-25 and their families.

Paula Reaume-Zimmer, Vice President, Integrated Services, CMHA Lambton Kent and Bluewater Health, said the funding will provide sustainable services and being part of the Wellness Hubs would provide "the most current thinking and research related to the delivery of mental health and addictions care. This is a significant achievement for our community."

However, the provincial announcement did not come with a dollar figure. Reaume-Zimmer says typically the annual operating costs would be between \$650,000 and \$1 million per year.

She expects to know the exact provincial contribution after the June provincial election.

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**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 N/A, proposed amendment is a blanket definition amendment.

DATED at the TOWN OF PETROLIA this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022

Mandi Pearson Clerk-Operations Clerk Town of Petrolia 411 Greenfield Street Petrolia, ON NON 1R0 Telephone: 519-882-2350 Email: mpearson@petrolia.ca