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## Cash but no public plans for Y renos

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Petrolia is getting \$700,000 from the federal and provincial governments to make the Petrolia Y Community Centre a “fitness and wellness hub.”

But exactly what will be done with the money - which will include \$233,000 from Petrolia taxpayers to complete the proposed \$932,000 of work - isn't clear and has not been officially approved by town council.

In a report to council, Dave Menzies, director of facilities and community services, says “over the last seven months MIG Engineering has been working with the town through this process” and that “our objectives are by February 28, 2023, The Corporation of the Town of Petrolia will improve the Petrolia YMCA Community Centre located on 360 Tank Street.”

Menzies, in the report, says the project includes building a wellness studio, new washrooms, sports court, soccer pitches, parkette, landscaped garden, pathways, and additional parking spaces.

Mayor Brad Loosley says the town recently purchased more land around the Y to set up soccer fields. The current fields will soon become housing. Loosley says the idea is to create the fields and outdoor washrooms for soccer players and eventually those using a splash pad which is in the works by the Petrolia Kiwanis Club.

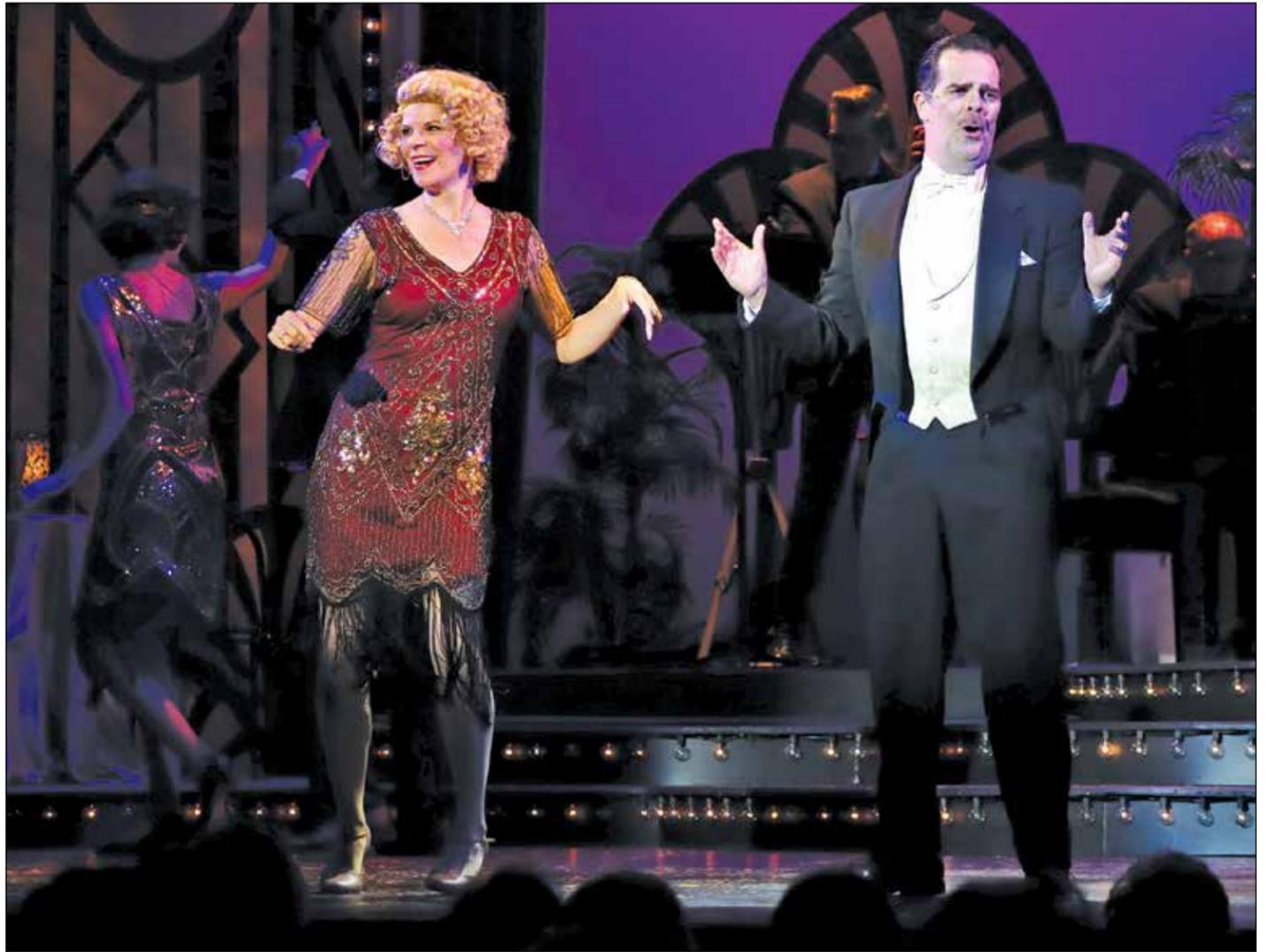
“The project will help create for the residents of Petrolia and those from surrounding communities, a fitness and wellness hub close to the main street in Petrolia that will encourage the participation of individuals of all ages and all abilities,” says Menzies in the report adding the staff and the engineers will hold an open house “once all the details are laid out.”

Council approved a contract with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario for the cash Monday without seeing any detailed plans on what will actually be done.

The contract bylaw with the Fed Dev does give some clue as to when the work will take place.

SEE PETROLIA Y PG 2

## WELCOME TO THE TWENTIES



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

There were smiles all around as the stage at Victoria Playhouse Petrolia came to life Tuesday with the first production of the season - The Roaring Twenties. Monique Lund and Andrew Scanlon were kicking up their heels in the show which had been delayed for two years because of the pandemic. Officials say 80 per cent of the people who bought tickets in 2020 for the show, held onto them and will attend this year.

## \$33 million townhouse proposal panned by neighbours

Heather Wright  
The Independent

When Alison Mavis bought her Petrolia home in 2008, she had the real estate agent check to make sure only single family homes would be built around her.

Fast forward to 2022 and Mavis, with some of her neighbours, are railing at the idea of a \$33 million, 66 unit townhouse complex in the planning stages on a 10 acre piece of land between Third, Fourth and

Kentail Street.

“It was always intended to be single family homes and it should remain so,” she told council Monday during a hearing over whether the land zoned for single family homes should be changed to allow townhouses to be built.

Mavis, a single mother who has three jobs to make ends meet, says she's worked hard to put value into her one-storey home, and is worried adding townhouses to the neighbourhood will bring down her home's value.

Baker Build and Design, who was represented by Engineer Ray Dobbin, plans to build 10 buildings with a total of 66 townhomes on the property.

They'll be two storeys high - unlike the current homes in the area which are only one - and will be about 1,400 to 2,000 square foot. The builder told the residents the units will likely sell for about \$500,000 each.

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# Loosley to run against Poore in Petrolia

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Brad Loosley has joined the race to be Petrolia's Mayor. The incumbent, who already faces former director of culture, Richard Poore, in the race, says he'll be glad to run on his record of lower taxes. The nominations for municipal council elections in October opened at the beginning of May. Poore filed his papers immediately and Loosley added

his name to the mayor's list Tuesday after returning from a vacation. Loosley says there are a number of things he would like to see through in the next term of council including the \$14 million project at the Bright's Grove Water Treatment Plant and number of housing developments in the works. "I'd also like to see some of this housing development that I have started and that council has started - I'd like to see that come to development or the stage that they're starting

to build," he says. "I want to run on my past record, too," Loosley added saying "I feel pretty good about keeping the tax rate down." Petrolia has the third highest tax rate in Lambton - down from the top spot four years ago. Right now, Loosley is the subject of an investigation by the town's Integrity Commissioner. Results of that investigation may come to council as soon as May 28.

# Y project gets cash but details not public yet

CON'T FROM PG 1

A detailed design will be complete by May 31, tenders for the contract complete by June 30 and construction underway by July 31. The outdoor work is to be complete by the fall and the indoor work will be Feb. 28, 2023 according to the contract approved at council Monday. Mayor Brad Loosley is pleased the federal and provincial governments have given money to improve the Y adding it will help the town complete

a number of projects which have been long planned. But when asked if he could explain the details of the project, Loosley would only say "We've had the recreation master plan that was done about a year ago and approved by council and some of that may be incorporated there." The Independent asked the mayor why council had not approved any proposed plans publicly before the grant request was sent in.

"If it doesn't request a motion of council, I've encouraged staff to apply, but it still has to come back to this council to approve that those changes or developments or to say, 'No, we're not going to put in our portion.' "I know it (the plan) is vague but it still has to come back to council." Loosley added some of the reason the details haven't come to the public is the federal and provincial governments tell municipalities not to announce the grants until they release the details.

# Townhouses units likely to sell for over \$500K says builder

CON'T FROM PG 2

Some neighbours had been concerned the units would be rentals. Neighbours also voiced concerns that the neighbourhood has big drainage problems. The town did a study of the area before the pandemic. This summer, the area will be part of a \$1 million street repair project which will see sanitary and storm water systems put in place which should help the problem.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Baker Design and Build passed around a number of photos of their current townhouse projects, including some in the London area, for residents to see. Many are concerned about the two-storey buildings being proposed in the neighbourhood of single storey, single family homes.

during a public meeting in June. Mavis, and her neighbours, say the entire problem should be fixed before the townhouses are even considered.

Council will take a look at the request to rezone the land at a future council meeting.

# PW brings community together by putting on some parties

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming is hoping to bring the community together by hosting a couple of picnics this May. The town recently formed a special events committee and Councillor Mike Vasey is the chair. "We were looking for a way to start to engage the community," he says, particularly now that most of Ontario is heading outdoors to socialize after a winter of dealing with the pandemic. The group, made up of people from all walks of life and from different parts of the municipality, has set up two picnics, the first of which will be Saturday at McKay Park in Wyoming from 11 am to 3 pm. It's being billed as a way to catch up with "familiar faces." "We were looking to get our feet wet. And with it being spring with the end of COVID. We thought, without getting too elaborate, let's just have a picnic. Get people out to meet and greet and get used to socializing again," says Vasey. The event will include music, classic cars and the Wyoming Fire Department's new pumper truck for the kids to take a look at. A similar event is planned at Lamrecton Family Park May 28. That park has undergone some major changes with armour stone being placed along the shoreline to prevent erosion this summer. Vasey says he's had a lot of positive feedback about the picnics saying people are excited to get out again. The committee is also planning Canada Day events.

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May 9 – 15 is Nurses Week, a time to honour and recognize the work of nurses in our community. This year's theme of #WeAnswerTheCall could not be more fitting; nurses like Michael Clouse, who has worked at Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital of Bluewater Health since 2001, dedicate their lives to answering the call. Michael says while it's nice to be celebrated, at the end of the day, he's a nurse because he loves this line of work, and he wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Born in Toronto and raised in Petrolia from the age of three, Michael graduated from Lambton College in 1999 and pursued a career in nursing, which eventually landed him in the Emergency Department, where he's been for the last 21 years.

Despite being an introvert at heart, Michael is known for his creativity and humorous demeanor, helping to put his youngest patients at ease during hospital visits by dressing up and giving them popsicles.

"Kids can be really scared coming into Emergency," Michael says. "I put on a multi-coloured jester hat with bells... I don't mind making myself look silly if I can make them laugh."

If you happen to see dinosaurs and other toys hanging from the ceiling, it was Michael who put them there. He says he enjoys helping people and will always find a way to make his patients smile.

Even after all these years, Michael says he still enjoys coming into work. He says it's the team work and synergy within the hospital that makes coming in to work each day a little bit easier, even when you may have a tough day ahead of you. "I love working with the crew here in Petrolia, it's really like a family," he says.

**MAY 9-15 IS NURSES WEEK. Thank a local nurse for all of their hard work today!**

## THE BIG SWEEP



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Logan Buruma of the Petrolia Y was one of dozens of people who fanned out across Petrolia to clean up the mess of winter. Buruma and co-worker, Spencer Krall, were cleaning up some of the mulch from the flower beds in front of the Petrolia Library. All the town parks also got a clean up with volunteers from local service clubs picking up garbage and raking leaves.

## No to fee-for-service fire deal

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Brooke-Alvinston isn't interested in a fee-for-service fire contract with Dawn-Euphemia.

Mayor Al Broad recently floated the idea saying it would "simplify things" for Dawn-Euphemia as it would only be charged for fire service when there was a fire in the area serviced by Brooke firefighters.

It would also be money saving. This year Dawn-Euphemia will pay \$27,450 for fire service to Brooke-Alvinston. It also will pay about \$75,000 for its share of equipment costs. In all, Dawn-Euphemia foots 11 per cent of the bill, down from 18 per cent in 2020.

Dawn-Euphemia has a fee-for-service agreement with Chatham-Kent for the area around Bothwell. It hasn't had a fire call since 2019 and therefore hasn't had to pay for the service.

Brooke Fire Service Chief Steve Knight says that's exactly the problem with a fee-for-service arrangement.

"There's a potential there that we would have no income whatsoever," he told council at the April 28 meeting.

Knight adds there is the potential that Brooke firefighters would go out and then would not be needed and "that would actually cost us money in the long run."

Council decided to decline Dawn-Euphemia's suggestion.

Knight says there is dispute mechanism in the agreement with the township that Dawn-Euphemia could use to resolve the issue. It could also give notice it wasn't going to use Brooke Fire Service. "We would follow whatever rules there are in the present agreement for dissolution," says Knight.

Or the township could run out the current agreement and try to negotiate another.

### CORRECTION

In the May 5, 2022 edition of *The Independent*, in the front page story, the Tilbury man who was saved by Dawn-Euphemia firefighter Jeff Wernham was incorrectly identified. He is Chuck Skipper. *The Independent* regrets the error and the confusion it caused and offers its apology.



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 1, 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022

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The program is expected to take place from May to October 2022. Visit [www.cn.ca/vegetation](http://www.cn.ca/vegetation) to see the list of cities as well as the updated schedule.

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# Editorial

## Where's the plan

Petrolia has the cash, but we still don't know the plan.

The town signed a funding agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario for about \$700,000 in funding Monday. It is part of the federal/provincial Community Revitalization Fund. It was one of the many pandemic programs meant to spur on the economy.

Town staff applied for the grant for the Petrolia Y Community Centre. Staff worked for seven months with an engineer to come up with a plan to revitalize the using the government funds. We're not told how much that cost. The engineering firm now has the contract for the project, so it is presumably getting something out of the deal.

What does this plan look like; we really don't know. The report to council explains it will include building a "wellness studio, new washrooms, sports court, soccer pitches, parkette, landscaped garden, pathways, and additional parking spaces."

It sounds vaguely like the former \$1.7 million Backyard Plan" touted by staff in 2015. Councillors then voiced concern about the cost. It was axed. Traces of it were resurrected in the Recreation Master Plan done before the pandemic.

But there has never been a public airing of exactly what the staff's vision of this area will be, no drawings, no pictures, just the words of the report that went to council Monday. The plan may exist, but it hasn't been approved by council in a public session.

Which leads us to ask, not for the first time, how can staff apply for hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants, committing the town to spending \$233,000 of its own money, without ever giving the plan public approval?

Mayor Loosley says council does have the final say and can turn down the money if it wants. That's highly unlikely.

Instead, the town will move ahead with a plan which as been drawn up behind closed doors. It may be a very good plan. We don't know because we can't see it.

We likely shouldn't be surprised that during a provincial election, the province thinks this is a-okay and hands over the cash.

Just because the money is there for the taking doesn't mean it is a good use of taxpayers money.

## Letters to the Editor

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You can also deliver letters to The Independent at 4156 Petrolia Line, Petrolia or drop them in the mail at The Independent, Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0.

The Independent reserves the right to edit letters for brevity and clarity.

All letters need to be signed and must have a phone number for verification.

## Our Story



David Maxwell, a Watford blacksmith, had a love for new fangled things. He created the Maxmobile, as seen above. The horseless vehicle was completed by 1900 and was the first handmade vehicle in Canada. The restored Maxmobile is kept at the Watford fire hall.

## Even promised increases leave people struggling

After two decades of crying out for help, the leaders of Ontario's political parties seem to begrudgingly agree it is time to increase the amount of money people unable to work receive in support.

The Ontario Disability Support Program provides an income to about 500,000 people who are unable to work. Income, in our opinion, is a relative term.

Right now, someone on ODSP receives \$1,169 per month. That's \$14,000 a year. A single person is deemed to be living below the poverty line if they make \$19,000. They can earn up to \$3,000 more a year, but bear in mind, these are people unable to work.

During the pandemic, when we were told to remain at home, the government provided \$2,000 to 2,500 per month so we could weather the storm. That's \$26,000 a year. And some people complained about that.

People who, through no fault of their own, are unable to work have been living on sub-poverty support for decades. The Mike Harris government thought the program was too rich and cut the benefit by 21 per cent in 1996. Twenty-four years later, the rates have increased by just \$239 per month.

So each of the parties have caught on to the inequity here and are promising to raise the rates from five per cent (Conservative promise) to 20 per cent (the NDP and Liberals who will accomplish it over two years) to 50 per cent (the pledge from the Greens).

Even with a 50 per cent increase in the rates, a person receiving ODSP would receive \$1,753 monthly. With the rising cost of housing - around \$1,200 according to different websites - and the rising cost of food - about \$304 per month for a single person, people receiving ODSP still may only have \$250 month for transportation, utilities and the like.

And while all the parties have now said they will increase the support we provide people, it's not the hot issue in the campaign. Instead, we're talking about building \$10 billion roads and supporting multi-billion dollar corporations to make electric vehicles.

We would love to see lifting people out of poverty as one of the main issues in the Ontario election, but it will only happen if you raise your voice to support your neighbours in need. Otherwise, they will still live with sub-poverty support. That's not living; that's struggling to survive.



Heather Wright

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## FIREFIGHTER IN THE MAKING



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Brooke firefighter Jake Hills shows Jace Campell the device Brooke Fire Services uses to detect heat and fire at the scene by pointing it at his dad, Adam. The Campbells were among those who came to the Alvinston fire hall Saturday to look at the trucks and equipment the department uses.

## NDP, Liberals now have candidates in Sarnia-Lambton

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Bob Bailey has some company on the campaign trail.

Both the NDP and the Liberals in the Sarnia-Lambton riding have announced their candidates for the June 2 election.

Dylan Stelpstra will carry the banner for the NDP in the provincial election in Sarnia-Lambton. Stelpstra was born and raised in Sarnia and is focused on fixing the services like education, social assistance and long term care.

“People in our riding have been through a lot over the past few years, and they deserve a government that will help our community bounce back stronger than ever,” he says in a news release. “That means investing in the things that matter most to our com-

munity, like our local schools, fixing seniors care and making life more affordable. As a children services worker, I’m committed to making sure we have strong social services that families can rely on.”

And the Liberals have tapped Mark Russell, who teaches business and computer programming at Lambton College. He also develops interactive courses for online learning.

A news release from the riding association says Russell has been a business analyst, chair of the Sarnia-



**Dylan Stelpstra**

Lambton Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, and small-business owner.

The association says Russell is “committed to restoring the progress we’ve made in health care, cost-of-living, and housing affordability and investing in people through education.”

Stelpstra and Russell join Bailey, the incumbent Conservative candidate, and Keith Benn of the New Blue Party in the race.

The Green Party has yet to nominate a candidate.



**First Last**

## New Blue leader hails Sarnia Lambton as best in Ontario

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

New Blue Party Leader Jim Karahalios came to Lambton saying his party is the only one promoting real Conservative values.

Karahalios spoke to about 110 people at the Sarnia Library theatre saying this was one of the best riding associations New Blue has in the June 2 election.

Karahalios, and his wife, Belinda who is was a Conservative MPP until being kicked out of Doug Ford’s caucus for refusing to be vaccinated, started the party saying Ford’s Conservatives are part of a left-leaning “uni-party.”

Karahalios ran for the federal Conservative leadership when Erin O’Toole became leader. He was turfed out of the race which led to a lawsuit. He also filed a lawsuit about the way Ontario Conservatives nominated candidates. He won both.

Because of those fights, Karahalios

says he saw the dark side of politics. He says values like the right to express and opinion without retribution, to enjoy the “maximum fruits of your labour,” that parents are the “primary educators of their children” and that “in Ontario, you will never be shamed for believing in an Almighty God” have evaporated in the Conservative Party.

“Somewhere along the way, those principles have been under attack by the boys and girls running the establishment parties,” says the leader adding people who hold those views are now seen as “backwards.”

Karahalios says the New Blue Party will provide those people with a home and a party to vote for. Keith Benn, the candidate for New Blue in Sarnia-Lambton, agreed.

“We are in fact, the only party on the conservative side of the political spectrum that’s going to be on your ballot,” said Benn calling the new party a “dark horse” that has Ford’s

Conservatives panicked because of their support.

Benn says the Conservatives have taken social Conservatives for granted. “We don’t have to worry about them. They’ll show up and they’ll vote for us. They always do. Well, I don’t think they’re going to, I think you’re going to probably come out and vote for New Blue.”

Benn said Ontario was on the verge of ‘tyranny’ under Ford’s ‘progressives’ during the pandemic when Ford told police to make sure people stayed in their homes unless absolutely necessary. Police across the province refused to enforce the directive since it was unconstitutional.

Benn says the Conservatives actions during the pandemics as an “extension of the Justin Trudeau Liberals” will lead people to find another party. “We’re also giving a voice to a lot of people who haven’t voted in a long time, probably people who have completely given up.”



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## Neighbours of possible Discovery Line development worried about oil, not trees

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Oil - not trees - seems to be one of the big worries as the Town of Petrolia prepares for a new development on Discovery Line.

The town held an Official Plan amendment hearing Monday to remove the Significant Woodlot status from 35 acres of land on Discovery Line owned by London-based MIG 637.

Last year, the construction company faced questions when it went in and removed what neighbours said was a woodlot. County

officials said what was there didn't fit the definition of a woodlot and could be cut.

In fact, in a report to council, Planner Rob Nesbitt says the trees which led to the designation were cut between 2013 and 2015 with the approval of Lambton's woodlands conservation officer at the time.

The hearing still had to be held to change the designation to a residential area. But the neighbours who showed up Monday were more concerned about abandoned oil wells in the once treed area.

Rick Tremblay says there were "several open circular tanks" which

the current owner "just filled in." Nesbitt says they will have to be properly capped before development begins.

And Ben Barnes, an oil producer across the road from the would-be development, voiced concern the municipality would not follow the provincial rules around the separation of oil wells from homes. The regulations say there must be 75 meters between a home and working oil well.

The town is currently embroiled in a disagreement with another oil producer,

Walter Brand, about the issue with the town contending because it is an historic field, the rule does not apply. "Setbacks do apply to these wells," Barnes noted.

And resident Norm Sutherland, who was part of a team that mapped oil well placement over the years, suggested the town consider the aerial maps produced to help find

the wells.

Sutherland also suggested the developer plant two trees for every home built to replace the forest cover now lost.

"We're loosing our woodlots we gotta replace them."

Council will consider the Official Plan amendment possibly as soon as May 28.

## Martin Enniskillen's Senior of 2022

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Leland Martin has overseen a lot of change during his volunteer career.

The Enniskillen Township man has been giving of his time in health care and policing for 25 years but says he still doesn't know the secret to managing change. "I'm still learning," he joked as he met with Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott and Deputy Mayor Judy Krall Friday afternoon.

Martin has been named Enniskillen's 2022 Senior of the Year.

The 89 year-old grew up on a farm in Colchester Township near the Harrow Agriculture Research Farm. He would move to Sarnia to work for Dow Chemical in the division which supplied pesticides and insecticides to the agriculture industry. The family lived in Sarnia for 17 years, but Martin longed to have a piece of land of his own to farm. So, the family moved to Enniskillen Township in the 1970s.

Martin didn't spend a lot of time there during his working years. He was often on the road for his work with Dow. But when Martin did retire, he started looking for ways to help the community.

He became the chair of Victoria Playhouse Petrolia's board of directors when the theater stood on the brink of bankruptcy.

Then, Martin became Enniskillen's representative for Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital at Bluewater Health. Martin was smack dab in the middle of the fight to keep CEE open – and not always on the right side.

Martin says he first agreed with Bluewater Health that the CEE board should become part of an integrated committee with Sarnia and St. Joseph's boards. "We recognized that small hospitals were having a difficult time," he says. "It seemed logical to join forces."

The community erupted in anger with the move and convinced Martin he was wrong. "I felt that was one of the



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott and Deputy Mayor Judy Krall present Leland Martin with the township's Senior of the Year award Friday as Martin's daughter, Heather, takes a photo.

stupidest things I've ever done because we came this close," he says holding up two fingers "to being closed.

"It was a stressful time and through the efforts of the local people here ... we succeeded in keeping it open and it has become just a wonderful facility."

Martin was then hand picked to sit on the boards of the new, and controversial, Local Health Integration Network. The provincial appointees had to find a way to meld several district health councils and other health care delivery agencies together.

"It was a difficult time to convince the delivery systems – the hospitals, the VONs, and all of the various agencies – to convince them that it was a good idea and that we were going to be in control one way or another. It was a difficult time for us and for them."

As the struggle to manage health care went on, the board also had to create this new health care corporation, which Martin says was a huge challenge.

Martin also served two terms on the Lambton Police Service Board for the local OPP.

And even though he will be 90 next year, Martin's work continues. He's part of the planning body for the new Sarnia-Lambton

Ontario Health Team and the provincial government tapped the Enniskillen man to be part of province wide group trying to deal with the crisis in health care human resources.

With over 25 years of experience overseeing change, we asked Martin if he had any good advice for other organizations managing change. "No," he says bluntly. "I'm still learning."

Marriott says Martin has done outstanding work in the community and was pleased to present him with the award.

"Hopefully, it is a little bit back for what you have done for us. Thank you," he said.



### PUBLIC NOTICE - PESTICIDE USE County of Lambton

The Corporation of The County of Lambton intends to control Noxious Weeds under Public Works Exception of the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban for the promotion of public health and safety within its jurisdiction along its rural County Roadsides.

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Township of Enniskillen  
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County Rd #8 - ALL  
County Rd #14 - ALL  
County Rd #21 - ALL  
County Rd #26 - ALL  
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Municipality of Lambton Shores  
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County Rd #6 - ALL  
County Rd #9 - ALL  
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County Rd #18 - ALL  
County Rd #79 - ALL  
County Rd #7 - ALL

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County Rd #31 - ALL  
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Creek - East to Hwy #40.  
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**May 30, 2022**  
weather permitting,  
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<http://www.lambtononline.ca/home/residents/publicworks/roads/Documents/2020%20Lambton%20County%20Weed%20Ad.pdf>

The pesticides used will be Clearview Herbicide, which contain the active ingredients Aminopyralid present as potassium salt and Metsulfuron-methyl (PCP Registration Number 29752) or Navius Flex, which contains the active ingredients, Metsulfuron-methyl and Aminocyclopyrachlor (PCP Registration Number 30922) in combination with Hasten NT Spray Adjuvant, which contains active ingredients Methyl and ethyl oleate (esterified vegetable oil). PCP Registration Number 26277.

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County of Lambton - Tom Kelly  
Operations manager, Roads  
1-666-324-6912 | 519-845-0801



### Township of Warwick Municipality of Brooke Alvinston



**NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS AND TALL GRASS IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter W.5 and in accordance with Municipal By-laws that unless noxious weeds and excessive growth of grass and other vegetation growing on their land within the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston and the Township of Warwick are destroyed by the 3rd of June, 2022, and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter the said lands and have the weeds and/or grasses destroyed, charging the costs against the said lands.

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## Driver says pandemic to blame

Blake Ellis  
Local Journalism Initiative

A Petrolia woman says had her gym not have been closed because of pandemic restriction she might not be facing an impaired driving charge.

Ashley Allossey plead guilty to impaired driving before Justice Krista Leszczynski in Sarnia court on May 3.

Police received an email in March 2021 from a neighbor about Allossey driving drunk. An officer was patrolling in Petrolia June 14 stopped her. She told the officer she had one tall boy of beer. OPP said there was a strong odor of alcohol on her breath and she was having trouble keeping her balance. A Breathalyzer test was double the legal limit.

Allossey said she had never been convicted of drunk driving before the pandemic and said she would have been at the gym, not drinking, if it had not been closed to stop the spread of the virus. Allossey was fined \$1,500 and has been banned from driving for a year.

- THE INDEPENDENT

## London police lay manslaughter charge in Lambton paramedic's death

The Independent

A London man has been charged with manslaughter after the death of Lambton County paramedic.

London Police announced Tuesday Raed Ghanem had been charged in the death of Neil Harvey.

Harvey died suddenly of a drug overdose in a London parking lot. He had been diagnosed with PTSD in June 2020 from his work as a paramedic. Addiction closely linked with PTSD.

Police say the Office of the Chief coroner began an investigation with London Police in Harvey's death. The coroner says he died of a fentanyl overdose. "Through the course of the investigation, officers identified the male suspect who sold the fentanyl to the victim," police said in a news release. Ghanem was to appear in court Tuesday. Harvey's family declined to comment on the arrest.

## Fire centre named for first fire warden

The Independent

A building at Petrolia's wastewater treatment plant has been transformed into the JH Fairbank Fire Training Centre.

It was officially opened this week, although Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Chief Jay Arns says firefighters worked on retrofitting the building through the pandemic and have been using it for training exercises for some time.

The fire department had been talking about a new training centre for nearly eight years. At one time, the department planned a building behind the Centre Street fire hall. But when the municipality built a new wastewater treatment plant, the existing building became vacant.

The town donated it to the fire department and firefighters went to work transforming it into a training centre.

Arns says walls were removed and "the total interior was refinished" by volunteer labour from the firefighters.

Arns says the department can now provide the courses new recruits need to become a firefighter and help veterans hone their skills on everything from high angle rescues and grain bin accidents.

The centre is named after John Henry Fairbank – the first fire warden in Petrolia.

His great grandson, Charlie Fairbank, and his spouse, Pat McGee, were among those on hand to cut the fire hose to officially open the centre.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Members of the Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Department, Acting Mayor Grant Purdy, Fire Chief Jay Arns, and Charlie Fairbank and Pat McGee officially opened the fire training centre named after Fairbank's great grandfather, who was Petrolia's first fire warden.

McGee says Fairbank loved his work as the fire warden, continuing in the position for over 12 years.

In her book, *The Story of Fairbank Oil*, McGee says "The Belden Atlas of 1880 noted the town's fire department was 'first class' and added, 'in no town is this attribute more required... considering that everything in and of the town is of the most inflammable.'"

Fairbank presented the department with a historic gift for the occasion - a souvenir booklet from an Ontario Fire

Chief's event held in 1935.

The booklet has been saved by the Fairbank family since 1935 and Fairbank thought the Petrolia Fire Department should have it.

It was a welcome surprise for the chief who recognized one of the fire trucks in the program.

On its cover was a Petrolia rescue unit from that time period, the same one which was recently refurbished and is being used by the fire department in local parades.

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## ONE BURGUNDY SEED



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Lambton residents who have always wanted a green thumb have their chance this year with Lambton County Libraries the One Seed Lambton program. People are encouraged to pick up a packet of Royal Burgundy Bush Beans from any library and plant them at home. The program kicked off at the Petrolia Library this weekend with Brian Sipken of Sipken's Nursery explaining how to prepare the soil with fertilizer, like chicken manure, before planting. The beans are hardy and will grow rapidly as long as they are picked. They're a deep purple on the vine but turn green when cooked according to Vanitia Campbell of the Lambton County Library.

## Grieving driver pleads guilty to drunk driving

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

A grieving woman admitted to drinking and driving after frightening drivers on Highway 40 near Rokeby Line.

Amanda Joseph plead guilty to impaired driving in Sarnia Court May 5. Court heard a driver veered into the northbound lane on Highway 40 in St. Clair Township near Rokeby Line, in the afternoon of Sept. 29, where other motorists had to go on to the shoulder to avoid a collision.

Police were notified by another motorist the driver might be drunk.

The vehicle continued north on the St. Clair Parkway into Corunna and parked in The Beer Store parking lot, where police

caught up to her. Joseph had glossy eyes and the smell of alcohol on her breath. Her blood alcohol reading was double the legal limit.

She told police her boyfriend had recently passed away. She had just picked out his headstone that day.

Joseph has since been involved with the Red Path addictions program. Justice Deborah Austin urged her to continue with these programs.

She understands drinking was a way for Joseph to deal with grief and stress, and she wants to get her to find healthier ways to manage.

Joseph was fined \$1,000 and is not permitted to drive for one year.

- THE INDEPENDENT



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 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.

**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  
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# Sports

## Flyers, Hawks kick off Tier II tourney

Barry Wright  
The Independent

Ancient Asian and Egyptians cultures considered the number 13 lucky while the opposite is true in our Western culture. The Petrolia Flyers will be leaning to the more positive reference when they take on the Walkerton Hawks this Friday, the 13th, in a sudden-death elimination game in the PJHL Tier II championship weekend. Game time at the University of Guelph campus is 8 pm.

“The boys are really excited and ready to play,” said Flyers General Manager Dennis Meston.

He says the team has been on the ice regularly in Sarnia since eliminating

## Former Oiler lifts trophy in Alberta

After missing his 2020-21 on the ice due to COVID, Wyoming’s Zack Vanderwal and his Northern Alberta Institute of Technology mates came back and made the most of their opportunity this season.

NAIT won the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference championship going 5-1 in the playoffs, including a recent three-game

## Collegiate career over for Alvinston’s Cumming

Undoubtedly a wave of emotion swept over Ally Cumming as the final out was recorded in a 6-5 loss by the University of Northwestern Ohio to Grand Rapids-based Aquinas.

It was an elimination game at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball tournament.

The one-run setback brought an end to her collegiate career with the Racers. But the LCCVI grad from Alvinston went out battling in the final game collecting three

Blenheim in the divisional tier II finals three weeks ago.

After bowing to Essex in the opening round of the championship playoffs and losing to Dresden in the first game of the consolation round, Petrolia has not lost in regulation time in its past eight games. In second chance playoffs, the Flyers have outscored their opposition, 40-24 in nine games, allowing two or fewer goals five times. Walkerton comes into Friday’s contest on a five-game winning streak.

Midland takes on Hagersville in the early semi-final Friday at 5:30. The two semi-final winners play for the Tier II trophy at noon on Sunday.

sweep in the finals. Overall, the team finished with a record of 25-3.

Vanderwal, the 24-year-old graduate of the Petrolia Oilers system who played three seasons with the Sarnia Legionnaires from 2015-18, had two assists in 11 games for the championship squad this season.

hits, scoring a run, and driving in two. She finished the tournament hitting .417 over four games.

Over the course of the entire season, she had a stat line of .370/.407/.457 over 36 games. She had 30 hits, 21 runs scored, seven doubles, 14 RBI and six stolen bases.

The two teams the Racers lost to in the conference tournament both advanced to the championship contest Monday with UM-Dearborn beating Aquinas, 2-1 to claim the crown.

## UP AND AT’TEM



JOHN WRIGHT PHOTO

Gabby Dewhirst reaches for the ball as the LCCVI Girls Rugby team holds her high. The Lancers defeated Great Lakes 32-0. League playoffs begin next week.

## SILVER JUMP



BRUCE SMITH PHOTO

Tyler McGrail sticks the landing and places second with a jump of 11.77m in the Jr Boys Triple Jump at the Lambton-Kent Track and Field Championship Tuesday afternoon. Full details of the meet were not available at press time. McGrail has been racking up the wins in track. Over the weekend, he had a banner day at the University of Windsor Lancer’s Prep Meet. McGrail placed first in Jr. Boys High Jump with a 1.69 m jump, first in Jr. Boys Triple Jump with a leap of 11.77m, and helped the Jr. Boys 4x100 relay finish sixth with a time of 52.77. Jayln Jackson leaped over rest of the field in the Sr. Girls High Jump placing first with a 1.48 meter mark. Pavla Gerrits won at the high jump pit with a 1.50m first place leap in the Jr. Girls division. And Katelyn Nicholson rounded out the Lancer’s domination of high jump with a first place finish on a 1.35m leap in the Novice Girls Division. Hannah Daniels placed first in the Novice Girls Javelin throw with a distance of 23.43 m. Hunter Campbell won the Novice Boys Discus event with a throw of 39.68 meters. Other notable finishes were: Alexa Jaques, below, junior girl’s shot put taking fourth with a throw of 6.65 meters. Megan Jaques, fifth in Sr. Girls Shotput with a throw of 9.15 meters Jack Helps threw 32.79 meters in the Jr. Boys Javelin for third. Darius Landon threw 31.26 m to take fourth in the same event. Tristen Nemcek threw 34.76 in Sr. Boys Javelin to place second and the LCCVI Novice Girl’s A team came in third in the 4x100 meter relay at the Windsor event. Details of the LK championships can be found Thursday on The Independent’s website.

## TOP TIPS FOR EXERCISING AT HOME

With the warmer months around the corner, many are taking advantage of the outdoors to practice yoga, run, cycle, weight lift, and perform other exercises to stay mentally and physically fit. However, this may increase risk of injury if not conducted properly. Here are some things to consider:



### FOOTWEAR

Make sure your choice of footwear is tailored to the type of exercise you’re doing to prevent slips and falls. You should either be wearing shoes or be barefoot if you’re using a mat.

### SPACE

Make sure the space around you is clear of things you can trip on, such as toys.

### PROPS

Use proper household items to substitute for weights and dumbbells, such as a water or laundry jug. Stools and chairs: If using a stool or chair to support your workout, make sure that it is stable and has a wide base of support.

### STOOLS AND CHAIRS

If using a stool or chair to support your workout, make sure that it is stable and has a wide base of support.



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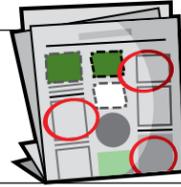
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**Classified Deadline:  
Monday @ 12 noon**

# Classifieds



**Word Classifieds: \$10 plus tax for up to 40 words**  
**Stop in at the office 9a-5p Mon-Fri**  
**4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728**  
**or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca**

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## Real Estate

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## For Rent

**SEASONAL SITES STILL AVAILABLE** at Shetland Campground for \$1100. Shetland Campground is a small, secluded campground situated along the Sydenham River, 6632 Bentpath Line, in Dawn-Euphemia Township. Open May 20 to October 17, 2022. For more information: www.dawneuphemia.ca/facilities-businesses/conservation-area/ or call 519-692-5148.

## Wanted to Buy: Bikes

**WANTED TO BUY - Adult bicycles womens & mens.** All sizes. Good to fair condition. All types of bikes wanted. Please call **519-882-2548** and ask for **Dave**. **ALSO, will pick up scrap bikes.**

## Wanted to Buy

Wanted to buy: **OLD STUFF, ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES,** etc. Phone Chad at (519) 639-9102.

## Coming Events

**Oil Springs Optimists**

# Meat Bingo

**Thurs., May 19 @ 7pm**  
**at the Oil Springs Youth Centre**

To Enter and Play, you must: ● Be 18+

All proceeds go to local youth

# Calendar of events

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Events are listed FREE for non-profit groups in Petrolia and Lambton County (space permitting). To be included in this listing email the required information to office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca Subject: FREE EVENT LISTING.

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS				
DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
3rd Thurs	7p	Oil Springs	Optimist Meat Bingo @ The Youth Centre	519-834-2152
Mon	1:30p	Alvinston	Seniors Cards @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
Tues	1p	Wyoming	Wyoming Fair Bd - Euchre + coffee & cookies	519-312-0578
Wed	7:30p	Alvinston	LA Cards @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
Wed	7p	Forest	Darts @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357
3rd Wed	7pm	Sarnia	Monthly Meeting @ Horticultural Society	519-332-5837
Thurs	7p	Alvinston	Pool League @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
Fri	7:30p	Alvinston	Dart League @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
Fri	1:30p	Forest	Shuffleboard @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357
Sat	6p	Alvinston	Catch The Ace @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
Sat	3:30p	Forest	Meat Raffles @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357

UPCOMING EVENTS				
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
May13	7p	Petrolia	Card Party @ St Philip Church Hall Apr29-May27	519-882-4840
May14	9a	Petrolia	Outdoor Spring Craft & Gift Show @ 396 Fletcher Street behind the Library. Free Admission.	
May14	11a	Wyoming	Community Picnic @ McKay Park.	
May14	4:30p	Petrolia	Community Pasta Dinner @ Petrolia Lions Hall.	
May14	4p	Oil Springs	Oil Springs Legion Meat Raffle & 50/50 Draw, everyone welcome to attend 519-834-2537	
May14	8a	Sarnia	Sarnia Horticultural Society hosts its 40th Annual Plant Sale @ 1515 Lakeshore Rd., Sarnia (parking on Modeland). Contact 403-921-4170 for more info.	
May16	7pm	Sarnia	Open Stage is back @ The Lawrence House. Admission is free.	
May18	11:30a	Petrolia	Petrolia Community Refridgerator is hosting an educational seminar on use and lunch after @ St. Pauls United Church. Contact 519-882-1390 register by May 11.	
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 Car Show with Sarnia Street Cruisers @ 4129 Glenview Dr.	
May27		Sarnia	ARLANXEO Retiree Annual Dinner cancelled until 2023, to be added to database email mikenagle00@hotmail.com	
May28	10:30a	Brights Grove	Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre - Inspire 2022 tickets available via Eventbrite	
May28	11a	Sarnia	Community Picnic @ Lamrecton Park.	
May28	8a	Camlachie	Garage & Bake Sale @ Camlachie United Church (6784 Camlachie Road).	
Jun2	7p	Camlachie	Synergy 150 "Telling the Story" Concert: Night 1 @ Camlachie United Church. Call 519-786-3075 for tickets.	
Jun4	2p	Camlachie	Synergy 150 "Telling the Story" Concert: Night 2 @ Camlachie United Church. Call 519-312-3618 for tickets.	
Jun11	8a	Oil Springs	Bottle Drive fundraiser @ Oil Springs Legion 519-834-2537	
Jun18	12p	Petrolia	St. Paul's United Church Time & Talent Auction, call 519-882-1390 or https://stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net	

**To have your event included in the above Calendar of Events the following information is required:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # / website: \_\_\_\_\_

You can drop this off at our office or email the information to us at office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

**\*\*Deadline for submitting free events is Friday @ 12 noon\*\***

## Employment Opportunities / Help Wanted

The Township of Dawn-Euphemia requires a

### FULL-TIME & PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS OPERATOR

Under the supervision of the Public Works Supt, this position will perform snow removal; maintenance and repair to roads, building, bridges, culverts, drainage, parks, cemeteries and other municipal infrastructure and property. The Township offers a competitive salary and benefits package based on a 40-hour work week (occasional overtime may be required).

**Qualifications:**

- Valid DZ license
- Minimum 1-yr experience in road maintenance and equipment operation
- Must be in good physical condition to operate equipment and perform labour intensive activities

\*\*An equivalent combination of relevant education and experience will be considered. A copy of the job description is available at www.dawneuphemia.ca – under "Alerts & Notifications". Please indicate the preferred position.

Resumes will be accepted until **Friday June 3, 2022 @ 12:00 noon**, by Terri Towstui, Deputy Clerk, Twp Dawn-Euphemia, 4591 Lambton Line, RR4, Dresden, ON N0P 1M0 PH: 519-692-5148 Fax: (519) 692-5511 or email: deputy.clerk@dawneuphemia.on.ca

**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](http://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](mailto:agubbels@warwicktownship.ca)  
 Phone: 226-848-3926

Job Board: [www.lambtononline.ca/jobs](http://www.lambtononline.ca/jobs)

We thank all interested 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. If selected 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 Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, and will be used or the purpose of determining eligible for employment.

Optimist Club of Lambton Central - Petrolia

# Spring

## OUTDOOR CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

**OVER 60 VENDORS!**

**Saturday, May 14 • 9a-4p**

In the market area behind the Library  
 396 Fletcher Street, Petrolia

**FREE Admission • Toonie Table Raffle**  
**Food & Refreshments Available**  
 (Optimist BBQ Food Booth)

**RAIN or SHINE**

Celebrating 40 Years Serving The Youth & Our Community!  
 For More Information, please contact: Optimist Deb Kohoutek  
[d\\_kohoutek@hotmail.com](mailto:d_kohoutek@hotmail.com) | 519-330-1802

**PETROLIA LIONS**  
 presents

# Pasta Dinner

**Saturday, May 14**  
**4:30-7:00 pm**

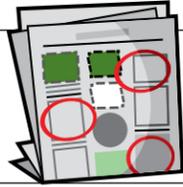
at the Petrolia Lions Hall by the Arena

Adults \$12  
 Under 10 \$6  
 Pre-school Free

**Eat-In & Take Out Available**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PETROLIA FOOD BANK**

**Classified Deadline:  
Monday @ 12 noon**



# Classifieds

**Word Classifieds: \$10 plus tax for up to 40 words**  
**Stop in at the office 9a-5p Mon-Fri**  
**4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728**  
**or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca**

## Obituaries / Death Notices



**JEFFREY**  
Robert Mitchell

It is with great sadness that the family of **Robert Mitchell Jeffrey** announce his sudden passing on **May 6, 2022** at C.E.E. Hospital in Petrolia in his **79th year**. Beloved husband of Linda (nee Nelhams) for 56 years. Bob dearly loved and was so proud of his sons, Bradley (Arynn Tracy) and Philip (Tran), his granddaughters Jasmine and Calla, and his beloved poodle, Brandi. He'll be sadly missed by life long friends, Geoff and Julyan Gill. Bob worked for Ontario Hydro for 30 years and moved from Oakville to Corunna when Lambton Generating Station opened in 1968. Upon retirement in 1993, he embarked on a new career at Magic Realty. Bob and Linda moved to Petrolia in 2001. He was proud to be a Mason and a Shriner, with life memberships in all of the groups. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Lambton Shrine Club Motor Corps for 20 years. He loved driving with Linda in his shiny, red 1971 Super Beetle to parades in Ontario and Michigan, serving as the lead car for the little cars zipping around behind him. Bob loved golfing, boating and fishing. He enjoyed shows at the VPP and spent winters at Sarnia Sting games. He had many happy vacations on Carnival Cruises as well as time spent in Hilton Head and Florida. **Entombment of cremated remains at Lakeview Cemetery with family at a later date.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be directed to St. Joseph's Hospice or the Alzheimer Society. Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com)



**MCGUIRE**  
Helen Sarah

**Helen Sarah McGuire**, a resident of **Petrolia**, and formerly of Dresden passed away on Wednesday, **May 4, 2022** at Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia at the age of **91**. Born in Dawn Twp., the daughter of the late Alonzo and Elizabeth (Huffman) Butler. Beloved wife of the late Morley McGuire (2007). Loving mom of Jill McFadden (Brian), Mary Beth Nethercott (Allan) and Richard McGuire. Proud grandma of Joel (Krista), Rodney (Allison), Kelly (Jeff), Nicholas (Rachel) and Richard Jr. Sadly missed by 11 great grandchildren. Dear sister-in-law of Mary Louise Butler, Kathryn Butler and Linda Williams. Fondly remembered by several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and friends. Predeceased by sister Mary Toffelmire (Clint) and brothers Robert (Blanche), Ted (Marguerite), Bryce (Dorothy), Lee, Dick, George (Myrtle, Louise, Noreen). **The McGuire family received friends at the Badder Funeral Home & Reception Centre 679 North St, Dresden on Saturday, Service was held at 1pm. A Private Family Interment took place in Shetland Cemetery.** If desired, donations may be made to War Amps or JDRF (Junior Diabetes Research Foundation) or charity of your choice. Online donations and condolences may be left at [www.badderfuneralhome.com](http://www.badderfuneralhome.com)



**SMITH**  
James A.

**James A. Smith**, of Wyoming, passed away peacefully on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** at Victoria Hospital, London, in his **82nd year**. The son of the late Nate and Neva Smith. He was the beloved husband of Patricia Boswell-Smith for 46 years. He will be missed by his children Kimberlie and Greg Southcombe, Norah-Lynn DeLeeuw, Laurance DeLeeuw, and Kim Smith, his grandchildren Chelsea Southcombe, Taylor Crane, Catrina Crane, Alex McCallum, Kaleb Patrick McCallum, Elizabeth McCallum, Christopher DeLeeuw, and Bradley DeLeeuw. James was the brother of Caroline Osborne, Dick Smith, Diana Skidmore, Helen Walker, Linda Tuach, Ab Smith, and the late Ralph McKay. He retired from the Ontario Provincial Police, serving 37 years in Chatham and Petrolia. In retirement he drove for Hull Bus Lines. James volunteered coaching hockey and baseball and loved to fish in his spare time. **Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.** As expressions of sympathy memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's society ([www.alzheimer.ca/sarnialambton](http://www.alzheimer.ca/sarnialambton)) or Lambton Meadowview Villa Adult Enrichment Centre ([www.lambtoncares.ca](http://www.lambtoncares.ca)). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).



**WHITING**  
Mary Jane

**Mary Jane Whiting** (nee Durance) passed away with family by her side at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia on **Saturday, May 7, 2022**, in her **86th year**. Mary was predeceased by her husband Donald Whiting (2013), her granddaughter Jamilyn Piggott (2000), her great grandson Isaac Johnson (2015), her parents Jason (1940) and Christina Blanche (1956), and her brothers Edward (1993) Donald (2003), Bob (2007), and John (2016) Durance and sister Margaret Salisbury (2003). She is survived by her children Randy (Sherry) Whiting of Oil Springs, Ronald Whiting of Sarnia, Delorse (Rick) Healy of Petrolia, Marilee (Mark) Wright of Sarnia, Daniel (Sue) Whiting of Petrolia, and Shrie (Jim) Piggott of Oil Springs, her sisters Elizabeth Wyant of Sarnia and Evelyn Durance of Saskatoon, her son-in-law Tim Wright of Petrolia, and by her thirteen grandchildren and twentyone great grandchildren. **In honor of Mary's wishes a private service will be held with interment in Hillsdale Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to C.E.E. Hospital Foundation ([www.ceehf.ca](http://www.ceehf.ca)) or St. Josephs Hospice ([www.stjosephshospice.ca](http://www.stjosephshospice.ca)). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).

## Celebration of Life

JOIN US IN  
*Celebrating*  
 THE LIFE OF  
**JOHN STEWART**  
 Sunday, May 15th, 2022 – 2-4 pm  
 Wyoming Lions Hall  
 Casual Dress | Everyone Welcome

## In Memory

In Loving Memory of  
 my dear husband  
*Don Lumley*  
 who passed away  
 one year ago on May 15, 2021.

*This heartfelt message is for you!*

I know you can feel my tears  
 And don't want me to cry.  
 Yet my heart is broken,  
 Because I can't understand why.

I wish I could see you one more time.  
 Come walking through the door.  
 But I know this is impossible,  
 I will hear your voice no more.

The bond we shared will never end.  
 Even though we are apart,  
 I find comfort in the memories  
 Deep within my heart.

I know I had to let you go.  
 I couldn't ask you to stay.  
 But we sure lost someone precious  
 The day you went away.

*You were someone very special,  
 who left your mark on so many lives.  
 Such a giving and caring person  
 We were all, so proud of you!*

*Sadly missed with all my love, Jan*

## Cards of Thanks

**Ray Robinson** – Many thanks for the expressions of sympathy, kind words of remembrance and support.

**Eileen, Heather & Hollie and families**

On behalf of the family of **Shirley Marriott**, we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards, flowers and donations at this difficult time.

**Sincerely,  
 Brenda and the Marriott family**

Answers to this week's  
**Sudoku**  
 Brought to you by:  
**519.882.1290**  
**4146 Petrolia Line**  
**Petrolia**

1	4	2	5	8	6	3	7	9
9	5	3	7	1	4	2	8	6
8	7	6	9	2	3	4	1	5
6	8	9	3	4	1	5	2	7
7	1	5	8	9	2	6	4	3
3	2	4	6	7	5	8	9	1
2	3	8	1	6	7	9	5	4
4	6	7	2	5	9	1	3	8
5	9	1	4	3	8	7	6	2

Auto/Home/Business Insurance

*"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
 love leaves a memory no one can steal" – Unknown*

# Church DIRECTORY

**Christ Anglican Church**  
 414 Oil Street, Petrolia

*Join us for  
 In-Person Services  
 Sundays  
 @ 11:15 am*

*Everyone Welcome*

Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee  
 Church Office 519-882-1430  
[christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com)

**St. Paul's  
 United Church**  
 4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

*In-Person Services  
 Sundays  
 @ 10:30 am*

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

**First Baptist Church**  
 418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

**IN PERSON  
 CHURCH SERVICE**  
 Sunday Mornings  
 @10:30 am

Pastor: Alex Craig  
 Church Office 519-882-2480  
 email: [fbcpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:fbcpetrolia@gmail.com)  
[www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca](http://www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca)

**Find us on Facebook!**  
[www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia](http://www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia)

**Wyoming United  
 Church**  
 730 Second Street, Wyoming

*In-Person Services  
 taking place  
 Sundays @ 11 am*

*Those attending will be physically distanced,  
 must wear a mask and be fully vaccinated.*

Rev. Steven Longmoore  
 Church Office 519-845-3963  
**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

**St. Andrew's  
 Presbyterian Church**  
 416 Queen Street, Petrolia  
 (Behind the Post Office)

*In-Person Service  
 Sundays  
 @ 10:00 am*

*Services also available online:  
[www.standrews-petrolia.ca](http://www.standrews-petrolia.ca)*

**Pastor Katherine Hawley**

Lambton Young Theatre Players

# A Topsy Turvy Fairy Tale



Starring...

Emily Adams  
Brooklyn Black  
Leo Black  
Ruby Core  
Isabella Graham  
Xander Hewitt  
River Holbrough  
Libby Klompstra  
Marlie Klompstra  
Farrah Maheu  
Wynter McLean  
Emilie Misner  
Oliver Morningstar  
Ashley Sanderson  
Ella Scott  
Ryan Shaw

**Petrolia - Christ Church Anglican**

Friday May 13 @ 7 pm -- Saturday May 14 @ 11 am & 2 pm

*Limited seating. Call 226-932-7262 to reserve tickets*

Adult Tickets:  
**\$15.00**

**Oil Springs  
Youth Centre**

Sunday May 15 @ 2 pm

*Tickets Available At The Door*

**Plympton-Wyoming  
Agricultural Hall**

Saturday May 21 @ 2 pm

*Tickets Available At The Door*

Youth Tickets:  
**\$10.00**



Petrolia



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