

PATRIOTIC BED



Dave Osborne holds on tight in Petrolia's Famous Bed Races during Canada Day celebrations. The rain held off for the 155th birthday celebration of the country. You can see some of the celebrations from across Central Lambton inside.

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Expert ‘highly recommends’ Old Plympton hall should be restored

Heather Wright
The Independent

Experts say a well-preserved rare example of historic architecture may be lurking beneath the battered exterior of the Old Plympton Township Hall.

That’s from a building pathology report done for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming by Dr. Christopher Cooper of the consulting firm Edifice, who “highly recommends” the building be restored.

The hall on Egremont Road was built in 1869 and was the seat of the former Plympton Township municipal government until the mid-1950s. It was also the first site of what is now the Plympton-Wyoming Fair. In the 1950s, it became a community hall run by volunteers. But the structure is need of significant repairs. When capital improvements were suggested by councillors to make it a more attractive rental, they were rejected.

A report by Public Works Manager Adam Sobanski said up to \$365,000 in repairs would be needed. That’s about the same amount of money needed to rebuild a replica onsite.

But council voiced concern about tearing down the original seat of Plympton’s government. Lambton County officials suggested the building pathology report to see if the building could or should be saved. The town received a Creative County grant for the study.

The report, which came to council June 29, is a laundry list of problems, from broken concrete to rotted wood and missing shingles and a existing universal washroom which is “inadequate and should not be used by the public,” according to Cooper. The consultant suggested the shed on the site – which he said was in “miserable shape,” could be taken down and made into an accessible washroom using some of

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SCAN FOR MENU

Four Lambton OPP cleared after man’s nose broken during arrest

Heather Wright
The Independent

The director of the Special Investigation Unit says four Lambton OPP officers did “what was reasonably necessary” to arrest a man in St. Clair Township despite breaking his nose and a bone in his face.

Joseph Martino cleared the unnamed officers in a report today.

On March 1, Lambton OPP were notified of a stolen pickup. They also suspected where it might be going. So around 8:30 that morning, one officer went looking for the truck at a rural property police knew had stolen goods.

The police officer saw a 32 year-old man, who jumped into the pickup in what Martino says was an attempt to flee. Two of the officers reached him “just as he reached into the driver’s seat area and started the ignition.”

Two of the officers tried to wrestle him out “through the open driver’s door” but the man “would not release his grip of the steering wheel despite being punched multiple times,” says Martino in the report.

Police told SIU investigators the man continued to struggle as officers got him out of the truck and they continued to hit him as they tried to hand cuff him.

When they did arrest him, they brought him to the Petrolia OPP station where video surveillance shows “blood around his nose, scrapes to the right side of his forehead and swelling around his right eye.”

The man refused medical attention, but was later taken to CEEH and then Bluewater Health where he was diagnosed with a broken nose and possibly a fractured orbital bone. More injuries were discovered later in the week.

While the injuries were clear, Martino found police acted within the law saying “police officers are immune from criminal liability for force used in the course of their

duties provided such force was reasonably necessary in the execution of an act that they were required or authorized to do by law.”

Martino added;”Given what the officers knew of the area – that it was known to house stolen items, the complainant’s presence in the area, and the complainant’s flight into the

stolen vehicle at the sight of police, it appears the officers had grounds giving rise to a reasonable belief that the complainant was implicated in a theft-related offense” and the OPP officers were “within the range of what was reasonably necessary in the circumstances given the nature and extent of the complainant’s physical struggle.”

INVESTIGATION IN A WHEAT FIELD



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

It appears no one was injured after a car ended up in a wheat field in Enniskillen Township. June 30, first responders were sent to the corner of Oil Heritage Road and Shiloh Line before 5 pm for an accident. Within minutes firefighters and paramedics left the scene. Lambton OPP were looking through the black four door which was just a few meters into the field. Black tire marks could be seen on Oil Heritage Road near where the car landed in the field. One person was led away in handcuffs by police.

Four years in Watford drug bust

Heather Wright
The Independent

A Watford man who ran a “very substantial” drug business from his parents home has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Hunter Thorton, 20, plead guilty to possession of cocaine for the purposes of trafficking, possession of cannabis for the purpose of selling it, possession of psilocybin for the purposes of trafficking, possession of Xanax for the purpose of trafficking, and the possession of a stun gun without a licence and was sentenced June 24.

Justice Deborah Austin characterized Thorton as a “mid-level” drug dealer saying the drugs were “in a very substantial quantity which has implications for the community as a substantial supply source for drugs of harmful impact in the community.”

On Sept. 20, 2020, Lambton OPP moved into Thorton’s family home and found over a kilogram of cocaine – some of it in his bedside table, long with 472 tablets of Xanax, Ecstasy, LSD, homemade cannabis edibles including 470 packages of edibles, marijuana, cannabis-infused vape pens, cannabis shatter, liquid codeine, digital scales with cocaine residue, and two stun guns in his bedroom, backpack and a shed in the backyard.

“The inescapable conclusion here is that Hunter Thornton was operating a large illicit drug store out of his family home,” Austin said during the hearing adding “Thornton’s motive was acknowledged to be money or profit.

“He was not an addict or user of any hard drugs... He admitted that

it was the lure of easy money that attracted him and, clearly, he was able to buy himself a car, an ATV, a trailer, expensive shoes and clothing with the proceeds of that activity.

“His role is considered significant, and his choice to be involved deliberate.”

But Austin also noted Thorton’s arrest seemed to be a “wake-up call and a turning point” and since police found the drugs.

Thorton, who left North Lambton Secondary School without completing Grade 12, has been working at a Strathroy auto parts plant and according to the managers is “a hard worker” who likes his job, says Austin.

While the crown suggested a prison sentence of up to eight years, Austin says Thorton is young and has taken the “concrete steps” of “strong work ethic, employment, and a demonstrated shift away from the illegal drug activities and associations” as well as having the support of his family.

Austin says she sentenced Thorton to four years and two months in prison “with a heavy heart” adding he will “be an excellent candidate for parole at the earliest opportunity.”

The justice “strongly recommended” the Watford man be placed in a minimum security setting with access to education so he can complete his high school diploma and possibly learn a trade.

Thorton is banned from owning a firearm for 10 years and must submit his DNA to a federal data bank.

The charges laid in the drug raid against his family have all been dropped.

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Editorial

Time for pay review

Pay raises for politicians are always a thorny issue. In Ontario, the Ombudsman used to decide pay increases for MPPs. That doesn't happen anymore. Instead, legislation requires the province to balance the budget before any politician gets a pay increase. As a result, those we elect have not had a raise since 2008 according to the current Integrity Commissioner in a report released just before the June election.

"Continuing to tie the lifting of the freeze to achieving a balanced budget is problematic for all MPPs," wrote J. David Wake after hearing concerns about their static salary from some MPPs. "After the next election, I respectfully suggest that the government consider lifting the freeze or re-establishing an independent arm's-length process to review MPP salaries."

At one time, the rule was MPP salaries should be 75 per cent of their federal counterparts. With wage freezes in place since 2008, you can bet that's not the case anymore.

So we arrive the new sitting of the Ontario Legislature and the unveiling of the new cabinet. It's bigger by far than the premier first installed in 2018 - 30 members of cabinet compared to 21 in 2018. And there are 43 legislative assistants compared to 21 in 2018. At roughly \$165,000 per cabinet minister and a pay bump of over \$16,000 for parliamentary assistants, that's a \$1,862,800 increase in spending or about 56 per cent higher than 2018. We knew there was record inflation, but that's a bit much.

One could draw a couple of conclusions from this; either the Progressive Conservatives vastly underestimated what it takes to run Ontario's government and decided to put the people in place needed or, as the NDP has suggested, there's some gravy-training going on with 73 of 80 MPPs making more than the basic salary of \$116,000.

The more likely scenario is the provincial government knows it will not be able to balance its budget in the next four years, so it's giving as many MPP extra cash as possible to get around the wage increase issue.

The premier should take the Integrity Commissioner up on his suggestion to re-think MPP salaries. We think setting a wage with predictable increases once would be far less politically charged than giving a select few plum jobs to earn extra taxpayers cash when its likely not necessary.

Letters to the Editor

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Our Story



This building in Brigden was originally an ice house owned by John Armstrong in 1906. In 1926 became Mutual Creamery & Produce Company. Robert MacEwan bought the business in 1934 and named it Purity Creamery Co, later known as Purity Co-op Dairy. Andrew M. Stewart purchased the business in 1951 and Frances Stewart and her friend and helper Frances Roberts operated it until their retirement in 1986.

Turning destructive squirrels into happy helpers

I have a love hate relationship with squirrels.

Years ago, in this space, I suggested (tongue in cheek) a squirrel cull after just about running over one while riding my bike.

After some stern words from readers, I took a second look at the creatures who live among us and decided that they really weren't so bad after all.

Their races through the backyard and their high-wire antics in the trees were hilarious. Last summer, when we spent more time in our backyard, I grew to appreciate the little scamps.

Then I decided to brighten up the yard with some plants. As many of you know, I am not a gardener, though I appreciate those blessed with a green thumb. So this was a big leap for me.

2021's planters were quite nice. We managed to keep them alive and were

encouraged enough that we thought we'd try a few more flowers and even some vegetables this year.

Our backyard oasis took shape and I was relatively pleased with what we had accomplished. Nothing fancy or ambitious - just a few buckets of flowers and a raised vegetable garden. And then came the squirrels.

I first noticed their gardening activity about two days after the planters were set out. They'd dug up some marigolds - I assume to hide something - and the planter was disheveled. I carefully straightened things up, only to come back in the morning to find the plants completely gone with just the black planter swaying in the wind.

It would not be the last lost.

Over the past few weeks, the furry gardeners have been in just about every planter in the place.

One small container with plants completely covering the dirt now has a tunnel which could fit a small train through.

While I haven't contemplated squirrel extermination, I have been wondering what to do. I've landed on this.

I'm going to find some squirrel-sized hoes and watering cans and leave them out.

Hey, if they want to be in the garden, the little dudes might as well be doing something useful.



Heather Wright

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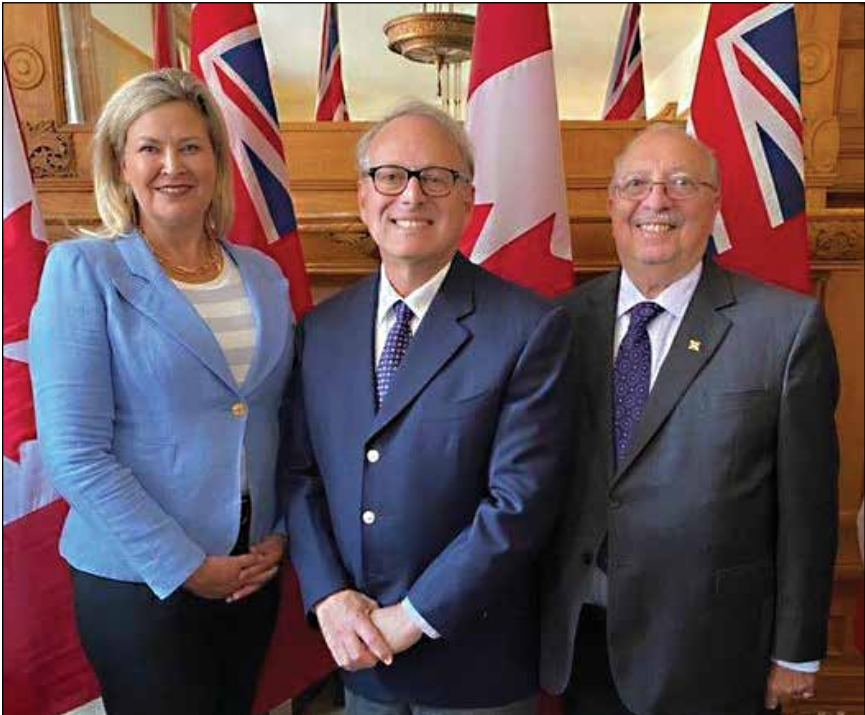
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Lambton MPPs have extra work

Heather Wright
The Independent

Both of Lambton’s MPPs have roles in the new Ontario government. Premier Doug Ford and his cabinet were sworn in by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario June 24. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Monte McNaughton will continue on in his role as Labour Minister. McNaughton will have added responsibilities with immigration being added to the title. McNaughton is expected to work with the federal government on immigration issues to try to draw more skilled workers to the province to fill the labour gap. Friday, the premier appointed 43 parliamentary assistants, including Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey. Parliamentary assistants support ministers with legislative and committee matters, including special. They also build relationships and communicate government initiatives across the province, according to a government news release. Bailey, who was the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Government and Consumer Services in the last government, will now be the assistant to the Solicitor General. MPP Christine Hogarth will also be parliamentary assistant to the Solicitor General. The government faced criticism for appointing 18 more MPPs to extra duties. There are also nine



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Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey will be the parliamentary assistant to the Solicitor General, Michael Kerzner, along with MPP Christine Hogarth. more cabinet ministers in this term than at the beginning of the term in 2018. Both of those positions come with an additional salary. The base salary for MPPs is \$116,500, while parliamentary assistants earn an extra \$16,600 and cabinet ministers earn \$165,850. With the appointments 88 per cent of the Conservatives now hold titles which entitle them to a wage increase. Peter Tabuns, interim leader of the Ontario NDP says it’s “shocking” the premier “is inviting MPPs to climb aboard his gravy train two at a time — doubling up on parliamentary assistants on several portfolios and giving dozens of Conservatives a big pay bump when ... Everyday Ontarians are getting crushed by the rising cost of living.”

PW says okay to concert in the park

Heather Wright
The Independent

Badfest is coming to Lakeshore Community Park and at least one Plympton-Wyoming councillor has some concerns. Brent Blais, Kraig Durco, Matt Tourigny and Josiah Tobey are the rock group Bad Men Association. Last year, they hosted Badfest in a backyard in Camlachie raising some money for Huron House Boys Home. But the group wanted to do something bigger this year. They’ve planned a seven-hour, six band edition – complete with vendors and a beer garden - with the hopes of drawing 1,000 people to hear six acts. But they needed permission of town council first. Some councillors, like Gary Atkinson,

were concerned about the large number of people expected to the community park. “If they have 1,000 people they’re looking at probably 500 cars ... one of my concerns is where the parking would be,” he said during the discussion June 29. Mayor Lonny Napper said in the past these types of concerts “ended up in a nightmare” with people jumping security fences and bothering the neighbours. Deputy Mayor Muriel Wright expects there will be some complaints, as does Councillor Bob Woolvett. “This is a residential area out there and we don’t really have any guidelines on our part for this kind of a discussion whether you can have parties that are whatever alcohol,” he says. “These are residential neighborhoods at the Camlachie Community Center

we would know what goes on there and that it is designated, but this is a community public park ... I’m not so sure it will go over very well.” CAO Carolyn Tripp has been speaking with the band and says they are well organized with insurance secured and a plan to set up the park including more washrooms and fencing. Tripp says “they’re being conscious of the noise concerns with the neighbours,” adding they’ll stop the music at 11 pm as the bylaw states. Council gave staff the green light to continue working with the Bad Men Association on the concert with Councillor Mike Vasey suggesting they spend more money on security. “I’d like to see some kind of security bond put up for damage and for cleanup the next day,” he says. The event is scheduled for Aug. 13.

Artists coming to Victoria Park this weekend

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Victoria Park in downtown Petrolia will be a buzz of activity on July 8 and 9 as artists converge to showcase their talents at Art in the Park. Art in the Park Committee Chair Carol Graham is especially excited, as the art-filled festivities have been on hiatus for the past two years due to the pandemic. There is a wide variety of art genres showcased from painting, pottery, jewelry, photography, woodworking, fabric art and stained glass, among others. Some artists will be doing demonstrations during the two days. Only a select number of artists are chosen every year to take part, said Graham. The work on display is also

juried. There will be music in the air as the bandstand will be busy during the two days with a variety of artists and the Elite Star Dance Academy will showcase its ballet, jazz, hip hop and musical theatre numbers. To get you moving on Sunday morning there will be Zumba fitness led by Instructor Brian Slaughter from The Studio where spectators will be encouraged to participate with more music to follow. Petrolia Sings will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, as many of the local youth will be belting out their favourite songs and get the top prize. Two past participants in the youth singing contest are now part of the musical lineup on Saturday, as Isy Aboagye and Ella Bigras will each take to the bandstand.

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Canada Day fun in Petrolia

Beds, fish and lots of Canadian flags



Dave Osborne holds on tight during Petrolia's Famous Bed Races. Competitors had a number of tactics to ride the bed in the races at Greenwood Park. Dennis Laker waits with the flag at the official flag raising at the Petrolia Legion. Volunteer Brayden Kitchen grabs the 28 inch fish from Hunter Kedwell before measuring it at the Fishing Derby in Bridgeview Park. And there were plenty of flags, even some in hair during the Petrolia Canada Day parade Friday.

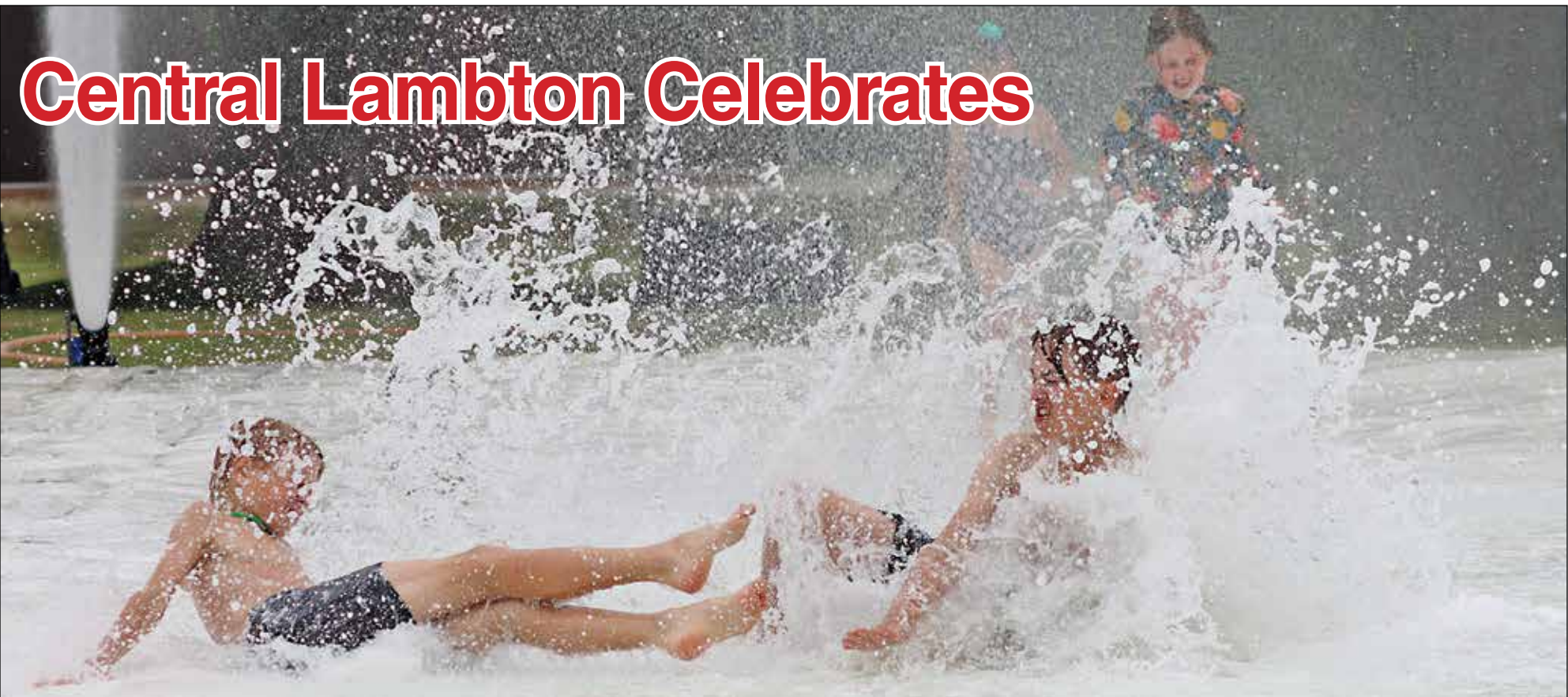




A Happy Canada Day

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO
Ella Crossett, 2, of Sarnia was excited to see the fire trucks during the Petrolia Canada Day Parade. Family road with firefighters during the parade, below, the crowd can be seen in the mirrors. Scouts carry the flag down Petrolia Line. Canada Day in Petrolia wrapped up with a 20 minute firework display which wowed the crowd of thousands.

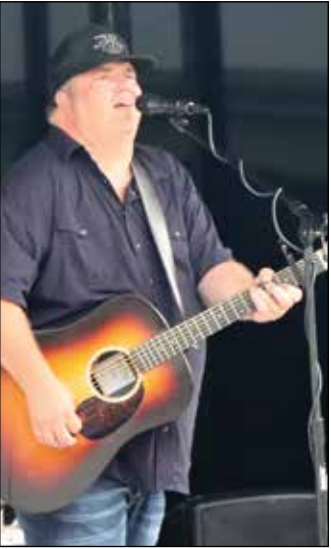




Central Lambton Celebrates



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS
Alvinston was buzzing with Canada Day activity. The Brooke Fire Service set up a slip and slide which Benjamin Leystra and Eli Nutma used after one of the many Canada Day Ball Hockey games in the arena. At left Rhys Chisholm, 5, waits for his turn in the game. Volunteers, including Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek, handed out 900 hotdogs at lunchtime and singer Jay Allan entertained the crowds. In Dawn-Euphemia, firefighters were serving up their trademark barbecued chicken for the crowd in the firehall. Former chief Dave Williams was also honoured.



Sports

Flyers announce training camp dates

The Independent

Don't look now but training camp for the PJHL's Petrolia Flyers with new head coach Chris Fryfogle at the helm is just over a month away.

The dates and times are:

Aug 9 -- Strathroy Gemini (Green) 8:30-10:00

Aug 10 -- Strathroy Gemini (Blue) 8:30-10:00

Aug 16 -- Strathroy Gemini (Blue) 8:30-10:00

Aug 18 -- Strathroy Gemini (Blue) 8:30-10:00

Aug 23 -- Watford Arena 7:30-9:00

Aug 25 -- Watford Arena 7:30-9:00

Exhibition Game Sunday August 28 @ Mooretown Location TBD

Aug 30 -- Watford Arena 7:30-9:00

Sept 1 -- Watford Arena 7:30-9:00

Exhibition Game Friday September 2 in Dresden

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Legionnaires draw defending champs at Showcase

The Independent

The Sarnia Legionnaires will take on the defending Sutherland Cup champion St. Catharines Falcons in their opener at the GOJHL Showcase event in Pelham in September.

The Legionnaires and Falcons will go head-to-head on Saturday, September 24 at 8 pm.

"One of our key goals is to provide as many exposure opportunities as possible to display the talents of our players to the next level (CHL, U SPORTS, NCAA, etc.)," said GOJHL Commissioner Brent Garbutt.

"After not being able to hold this marquee event for the last couple of years, we are looking forward to welcoming scouts and recruiters back to Pelham in September. Sarnia's other game is against the host Pelham Panthers on Sunday at 1:30.

Sting make two selections in CHL Import draft

The Independent

The Sting added to their roster with two choices in last Friday's CHL Import draft.

With the 14th pick, Sarnia chose left shot winger Sandis Vilmanis from Latvia, followed by right shot defenceman David Reinbacher of Austria in the second round, 74th overall.

Vilmanis had 18 goals and 32 points in 40 games in the Swedish Junior League last season and played on the international stage for his native Latvia.

"Sandis was a player we did quite a bit of homework on throughout the year heading



Sandis Vilmanis



David Reinbacher

into this draft," said Sting GM Dylan Seca in a statement following the draft.

"He is a big, talented kid with a great shot and a ton of upside who we know is excited to play in Sarnia."

That excitement may not be as high for Reinbacher. Seca says the team will need to work hard to convince him to play in the OHL.

Meantime, the Sting cut bait with 2021 Import draft choice Andrei Malyavin. He was left unprotected and was chosen in the first round by Brandon of the Western Hockey League.

Wammes on Team Canada

The Independent

Bothwell's Nick Wammes has been named to the Canadian Cycling team for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England later this summer.

He will compete in track sprint events from July 29-August 1. The 22-year-old represented Canada at the Olympics in Tokyo last year.



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Nick Wammes going to Commonwealth Games.

Crummy qualifies for provincial match

The Independent

An Oil Springs golfer is heading to a provincial tournament.

Liam Crummy qualified for the Golf Ontario Championship Match Play during a tournament in Collingwood over the weekend.

Crummy advances to the Ontario Junior U19 Boys Match Play

Championship at the Port Hope Golf and Country Club Aug. 15 to 18.

Crummy recently won the 3-5 handicap flight and finished fifth overall at the men's invitational at the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club.

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I would like to say thank you to the Town of Plympton-Wyoming for bestowing me with the title of “Senior of the Year”, it is truly humbling. I also wish to thank family, friends, members of the Wyoming Lions club and former work partners for their continued support and friendships, and for making this celebration one I will never forget.

Jack Stirling

A very special thank you to all family, friends and neighbours that attended our 90th Birthday Celebration. The donations to the Petrolia Food Bank and Petrolia Community Refrigerator in lieu of gifts was truly overwhelming and as a result many families in the community will benefit – your generosity was truly appreciated!

We will always cherish the wonderful memories from the day. Special thanks to all the musicians that provided entertainment following the meal, it was a great way to end a perfect day!

Bruce & Margaret Gray



LAMBTON FARM SAFETY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

SILO

The story of a small American town that must put aside their differences and come together to rescue a teenage boy who has fallen victim to grain entrapment

Short discussion to follow with Dean Anderson - board member of CASA and strategic advisor, agriculture for WSPS

July 14, 2022. 7:00 p.m.
Kineto Theatre, King St. Forest ON

There are graphic scenes not suitable for young children, parental guidance required

For more information contact lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com or 519-344-7858

In Memory

GASCO - In loving memory of our dear father, grandfather, and great grandfather **Raymond** who passed away July 5, 1994 and our dear mother, grandmother, and great grandmother **Vivian** who passed away July 17, 1998.

We who love you, sadly miss you, as it dawns another year. In our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of you are ever near.

Lovingly remembered by
Bob & Gloria, Marilyn
Donna & Lloyd and families



SAUNDERS
In loving memory of
Ken Saunders
who left us 7 years ago
on **July 5, 2015.**
We all still miss you.
Love Evelynne
Janie & Dave
Karen & Rob
Ron & Cheryl, Mike & Brenda
and families

BLUEWATER ANGLERS FAMILY FUN FISHING DAY - Saturday, July 9 from 8:00-11am. This is a free event. You do not need an Ontario fishing licence during the Ontario Family Fishing Week. Learn more on the Bluewater Anglers website.

Community Corner

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

SUBMITTED PHOTO

On Sunday, June 26 the 16th anniversary of Shiloh-Inwood church was celebrated. Guest speaker was Bill Coleman accompanied by his wife Nancy. Bill, an Ambassador for Compassion Canada shared experiences about his work in delivering children from poverty. Guest soloist was Emma Babula, a young lady from Shetland who attends Faith Trinity United Church. Emma graced us in song as she presented two musical selections, Everyday is a Gift from the Lord and My Saviour Loves Me. Her gift of music brought Light to our service, joining our hearts, souls, minds and strength as we celebrated and worshiped together in our little country church. Following the service lunch was served and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.





Church DIRECTORY

Christ Anglican Church
414 Oil Street, Petrolia

Join us for
In-Person Services
Sundays @ 10:00am

Everyone Welcome

Rev. Dave Hewett
Church Office 519-882-1430
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

First Baptist Church
418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

IN PERSON CHURCH SERVICE
Sunday Mornings @10:30 am

Pastor: Alex Craig
Church Office 519-882-2480
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www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca

Find us on Facebook!
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

Pastor Katherine Hawley

Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 noon



Classifieds

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Stop in at the office 9a-5p Mon-Fri
4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728
or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

Real Estate

**437 Ontario Street
Watford**

Gorgeous brick ranch tastefully renovated throughout in 2018.

The living room is great for family entertainment with a back-to-back fireplace. The master bdrm has a beautiful ensuite bath. Separate main flr laundry, 2 more bdrms. The magnificent open concept white kitchen w/huge island/breakfast bar adjoins the dining room with a patio door leading to the spacious wood fenced yard for privacy. Enjoy the recently built enormous wood deck partially covered for shade plus the oversized above-ground pool. There is even a bunkie in the yard for the children to play and have sleepovers in! 1-1/2 car garage, double concrete driveway for plenty of parking, so many extras! Too many to mention, don't miss this beauty!

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For Sale

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE – Hostas, Rose of Sharon Bushes, Ferns @ 458 Ignatiefna St, Petrolia. We recycle old pots.

For Rent

COUNTRY 3 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT - Non-smokers, No pets. Call 519-864-1970.

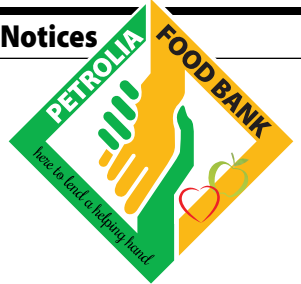
Found

GOLD WRIST WATCH FOUND - at Greenwood Park. Contact 519-882-2164 to describe if you are missing a watch.

Help Wanted

WANTED PART TIME / FULL TIME BAKERY ASSISTANTS will train, no education required. Please apply in writing to **Parks Blueberries** 14815 Longwoods Rd, Bothwell ON NOP 1C0.

Notices



CURRENT NEEDS

Soda crackers, peanut butter, jam, Side Kicks - pasta & rice, canned salmon, flakes of turkey, chicken and ham. Chunky and Habitant soups, Jello, Kraft Dinner, pudding & fruit cups and juice boxes. Also in need of Family Snack Foods: Popcorn, Chips, Crispers, etc. Hygiene Products including shampoo and conditioner. Cleaning Supplies: Bounce Sheets, Downy Fabric Softener, Tide Pods, Gain Flings, paper towels and various cleaning products: Windex, Lysol, etc. Donations can be dropped off Mondays between 9-11am at the Petrolia Food Bank or at the Independent Office, 4156 Petrolia Line - Monday to Friday 10am-4pm

Coming Events

**ONTARIO MEN'S
MINISTRY TEAM**

Come and hear a dynamic presentation by Teen Challenge, featuring students sharing their amazing stories of freedom from addiction!

WHERE
**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church**
416 Queen Street
Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0

WHEN
Sunday, July 10th
Morning Service

TIME
10:00am

www.tclondon.ca

Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society *is having their*

Broasted Chicken Dinner

**SATURDAY
JULY 16TH**

\$25 4:30 - 7 PM
PICK UP ONLY
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY

WYOMING FAIRGROUNDS, 595 Main Street

OR BY CALLING **519-845-3161** or **519-845-0302**

plympton-wyomingfair.com

**THE CHURCHES OF PETROLIA
INVITE YOU TO**

CHURCH in the PARK

**SUNDAYS AT 7:00PM
VPP BANDSHELL**

***BRING A LAWNCHAIR, INVITE A FRIEND**

38th Annual Lambton Cattlemen's

BEEF BARBEQUE

Wednesday August 3rd, 2022

Brooke-Alvinston- Inwood Arena

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Rain or Shine!

Lambton County Beef, Salad, Baked Potato, Roll, Baked Beans, Pie & Ice Cream

**Tickets \$25.00
ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY**

For Tickets contact
Hanneke Mills
519-318-0897
lambtoncattlemens@hotmail.ca
or Lambton Cattlemen's Directors

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022

BARN DANCE

LIVE MUSIC featuring **Scott Manery**
and **The Barnburners**

OPTIMIST BBQ

6:00 TO 11:00 PM

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OLD-FASHIONED BARN DANCE, WHERE YOU ARE SURE TO HAVE A GREAT TIME. COME ON OUT - BRING A LAWNCHAIR AND GET READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY! THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR, AS WELL AS A SILENT AUCTION.

**AT THE FARMERS' MARKET
396 FLETCHER ST., PETROLIA**
*Brought to you by Town of Petrolia
Community Services Department*



There were plenty to do for youngsters in Wyoming Saturday at the Canada Day party. Above: Ivadell Armstrong and Kiley Zavitz decorate cookies. The activity was put on by the Wyoming Lioness. Below: Face painter Molly C puts the finishing touch on Trina Cooke's butterfly design



Dozens of local residents took to the streets as part of the parade to celebrate Canada Day in Wyoming. Above: The Lions covered wagon is pulling Jack Stirling, Plympton-Wyoming's Senior Citizen of the Year.



Wyoming & Watford celebrate



Twins Charlotte and Connor Swift of Petrolia were decked out in red and white celebrating their very first Canada Day in Watford Saturday. The Petrolia babies were accompanied by parents Cody and Nicole Swift.



Rhys, Zoe and Finn Chrisolm try to figure out a trick performed by Chuckles the Jester.

PAM WRIGHT PHOTOS



Edward the Juggler shows Mason Douglas the ropes at Watford Saturday.

The Rebound Rocks band celebrated in true Canadian fashion in Watford Saturday starting off their set with New Orleans is Sinking from the Tragically Hip.



Jo Jo the Clown from Toronto, was kept busy creating an array of balloon creations for kids in Watford Saturday. Here, Jamie Minielly gets a new hat.