



REMEMBERING



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Don Poland pauses at the Camalchie Cenotaph after laying a wreath in honour of his son, Cpl. Brent Poland. He was one of 158 soldiers and seven civilians who died serving their country in Afghanistan. Each year, the Huron Shores Optimist Club hosts the Remembrance Service the Sunday before Remembrance Day. See more on pg. 10.

Kids back in school as labour dispute simmers

Blake Ellis & Heather Wright
Local Journalism Initiative/The Independent

While students are back in class, the labour dispute between the Conservative government and education workers is far from over.

Classes returned to normal Tuesday after CUPE educational workers walked off the job Friday and Monday in what they called a political protest.

It followed a week of uncertainty and constitutional chaos in the province.

Oct. 30, CUPE’s leadership notified the province it was prepared to launch a strike Friday if an agreement had not been reached. At the time, the union and provincial bargainers had been meeting with a mediator.

Monday, the Conservative government introduced preemptive back-to-work

legislation and began the process to pass it before Friday. The Keeping Kids in School Act not only forced custodians, secretaries, educational workers and early childhood educators to stay on the job, it imposed a four year contract with wage increases of between 1.5 and 2.5 per cent.

CUPE members are the lowest paid educational workers in the province with some making \$39,000 per year.

Premier Doug Ford’s bill used the notwithstanding clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to suspend collective bargaining rights and the right to strike - a highly unusual move that was widely criticized by everyone from the unions who endorsed Ford in the June election to the Prime Minister.

Tuesday, members of the 55,000 member-strong union were holding information pickets at government offices.

Conservatives passed the bill in a raucous sitting of the house Thursday which saw Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey waving at CUPE members yelling from the gallery - seemingly telling them to leave.

But the union ignored the legislation and members were at MPPs offices Friday in what they called political protests.

Alison Mevis of Petrolia was just one of the many members of the CUPE walking the picket line. The single mother of two is a full-time early childhood educator in a Kindergarten class at Holy Rosary Catholic School in Wyoming. She also has a casual position at the library and she sells Avon.

“My bills are paid, that is about it,” said Mevis. There are no vacations and no savings, she said, adding a vacation for her might be a day at a nearby beach.

“We are here for the kids,” said Mevis.

SEE CUPE PG 3

Cause unknown

Heather Wright
The Independent

Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Chief Jay Arns says a fire at a Marthaville home likely started in the crawlspace.

But how it started hasn’t been determined yet.

The department was called to Lasalle Line near Marthaville Road Sunday afternoon to find the two storey older home with flames coming through the roof.

Crews from Wyoming and Brooke-Alvinston were called in to help bring water to the scene from a hydrant on Discovery Line. Firefighters were on the scene for most of the afternoon.

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Petrolia/North Enniskillen Firefighter Tim Garvie works at the eaves of a home on fire in Marthaville Sunday.

Marthaville fire likely started in crawl space

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Arns says while much of the damage appeared to be in the roof, older homes have “balloon construction.

“The fire in this house originated in the crawl space underneath the house, and it traveled up the walls inside up into the ceiling up in the top floor,” says Arns.

“There’s no firebreak in these older buildings between the first level floor and the roof line. It’s just a straight, two by four all the way up and no breaks in between, so every 16 inches you got a brand new fire tunnel.”

Arns says there is a lot of damage in the home. “The roof on the front part is collapsed. There’s some damage to the floor and some structural members,” he says adding the firefighters had to get under the shingles and between the walls to get to the flames.

Fire officials were on the scene most of Monday looking for the cause and while they believe the fire started in the crawl space, where the homeowners had been working, officials haven’t found the exact cause yet. He estimates about \$320,000 damage was done in the blaze.

No one was home at the time of the fire.



Firefighters from Petrolia, Wyoming and Brooke-Alvinston shuttled thousands of gallons of water during from Discovery Line in Petrolia Sunday’s fire.

Arns says the family had purchased the home in August.

Watford Y has over 200 members

The Independent

The new Watford Y seems to be a popular place to be.

The Y became a partner with Warwick Township and runs the new fitness centre at the East Lambton Community Complex.

The centre has only been open for just over a month and already the manager of parks and recreation says the enrolment rate is quite high.

Ryan Chamney told council Monday there is 215 members signed up at the complex.

“That’s right on target and really exceeding expectations,” he told council.

Saturday, the township held an open house and between 80 and 100 people came through the complex, including the fitness

centre to take a look. Chamney is hopeful that will lead to more members at the Y.

And while the Y continues to attract members, the township is also offering more programs now that the complex is complete.

Chamney said in a report to council there will be Parents and Tot Skating as well as public skate at the arena. There will also be free adult pickleball in the new gym.

Walkers will also get a chance to use the complex as a new Walk with Warwick, indoor walking program has started.

Chamney says the township will be holding some “come try it out” days in the next two months to gauge interest for other winter recreational leagues and programs. That might include volleyball, basketball, badminton and dodgeball.



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TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

POST ELECTION SURVEY

The Township of Warwick has launched
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to get community feedback
on the 2022 Municipal Election process.**

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After 40 + years of giving his heart to his customer’s soles; Johnny Shoemaker closes his doors and goes virtual.



Johnny Shoemaker has been a Master Craftsman in the Cobbler business for over 4 decades often traveling between shops in London On all the way down to Sarasota Florida. In 2019 Johnny opened a new location in downtown Petrolia. Johnny immediately felt the support of the community, who welcomed him with arms open wide and full of foot wear. Whether it was a local resident out for a stroll stopping in to learn more about the diversity of his services or those bringing in apparel from as far away as Windsor and the GTA thus bringing more business to Petrolia – it was busy and Johnny was thrilled to be back in a store front location.

No one could have anticipated what would follow, the gravity of the pandemic or the impact it would have on small businesses when it hit. More complex would be the ripple effect that has echoed in the aftermath: the rising costs involved in operations from keeping the lights on, to the grossly inflated costs involved in the purchasing and importing international materials required to complete repairs. Sadly, according to Stats Canada, 1 in 5 small businesses have closed or will close in 2022 as a result of the pandemic and Johnny Shoemaker is unfortunately one of them.

However, John Serratore wants to let his customers know he hasn’t entirely hung up his shoes just yet! Determined to continue to pursue his passion as a Cobbler, Johnny will be going virtual. This move was a difficult decision to make, but ultimately will reduce some of the business’ overhead so he can re-focus on his first priority - perfecting his craft and maintaining a high level of excellence in customer service.

As off December 1st 2022, shoes and other products in need of repair, can be dropped off locally at the 21 Shell Gas Bar at 4496 Petrolia Line by leaving apparel along with your contact information in a closed bag. You may also contact Johnny at 519-868-9829 via phone or text for more detailed information and visit the website www.johnnyshoemaker.com to learn more about the services being offered going forward as well as pick up and drop off options in your area.

Johnny would like to thank the town of Petrolia for welcoming him into their community, for their ongoing support of his business, the wonderful reviews and most importantly for the recommendations to new customers far and wide.

The in-person smiles on the faces of thousands of satisfied customers over the years are forever engrained into the memory and legacy that is Johnny Shoemaker and those smiles of often both surprise and gratitude will be forever missed.

CUPE education workers back on the job as negotiations restart

CON'T FROM PG 1

The workers went back to the MPPs offices Monday, just as the Premier held a news conference where he offered to sit back down at the negotiating table and rescind the imposed contract.

“CUPE please accept this offer... take strike action off the table and get our kids back to school,” said Ford.

Ford added he didn’t regret imposing the back-to-work legislation saying CUPE is at fault for “walking away from the table.”

CUPE had presented another offer to the province Wednesday, however the Education Minister, Stephen Lecce, refused to discuss it unless the union took “strike action off the table.” The provincial mediator then ended the talks saying the two sides were too far apart to reach an agreement.

When Ford was asked Monday if he had miscalculated by passing the legislation he said; “This is nothing we did; this is on CUPE.

“Stop the strike, get into the classroom,” Ford said adding then the negotiations could restart.

“This is a massive olive branch; I’ll rescind Section 33 (the notwithstanding clause which struck down collective bargaining rights) based on them going back into the classroom...Once they do that, we sit down at the table and negotiate a fair deal.

“We need them to come back.”

The government said the legislation would be repealed next Monday.

By noon Monday, CUPE Ontario Karen Walton said Ford had put his plans to repeal the act in writing and declared; “We have our bargaining rights back.”

And at a news conference Tuesday, the premier said the government had tabled another

offer. He wouldn’t reveal its contents but continued to say he wanted to help the lowest paid education workers, but had to be aware of giving large increases which other unions would then demand, costing the taxpayers “billions.”

Ford also stood behind his widely criticised move of using the notwithstanding clause to suspend collective bargaining rights, saying Section 33 of the Charter was “another tool” for the government to use in labour disputes.

CUPE countered on Tuesday saying the Ontario Legislature should be recalled so the government could repeal the Act as soon as possible.

“I will say there is no trust,” Michele LaLonge-Davey, Local 1238 president said between Premier Ford and the union, but acknowledged the premier wanting to pull back what it passed last week as “baby steps.”

“We are choosing to behave as trustworthy adults,” said Lalonge-Davey, after it was announced the walkouts would end and the two sides agree to go back to the bargaining table.

While the students were back to class and education workers were back on the job Tuesday, the labour dispute continues to simmer with union leaders, including CUPE’s president, saying they have not given up their right to strike by returning to the schools.

There is a path to head back to the picket line if negotiations break down again, LaLonge-Davey said. It was a comment echoed by the provincial CUPE president.

Walton was flanked by labour leaders at the Toronto news conference, including Mike Hancock CUPE’s national



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Lambton’s Local 1238 CUPE members were in front of Bob Bailey’s office Monday morning when news broke of the province repealing legislation which imposed a contract. Union leaders were cautious saying there was not a lot of trust built between the premier and the union.

president who said the legislation was “a direct threat to worker rights and...to all Canadians” because the premier used the notwithstanding clause to remove workers’ rights.

And other private sector unions said if the Ford government heads down that path again, they’re willing to step up.

“Our movement is strong and we will stand up for each other.”

Unifor’s president agreed saying the labour movement was prepared with an “unprecedented response.”

Lana Payne said Unifor had agreed last night to take whatever action necessary to stop the Ford government from suspending collective bargaining rights.

And while the bargaining continues, local educators are hopeful the students school year will not be affected again.

“We thank you for your patience and support through the uncertainty during the past week,” wrote John Howitt, director of education for the Lambton-Kent District School Board in a letter

to parents. “LKDSB is hopeful a fair collective agreement can be reached.”

St. Clair District Catholic School Board Director of Education Scott Sanderson added “We are pleased that our CUPE colleagues will be back in our schools, to continue their important work of supporting our students and families... We recognize that there is still much work to do at the bargaining table...We continue to pray that the two sides will reach an agreement that is fair for all parties.”

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Behind-the-Scenes Rural Physician Recruitment

Did you know there is a group of dedicated community volunteers and health care administration professionals that focus on recruiting and retaining primary care physicians for Petrolia and Central Lambton? The committee operates out of the Central Lambton Family Health Team and is funded by small grants from the eight municipalities that make up Central Lambton. The group was first started in 2011 by the members of Charlotte's Task Force – and was formed in response to staffing concerns in maintaining daily operations of Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital (CEEH) of Bluewater Health's Emergency Department. Working in partnership with the CEEH Foundation, the committee has successfully signed eight primary care physicians to the Central Lambton Family Health Team, including Dr. Ahmed Hijazi (pictured here) who was successfully recruited in the summer of 2021. Members of the Central Lambton Recruitment Committee include Rosanne Orcutt (Chair), Sarah Milner, Owen Byers, Debbie Freeman, Alison Mahon, Mark Braet, Judi McCallum, Lonny Napper, Nick Salaris, and Jill Edwards.

Members of the Central Lambton Recruitment Committee

The work of this group is helping to maintain rural access to primary and emergency care for the residents of Petrolia and Central Lambton. Thank you for your dedication to your community!

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Opinion

Advice from a reader: no development fees please

EDITOR: How politically generous and gracious of the outgoing Petrolia council to allow the incoming members of council to address the matter regarding the proposed implementation of development charges in the Town of Petrolia.

I encourage council to accept this opportunity and finally quash this unwarranted and unnecessary proposal being fueled by the obviously uninformed.

In accordance with the Town of Petrolia development policies, all new development is 100 per cent financed by the developers, including all current and future infrastructure requirements.

Any new charges (plus profit)will simply be passed on to the purchaser, increasing the cost of the house which in turn increases the tax assessment and obviously the municipal taxes.

I also encourage all developers to meet with the new council and present their case prior to any motion of council to proceed with the implementation of a consultants report.

Furthermore, input from the general public needs to be heard prior to council moving forward. You will learn a lot of valuable information.

Petrolia’s CAO touched on some of the Towns positive current state of affairs in the latest issue of the Petrolia

Connection and together, collectively and cooperatively, we can achieve much more without burdening select groups.

**T . L. Blackmore, C.E.T.
Petrolia, ON**

Editor’s Note: According to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, municipalities can apply development charges on a new development to help pay for the capital costs of infrastructure to support new growth including water and sewer services as well as soft services, such as recreation and libraries.

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‘Disgusted and sad’ over Bailey’s actions says reader

EDITOR:

On Nov. 3 our Health Coalition held a Rally and Press Conference at our MPP Bob Bailey’s office. The purpose of the rally tell the truth, and advise the public about Doug Ford’s lies before the provincial election. He stated over and over that our public health care system would not be privatized. In May of this year, at a campaign debate, Mr. Bailey, said a certain coalition was going around saying the public health care system would be privatized, and that it couldn’t be further from the truth.

After the provincial election, when Mr. Ford and Mr. Bailey won re-election, the Premier announced funding for private, for-profit surgical clinics; “funding” of course means our tax dollars.

In addition, new long term care beds and the funding attached to them continue to be awarded to private, for-profit businesses.

Home-care is almost completely privatized.

On the day of our rally, many union members joined us, including CUPE, OPSEU, UNIFOR and SEIU members. Members of the public also were there with us. It was reassuring to know that we are supported in our efforts to save

public health care.

CUPE supported us on the day that the government was to vote on Bill 28, which would to force a contract on the lowest paid group in the education sector and deny their right to strike. This has angered many citizens who realize these education workers are much needed in education, to ensure all of Ontario’s children can enjoy a quality education, provided in part by workers who know their skills are valued.

The government passed Bill 28 on Nov. 3, with a forced contract, no right to strike or take the government to court. This is the “notwithstanding clause.” Other unions see this as a trial to see if the government can try this when they negotiate with them, for example, teachers, health care workers, etc. As an aside, Doug Ford has just announced that construction of housing subdivisions will be allowed in the Green Belt area around Toronto, after promising to environmental groups and farmers that no development would be allowed. Another lie.

I was sent a link to the Legislature of Ontario, from the vote. CUPE representatives were shouting at the Conservatives. Suddenly I saw Bob Bailey stand up, smile widely

and wave to the CUPE people. This demonstrated unprofessional and inappropriate behaviour.

He was elected to represent all of Sarnia Lambton, union and non-union people alike. He has not shown any respect for the electorate, but he should be held accountable for his actions.

His actions have left me feeling disgusted and sad. He is part of the government that Ontario elected, and should be held to a higher standard; but make no mistake, we will continue to fight the good fight, for health care, for education, for farmers, for people with disabilities, for the elderly and the vulnerable, for environmental advocacy groups, for poverty groups, and for all public programs that benefit the people of Ontario! I am asking all members of the public to support our efforts: health care advocacy, education, disability and poverty advocacy, environmental advocacy, children’s groups and all others. Tell Doug Ford to discipline Bob Bailey. The Premier’s Toronto number is 416-325-1941. You can reach him by email at premier@ontario.ca

**Shirley Roebuck
Sarnia Lambton Health Coalition**

Demand for sex assault services up 67 per cent

**Heather Wright
The Independent**

The head of the Sarnia-Lambton Sexual Assault Survivors Centre says requests for counselling have jumped 67 per cent in the last year.

Chantel Butterfield was at Lambton County Council Nov. 3 to outline the crisis the centre is facing in the wake of the Me Too Movement and the pandemic.

“Before the pandemic, survivors were already reaching out to us in record numbers.

“In the post Me Too era, the demand for services was at an all time and at that time – in 2018 – in response to this increase, the previous Ontario government announced an approximate 30 per cent increase to sexual violence sector in Ontario,” Butterfield said.

“Despite this firm commitment under

the current provincial government that funding never became a reality, then the pandemic hit.

“The pandemic has also had a significant impact on people’s mental health and wellness. For survivors who’ve experienced trauma, this impact is magnified and many survivors have been pushed to the brink during this period, reaching out to us in crisis.

“The combination of these realities ... has meant the demand for our services has increased radically across all of our programs. Most notably, requests for our direct services have increased 67 per cent in just the last year.”

And Butterfield says “there have been no increases to core funding for community based sexual assault centers” from the province.

The head of the centre asked

Lambton County councillors for their support to press the Ontario government “to provide increased and most importantly sustainable funding for community based sexual assault support centers.

“We need the advocacy of our municipalities right now.”

Councillors passed a motion calling for more funding unanimously.

However Sarnia City/County Councillor Brian White says the county has to be more aware of the need for services in the community since it impacts homelessness.

“If we look into the services that we provide, ensuring that our community partners are able to provide the services is a critical part of that strategy...the message needs to be sent loud and clear to the province that it’s time to step up and support people where they truly need it.”

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LAYING THE WREATHS



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Dozens of wreaths were laid at the foot of the Petrolia Cenotaph Sunday in Victoria Park as part of Remembrance Week. Politicians, family of veterans and those who died and local businesses paid tribute to those who served in the ceremony which lasted more than an hour. The Petrolia Legion will host the Act of Remembrance at the cenotaph Friday at 10:45 am.

Wyoming native worries about Ukraine winter

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Winter is coming to the Ukraine. Many Canadians, who were paying attention to the Russian-Ukrainian War in the summer, are no longer paying attention. This is a fear of Johnathan Verroen, a Wyoming native, who has been on the front lines of the conflict delivering humanitarian aid since the conflict began earlier this year.

The Russian military have been bombing much of the Ukrainian infrastructure. Many citizens are without electricity and hot water. Verroen believes more refugees will flee the conditions in the Ukraine as the winter settles in and people try to survive. “The Ukrainian people are so strong,” said Verroen.

Russia launched dozens of missiles on Oct. 31 targeting critical facilities. Eighty percent of Kiev was without water at one point. It was brought back on line, but the city’s leadership has told residents there will be periodic blackouts, as the city deals with its electricity supply.

Verroen is in the middle of this. Everyday he is reminded how dangerous his work is in providing humanitarian aid in the Ukraine. The day he spoke with The Independent, he was still shaken after a bomb landed close to the vehicle he was in. The vibrations from the blast shifted the car on the road.

“I have come here under constant explosions all around us to deliver food and aid to people who are left in the city,” said Verroen. “I am scared every time I go in there.” Rockets are launched into the city by Russian forces and at times

shake the building he is staying.

Verroen has been in the war zone off and on for months after feeling called to help after the invasion. His focus in the beginning was to get Ukrainians out of the country and into Canada by matching them with Canadian hosts

Verroen was in Poland in April and May helping Ukrainian refugees who fled across the border into Poland. He returned to Poland on July 21 and travelled to the Ukraine on Aug. 1. He spent the majority of his time in Lviv, but has also been to Kiev and Odessa.



Wyoming native Johnathan Verroen delivering aid in Ukraine

But the work Verroen does has changed. He is now on the near the front lines in Bakhmut, where forces having been battling for weeks, but the city still remains in Ukrainian hands. There, he’s trying to meet the immediate needs of the people he meets, providing humanitarian aid within the country. He has raised \$15,000 so far and has a Facebook page, Save Ukraine – Sarnia and Lambton County.

“I have felt a deep desire since this war started to help people, and even amid bombings and fear of life, I will continue,” he says. “This war is far from over and sadly as winter approaches more and more people are needing help, for food, shelters and heat. Many will need to be evacuated as winter settles in and there is no power.”



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TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

PARKING REGULATIONS

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Fearing God, our constitution reflected, their stand.
Prayer and God’s Word, guided our courts and school,
Respect and humility, governed their rule.

Have we become so morally insensitive, we can’t discern the way?
Do the gods of materialism, egotism and power, rule the day?
Have we deceived our next generation, being politically correct?
Are the statistics of divorce and suicide, the future’s effect?

Life has many choices, but eternity only two,
Who will you be found serving, when your life, is thru.
You see, “repentance” is required, for you and for me,
Bringing Jesus unending “forgiveness”, to set us free.

If we “humble” ourselves and “pray”, God promises to heal our land,
His righteousness exalts a Nation, with one accord, we will stand.
So we say, “God Bless Canada” and earnestly pray,
Forever, your mercy endures Lord, change our hearts to-day.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray,
and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear
from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, “thank-you” for the price that you paid for me. Because of the sin in my life, I find myself separated from you. I ask for your forgiveness and invite you into my heart, to be Lord of all the areas of my life. Thank-you for the “gift” of salvation and the assurance of an eternal home in Heaven with you. Amen

Grogan, Watford

Plympton-Wyoming thanks Napper

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming gave outgoing Mayor Lonny Napper a collective hug.

Members of the community gathered Saturday to thank Napper for over 30 years of political service to Plympton-Wyoming.

Past members of his council, friends from Lambton County Council and childhood playmates all shared stories about Napper as he completed his term of office.

Warwick Mayor-Elect Todd Case, whom Napper refers to as his adoptive son, said the mayor had a knack for making friends with politicians in high places. At one conference, Napper was having a cigarette outside before a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, Case said. The Minister stopped to talk to Napper and “he had all the problems solved” before the meeting began.

Former warden and Lambton Shores Mayor Bill Weber agreed adding “nobody around that county council table has a bigger heart than this man.”

Ben Dekker served with Napper on Plympton-Wyoming council, even ran against him for the top job. The pair first met on Halloween when Dekker’s children were trick or treating. Napper gave the kids a box of Nerds to give to their dad and said

“You are what you eat.”

That trademark sense of humour also surfaced when Napper fended off a challenge by Dekker at the polls. “Lonny shellacked me and then he said ‘I took you to school son.’ I laughed then and now I really do enjoy that.”

While Dekker admires Napper’s wit, it was the way he treated his wife, Carolyn, he most admired.

“Lonny and Carolyn had a relationship you could write books about...he is faithful and honourable.” Carolyn passed away in Jan 1.

And, when it was his turn to speak, Napper told the audience it was Carolyn who helped him through his political career. And he’d visited her grave to talk with her about his speech.

“It brought back memories of my early years making her listen to my speeches and getting her advice, which was always ‘Oh, it’s too long - shorten that up. So after two or three times, she’d say ‘I’m go to bed; you go set the microwave timer for three minutes and it’d be just fine.’”

Napper said he’s looking forward to retirement and he feels fortunate that he was able to serve his community.

“It was a journey that opened so many doors and opportunities and during those time I’ve met four Prime Ministers in all the the premiers in those past 34 years.”



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS

Plympton-Wyoming honoured outgoing Mayor Lonny Napper Saturday. He was named honorary fire chief and friends Pat Davidson and Ben Dekker were among those sharing stories and hugs at his retirement.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Mayor Al Broad thanks outgoing Councillor Leslea Williams for 30 years of service to Dawn-Euphemia.

Williams served Dawn 30 years

Heather Wright
The Independent


After 30 years of serving the people of Dawn-Euphemia, Leslea Williams has quietly stepped aside.

Williams was first elected to Dawn Township Council in 1992 as a councillor. In 1998, when Dawn and nearby Euphemia Township amalgamated, Williams became a councillor again and has served the township ever since.

When the 2022 municipal nominations came around, Williams did not file for re-election. And Monday, as she attended her final meeting, Mayor

Al Broad presented her with a certificate for 30 years of political service. Williams didn’t give any words of goodbye and told *The Independent* she didn’t wish to comment about her long political career - the longest of any female municipal councillor in Lambton.

In 2018, in the municipal election, Williams did share why she thought it was important to be on council. “Rural communities matter,” she said in an interview with *The Independent* then. “I think very much this has been lost along the way with provincial and federal government... I think we’re better equipped to determine what our community should look like.”



TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR BEAR CREEK EROSION AT ROKEBY LINE

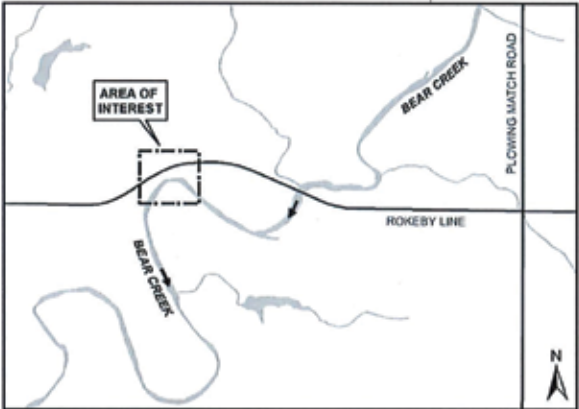
NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

THE PROJECT:

The Township of Enniskillen initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process in April 2021 to address an ongoing issue with slope instability adjacent to Rokeby Line and Bear Creek, west of Plowing Match Road. The bank area adjacent to the roadway is showing evidence of active slumping and is threatening the long-term stability of the road. A number of approaches were investigated to address the slope instability and a preferred method has now been identified. The preferred approach is to shift Rokeby Line approximately 3.5 metres north/west, install drainage improvements adjacent to the corridor and continue to monitor the slope. If slope movement continues erosion protection would also be installed at the toe of the slope to provide additional stabilization.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the environmental screening process set out for Schedule B activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. The purpose of the screening process is to identify potential environmental impacts associated with the project and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. The process includes consultation with the public, stakeholders, First Nation and Métis communities, and government review agencies.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

For further information on this project, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd.: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (Toll Free): (888) 524-2641. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net), prior to December 9, 2022. Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. An Environmental Screening Report, documenting the environmental assessment conducted for this project, will be available for public review on the Township website at www.enniskillen.ca as of November 9, 2022.

Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by December 9, 2022. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Duncan McTavish, Administrator Clerk/Treasurer at the Township of Enniskillen. In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

& Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be sent to the Township of Enniskillen by mail or by e-mail.

Duncan McTavish, Administrator Clerk/Treasurer
Township of Enniskillen

This Notice issued November 9, 2022

CROSSES OF REMEMBRANCE



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Hillsdale Cemetery has a somber display, which highlights how many veterans are interned in the cemetery as we acknowledge them and their sacrifice on Remembrance Day. Field of Crosses is a memorial project organized by the Margaret Stokes Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE). Jean Windover, the IODE war services officer, said there were 465 crosses on display in the first year of the project. Since then, more crosses have been added as more veterans were discovered in the cemetery. This is the fifth year for the Field of Crosses. IODE members, as well as members of the Petrolia Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, helped to assemble the crosses in the morning of Nov. 2. The Field of Crosses will remain until Nov. 12.

Lambton County honours retiring councillors, CAO

Heather Wright
The Independent

Three long-time politicians and the top administrator of Lambton said goodbye.

Plympton-Wyoming’s Lonny Napper, St. Clair Township’s Steve Arnold and Lambton Shores’ Bill Weber have all served on county council for multiple terms – Arnold since the 1990s. Both Arnold and Weber have served as warden and Napper served as deputy warden. Nov. 3 was their last county council meeting.

Weber served as warden for four years and was in office on March 18 when the county declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. “It was a real struggle, but we all work together and that’s what Lambton county does.”

Weber, who appeared emotional toward the end of his remarks, thanked his fellow councillors and staff for their help during his time as warden. “Everyone here is fully dedicated to helping this community.”

Arnold, the longest serving member of the three retiring, was philosophical saying the world is constantly changing and that’s not a bad thing. “Things will not stay the same... We need to be participatory. I look at

these young people up in the gallery here today and I look at them as leaders, they’ll be here to replace us, which is a good thing. And they will bring a different set of knowledge and practical solutions to all the things that we have all tried to do over the last number of years.”

Napper, in what he admitted was a rambling speech, said being the deputy warden during Arnold’s two year term was a great learning experience.

“I just like to thank everybody. It opened up a lot of doors for me, I had a year, two years here with Steve Arnold, that was probably the highlight of my career and I know a lot of doors opened and we got to places that I would never gone before.”

And he added; “I’m sure you won’t miss me for disrupting your meetings at times.”

Councillors also said goodbye to long-time CAO Ron VanHorne. He’s retiring in February after 30 years with the county. Stéphane Thiffeault, general manager of corporate services, and deputy chief administrative officer, will take over the role.

At Wednesday’s meeting VanHorne passed the torch – or rather the red jacket – to Thiffeault.

“When I first got appointed to the county in a senior staff position, I was



A screenshot of CAO Ron VanHorne as he hands over his red coat to Stéphane Thiffeault, who will be the new CAO in February.

told that I had to wear a red jacket to council and it’s a beautiful fashion garment,” he said to laughter in the crowd. County council members stopped wearing the red coats to meetings years ago.

“I was honored to be able to wear it because it meant that I was accepted to the community and I was part of it. It’s a symbolic thing and we kept it all these years – not wearing it very often – Halloween maybe – not around the town or anything,” he said as he took it off. “So, I thought as a transitional thing, I would give it to Stéphane,” he added helping the soon to be CAO into the red coat.

Lambton hires new MOH, waits for provincial approval

Lambton County has a new Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Karalyn Dueck has been appointed as the new Acting Medical Officer of Health starting Nov. 21. And the county is asking the province to appoint her as the permanent replacement for Dr. Sudit Ranade who

is now the Chief MOH of Yukon.

Dueck served as the Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Middlesex London Health Unit. Dueck, who worked through the pandemic in Peel and Toronto, completed a portion of her medical residency training at

Lambton Public Health under the guidance of Ranade.

“I am very excited to begin working with the team at LPH and cannot wait to immerse myself in the community,” she said in a news release.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE**

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Council of the Town of Petrolia will hold a special meeting, pursuant to Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*, as amended, for the purposes of discussing the revisions that may be required as part of an upcoming update to the Town’s Official Plan. The Special Council Meeting will be held as follows:

MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2022 @ 5 PM
Victoria Hall – Council Chambers
411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL is to discuss the revisions that may be required to the Official Plan. It is intended to provide an opportunity for the public to offer comments regarding any issue or matter that should be considered during the Official Plan Review process. Members of Council will also be providing input on their issues or matters to be considered during the Official Plan review.

BACKGROUND ON THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The Town of Petrolia Official Plan outlines the Town’s goals, objectives, and policies primarily used to support growth, economic development, and building Petrolia’s future. The plan also establishes a framework for managing the effects of growth on the social, economic and natural environment of the Town.

The Planning Act requires that an Official Plan be updated to ensure that it: conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them; has regard to matters of provincial interest; is consistent with provincial policy statements; and addresses recent legislative changes. Taking into account the timing of the approval of the current Official Plan, the introduction of a 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and amendments to the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*, as well as a new Lambton County Official Plan, the Town has initiated a comprehensive update to its Official Plan.

SUBJECT LANDS

The update to the Official Plan will affect all lands within the municipal boundary of the Town of Petrolia. Accordingly, no key map is provided.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Any person may attend the special public meeting and/or provide written or a verbal representation. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may provide written comments by submitting them to the address below.

Mail:
Official Plan Review, Town of Petrolia
411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0

A copy of the agenda for the special public meeting of council, including a staff report and any attachments, will be available by Monday, December 5, 2022 found at <https://petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&id=716>

The Town’s current Official Plan may be reviewed on the Petrolia Website at www.town.petrolia.ca

NOTICE OF COLLECTION

Personal information collected as a result of this public meeting is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), the Planning Act*, and all other relevant legislation, and will be used to assist in making a decision on this matter. All personal information (as defined by MFIPPA), including (but not limited to) names, addresses, opinions and comments collected will be made available for public disclosure to members of the public, at the meeting, through requests, and through the website of the Town of Petrolia. Questions regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of this personal information may be directed to the Clerk, Town of Petrolia; 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0

This notice published on the 24th day of October, 2022

COVID-19 Information:

The health and safety of residents, Council, and staff is the most important part of this meeting. Residents who do not wish to attend the meeting have the option of submitting their comments in writing. Both in person and written comments are equally valued.

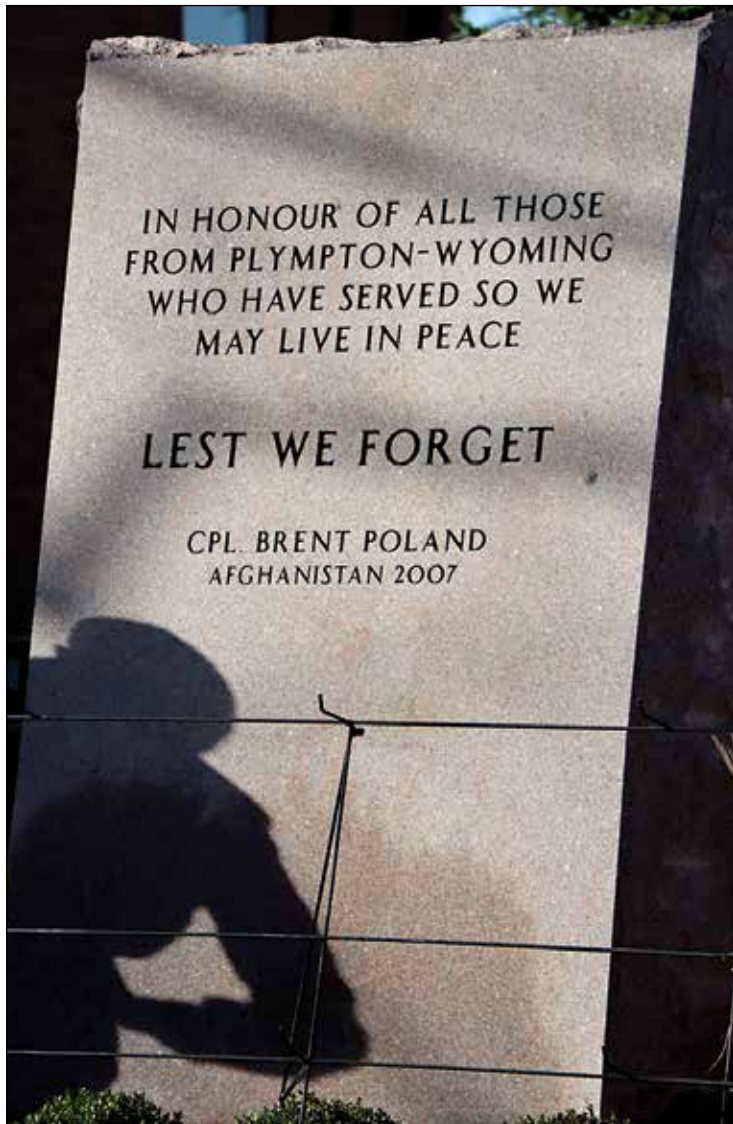
Mandi Pearson
Clerk, Town of Petrolia

A weekend to Remember in Camlachie



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS

Residents of Camlachie paused to remember the eight people from their community who died in wars around the globe. About 150 people walked from the community centre to the cenotaph, stopped to observe the moment of silenced, watched as the COPA Flight 7's 403 Honour Flight few overhead and laid wreaths in honour of those who had given the ultimate sacrifice. The Wyoming Legion helps the Huron Shores Optimist with the annual remembrance. The Wyoming Legion will be hosting another service Nov. 11 at 10:45 am at the cenotaph on Erie Street.



Homelessness summit coming

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton County will be organizing a summit on homelessness early in 2023 bringing all of the organizations who work with people in crisis and politicians to find ways to improve the help provided.

In April, county staff estimated there were 170 people who were homeless in the county with 50 sleeping outside without shelter.

The provincial and federal governments have provided more funding to help – during the pandemic, Lambton received over \$11.6 million in funding for emergency shelter.

But, in a report to county councillors in October, officials say there are still many people without homes, including 52 in August who were sleeping in the rough. “The scarcity of affordable, safe housing and the low Social Assistance rates that have not seen an increase since 2017 exacerbate the situation. Further, the opioid crisis and untreated mental health concerns have a cyclical relationship with experiences of homelessness and have compounded the crisis.”

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley asked for the summit saying in the past, summits on the economy and energy produced results.

Bradley says while plans are already in place to help people living rough, says the summit will be “the bringing together many of the people in the community, many organizations and starting to have a discussion on these issues and how we’re going to get through this winter.

“I think, from anecdotal information, that we need to up our game. And we need to have a lot of groups talking to each other. And I can tell you in the urban area, there’s still a lack of understanding of what the role of the county is, and its key critical issues on the funding.”

St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold agreed, adding MPs and MPPs have to be involved in the discussion, particularly since the federal government recently announced up to 500,000 immigrants will be coming to Canada by 2025.

“When you start looking at bringing in the amount of people that will fill the city of Windsor year, over year over year, and yet there’s not the money for the infrastructure to back that up, whether it’s doctors, hospitals, schools, or any of those things, we have an issue that’s got to be addressed. And I think the only way we’re going to have an address locally is make sure that our MPs are here with us going through this process,” says Arnold. In Lambton

- Over 2,600 shelter stays have been supported through Lambton emergency housing system
- Over 1,230 individuals have stayed in emergency housing
- The county helped 529 individuals find homes
- 311 individuals experiencing homelessness moved to more permanent housing
- 268 individuals placed into permanent housing
- 158 secured or maintained housing through the Rental Assistance Program.

Lambton philanthropist remembered

Heather Wright
The Independent

One of the people behind the charitable foundation which has supported countless Lambton County projects has passed away.

Judith Alix who with her husband, Norm, founded the Alix Foundation, passed away Saturday. Norm died in 2014.

Alix was a registered nurse until the birth of her son, Joe. According to her obituary, Alix loved supporting her son by driving him and his teammates to their out of town games. “She was the ultimate sports mom to many.” Alix also had a love for horses, dogs, art, music, sports and photography.

She was also Norm’s business partner at Steeplejack Services. They set up the Judith and Norman Alix Foundation saying they wanted to express their gratitude to the community that helped grow their business.

The obituary states Alix “loved living in Sarnia-Lambton and was proud to support the Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery.” It was the foundation’s donation which kick started the campaign to renovate the downtown building which is now the gallery’s home. Warden Kevin Marriott paid

Judith and Norman Alix

tribute to Alix in a news release saying; “She will be remembered for her genuine, charitable, and spirited nature with which she carried herself every day. Her life has touched the lives of nearly everyone within our community, and her legacy will stand as an example to all of us to inspire, build, and maintain a caring community.”

Over the years, the Alix Foundation has supported all kinds of community projects – everything from bleachers for the county’s fairs to special use vehicles for the medically fragile, refurbishing sports field – including Alix Field at Norm Perry Park – to festivals and books.


Since it was formed, the foundation has given \$4.6 million to 27 projects in Lambton County.

CAMP CLEAN UP



PHOTO CREDIT

Petrolia Scouts took a special interest in the environment at Camp Attawandaron recently. The troupe worked on things like hiking, tree clean up, and learning about honey bees during their first weekend of camping in nearly three years. Scout leaders said it was the first time for many of the group.



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MOE says daily inspector ‘above the standard’

Heather Wright
The Independent

Warwick Township and Waste Management have not yet been able to convince the Ministry of Environment to provide a full-time inspector for Ontario’s largest landfill. The township has been pressuring the MOE for years, explains CAO Amanda Gubbels. “Part of the community commitment agreement between Waste Management and the township was that Waste Management would fund a full time inspector from the Ministry of Environment,” she says adding it went well for several years until the Ontario Liberals were in power. “And then, seemingly, independently on their own accord, the Ministry of Environment revisited the provision of a full time inspector at this site...(and) decreased the inspections independ-

ently. Their argument was...it was a standard not provided in other municipalities have a landfills of a similar size, and was above and beyond the regulated oversight provided by the ministry.” As Waste Management looks for an expansion of the site, the township and the company have taken up the cause again, recently meeting with the MOE to press the matter. But Gubbels says the ministry’s position hasn’t changed. “It’s been communicated with the municipality that full time inspection does not is above the regulated requirement,” she says. Currently, the inspector is on site once a week. Gubbels says township council will continue to appeal to the ministry for a full-time seven-day a week inspector as the environmental approval process for the expansion continues.

Armstrong, Deans, call out mayor’s arena comments

Heather Wright
The Independent

It was a familiar subject as the Brooke-Alvinston council met for the last time. Councillor Jamie Armstrong asked municipal staff about the progress of phase two of the Alvinston Optimist arena renovation project. The project was one of the central issues during the municipal election which saw Mayor Dave Ferguson, who felt extensive renovations were not needed, hold off a challenge from Armstrong, who had been championing the project even before he was elected to council in 2018. Armstrong wanted to know if more progress on the project had been made. Public Works Manager Randy Hills said an engineer has looked at the design and the building and trying to determine if a sprinkler system is needed in phase two or three. Originally, it was expected a firewall would be built in phase two, but Hills says the sprinkler system might be needed in the third phase so it may be a wise investment earlier instead. Armstrong also urged Ferguson - who stated election night that he felt his win showed many in the community didn’t feel the need to continue the arena project - to come to an Optimist meeting and learn more about the project. “I don’t mind the shots on me, but the Optimist Club is one of the largest volunteer organizations in Alvinston. And they were never planning on spending, the amount of money that I heard on the street. And the upgrades to the arena it was never going to be tax dollars that was spent on it.” Councillor Wayne Deans added he found Ferguson’s comments “distasteful” toward the Optimists and said the mayor should have “thought before speaking.” “I do think before speaking,” Ferguson said adding “I think a lot of things, but I keep quiet and I control my temper.” And with that, the last meeting of council was adjourned. The new council will be sworn in at a ceremony at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre upper hall Nov. 15 at 4 pm.

Women share 20 years of camp tales

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

It sounds like a simple task. A group of female canoeists have been paddling all day and are famished, when they set up camp that night. It was decided they would make macaroni and cheese for supper that night. It is dark and everyone hungrily eats the meal. It isn’t until the next morning in the light of day that the women discover the unopened cheese packages, which were not used in the preparation of the previous night’s meals. This is the type of story, which is apart of Canoe Adventures, a booklet compiled by a group of women who have been enjoying canoe trips for the last 20 years. One of the women, Julie Whitely explained all of the women were Girl Guide leaders who went on their first canoe trip 20 years ago. The group would take one trip a year with between six and

eight members a part of each excursion. Canoe trips have taken place in such locales as Killarney and Algonquin provincial parks. The idea for the book came out of Whitely’s involvement with Toastmasters, as she was in need of a high performance leadership project. The book includes the itinerary of the group’s many trips, stories, recipes and many canoeing dos and don’ts. Whitely hopes it will be of interest for anyone who likes to go on canoe trips. Canoe Adventures will be available at the Book Keeper in Sarnia on Saturday, Nov. 12. It is being sold for \$10, with \$5 going to printing the booklet, with the other half being donated to the Women’s Interval Home of Sarnia-Lambton.



Julie Whitely

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Sports

Squires rally to beat first place Seaforth ending winning streak

Barry Wright
The Independent

The Petrolia Squires rallied from a three-goal third period deficit to beat the previously unbeaten Seaforth Centenaries, 6-5 in overtime last Saturday in the midwestern Ontario town. The defending “AA” champions were a perfect 6-0 going into the contest against the Squires. Tallies in the final frame by Zach VanEyk, Brandon Merritt and Kole Keating set the stage for Kraig

Wright’s game winner in the extra period. Keating and Curtis Helps had scored early in the game for Petrolia. The Squires, now 3-0 on the road and 5-2 overall, are at home Friday for the back end of a home-and-home series with the Centenaries. Puck drop at Greenwood is 8:30. Petrolia takes on the Royals in Tavistock Saturday at 7:30. The Squires’ scheduled home game with Minto last Friday was postponed and rescheduled for Jan. 18.

Flags, Flyers make prospect game mark

The Independent

Evan Morningstar of the Petrolia Flyers scored a goal and Jace Dupuis of the Mooretown Flags registered an assist in Team West’s 4-3 win over Team North in the PJHL Prospects game in Mitchell.

Dylan Campbell of the Flyers was also on the West roster for the Nov. 5 game. Owen Campbell of the Dresden Jr. Kings had two goals for the West squad, including the winner with less than two minutes to play in regulation time.

Flags split two with Blenheim Blades

The Independent

Saturday was a long but productive day for Jace Dupuis of the Mooretown Flags. After participating in the league’s prospect game earlier in the day, he returned home and scored the winner as the Flags got by Blenheim, 4-3 on Saturday night at the Walpole Island. The winning goal came about three-and-a-half minutes after Gavin Black had tied the contest. Brody Genyn and Logan Gardner also scored

for Mooretown. On Sunday, Masen Flett had the Flags’ only goal, a shorthanded tally in the third period, in a 2-1 loss to the Blades in Chatham-Kent. Mooretown is on a bye week and next will play the Junior Kings at Dresden on Nov. 18. Meantime, Genyn has been named the Stobbs Division Player of the Month for October. He had seven goals and five assists in five games last month.

HOME WIN



PHOTO CREDIT

Noah Harse’s goal midway through the third period lifted the Flyers to a 4-4 tie with Exeter. Dylan Campbell, Joey Hayter and Parker Davidson also scored for Petrolia with all three registering their first career PJHL goal in the process. Evan Morningstar had two assists and Elijah Grant made 31 stops in the Flyer goal. A night later, Petrolia lost 3-0 in Mt. Brydges. The game was scoreless until late in the second period when the Bulldogs opened the scoring. They added two more goals in the third period. Grant made 40 saves in taking the goaltending loss. The Petrolia Flyers are home to the PJHL’s Yeck Division-leading Thamesford Trojans Thursday night at Greenwood. Game time is 7:30.

GOLDEN EAGLES



SUBMITTED PHOTO

East Lambton edged Iderton, 2-1 to win the U18 C division crown at the Olympics tournament in Strathroy. The Eagles had one 3-0 in preliminary round play. They are now 6-0-1 overall on the season. They host St. Marys on Friday night in Alvinston at 9:30. Meantime The Mooretown U15’s won the bronze medal at the Strathroy Olympics tournament on the weekend. The Flags downed Aylmer, 3-1 in the third-place contest. Overall, Mooretown was 2-2-1 over the three-day affair.

Thomson, Phillies dream season over

The clock struck midnight on Rob Thomson and the Philadelphia Phillies in game six of the World Series last Saturday. They lost 4-1 in Houston giving the Astros the Fall Classic, four games to two. Philly ended the season on a three-game losing streak.

Overall, Thomson led Philadelphia to a 76-52 record (.594 winning percentage) including 11 postseason wins after he took over from the fired Joe Girardi in June. The Sarnia-born and Corunna-raised skipper was recently rewarded with a new two-year contract by the Phillies

Championship win

Watford’s Evan Van Gorp and Hayden Duncan of Alvinston were part of the Elgin Middlesex Canucks squad that won the 18U championship at the CCM World Invite tournament in Chicago last weekend. The Canucks won all six of its games including a 2-1 win over the Tri-State Spartans in the final on Sunday



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Legionnaires fall to Komoka Kings

The Independent

Ethan Everaert made 45 saves for the Sarnia Legionnaires in Komoka Saturday, but it was enough as the hometown Kings beat the Legion, 5-4 in overtime.

Plympton-Wyoming’s Ryan Richardson and Sting prospects Sean Doherty each had a goal

and an assist for Sarnia. Jaxon Priddle and Brayden Degelas had the others.

The Legionnaires fell 7-1 to St. Marys Thursday with the Lincolns breaking open a close contest with five unanswered goals in the third period.

Sarnia is at home to Chatham Thursday and will entertain Leamington on Saturday. Both

games are scheduled for 7:10 at the Pat Stapleton Arena.

Meantime, Oil Springs’ William Hull drew an assist and former Legionnaire Matthew Balloch scored as Strathroy upset London, 3-2. The Rockets won it with three unanswered goals in the third period.

Camlachie’s Ross wins provincial soccer crown

The Independent

Sean Ross and his McMaster University Marauders beat Toronto Metropolitan University (former Ryerson), 1-nil last weekend to capture the Ontario men’s university soccer title.

The Northern grad, from Camlachie, drew an assist in a 3-nil win over Nipissing in the semi-finals earlier in the week.

McMaster is ranked fourth for the eight-team national championship hosted by Thompson Rivers University in



Kamloops, BC this week. The Marauders open the nationals on Thursday against the fifth-

ranked host team. McMaster has won six straight games.

LCCVI’s Shaw, Grant crack top 25 at provincials

The Independent

Runners from LCCVI cracked the top 25 at the provincial high school cross country championships in Uxbridge on

Saturday.

Charlie Shaw was 18th in the senior boys’ race and James Grant was 24th in the novice boys’ competition.

Shaw finished his 6K race

in a time of 20:47.70. Grant’s time over his 4K course3 was 15:05.59.

To qualify, Grant was second in the novice boys’ race at the SWOSSA event at Malden

Sting’s Hatcher honoured

Sarnia Sting co-owner and president Derian Hatcher has been inducted into the newly formed Dallas Stars Hall of Fame.

Hatcher, originally the eighth overall pick by the Minnesota North Stars in 1990, played

more than one thousand games over 16 seasons in the NHL mostly with the Dallas Stars after the North Stars relocated to Texas from Minnesota.

He won the Stanley Cup with the Stars in 1999



Derian Hatcher

FLYING BEES



CHRYSTAL BRESSETTE/KILLER BEES PHOTO

The Alvinston Killer Bees’ winless streak has now reached four games after a 5-2 loss to Stratford. Tye Johnson and Cam Rombouts had given the Bees a 2-1 lead early in the second period, but the visitors tied the game in the final minute of the middle frame and added three unanswered goals in the third for the two points. Two of the three third period goals came late in the period. Alvinston will host Elora in its annual Hockey Fights Cancer contest Saturday at 6:30.

ABBREVIATED AD Pursuant to *Municipal Tax Sale Rules Section 5(4)*



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF OIL SPRINGS

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 24, 2022, at the Oil Springs Municipal Office, 4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 38 18 000 010 21200 0000; 4590 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs; PIN 43498-0130 (LT); File 21-01;
Minimum tender amount: \$69,617.91

2. Roll No. 38 18 000 010 11907 0000; RICHMOND ST; PIN 43499-0369 (LT); File 21-02;
Minimum tender amount: \$7,055.93

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2007* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.oilsprings.ca or you may contact Martha Gawley, Clerk-Treasurer, The Corporation of the Village of Oil Springs, 4591 Oil Springs Line, PO Box 22, Oil Springs, ON N0N 1P0, Phone: 519-834-2939, Email: clerk@oilsprings.ca

The Town Of

PLYMPTON-WYOMING



WINTER MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Overnight Parking Notice

There is no overnight parking on roads between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. November 15th to March 15th each year. This allows for the Town's road crews to plow the roads safely and efficiently. We ask that you please cooperate and be considerate of the road crews when they are out doing their best to keep our roads open and in safe condition for emergency services. Vehicles that are not in compliance will be given a first-time warning and then towed if still not in compliance.

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www.plympton-wyoming.com



Employment Opportunity

Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Public Works Department

The Municipality is seeking applications for the following position:

Labourer / Grader / Backhoe / Truck Heavy Equipment Operator

This is a full time position reporting to the Lead Hand / Public Works Manager, with duties in the Public Works Department. The rate of pay will be \$25.02- \$29.02 /hour pending experience and performance. Full benefits and pension plan are included with this position.

Applicants are required to have valid Ontario “DZ” drivers licence and experience in grader operations as well as other heavy equipment.

The qualified person will assist the Public Works Department in the construction and maintenance of all municipal roads, bridges, culverts and other road works within the guidelines of municipal policy and under the direction of the Lead Hand / Public Works Manager. Responsible for operating heavy equipment in a safe and appropriate manner including trucks, front end loaders, dozers, graders and other pieces of equipment. Cleaning and maintenance of equipment is required.

A detailed job description can be found on our website at www.brookealvinston.com

If you are interested in this position, please submit your resume with covering letter to the undersigned by Friday, Nov. 18, 2022 – 12 Noon

Jamie Butler, Lead Hand
Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston
3236 River Street, P O Box 28, Alvinston, Ontario N0N 1A0
Phone 519-898-2173 Email: jbutler@brookealvinston.com

All applications will be held in strict confidence. We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for employment assessment purposes only.

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Notices

Petrolia & Enniskillen Ag Society

CASH DRAW WINNERS

\$1,000 – Bev Woolaver | \$300 – Mathew Krall
\$200 – Diane O'Dell | \$100 – Jen Scott
\$25 – Dawn Krall, Jean Bradshaw, Jason Mullins, Rick Pinter, Tim Williams, Elaine Dobbin, Richard Bradley, Kim Wilkins, Cherie Johnson, Jason Migchels, Omer May, Kim McPhail, Doug McLean, Jason Eves, John McCharles, Lorne McEwen, Diane Syer, Chad Wright, Bob Stevenson, Emily Laker, Dennis Laker, Michael John Kooy, Becky Phillips, Tom Abraham, Sandra Williams, Jim Jardine, Mark Dunlop, Helen Kucera, Tom Sinclair, Jim Krall, and Charlie Conrod.

Winner of the bar refrigerator at the Petrolia & Enniskillen Fall Fair was Ken Simpson.

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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.

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1985 FORD CROWN VICTORIA

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Obituary



DAYMAN

Lyle Austin

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at C.E.E. Hospital of Blue-water Health, Petrolia, Lyle Austin Dayman passed away at the age of 90. Survived by his beloved wife Joyce Dayman (nee Hall). Predeceased by his son, the late Kevin Dayman (Cathy), and survived by his daughters, Joan (Ron) Karr, Karen (Peter) Benusik, Lois (Gregg) Elliott, and Eric (Laurie) Dayman, his grandchildren, Adam, Aaron, Iain, Jason, Matthew, Jozeph, Suzie, Jessie, Corrie, Brittany, Kallie, and Jonathon.

Lyle is survived by a brother Vern Dayman and predeceased by sister Susie Kilbreth and brother Jim Dayman and Gerald Dayman. Lyle is survived a brother-in-law Jim Hall and predeceased brother-in-law Carl Hall. Lyle was retired from Polysar where he worked for over 40 years.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. from Wyoming Chapel of Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 650 Broadway St., Wyoming. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to a food bank of your choice. Memories may be shared at www.needhamjay.com.

BOERSMA

William "Bill"

Peacefully, on November 6, 2022 at Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia, William "Bill" Boersma passed away at the age of 84. He is survived by his siblings, Bernice (the late Harry) Vanruitenburg, Mel (Anita) Boersma, Ymko (Maggie) Boersma and brother-in-law Phillip Beiboer. He will be fondly remembered by 17 nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents William and Jane Boersma, and his sister Vicki Beiboer.



Coming Events

Watford Warwick Horticultural Society is offering a CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT at their ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Wed. Nov 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The event will take place at the New ELCC (Watford Arena) and includes Pizza dinner plus treats. Cost is \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non members (which includes membership to WWHS). Please RSVP by Nov 11 to our FB page or Lucy 519-636-1161 or Holly 226-402-0116..

FUNDRAISER TO ASSIST A HOMELESS VETERAN – Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction with all proceeds to assist the Veteran. Hosted by: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216 Petrolia and Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday November 19 2022. Doors open at 5 pm and Dinner served at 6 pm. Silent Auction closes at 8:30 pm Menu: spaghetti, garlic bread, Caesar salad, dessert all for \$20 per person. Join us at the Petrolia Legion - 4129 Glenview Road, Petrolia. Tickets available at the bar or please call 519-882-1201 to arrange purchase.

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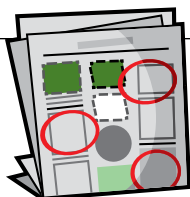


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Happy 90th Birthday Mom
(Erma Wright)

When you celebrate today, November 9th, we hope that your heart is filled with love, joy and all the precious memories. Birthday blessings to you today and the year to come.

(Birthday greeting cards can be sent or dropped off at Meadowview Villa in Petrolia)

Love your daughters and their families, Robin, Barb and Bonnie

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Card of Thanks

Thank you

The family of **Joan King** would like to express their sincere thanks for the cards, food, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy shown following Mom's passing.

We send our gratitude and appreciation to Needham-Jay Funeral Home, the King family, the pallbearers and our flower bearer, Camlachie United Church, Rev's Carey Wagner and David Van Patter, Forest Florists and Vision Nursing Home - Huron Crescent staff. Your many acts of kindness and support continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

October 26th will be a special day in our hearts forever!!

Coming Events

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Church DIRECTORY

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414 Oil Street, Petrolia

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Rev. Dave Hewett
Church Office 519-882-1430
christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

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In-Person Services
Sundays
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Pastor Katherine Hawley

FLORENCE REMEMBERS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS

About 40 people paused in Florence Sunday to remember those who served Canada during wartime. The Thamesville Legion branch normally organized the event however as members age, the branch stepped away from the extra service this year. Dawn-Euphemia firefighters stepped up to provide a time for the community to reflect with Rev Bruce Cook of the Shetland United Church. He spoke about the Newfoundland Regiment which was decimated in the battle of Beaumont-Hamel. Veteran's Affairs says "The losses sustained by the Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1, 1916, were staggering. Of the some 800 Newfoundlanders who went into battle that morning, only 68 were able to answer the roll call the next day, with more than 700 killed, wounded or missing. The dead included 14 sets of brothers, including four lieutenants from the Ayre family of St. John's." Cook says before the British began using the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, the people in Newfoundland put three blue forget-me-not together to mark the horrific loss each year.



New rules may limit development fees

Heather Wright
The Independent

The province wants to “freeze and reduce government charges” to spur new home growth and Petrolia’s mayor isn’t sure how that will affect the local discussion about development charges. The province recently introduced the More Homes Built Faster Act, hoping to reduce regulations the Conservatives say slow housing development. Part of the act says the government will be “freezing and reducing government charges to spur new home construction and reduce the costs of housing.” Petrolia is one of the few communities in southern Ontario which does not charge development fees, however the last council had discussed spending \$25,000 for a study of the concept. Development fees are paid by the builders to help pay for the costs of future growth when new residences are built. They pay for things such as water and sewer as well as services like libraries and firefighting equipment which are needed because of growth. Critics say the fees are simply added onto the cost of a home, making them

less affordable. The legislation, Mayor Brad Loosley says, encourages the building of affordable housing by banning the fees from lower cost housing. “That’s probably a good idea, in my opinion,” he tells *The Independent* adding “I think the whole concern that many municipalities will have is, again, this shift on financial growth related to the infrastructure will be passed on back to the taxpayers.” But whether the town moves forward to look into the problems or benefits of development fees will be up to the council And Loosley says it may have to wait until the legislation is clear. “If you’re going to get a study done, you want to make sure the study is based on all the new changes. But that will be up to council, whether they want to do it now or wait to waiting until the changes are all made, which I think would be the ideal time to do it.” The new council meets for the first time Nov. 15 for its inaugural meeting however the new council doesn’t get down to business - with a possible discussion about the fees - until Nov. 28.

FROM ONE WARDEN TO ANOTHER



PHOTO CREDIT

Former Warden Bill Weber congratulates former Warden and St. Clair Township's long-time Mayor Steve Arnold on his retirement Tuesday. Arnold has served the community 37 years, first as a Sombra Township councillor. He had been mayor since 2006.

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