

Crown Royal expected to begin building in August

Heather Wright
The Independent

St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar says construction on a \$245 million carbon neutral distillery should begin in August. Distillery giant Diageo announced March 9, 2022 it purchased 400 acres in St. Clair Township at the corner of Highway 40 and Moore Line near Nova Chemicals to build the plant which will produce up to 20 million litres of alcohol annually. It includes a distillery as well as blending and warehousing operations.

The company began looking at the area three years before making the announcement.

Diageo's St. Clair Distillery will join the company's existing Canadian manufacturing operations in Amherstburg, Ontario, Gimli, Manitoba, and Valleyfield, Quebec.

The St. Clair plant is expected to take three years to build as the company pushes for a carbon-neutral facility.

Construction was anticipated to begin in the second half of 2022 with the distillery could be operational in 2025. But Agar, speaking to *The Independent* after the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce's State of Lambton County event, said the company is still in the planning stages and likely will be ready to turn the sod of St. Clair in August.

Agar said the township met with the company last week to



Diageo is expected to turn the sod on its \$245 million Crown Royal Plant at the corner of Moore Line and Highway 40 this summer.

discuss their site plan. It will come before council before construction can begin.

Agar says the construction of the plant is expected to employ 400 people.

The plant itself may have as many as 300 employees, he added.

When the build was first announced officials estimated employment around 80 people.

Agar is hopeful the construction of the state of the art plant will be a driver for St. Clair's, drawing more industry beyond petrochemical companies to some of the only industrial land available in Ontario.

ON THE ATTACK



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The Lambton Attack's Mya Beaudion was on the attack against Lucan in the U15 playoffs in Watford on the weekend. The U15s beat Lucan 3-1 in Watford and again 3-1 in Lucan Sunday.

External investigation into Plympton-Wyoming administrators underway

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Gary Atkinson says there is an external body investigating as two of the town's top administrators are on leave.

Fire Chief Darryl Thompson is on administrative leave and Chief Administrative Officer Carolyn Tripp is on medical leave.

Both went on leave in mid-February. Council held a special in camera meeting Feb. 15 to deal with the issue but at the time,

the mayor wouldn't confirm any details around the reasons for their leaves at that time.

Tuesday, Atkinson confirmed there was an investigation going on by an outside firm, however he would not say if it was being done by a legal or human resources

firm.

Atkinson added Chief Scott Jordan has been named the Acting Chief in Thompson's absence. The mayor says under fire regulations it is necessary to name an acting chief. The town also named temporary members to the Emergency

Coordinator role.

It's not clear how long Thompson will remain on administrative leave, nor could Atkinson say if the investigation was complete or how long it would be before details surrounding the administrators leaves would be made public.

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Conservation areas could change hands

Heather Wright
The Independent

New provincial rules make it easier to transfer two parks from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority to the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

But the rules have also sparked a conversation about the all land owned by the authority.

Plympton-Wyoming has been trying to reclaim both McEwen Conservation Area and Highland Glen but it hasn't been easy.

Plympton-Wyoming requested McEwen Park be turned over five years ago. At the time, politicians weren't satisfied they were getting the most for the \$12,000 they contributed to the maintenance of the park.

The former township of Plympton turned over what was then called Plympton Park to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority in the 1980s for \$1. It also turned over Highland Glen. The idea was the conservation authority was better equipped to care for the lakefront park.

But over time, Plympton-Wyoming paid the majority of the costs to maintain the park even though the conservation authority does the work.

The town has an operating agreement for McEwen, but provincial approval to officially turn over the park has not been received yet.

While that process was in place, the town asked for Highland Glen to be turned over to the municipality after concerns the boat launch had not been repaired.

It was out of commission for nearly three years while the conservation authority studied what should be done and eventually turned down the solution which was presented.

Plympton-Wyoming now has an operating agreement for Highland Glen and has completed repairs on the boat ramp.

It's now working on upgrading the parking lot and fixing the on site washrooms. It too remains in limbo with the province.

But St. Clair Region Conservation Authority General Manager Ken Phillips says part of the Build More Homes Faster Act may help move the process along.

In a report to the board, Phillips says "following recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, Minister's approval is no longer required."

Phillips says the conservation authority will have to hold a public consultation for 45 days. Those comments will be included in a written notice sent to the minister at least 90 days before the land will be turned

over.

Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Gary Atkinson hopes this will finally result in the town actually owning the parks.

"If there's a public process where the public has an opportunity to comment on that, I do expect that it will be fairly favorable that you won't have anyone saying no, don't transfer this land," says Atkinson.

"People are looking forward to number one, a facility or a place that they can go with their family. And also as well, the boat launching, that seems to be something that they're that's been talked about that a lot of people are looking forward to."

The new rules have also prompted Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad to ask for the conservation authority to consider turning the Shetland Conservation Authority back to the municipality.

It was turned over to the authority in the 1960s with the intent that it be continued to be used by the community as a park. In 2020, Dawn-Euphemia council asked to take it over again, but was denied.

"My council's question is why? What's the difference between giving (Plympton-Wyoming) those two properties? My council asked for the Shetland Park and it was denied," says Broad.

He asked administration for a report on the issue. But Petrolia Mayor Brad Loosley wanted a broader approach taken.

"I think they should also look at other areas that - maybe like those properties - that the conservation really doesn't have a lot of concern with, to look at any other possible properties that they could maybe be passed over."

Municipalities are asking for the conservation areas just as the province - in the same legislation - tells conservation authorities they may lose some of their property to housing.

As part of the Building More Homes Faster Act, conservation authorities have to submit a list of lands suitable for development of housing to the province. It's believed the province could force the bodies to sell the land to developers to accomplish the goal of building 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years.

Phillips has been raising that issue with municipal governments during a tour he's been making of the member municipalities. But, he has told local leaders the St. Clair Region has very little land that could be ripe for development.

He suspects if conservation land is used for housing, it would be in the Greater Toronto Area.

PW to help pay to stop home flooding

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming will spend \$100,000 to help reduce the chance of homes flooding during large rainfalls. And the people who waded through water last summer are first in line for a fix.

July 19, 67 millimeters of rain fell in an hour in Wyoming - 86.9 millimeters through the whole storm - flooding streets across the village. While much of it drained away, around the Baptist Church on Broadway Street, water lapped up onto driveways and into basements taking hours to dissipate.

Officials say the heavy rain was made worse because some older homes have sump pumps hooked into the sanitary sewers and do not have a backwater valve, which stops water from entering the home to the sump pump.

"Removing sump pumps from the sanitary sewer will reduce the likelihood of the sew-

er becoming overwhelmed during a rainfall event. The installation of a backwater valve will reduce the risk of sewage entering into a dwelling if a sanitary sewer becomes overwhelmed," writes Adam Sobanski, director of public works, in report to council.

Town council has now approved a \$100,000 fund to help get the process started.

People who were flooded out in July will be first in line for up to \$3,000 to have sump pumps removed from the sanitary sewers and have the backwater valve installed. The report to council says local contractors estimate the work could cost a homeowner anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Sobanski says homes built before Oct. 2018, will be eligible for the program.

"Staff also recommends the grant program initially be made available only to properties in high risk areas of the municipality that have a history of wastewater back ups."

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The Projects are subject to the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for Minor Transmission Facilities (MTF). The MTF Class EA is a process for projects anticipated to have a predictable range of environmental effects that can feasibly be mitigated with protection measures in place. The MTF Class EA process contains screening provisions that may apply to this Project. Subject to the outcome of the MTF Class EA process, the planned in-service date is May 2025.

Consultation with Indigenous communities, and engagement with landowners, government agencies, the general public, and other interested persons is an integral component of the planning process. As such an in-person Public Meeting will be held:

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Mooretown, ON

A questionnaire will be available as part of the Public Meeting, and you will have the opportunity to provide comments and/or questions about the proposed Projects. We kindly request that any input and comments regarding the Projects are provided by April 14, 2023.



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Editorial

Key to conservation

It seems conservation areas are a hot commodity in Lambton County.

And it may be key to keeping the lands in their natural state.

Plympton-Wyoming has been working with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for years trying to get McEwen Conservation Area and Highland Glen Conservation Area turned back to the town. The municipality was paying for the upkeep of the parks in their community, but felt they could do more to make it a place where families would spend time.

But the process is long and arduous. The town is already looking after the parks under a special arrangement with the conservation authority, but the provincial government has yet to give its formal stamp of approval. In the case of McEwen Conservation Area - it has been nearly five years in the making.

But the province’s Building More Homes Faster Act may actually move the process along. Conservationists are no fans of the act which strips conservation authorities of much of their regulatory oversight and offers up protected land for housing. But the act also includes a new process to move conservation lands into different hands.

Instead of requests for land transfers laying endlessly on a ministers desk, conservation authorities can strike deals, hold public consultations for 45 days and then inform the province of their decision 90 days before it happens.

We believe the province hoped that would speed up the process to sell the land to developers and get more homes built faster - as the Act suggests.

But in Lambton, it may actually be a new way of protecting conservation land. Municipalities - who see the benefit of keeping the land in public hands for public use - are interested in becoming caretakers of the properties. Dawn-Euphemia has been asking for Shetland Conservation Area for a while now, too.

The municipalities aren’t looking to build houses, they’re looking to preserve the land.

It would be a little ironic if the act which may devastate conserved properties would actually preserve them instead - at least in Lambton County.

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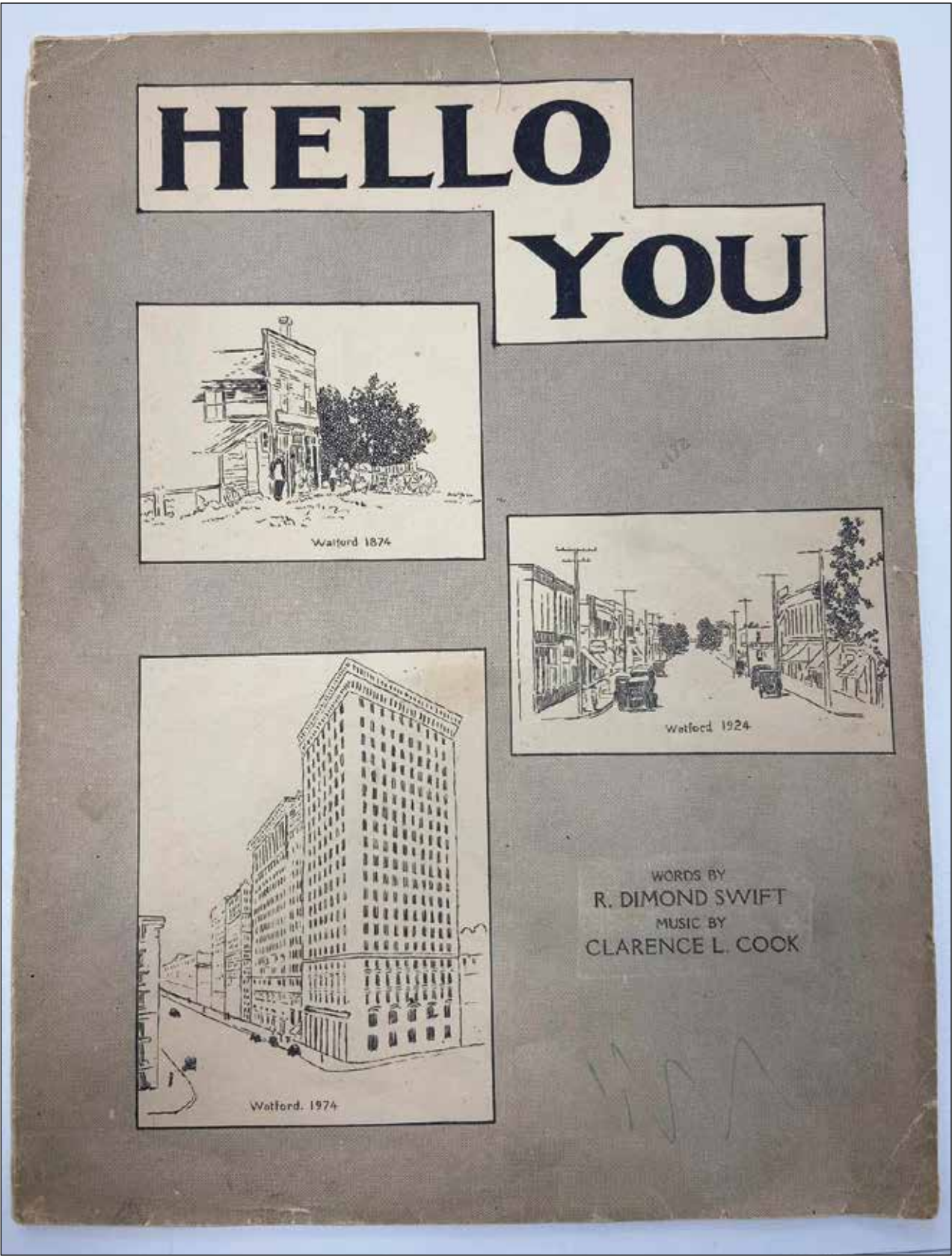
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Opinion

Rural communities need homelessness help

EDITOR: The Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (WOWC) joined the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with municipalities on efforts to increase the supply of housing, and to tackle the growing homelessness crisis in Ontario.

These are both top-of-mind issues for municipalities across Ontario, including the 15 members of the WOWC and the 300 communities they represent across rural Southwestern Ontario.

Specifically, the WOWC has emphasized that solutions are particularly required in small and rural communities, where a lack of access to affordable and attainable housing as well as to adequate community health services are major barriers to reducing poverty and homelessness.

“The WOWC has expressed its desire to collaborate directly with the provincial government on these important matters, and we have presented a series of recommendations based on significant research conducted with regional stakeholders over the past year,” explained WOWC Chair Glen McNeil. “These include permanent, predictable funding for

mental health and addictions; increased consultation with rural and small urban municipalities regarding housing legislation; and measures to address and better prepare for future workforce gaps.”

Bill 23 limits municipal access to infrastructure financing – a cost to Ontario property taxpayers of \$1 billion a year, according to AMO. The municipal sector is looking for the provincial government to clarify how it will offset these costs for property taxpayers and commit to reversing legislative measures that create unintended consequences. There are risks to eliminating environmental protections or weakening municipal governance.

AMO’s pre-budget submission also highlights that the Government of Ontario’s per capita spending on programming is the lowest in Canada at \$2,000 less per person than the national average. It states the homelessness crisis in Ontario is a direct result of decades of provincial under investment in areas such as affordable housing, community mental health and income assistance programs.

“As homelessness continues to rise, municipalities – particularly small

and rural ones – need more support from upper levels of government to solve this important issue. The WOWC is adamant that its research and its recommendations will serve as a model for the entire province, and we plan to continue our advocacy over the coming months to ensure that rural and small urban Western Ontario receives the support and recognition it deserves,” stated Chair McNeil.

In adopting a resolution to support AMO’s campaign, the WOWC is therefore joining its municipal partners in calling on the Government of Ontario to heed AMO’s recommendations to end homelessness, by: increasing the supply of deeply affordable housing through a variety of approaches from rent subsidies to property acquisitions; increasing financial assistance to individuals and families and fulfilling the government’s promise to transform its social assistance system; and investing in health services, community-based mental health services, supportive housing, and addictions services.

Kate Burns Gallagher
Executive Director, Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus

Ontario leaves disabled literally ‘without a leg to stand on’

EDITOR: The Ontario government recently touted a win when it announced that recipients of the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) could now earn more money from working, without their ODSP support being affected.

But for Ontarians with the most severe disabilities, including amputees, it’s status quo amidst the skyrocketing cost of living.

What the government misses completely is that amputees receiving ODSP simply cannot work – let alone work more – without the artificial arms or legs needed for basic tasks such as walking, dressing or holding objects.

Thanks to outdated funding models from the Ontario government, these crucial artificial limbs are often impossible to afford for ODSP recipients, leaving amputees literally without a leg to stand on.

While Ontario’s Assistive Devices Program (ADP) states “75 per cent coverage” for artificial limbs, this coverage is based on outdated prosthetic costs.

In reality, ADP covers only about 20 per cent of the cost of an artificial limb for the average Ontarian.

As a first step to alleviate this double whammy against amputees, ODSP must be increased to be on par with

other provinces. At a maximum of \$1,228 per month, Ontario lags behind Quebec (\$1,463), BC (\$1,358) and Alberta (\$1,685).

Better still, the government must recognize that this amount is well below the poverty line and provide a living wage to all persons with disabilities and increased coverage for artificial limbs – it’s the least we owe to Ontario’s most vulnerable and in need.

Annelise Petlock
Director of Advocacy for The War Amps Ontario

Project Thumper to bring new cardiac system to Petrolia

EDITOR: The CEEH Auxiliary, the industrious 112 year-old Petrolia committee, is excited to begin their initiative to raise funds for the purchase of a LUCAS Chest Compression Machine for the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital.

A sub-committee has formed, Project Thumper, and its goal to purchase the LUCAS (Lund University Cardiac Arrest System), a mechanical chest compression device used in resuscitation efforts, has been set for June of this year, but before then it needs the support of the community.

In order to purchase the medical device, the auxiliary will be fundraising within the community, and surrounding areas, including requests for donations from local organizations and businesses, and engaging in future fundraising endeavors such as an upcoming online auction, a clothing rummage fundraiser, and annual events such as Tag Day.

Most excitingly, to kick things off and illustrate the benefits of the LUCAS machine, the CEEH Auxiliary has arranged for a demonstration of the medical device to take place on March

24th at the Royal Canadian Legion in Petrolia from 7pm to 8pm. This demonstration is open to the public and the Auxiliary hopes all will accept the invitation to attend and see what the LUCAS compression machine is all about.

For more information about the Project Thumper initiative, the demonstration of the LUCAS compression machine, or to donate towards the Auxiliary’s efforts, please reach out to ceehauxiliary@gmail.com.

Nicole Newman
CEEH Auxiliary

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Dr. Barry Craig, the principal of Huron University College, told Tristian Nemcek Friday he's received a full scholarship for his university education.

LCCVI student leader wins prestigious scholarship

Heather Wright
The Independent

Tristian Nemcek wasn't sure why LCCVI teacher Jessica McKay wanted him to go to the photocopier room and put on one of her husband's sports jacket. But as it turned out, the surprise that awaited was worth the confusion. The LCCVI senior had a special guest, Dr. Barry Craig, the principal of Huron University College in London. He came to present the student council co-prime minister with the prestigious Hellmuth Scholarship - a full ride for four years of university education. "It's the most prestigious scholarship we offer," said Craig as he handed over the certificate to Nemcek who had just arrived in LCCVI's heritage room dressed in the borrowed jacket.

The university hands out 10 Hellmuth scholarship each year to students apply to the college from across Canada. The scholarship is more than just about grades, Craig said. "We're looking for students with something in here," he said tapping his heart. "Heart and care for others, that's the key." Craig pointed to Nemcek's involvement at LCCVI and as a student trustee with the Lambton-Kent District School Board as well as being involved in all kinds of team sports as part of what set him apart. "Our motto is developing leaders with heart - you already are one." Nemcek was kept in the dark about the announcement as was his family, including LCCVI Principal Greg Nemcek. As Craig welcomed his son to Huron, and offered his card telling him to call

at any time with questions, the senior Nemcek was visibly moved, wiping away a tear or two. After the announcement, Tristan told his family Ms McKay had pulled him aside and told him she wanted him to do something unusual; put on the jacket and go to the photocopying room and wait. He knew something was up when he spotted his mom in the school. Nemcek had only been short listed for the scholarship in February and submitted his final video submission two weeks ago. He plans to take the Bachelor of Management and Organizational Studies at Huron which will include two years at the Ivey School of Business. His dream job is to work in the front office of a professional sports team.

Missing woman believed to have been in London

The Independent

Lambton OPP released more information about a 34 year-old Brooke-Alvinston woman who hasn't been seen since Feb. 2021. OPP issued a news release Friday saying the Crime Unit has been following up on tips about the disappearance of Deana Timms. Police say she

left a home in London in Feb. 2021 with another person. She planned to return to Lambton but Timms has not been seen since. When police first asked for help finding the woman, they said she may have been spotted in Sarnia in August 2021. Police are concerned for her well-being and are continuing to ask the public for help

finding the woman who also has ties to the Watford-area. Police are asking anyone with information about Timms, who is 5'4" and about 120 pounds with brown eyes and hair, to contact the OPP through a dedicated tip line 1-844-677-9402 or by emailing OPP. TIMMS.Missing.Person@opp.ca.



Deana Timms

Warwick explores tax exempt zoning for medical clinic

Heather Wright
The Independent

Warwick is considering changing the zoning for the Watford Medical Clinic. Councillor Wayne Morris brought the issue to council after talking to the doctors at the clinic. "They're getting swamped with property tax," Morris told council. Ken Melanson, Lambton's manager of planning services, says the clinic is in a residential zone but it is an excep-

tion to the zoning. "It is a commercial building for all intents and purposes which was allowed to occur in a residential area," he says. Morris wondered if changing the clinic's zoning might solve some of the tax issues. Institutions do not pay property tax. "If we could eliminate the tax by putting it as institutional, from what I understand, their financial problems would be over," he says. Melanson says clinic isn't included in

the definition of Institutional Zoning. And he says zoning has a purpose, preventing "creeping into a residential neighbourhood to avoid and bringing all the associated implications...like traffic and noise." Council asked staff to investigate with the doctors at the clinic before taking any action. Mayor Todd Case noted the building is owned by a non-profit corporation however it had not asked for a zoning change yet.

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dawn-Euphemia Municipal Office, 4591 Lambton Line, Dresden.

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For further information regarding this sale contact:
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Local Journalism Initiative

The Maple Syrup Festival in Alvinston will look a little different this year. Families won't be able to enjoying delicious pancakes smothered in syrup right after a hike through a sugar bush, since the two events are held on separate weekends. The Maple Syrup Festival at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area will be held March 18 and 19, but the Alvinston Firefighter Association event won't be held until March 25 and 26 due to a scheduling conflict at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre. Back after a three year pandemic hiatus, the trees will be tapped at the conservation area to collect the sweet sap. If the weather cooperates, people might be able to taste the sap straight from the tree according to Donna Blue, manager of communications for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. The event runs from 10 am to 3 pm.. Activities will begin with a 10 to 15 minute hike to the demonstration and activity site. There will also be a hands-on demonstration of maple syrup production, information booths and family friendly activities. Always a big draw is the horse-drawn wagon rides. "It is a nice way to see the park," said Blue. There will be maple syrup for sale at this year's event, to make up for the breakfast not happening on the same weekend. Blue was assured by the Alvinston Firefighters Association this snafu won't happen next year as the association has already booked the space in preparation for next year's festival. The Maple Syrup Festival at the conservation area has been a mainstay in Alvinston since the 1970s, said Blue. In past years, there have been between 700 and 1,000 people who participate in the festivities. Admission is \$10 for every car. People are advised to dress for the weather and for any muddy conditions. Anyone with mobility issues can let the staff at the gate know if they need any assistance.

•THE INDEPENDENT



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The chef falls out of the refridgerator at the feet of Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. White in LCCVI's production of Clue on stage at Victoria Playhouse Friday. This was the first time in a decade the drama club performed a major production.

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DEBORAH DE BOER PHOTO

Employees of Weiland Meats try to corral a cow on Centre Street in Petrolia Thursday morning.

Causing a Cow-motion in Petrolia

Heather Wright
The Independent

There was a little cow-motion on Centre Street in Petrolia.

Drivers were shocked to see a black cow being chased near Weiland Meats March 6 around 9:30 am.

Owner Bill Sipken says a farmer was delivering his cattle to the store to be butchered but didn't back up quite far enough. The animal made a run for it.

"If they see even just a crack they jump over the gate,"

Sipken says.

"The farmer came into the store and said 'My beef is out.'"

Sipken's staff sprang into action trying to corral the animal. Lambton OPP were on hand to help as well as a number of bystanders.

"There are so many good people in town who tried to help...it was a matter of trying to contain him because if that thing got out on the road in town, that could have been a disaster," he says.

As it was, the runaway did

have a fairly good jaunt.

Sipken says staff tried to rein in the animal for nearly an hour. At one point he was running down James Street.

Weiland's staff eventually rounded him up on Eureka Street.

"We cornered him and lassoed him," Sipken says. "He's in the freezer now."

Sipken can't say enough about the help they received.

"The police were fantastic and in a time like this, everybody kind of comes together to help."

Campers may have to tear down decks

Heather Wright
The Independent

Campers at the parks owned by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority may have to get their hammers out.

The board of directors has approved a plan which would see about 150 of the 425 campers in the region replace any decks that don't meet the building code.

Greg Wilcox, the manager of the conservation areas says over the years decks, sheds, porch roofs, and gazebo have been built at AW Campbell, Lorne C Henderson and Warwick Conservation areas - some with approval and some without. Wilcox says "a significant number of structures existing on Authority property would have required building permits to construct." But Lambton County officials say none have been issued.

The main problems are decks which are higher than 24 inches and any structure with a roof. They require posts to be rooted in the ground in cement. Wilcox says all seem to be built using deck blocks or patio stones.

Wilcox says allowing the structures that aren't complying with the building code to remain would mean the conservation authority could be held liable if anything went wrong and people were injured.

Wilcox suggested the staff inspect each seasonal campsite before the campgrounds open for the season. Campers whose structures don't comply with the building code will get a letter early in the season saying they'll have a three year grace period to get their structures in compliance with the building code. In the meantime, they'll have to sign a waiver to minimize the conservation authority's legal risks.

Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad wasn't

in favour of the plan since the conservation authority didn't enforce the rules in the past, which Wilcox acknowledged.

"I don't think it's fair to the campers that they were building these structures and no one was saying anything. If we don't have a bylaw in effect, or requirement for a permit or whatever, you know, shame on us really at that point that we seen or we should have that that what was been built was oversized. That we didn't stop and then not wait to 10,15, 20 years to come back upon them."

Broad would "100 per cent" support putting the rules in place as of 2023.

The majority of the board of directors didn't agree, approving a plan to bring all the seasonal sites into compliance with the building code by 2025.

Wilcox, in his report to the board, says all constructed roofs will have to be removed although manufactured steel gazebos attached to the deck will be allowed.

Campers will have to fill out a request form if they want to build a structure and will need approval from both the superintendent and the senior manager before they build.

Wilcox acknowledges this won't be a popular move.

"Seasonal camping accounts for approximately 70 per cent or \$1,000,000 of revenues at AW Campbell, LC Henderson, and Warwick Conservation Areas," he writes.

"This decision will not be popular among affected seasonal campers - more than 150 sites," he adds.

"Campers have spent money to build these structures and will be frustrated that they must modify or remove them. Some seasonal campers may choose not to continue camping with SCRCA."

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Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Facility Twin Creeks Environmental Centre

March 30, 2023 | 4 - 7 PM

Twin Creeks Site Office

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WM Canada (WM), the owner and operator of the Twin Creeks Environmental Centre (TCEC) in Watford, Ontario, will be hosting a **Public Information Session** to discuss the development of a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility at the TCEC. The community is welcome any time from 4 - 7 PM to learn more.

We value your engagement and look forward to discussing the project with you.

- John McDonald, WM Senior District Manager
jmcdon10@wm.com
- Luiza Adsett, WM Public Affairs Manager
lfurtado@wm.com
- Larry Fedec, HDR Corporation Program Lead
larry.fedec@hdrinc.com

This **Public Information Session** is being held to answer the following questions:

- Why is WM undertaking this project?
- What is Renewable Natural Gas?
- What is the design of the RNG facility?
- What are the potential environmental effects of the RNG facility?
- What approvals are required?

Smokey training for Lambton recruits

BLAKE ELLIS / LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Fire recruits from Wyoming, Camlachie, Watford and Petrolia were working together to learn some firefighting skills on their way to becoming certified. Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Chief Jay Arns was leading the exercise at a house on Discovery Line Saturday. Using simulated smoke, the firefighters entered a home either through an upstairs window or at the ground level to make their way through the home. The firefighters were put through various scenarios to test their abilities in a non life-threatening environment.



Lambton OPP officer cleared of criminal charges

Heather Wright
The Independent

A Lambton OPP has been cleared of any criminal wrongdoing after an elderly woman was struck by a cruiser in Corunna.

The Special Investigations Unit probed the incident at the corner of St. Clair Boulevard and the St. Clair Parkway and found while it was clear the unnamed officer caused the accident, the Director of the Special Investigations Unit, Joseph Martino says he wasn't criminally responsible.

On Nov. 16, the woman was crossing at the corner of St. Clair Boulevard and the St. Clair Parkway – the SIU concluded she had the right of way.

The officer was in a cruiser waiting at a red light for westbound traffic on the boulevard, planning to turn left when the light turned green. But when he turned, he struck the woman who was already crossing the street. She “rolled onto the hood of the cruiser on impact, and was then propelled off the hood several metres down the road as the vehicle came to a stop. She had suffered serious fractures of her left leg” wrote Martino in his report.

“There is little doubt that the (officer) is responsible for the collision. The Complainant



SIU PHOTO

The cruiser on the crosswalk in this Nov. 16, 2022 photo struck an elderly woman as she crossed St. Clair Boulevard in Corunna.

had the right-of-way and the officer was legally obligated to refrain from turning left until he could do so safely.”

But Martino notes there was nothing in the officers actions which would lead to a criminal charge. “He says that he simply did not see the (elderly woman) and believed his path was clear as he travelled into the crosswalk. I am left to take the (officer) at his word as there is nothing in the evidence, aside from the collision itself, to suggest that the officer was distracted when he ought not have been.”

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For further information on Township committees, or to receive a copy of the Terms of Reference or an application form, please contact:
Amanda Gubbels, CAO/Clerk, at agubbels@warwicktownship.ca
Heather Willemse, Deputy Clerk, at hwillemse@warwicktownship.ca
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Sports



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Elijah Grant stopped 22 of 24 shots in the Petrolia Flyers 7-2 loss to Mt. Brydges in playoff action Sunday.

Flyers on the ropes in series with Bulldogs

Barry Wright
The Independent

The Petrolia Flyers were out of wiggle room when they visited Mt. Brydges for game four of their Yeck Division quarter-final on Tuesday. The score was unavailable ... check The Independent’s website www.petrolialambtonindependent.ca for the score.

The do-or-die situation was set up after a couple of weekend losses. Sunday, Mt. Brydges scored five times in the first period to chase starter Maddox Nazwaski on its way to the

7-2 win and a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Dylan Demeulenaere and Kyle Flamminio scored second and third period goals for the Flyers.

Elijah Grant came off the bench to stop 22 of 24 shots over the final 44 minutes of play.

On the road Saturday, Colby Ackworth spotted Petrolia a lead 82 seconds into the game, but the Bulldogs tied the game after one period before adding two goals in the second and an insurance marker in the third.

Grant made 36 saves in taking the

loss between the pipes.

The back breaker for the Flyers was the series opener March 6, bowing 4-3 in double overtime at home to the regular season champions when the visitors scored less than a minute into the second extra period.

Grant made 46 saves, including 29 in the third period and first overtime, as the visitors outshot the Flyers, 50-31.

Daniel Gibson, on a first period penalty shot, Noah Harse and Flamminio scored to give Petrolia 3-1 lead early in the second period before the Bulldogs battled back to force extra time and eventually the victory.

Mooretown Flags up 2-1 in series with Blenheim

Barry Wright
The Independent

The Flags scored two power play goals in 33 seconds late in the second period but couldn’t find the equalizer in the third in a 4-3 loss to the Blenheim Blades.

Logan Gardner led Mooretown with a goal and two assists Sunday before 800 people in Chatham-Kent. Brody Genyn and Kelly Johnston had the

others with Genyn also picking up an assist. John Chartrand made 36 saves as the Blades outshot the Flags, 40-34.

Saturday, in front a recorded crowd of 399 fans at the Moore Sports Complex, the Flags got a 50-save shutout from Chartrand in a 4-0 win. He capped the shutout when ex-Lambton Jr. Sting Brad MacAlpine was denied on a penalty in the final minute of regulation time.

Gardner scored twice for the Flags

with Brett Vince and Blake Howard scoring the others. Jace Dupuis and Tristen Konrad each had two helpers.

In the opener March 6, Gardner’s second goal of the game early in the second overtime period gave the Mooretown Flags a 4-3. Genyn had a goal and two assists for the Flags and Konrad had the other.

Chartrand made 57 stops.

Game four is tonight (Wednesday) at the Moore Sports Complex at 7:30.

Killer Bees campaign silenced with loss to Elora

Barry Wright
The Independent

The Western Ontario Super Hockey League season has drawn to a close for the Alvinston Killer Bees.

They were eliminated in three straight games by virtue of a 7-3 loss to the Elora Rocks Friday.

The home team iced the game with four goals in the second period.

Kane Johnson scored twice for Alvinston with Tye Johnson adding the other.

Matt Stevens had two assists.

Nolan DeKoning made 41 stops in

the Bees cage as the Rocks outshot Alvinston, 48-22.

In its postseason comments on social media, the team thanked its staff, volunteers and fans for their support and tipped its cap to the community for helping the Bees to collect money, food, clothing and toys during special events over the course of the season.

“This community has always fought above their weight-class and the Bees are honoured to represent the hard-working, generous and kind-hearted people and businesses that make this place great,” the team said. “We are excited about where we’re headed.”



Nolan DeKoning - seen here in game one - made 41 stops Friday.

Request for Quotation

RFP – CS – 01/2023

CONCESSION OPERATIONS


The Town of Petrolia is seeking Quotations for the provision of **Concession Operations and the Greenwood Recreation Centre “Arena”**

Sealed submissions will be received at the **Petrolia Municipal Office, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

The primary objective for this RFP is to obtain proposals for the supply and operations of the Canteen located at the Greenwood Recreation Centre “Arena”.

Sealed RFP’s must be submitted in conjunction with the prescribed forms. The RFP document is available by contacting the Municipal Office, by telephone **519-882-2350**, by email lbelan@petrolia.ca or by visiting www.town.petrolia.on.ca

Late submissions will not be accepted. The Town of Petrolia reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The lowest or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted.

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Sealed submissions will be received at the **Petrolia Municipal Office, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, April 24, 2023**

The primary objective for this RFP is to obtain proposals for the renovations as identified through a Facilities Condition Assessment, for the staff and public main floor washroom at the Petrolia & North Enniskillen Fire Department Station 1.

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THE SCHOOL OF HOCKEY



Two LCCVI teams in provincial championship

Heather Wright
The Independent

LCCVI's hockey teams have always been a force to be reckoned with but this is a year to remember.

For the first time in the school's history, both the Girls and Boys teams are headed to OFSAA to play for the title of top hockey team in the province.

The Girls team punched its ticket with a win over L'Essor March 5. Captain Felicia Park says early in the year, the team set their sights on OFSSA.

"We work our butts off that's for sure. Practices, games, no matter what it is, we always give 100 per cent effort in everything that we do. So, it's pretty awesome that we have a great group of girls who we all have our end goal, which was to make it to OFSAA and that's where we are now. So hard work paid off."

The team's coach, Scott Watson agrees; "This whole year we've been building with the idea of this is our year. ...We're gonna go and play and if the girls play the way they did at SWOSSA, they can - it's up to them what they want to achieve...they're that good."

Chris Edgar coaches the Boys Team. He says they're a motivated bunch, too, partly because the seniors haven't had a chance to play through the pandemic. "It really kind of just fed into their desire and wants to be able to

try to make it to that awesome tournament," he says adding they have the skill to make a mark at OFSAA.

Captain Brayden Kominek was one of those guys who missed two years. He did everything he could to stay connected to hockey during the pandemic. Now, he's excited to hit the ice in St. Catharines for the biggest tournament in Canadian high school hockey. And, like Edgar, Kominek thinks the team can do well.

"I think if we go in there and play how we've played, especially the last two games to get us here, I think we will be just fine," he says.

It will be tricky. Edgar says 20 of the 22 players will be juggling minor hockey playoffs with OFSAA. The team will be arriving at the provincial championship early in the first morning of play so some members can be part of their minor league games the night before.

Aside from balancing multiple hockey playoffs, the school is busy raising money for the tournament. Watson estimates it will cost about \$10,000 this year.

But, no one is complaining. This, after all, is hockey history with both teams qualifying for OFSAA.

LCCVI won't be the only school with boys and girls representing at OFSAA. St. Patricks near Peterborough boys and girls are also qualified for the provincial championships this year.

HEATHER WRIGHT & JOHN WRIGHT PHOTOS

Lizzie Swain celebrates after goal number two in the Lambton-Kent finals while Brayden Kominek celebrates scoring the insurance goal in the SWOSSA final against Belle River. After both championship games, the teams posed for the classic team shot with some of the LCCVI students joining the fun in the Boys Team photo.



LCCVI Boys Hockey team knocks off Belle River for OFSAA berth

John Wright
The Independent

A pair of third period goals and steady play from goalie Sean Shanahan lifted the LCCVI Lancers to a 2-0 win over the Belle River Nobles in the SWOSSA Finals at Greenwood Arena in

Petrolia March 5.

Both teams came out energized and were throwing their weight around in the opening frame. LCCVI got two chances on the power play but were unable to convert on either chance.

Belle River's best chance of the game came early in the second

when they wired a shot past Shanahan off the post.

LCCVI dominated the rest of the period, getting their best chances midway through the frame but were still unable to shovel one past the Nobles' goaltender.

In the third, the Lancers would break through when Tyler McGrail

went in on a partial breakaway and put a backhand past the outstretched glove of the Belle River netminder. The icebreaker came with just under nine minutes to go with assists going to Rhett Joy and Jack Morningstar.

Brayden Kominek would give LCCVI some insurance, roofing a

shot gloveside to give the Lancers a 2-0 lead with just over four minutes to go.

Craig Richardson picked up the lone assist on Kominek's marker.

LCCVI goalie Sean Shanahan would shut it down from there, stopping 11 shots in the third to pick up a 21 save shutout.

BREAKAWAY



BLAKE ELLIS / LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

It was a tight game as the Petrolia U11C team continued its playoff quest in Mooretown Saturday. The Oilers and Flags tied at three. The Oilers next game is March 24 in Petrolia against South Kent.

Truman scores as Jr. Sting knocked from playoffs

The Independent

Cameron Arquette redirected a shot past goaltender Callum Besley at 3:57 of overtime to give the Sun County Panthers a 3-2 win over the Lambton Jr. Sting eliminating the Jr. Sting from U16 AAA playdowns. The Panthers won the six-point series, six points to four and now advance directly to the OHL Cup later this month in Toronto. As the highest seed to be eliminated in the first round, the Jr. Sting will have one last

chance to qualify for the tournament with a “play-in” game on March 28 in Toronto. Petrolia’s Isaac Truman gave the Jr. Sting 1-0 lead in the first period before the visitors converted a two-on-one to tie the game in the second period. Roen Douglas of Petrolia wired home a shot in the opening minute of the third to give Lambton a 2-1 lead, but a seeing-eye shot from the left point tied the game seven-and-half minutes into the third. Douglas was stopped on a two-on-one just seconds before the Panthers won it in extra time.

CALLISTER FIFTH AT OFSAA



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brock Callister of the LCCVI Wrestling team made it to the podium at OFSAA. Callister knocked off the number two ranked wrestler in his class en route to his fifth place finish. Coach Ian Denham says Callister “lost a really tough match” toward the end of the tournament before hitting the podium. “He wrestled really well.” Denham also singled out Callister’s sister, Elianna, who is hearing impaired. Denham was unable to coach her in the matches since she would take off her hearing aids. The coach says the beginning of the season was a challenge but she improved so much she placed 24th at OFSAA. “I’m really looking forward to her over the next couple of years being one of the stars of our team.” And Grade 12 student Sam Limoges stuck with wrestling through the pandemic and was able to place in the top 24 at OFSAA as well, the coach added. This is the first time since 2015 LCCVI sent more than one person to OFSAA for wrestling. “This year was our first year back and next year our team is looking really well set up we’ve got a lot of young talent that we’re looking forward to bringing even more people next year to Thunder Bay.”



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Cart Attendants work efficiently performing the duties of cart loading, cart cleanliness, staging, and storing among other golf course related duties. Ideal candidates follow instructions well, possess excellent teamwork skills and have the ability to communicate effectively in a professional manner. Candidates must be prepared to work in summer weather conditions and hold a valid G2 driver’s licence with an acceptable drivers’ abstract. *Submit resume to hr@stclairtownship.ca by March 17, 2023.*

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Exhibit Officer - Moore Museum - Canada Summer Jobs
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As part of a team with regular staff, the student will carry out the following tasks: Digitizing museum records including the use of database programs and photography equipment. Creation of online exhibitions that include research, photography, design and writing. Promotion of online events and exhibitions through social media and Museum website. Other tasks as assigned. *Submit a resume to hr@stclairtownship.ca by March 17, 2023.*

Curatorial Assistants - Sombra Museum
As part of a team with regular staff, the position will carry out the following tasks: Implementing interpretive programs and planning and executing outreach activities such as Sombra Days education booth or at-home education kits. Designing and installing displays, assisting the Curator with artifact cataloguing and photo-documentation, researching and producing interpretive materials, marketing the museum in general, executing and marketing specific events and programs, as well as researching local people, places, and businesses for the public and for museum projects. Digitizing records and archival materials including inventorying, charting, organizing, and preparing materials, as well as data entry and scanning/photography of records and objects. Office and other day-to-day tasks associated with museum operation, light cleaning, gardening, and frontline interaction with the public including leading tours, processing, and completing contactless curbside gift shop orders and answering tourism and research inquiries (in-person or electronically). Leading in-person educational tours and/or adapting them for online use may be required. Social media and website management will be key responsibilities, including creating and posting content on a regular basis, responding to messages, updating museum information, and editing pages, as necessary. *Submit a resume to hr@stclairtownship.ca by March 17, 2023.*

Recreation Camp Counsellors and a Lead Camp Counsellor
Working directly under the supervision of the Coordinator of Community Programs, these positions are responsible for the direct supervision and instruction of children registered in Junior or Senior Summer Camp. *Submit a resume to hr@stclairtownship.ca by March 31, 2023.*

Lifeguard/Instructors.
Working directly under the supervision of the Coordinator of Community Programs, this position is responsible for providing safe enjoyable aquatics for patrons by maintaining constant vigilance. The lifeguard/instructor’s priority is the prevention of injury and effective rescue. Employees will be sufficiently qualified and current to lifeguard and instruct according to Ontario Health Regulations.

Public Works Department

Operations Labourer Summer Students - Canada Summer Jobs Youth
These positions complete duties related to health, safety and protection of residents, property and infrastructure within St. Clair Township. These duties include maintenance to the roads system, water system and sanitary sewer system, hydrant flushing and painting, grass cutting, locate of Township underground utilities, sidewalk maintenance/inspection, water meter reading, responding to consumer service appointments and complaints/concerns. These positions also provide improvements and beautification for festivals and community events such as Firefighter Field Day, Sombra Days, Captain Kids Days, St Clair River Run, Gala Days, and the Brigden Fair.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence to
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We wish to thank all candidates who apply but must advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please note this document is available in alternative formats upon request, to accommodate individuals with a disability beginning with the recruitment process. The Township of St. Clair is committed to providing accommodations for people with disabilities. If you require accommodation, please contact the Clerk’s office and we will make all necessary arrangements to meet your needs. St. Clair Township values the diversity of the people it hires and serves. Diversity at our Corporation means fostering a workplace in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated, respected, and responded to in ways that fully develop and utilize each person’s talents and strengths. Personal information submitted will be used for the sole purpose of this competition. It is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for employment purposes. The health, safety and well-being of Township of St. Clair employees is paramount, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional measures have been implemented throughout the corporation to protect our employees and ensure their continued health and safety.

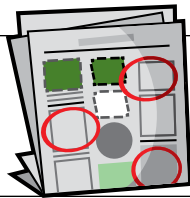


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VOLUNTEER TAX CLINICS - Need help with your Income Tax return? If your income is modest and your tax situation is simple, volunteers from our Community Volunteer Income Tax Program can help you free of charge! **Tuesday, March 31 and Friday, April 20 from 9:30am-3:30pm at St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia.** To book an appointment contact 519-882-1390 M-F 9a-3p or email office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net.

Employment Opportunities / Help Wanted

The Township of St. Clair is currently seeking an energetic and motivated individual to fill the

Seasonal Maintenance Campgrounds and Sportsfields

Principal responsibilities for this position are to prepare grounds and buildings of Campgrounds and Parks for guest use. Duties include grass cutting, planting and maintaining flower beds, grounds maintenance, repair and upkeep of park and campground buildings with the assistance of Township staff or contractors, cleaning washrooms and buildings, minor electrical or plumbing repairs, minor park equipment maintenance, ensure that patrons follow all campground rules and regulations, and collection of fees from guests as required.

Education and Qualifications:
Qualifications will include Grade 12 diploma, valid Class G Ontario driver's licence, and one (1) year of related experience. The above position are represented by the OPSEU Local 123 Collective Agreement.

and

The Township of St. Clair is currently seeking an energetic and motivated individual to fill the

Golf Course Superintendent

position at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course

St. Clair Parkway Golf Course is in the small village of Mooretown, Ontario near the St. Clair River just south of Sarnia. The province built this championship course which opened in 1971, in 2006 the Township of St. Clair purchased and has operated it for the last 16 years. The 6800-yard layout is known for accommodating all skill levels with 5 sets of tees and its oversized greens and is a very busy municipal course with a limited membership and full tournament schedule.

Working directly under the supervision of the Director of Community Services, this position is responsible for overseeing the daily and long-term upkeep, repairs and maintenance of the playing grounds of a championship 18-hole golf course, ensuring high standards are achieved.

This position organizes, supervises and ensures the daily maintenance of all grounds facilities on a 7-day a week, 24- hours a day, on-call basis during golf season. Responsible for the recruitment, scheduling, training, and supervision of permanent and seasonal/summer staff; prepares staffing and maintenance budgets with the Director of Community Services and is accountable for variances from the budget as well as ensuring operation meet budgetary requirements; maintains ongoing communication with the Clubhouse Supervisor regarding day-to-day operations, ensuring co-ordination of activities to accommodate scheduled course play, and actively participates in setting goals to achieve projected revenues; repairs and maintains Clubhouse building for upkeep, security, and appearances; Orders necessary supplies and materials to carry out these duties; actively member of the Township's Joint Health and Safety Committee; maintains daily records of fertilizers, fungicide, and herbicide treatment in compliance with Integrated Pest Management regulations for documentation and application procedures; maintains gas usage log to ensure proper inventory control and accurate data for application for annual Gasoline Rebates; ensures that equipment and tools are maintained in proper repair and are therefore readily available for use; oversees and monitors the repair of breakdowns by the Serviceman, particularly crucial repairs requiring overtime and/or additional costs; participates as an active member of the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course Liaison Committee, using the input and feedback obtained from the meetings to make decisions and assist in course maintenance planning; deals with the public as required to provide information, and to resolve problems. Maintains good public relations for the Township in all activities.

Education and Qualifications:
Qualifications include a minimum of a degree or diploma in Horticultural Grounds Maintenance or Turf Management, Business Management courses, as well as, 3-5 years related experience in the areas of grounds and turf maintenance and supervisory experience. The ideal candidate is a mature, dependable and responsible individual with the ability to function as a member of a team with leadership experience and good interpersonal and communication skills.

Candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence clearly marked "Golf Course Superintendent" to hr@stclairtownship.ca until March 17, 2023.

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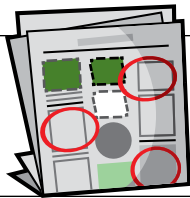
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Loved so much by,
Mary Ann, Les, Leanne, Lisa & Families

Obituary




MacALPINE Brenda Marie

Brenda Marie MacAlpine - Born and raised in Sarnia, **resident of Brigden**, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**. Brenda was the type of person anyone would be lucky to know and even luckier to love. She was the beloved wife and best friend of Bill MacAlpine for 29 years and will forever be missed by her sons, Cameron and Ryan. Preceded in death by her mother Val (Peter) Henderson and father Joe Shearer. With a smile

that lit up any room and an open-door policy, Brenda was a friend to many. She will be deeply missed by her siblings: Janice (Rick), Diane (Jim), Sue (Bruce), Peter Jr. (Chilo), Lisa (Tom), Mary Jo (Stan), Sean and Kate. Fondly remembered by mother-in-law Marilyn (Murray) and sister-in-law Lynn (Aurelio). Cherished Aunt to: Alex (Jacqui), Erin (Keegan), Lyndsay (Chad), Aris, Allison, Cleveland, Evalynn, Kiara, Mason, Michael and Oscar. Brenda was a strong woman who wore her heart on her sleeve and never backed down from a challenge. She made everyone who knew her a little better while still remembering to enjoy the small things in life. There are no words to describe how great of a loss we all feel at this moment. **A celebration of life will be held at a later date.** In lieu of flowers, sympathy may be expressed through donations to the Brigden Firemen's Association. Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca. **Steadman Brothers 519-864-1193.**

Cards of Thanks



The family of the late **BERT SHANNON** wish to extend their thanks to family, friends and neighbours, who helped at the time of the loss of our dear husband, father, papa, brother, uncle and friend.

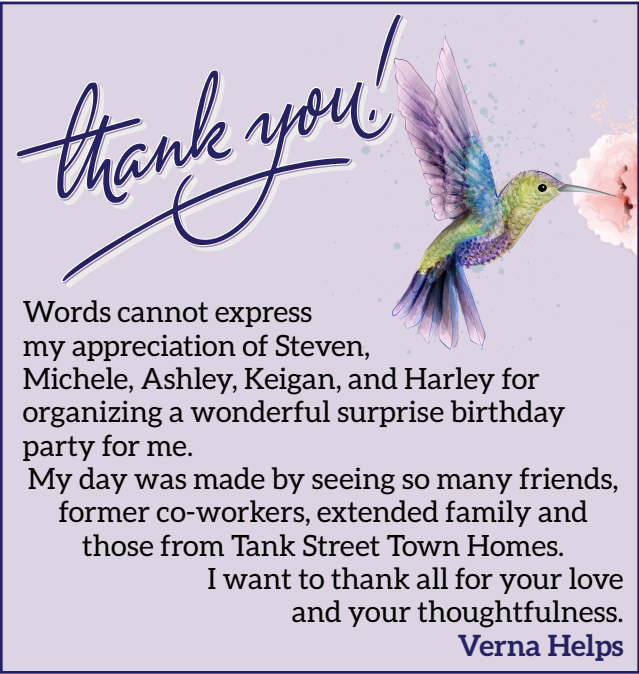
We are sincerely grateful for the quality care from the palliative staff at Bluewater Health as well as Dr. L Lam, LHSC Cancer Clinic and their care teams.

Special thanks to those who brought food and flowers, expressed their sympathy, shared loving memories of Bert, donated in his name as well as all who assisted with the funeral and attended his celebration of life.

Bert was a wonderful man and he will be missed.

Your support & presence is helping us through the darkest days.

Linda, Jennifer & Brian, Brian & Kari and Bailey
Brother & Sisters-In-Laws, Nieces & Nephews



Words cannot express my appreciation of Steven, Michele, Ashley, Keigan, and Harley for organizing a wonderful surprise birthday party for me.

My day was made by seeing so many friends, former co-workers, extended family and those from Tank Street Town Homes.

I want to thank all for your love and your thoughtfulness.

Verna Helps

Death Notices

February 28 - March 13, 2023

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

HAZZARD, Arthur Leroy
Age 88
Smith Funeral Home

MITCHELL, Helen Marie
Age 87
Smith Funeral Home

MOORE, George "Sonny"
Age 89, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

WATSON, Joseph William
Age 78
Denning's of Watford

WILLIS, David Walter
Age 77
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

HARRIS, David Michael
Age 83, of Corunna
Knight Funeral Home

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

MCKAY, Velda Elizabeth
Age 94, of Forest
Denning's of Forest

PAIEMENT, Guiteria Marie-Rose
(n Marchard)
Age 101
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

PENFOUND, Claire
Age 88, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

THIBAUT, Verna Lenora
Age 98
Smith Funeral Home

VETTER, Hedwig
Age 84, of Glencoe
Van Heck Funeral Home

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

DENOMY, Betty
(n Maidment)
Age 74
Denning's of Forest

HARRISON, Dennis
Age 70
Smith Funeral Home

NUTT, Melvin "Mel" Ernest
Age 88
Denning's of Forest

WILLIAMS, Elaine Elizabeth
Age 74
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

DRAPOTOY, Diane Lynn
Age 75
Smith Funeral Home

FORBES, Mary Margaret
(n Foubister)
Age 76
Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

HULL, Hazel
(n Mitchell)
Age 93 of Petrolia, formerly Oil Springs
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

LANGSTAFF, Wayne "Kelly"
Age 64, of Wallaceburg
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

MAGTANONG, Alejandro "Alex" Pabustan
Age 95
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

PATRY, Andrew "Andy"
Age 72, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

SCHLEIHAUF, Thomas "Tom" Donald
Age 75
Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, MARCH 6

CHARRON, Shirley Anne
(n Cook)
Age 90
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

CLUBB, Lois Jean
Age 94, of Sarnia, formerly of Brigden
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

GILLETT, William
Age 90 of R3 Newbury
Van Heck Funeral Home

GORDON, Barbara Jean
(n Hunniford)
Age 86
Denning's of Forest

LECKER, Gerald-Martin Alfred
Age 88, of Strathroy
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

RENDLE, Leila Jean
Age 101
Denning's of Forest

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

DELACOUR, Molly Jean
Age 95
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

FITZGERALD, Margaret Grace
(n Skinner)
Age 87
Badder F.H. & Reception Centre

PERSICETTI, Irma
(n De Sena)
Age 89
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

SALISBURY, Russell William
Age 57, of Sarnia
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

HART, Elise
Age 96, of Forest
Denning's of Forest

MACALPINE, Brenda Marie
Age 61, of Brigden
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

MACDONALD, Jerome Musgrave
Age 90
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

MACHPERSON, Gerald "Gerry" Bruce
Age 63, of Mooretown
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

SAVOY, Octavia
Age 98, of Sarnia
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

RIBERDY, Elizabeth Ann "Betty"
(n Murphy)
Age 79
Denning's of Watford

SMITH Evelyn "Jean"
Age 77
Smith Funeral Home

WENSTROM, Wayne
Age 79
Knight Funeral Home

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

BAILEY, Margaret Mary
(n Lalonde)
Age 76
Smith Funeral Home

CHURCHILL, Karol Lea
(n Wilson)
Age 77
Smith Funeral Home

MOORE (HUNTER), Maxine Mary Amelia
Age 95, of Petrolia
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

SCHRAM, Walter Edward
Age 65
Denning's of Forest

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

MCKEOWN, Jean Elizabeth
Age 97
McCormack Funeral Home

MONDAY, MARCH 13

KUIACK, Basil Benedict
Age 94
Smith Funeral Home

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

Calendar of events

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS				
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mar15	12-1p	Petrolia	LUNCH @ the Petrolia Legion - 519-882-1557	
Mar15	1-4p	Petrolia	COUNTRY - SOFT ROCK JAMBOREE @ Petrolia Legion - 519-882-1557	
Mar17	7pm	Petrolia	St Philips CARD PARTY @ St Philips Hall - 519-882-4840	
Mar18	4pm	Oil Springs	MEAT RAFFLE @ the Oil Springs Legion - 519-834-2537	
Mar18	10a-3p -19	Sarnia	Bluewater Anglers HATCHERY OPEN HOUSE - 519-331-6253	
Mar18	7pm	Brigden	TRIVIA @ the Brigden Legion - 519-864-1395	
Mar21	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	
Mar25	7:30pm	Wyoming	P-W Events Committee TRIVIA NIGHT @ Wyoming Legion	
Mar28	7pm	Inwood	EUCHRE CARD PARTY @ Inwood United Church - 519-844-2588	
Apr1	8a-2p	Watford	Watford Fire Dept PANCAKE BREAKFAST @ Watford Fire Hall	
Apr4	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	
Apr5	7pm	Wyoming	Wyoming Lions MEAT BINGO @ Lions Hall, doors open at 6pm	
Apr7	8a-12p	Wyoming	Wyoming Lions BREAKFAST @ Lions Hall	
Apr12	7:30p	Sarnia	Sarnia Concert Association presents JAZZY VARIATIONS - Joe Trio - 519-344-7469	
Apr18	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	

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

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

Date: _____

Time: _____ Town: _____

Event Title: _____

Phone # / website: _____

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



THANK YOU - Christ Anglican Church Petrolia would like to thank everyone who participated in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper fundraiser for the Lancer's Locker. Special thanks going out to our generous sponsor - Albany Retirement Village.

Many thanks to family, friends and neighbours for the many phone calls, visits and food received during my hospital stays and since recovering at home. Thank you to Owen for keeping our driveway cleared, and Seth and friends for looking after the animals. Great job gang. Special thanks to Dr. Butler and Dr. Farag, Lambton EMS, entire staff at Bluewater Health, ER and Lab Petrolia site, and the Telemetry unit Sarnia site. Also to the staff at Care Partners, Petrolia, who always had the answers for our many questions. Thank You.

Your kind actions and quality care are much appreciated.

**Most grateful
Bill Stonehouse**

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