

COLOURING IN LINE



Blake Ellis/Local Journalism Initiative Photo
Chloe Wright, the program assistant with the CanSkate group leads out her charges at the Greenwood Arena on Sunday, as the Petrolia and District Skating Club held its 60th annual ice show. See more photos on page 8.

Brooke Central students won’t return until September

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

It will be September before Brooke Central School students are reunited. That from Lambton-Kent District School Board Director of Education John Howitt who recently updated trustees on the progress of the roof project at Brooke Central Public School.

In late November, engineers preparing for a summer roof project at the school, found the roof, might collapse under the weight of 12 inches of snow or more. “The

project was unexpected and unwelcome,” said Howitt, about what led to work getting underway at the school.

Students were sent home at that time and a plan was worked out to have classes at other nearby schools until work could be completed. Kindergarten to Grade 5 students were sent to Lambton Central, Kindergarten to Grade 6 students in the French Immersion program were bussed to East Lambton Elementary School while students in Grade 6 to 8 remained at Brooke Central in a part of the school where the roof is secure.

The ceiling in the school has been

demolished and crews are working on reinforcing the roof.

Howitt said the original goal was to have all students back to Brooke Central by March Break, but that didn’t happen. The scope of the job changed when it was discovered a sprinkler system had to be installed, which extended the time needed.

Howitt is hoping the work can be completed by the start of the school year and all students can once again be brought under the same roof.

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WM to invest \$50 million in Watford natural gas plant

Heather Wright
The Independent

Waste Management hopes construction on a \$50 million renewable natural gas plant at Twin Creeks landfill will begin in June.

Waste Management held an open house to show the public its plans for the first RNG plants in Canada.

The company hopes to convert all the methane produced at its Twin Creeks landfill into natural gas to sell to Enbridge Gas.

The Watford landfill is one of the largest in the province and has about 8.4 years of life left. WM hopes to expand the facility by building larger berms to contain more waste on top of the cells already in place.

All that waste produces methane which must be vented to the atmosphere. But, the company plans to build a 50,000 square foot renewable natural gas plant at the Watford site this summer to capture it, process it then sell it to Enbridge for use in homes in southwestern Ontario. Officials at an open house told *The Independent* the company will invest \$50 million into the Watford project.

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Heritage worries

Heather Wright
The Independent

Frightening.

That’s how Petrolia Councillor Liz Welsh describes changes to the Ontario Heritage Act which, according to some experts, say will lead to heritage buildings across the province being “flattened” in the name of improving access to housing.

The provincial government included sweeping changes to the Ontario Heritage Act in the Build More Homes Faster Act. The changes took effect in January, but heritage groups across the province are still trying to figure out how to protect important heritage buildings under the new regime.

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Van Klaveren’s bid to oppose transgender committee fails

Heather Wright
The Independent

A Plympton-Wyoming councillor says his move to have council oppose a provincial bill on transgender health services “started a bit of dialogue.” And he isn’t ruling out bringing up the issue again, despite most members of council saying it is not a municipal issue.

Councillor John Van Klaveren wanted council to oppose Bill 42 which would create a committee to advise the province on transgender health services. The members of the committee would be from the LGBTQ2 community.

In his motion, Van Klaveren said the bill “is progressing very quickly and sets into motion aggressive and drastic events in an area that needs significant consideration through long-term studies to ensure the province provides an exemplary level of health care to the residents of Ontario” and that children are vulnerable and need parental guidance.

“Our social environment has greased the wheels of confusion and fear. What was right is now wrong and what is wrong is now right. To direct minors in truth was compassionate, now it is considered hateful and bigoted,” the motion read.

“If we are not advocating for our children, we are surrendering our children. Fear is being used as a hammer to force us to conform at the expense of our youth. Be motivated by fear to do the right thing rather than the wrong thing. Courage is contagious,” Van Klaveren wrote.

The motion also suggested people who are “de-transitioning or those with significant health problems” should also be on the committee and questions whether the surgeries should be covered by OHIP.

Van Klaveren’s motion was posted on the municipal website earlier in the week and councillors were flooded with emails about it. Councillor Mike Vasey said he received over 100 emails from both those opposing the bill and those who think the committee is necessary.

It was standing room only in the council chambers March 30 with supporters of Van Klaveren and those carrying transgender flags and shirts. About 20 people stood in the hallways and more were standing on the

sidewalk outside hoping to hear to the council debate.

All councillors but Van Klaveren said they didn’t think this was an issue for a municipality council to debate.

“As a councillor I was elected...to be in these chambers to do municipal business,” says Councillor Alex Boughen. “I don’t feel qualified nor do I feel I have the mandate.”

He added municipal councillors deal with roads and drainage issues. “To some, those may seem like small peanuts – those smaller peanuts are what I was elected to discuss and debate upon.”

A couple of councillors also voiced a personal opinion. Councillor Mike Vasey worried about the financial implications of transgender health services to OHIP saying this would be “opening a door wide open for persons wants and needs not for a medical necessity.”

Councillor Kristen Rodrigues was concerned about the tone of Van Klaveren’s motion. “We are all humans first and we all deserve equity in our health care system.”

Seeing the overflow crowd, Mayor Gary Atkinson allowed one person to speak in favour and opposed to the motion.

Marika Sylvain Groendyk – a public relations specialist from the Camlachie area – reminded council this was a bill which would form an advisory committee to the government only and that other marginalized communities have had the same opportunities. And she voiced concerns about the “unwelcoming tone” of Van Klaveren’s motion.

“We have the opportunity to do better here. We have the opportunity to share that we are a welcoming community and we can do that with the decisions we make in this room today... Passing this motion writing a letter, we would do the exact opposite.”

Candace Mills, a former Camlachie resident who owned Flora & Forage, told councillors her business went bankrupt after voicing her view on the issue. “I am not transphobic, I believe in two genders,” she said.

“I have lost everything because I chose to stand on the right side – on God’s side,” Mills said urging councillors not to allow doctors to “cut up children.”

In the end, council turned down the motion by a vote of 5-1.

Former Camlachie resident Candace Mills speaks to Plympton-Wyoming council during a debate about transgender health care.

Council voted against Van Klaveren’s motion

After the debate, Van Klaveren told The Independent he wasn’t surprised at the lack of council support. And he also expected a vigorous debate in the community on the divisive issue.

But he said, it was something he felt he needed to address after seeing the information in a council agenda.

“I had apprehension and because of the obvious stress that I’ve put on my council members, and my family, I hate to see any collateral damage. However, if you stand for something that’s significant, you have to expect a bit of push back...There’s a lot of trepidation, nervousness, fear. And folks maybe aren’t getting heard. I think there’s a silent majority out there that are not comfortable with this dynamic,” he says adding he wouldn’t rule out bringing up the issue again at council.

“We scratched the surface, started a bit of dialogue. Nobody got hurt too bad. Maybe inspired some others to pick up the mantle somewhere along the way.”

Brooke Central students back in September

CON’T FROM PG 1

Lambton Kent School District has also asked for a second construction crew to be involved so work can be done more quickly. A crew from Rosedale Public School is now on site helping.

There are some rumours in the community

about the school closing. “We have no intention of closing the school,” stressed Howitt.

Closing a school involves a multiple month process and this is not what is happening here, he said.

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Staff and physicians at Petrolia's Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital of Bluewater Health appreciated a special visit last month from Waylon Saunders and his family (pictured here) – who came with coffee and timbits to thank staff for their lifesaving efforts. Petrolia staff have coined Waylon as their “strongest patient” and were so grateful for the visit.

CEEH Emergency Room staff, along with our Petrolia health and first response partners, have been recognized over the past month as working tirelessly to save Waylon, who had a near-death experience on January 24.

Waylon's story is an inspiring example of how our community comes together in times of need, delivering on our collective promise to high quality rural healthcare delivery. We are so proud of our emergency room staff for their dedication and lifesaving efforts, as well as those of our partners, including: Dr. Taylor, Central Lambton Family Health Team physicians, Lambton EMS, Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire, Lambton OPP, and London Health Sciences Centre.

Our continued thoughts and prayers go out to Waylon and his family.

There are a number of community events in support of Waylon and his family, including a family-friendly musical this Saturday, March 11, at Victoria Hall in Petrolia. For more information, and to reserve your seat, email chameleonsforwaylon@gmail.com



Waylon Saunders and his family

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About 75 neighbours of three proposed Enbridge battery storage plants questioned company officials questions ranging from concerns about fire and air pollution.

Firefighters will get special training

The Independent

Enbridge officials are assuring residents around three proposed battery storage developments local firefighters will get the training they need to deal with lithium ion battery fires.

About 75 people were at an open house held by the natural gas company March 30. The company has applied to build three different battery storage areas around Nova Chemicals.

The units may be on Tecumseh Road, Petrolia Line and Ladysmith Road. Each would generate 200 megawatts of power or enough to power one million homes according to Denise Heckbert, senior advisor on strategy, market strategy and power for Enbridge who was at the public meeting at Moore Sports Complex.

Heckbert told the crowd the company will be keeping the community up-to-date as the project progresses. The Independent Electricity System Operator is still reviewing the proposals and has yet to make a decision on who will build the power storage projects which are expected to ease energy shortages expected in the next decade in southwestern Ontario.

The biggest concern raised by neighbours of the proposed St. Clair projects was possible fires. Lithium ion battery fires cannot be put out with traditional firefighting methods. In the recent past, entire towns in the US were told to stay indoors as a fire at a battery storage area had to be allowed to burn out.

Heckbert says the current lithium ion

storage facilities are built with individual, separated, self contained units a way so the chance of fire is low. In the slight chance that is did catch on fire, it would not be extinguished with water, she added. It would be left to burn out and any surrounding cubes would be sprayed with water to keep them cool.

Enbridge officials said the company will be supplying township firefighters will all of the battery specific training and equipment they will need to respond to whatever emergencies may arise at the three proposed sites.

Sumesh Gupta of Enbridge said battery energy storage units have been used successfully for seven years without a fire in Texas and Florida.

Air quality will also be subject to monitoring, Heckbert said. Monitoring allows any potential dangers to be caught early so that Enbridge personnel can be sent to the site.

Enbridge officials added trees will be planted around the sites to enhance the sites.

St. Clair Township has already given a letter of support to Enbridge. It faced criticism from some landowners who voiced concern about the storage units being on land which had natural gas pipelines.

Enbridge wouldn't give the value of the sites but in the material provided to council said it "would also result in significant new tax revenue."

CAO John Rodey, in a report to council, said the decision on the battery storage proposals was expected in May but is likely to be delayed.

Heritage Act changes 'frightening'

CON'T FROM PG 1

The provincial government, in a bid to build 1.5 million new homes in the province in the next 10 years, changed nine different pieces of legislation including the Ontario Heritage Act. The most significant change to the Heritage Act is limiting how long a property can stay on a heritage register without getting a provincial designation. Right now, if a home is designated municipally, it stays on the register. The new rules say they'll be taken off the list after two years if the municipality hasn't applied for provincial legislation. Once it is off the list, municipalities won't be able to add it to the register again for five years.

Registering a property municipally is not as time consuming as trying to work through the provincial designation process. If someone wants to demolish a municipally designated building, it has to give 60 days notice.

Provincial heritage advocates condemned the changes saying there is no evidence heritage conservation stops housing development, according to Diane Chin, the chair of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that in two

years, when municipalities will be forced to remove listed protection from most of the 31,000 or more heritage properties across Ontario, that it will start to rain buildings," Chin says.

Petrolia is rich in heritage buildings. The municipality lists 12 properties as designated heritage properties, including Victoria Hall and Petrolia Discovery. There are also about two dozen Ontario Heritage Designated homes, which works out to one property for every 158 residents.

The changes are worrying to Welsh - a long time advocate for history in the community who says some heritage buildings could be left without any protection at all two years from now.

"It's frightening, and I'm not entirely sure there's a whole lot we're going to be able to do about it. But, you know, we'll explore what the possibilities are," she says. Welsh has asked municipal staff to look into the changes to see what Petrolia can do to protect its heritage buildings.

"There's so many sweeping changes with Bill 23, that I don't even know yet what it's going to look like. A lot of municipal heritage committees are taking some steps on their own to try and mitigate this."

Inwood ...a caring community

Kathleen is an honorary elder and community-minded resident in the village of Inwood. She moved into town in 1950 upon her marriage to Howard. They raised a family there and because it was expensive to provide for them, she stressed the importance of the spending principle; family first, then the extras. As her 97th birthday approaches, she looks back on her life with contentment and pride.

Kathleen has been an active U.C.W. member, girl guide leader, choir member, Sunday school teacher and church member through the years. When asked to serve in these roles, she willingly obliged. She recalls preparing 250 weekly bulletins for Sunday services in the 3-point charge. A toiler, she employed a manual typewriter and a hand-cranked gestetner to produce service guides for the congregation.

Kathleen worked in a variety of small businesses as a bookkeeper. Working with numbers and keeping finances in order was her most favoured endeavor. She has been an avid reader all her life. In 2,000, she began keeping record of book titles and authors she'd read. She enjoyed good family stories with no violent content. Today, not being a TV watcher, Kathleen leisurely reads 1 or 2 novels a week culling out authors such as Debbie Macomber, Nicholas Sparks, and Janette Oke. In between two pages of her log safely rests a dried 4-leaf clover, perhaps symbolizing the faith, hope, love and good fortune that constitute her life.



Kathleen Lochner

The most memorable times from Kathleen's past were the Thanksgiving worship services at the Inwood Firehall. She remembers times when gatherings were standing room only as blessings were shared, counted and celebrated. Kathleen likes to see the community come together and is well pleased that monthly pot-luck community meals are presently taking place. Sharing of time, being leaders who serve the common good, being informed and involved, remembering people's strong points and keeping no enemies is the pathway Kathleen believes will keep the community connected as time moves forward.

Kathleen is a valued and positive role model whose traditional values have influenced and enriched the character of the Inwood community. For her faithful volunteer contributions, the community is grateful!

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Editorial

Frightening heritage rules

We don't know anyone who would argue this province and this community needs more affordable housing.

But we fail to see how gutting the law which protects heritage buildings will help.

Petrolia Councillor Liz Welsh recently pointed out the problems facing the municipality because the province has altered the Ontario Heritage Act while passing the Build More Homes Faster Act.

Until this year, municipal governments could place historic buildings in their communities on a registry. That gave those buildings some protection from instant demolition; the municipality 60 days to review any plans to demolish historic buildings.

Those buildings would stay on the registry and in Petrolia, people are quite proud of the fact there are 35 buildings of historic significance which have been recognized.

But under the new regulations, those buildings will lose their protection from demolition in two years.

The province's new laws say those homes can only be on municipal registries for two years and then the protection vanishes.

Some critics say the move is designed to push municipalities to put the buildings on the provincial registry. But the province has apparently made that harder to do. To be designated before the changes, a building needed only one heritage characteristic listed in the act. The province says now they need two.

To make matters worse, municipalities won't be able to put those homes back on the list for five years, which leaves them vulnerable to demolition without any oversight of council.

It is very rare that the public designation of an historic building has stopped the construction of new homes. In fact, developers in some communities seek out older buildings to restore to their former glory, preserving that heritage while giving the building new life.

Welsh is concerned what the rules will mean for Petrolia's 35 designated buildings, homes and structures. She calls the new rules frightening.

We believe they're also destructive and unnecessary. Unfortunately, they're now the law of the land.

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Our Story



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In 1872, when reading material was scarce, EC Rice would sit outside his Wyoming confectionary store on what is now Broadway Street and read the newspaper to a group of boys and young men. In 1880, he continued sharing good literature in the Wyoming Mechanics' Institute. It would be ten years later that the first public library opened in Wyoming at the post office. In 1897, the Wyoming Library moved to Rice's Bookstore with 300 subscribers. It closed in 1910. The library reopened in Rice's bookstore and by 1929, the word public was added to the library sign. Mr. Rice's daughter, Edith was the first librarian at the public library.

Solution to eye doctors woes a poke in the eye

The next time you go to the optometrist, you might get a bit of a surprise. You may end up pulling out your wallet to pay for services you never had to before.

In 2021, the province and the optometrists had a public fight about funding of services. The optometrists stopped providing services because the province wouldn't negotiate a contract. Local doctors at the time said they weren't even being paid the cost to cover the eye exam let alone pay to maintain and purchase modern equipment, monthly rent fees, loans, insurance and the salaries of office staff.

The province covered about 55 per cent of the cost of eye exams insured by OHIP, according to the OAO.

The remainder of the cost is absorbed by optometrist clinics.

After more than a year, the optometrists and province have reached a deal. But, as our family eye doctor told us, there really isn't anymore money involved instead the government has stretched out the cash that is there. What does that look like? Well, most seniors will have an eye appointment once every 18 months instead of once a year - unless they have a medical condition.

For our family, the most glaring change is under what they call 'minor follow up assessments.' Our optometrist says that will limit him from seeing our adult children who both have had retinal detachments from following

up with him more than twice in one year.

Our daughter must have had about 15 necessary appointments for her retinal detachment in six months. That would have been very costly.

So, the province and optometrist have solved their money problems - at least for now.

For the time being, they become the patients problem.



Heather Wright

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Opinion

Work to make communities caring places for all

EDITOR: Thank you for your clear and balanced reporting on last week’s Plympton-Wyoming town council meeting.

I appreciated reading the full quotes of those who spoke and would especially like to commend Marika Sylvain Groendyk and Councillor Kristen Rodrigues for their compassionate statements in standing

up for a misunderstood minority in our country.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021 the population of Canada was just under 37 million people. 60,000 of those people are transgender which is 0.19 per cent of the Canadian population. A tiny minority. And a group who demonstrate real courage every time they choose to be true to

themselves.

Part of being a democracy is making space for those with different life experiences than our own and with whom we might even disagree. Let’s continue to work together to make our communities caring places where everyone feels safe and welcomed.

Wilma Luth
Wyoming, Ontario

New camp deck rules ‘excessively punitive’

EDITOR: It has come to our attention from *The Independent* that seasonal structures may require modification or removal.

Since all regulations are subject to revision without notice at the discretion of the Superintendent, he better use some discretion and amend rules concerning decks, etc.

All decks were approved by previous SCRCA management. Therefore previous deck construction needs to be grandfathered in. Changes to rules need to be implemented as attrition occurs.

Every camper has their own private insurance for their site as your rules require. The county building inspector has never been to any of the campgrounds and if he shows up he can issue an “after the fact” permit to every original camper before the new rules are implemented.

Campers cannot obtain a permit to build anything as we do not own the property.

The previous SCRCA rules were

followed and approved.

Handicap rules for accessibility are the law. Accessibility is needed to get in and out of a camper safely. No roof would make the deck slippery and dangerous for a wheelchair bound person or anyone else. A 24” deck is not accessible out of the trailer in case of a fire. Our trailer is modified for handicap accessibility and we need it to stay that way. One of the residents of this trailer is a left leg amputee.

Your schedule “A” SCRCA Seasonal Camper License Agreement Terms & Conditions do not account for elderly, handicapped or previous SCRCA rules for decks, etc.

This new mandate is deplorable, excessively punitive and very clearly not designed for a campground but more like a concentration camp.

Awnings are not practical as they blow down or fail with the weight of rain water. A permanent properly built roof is much safer.

Anyone can see how ridiculous the new rules are. The most insidious part

is that this is 100 per cent retro-active even if your deck is in compliance and constructed by a professional carpenter, you must comply with the new rules. This was done with a stroke of a pen and the campers were not considered, safety wise or monetarily, or for their previous compliance with the SCRCA.

Mr. Wilcox has duped the board members into voting for the new rule that they did not understand. I think an amendment is in order concerning any structure modification or removal. We as handicapped campers cannot comply as our deck would not be handicap accessible.

My dear friend Lorne Henderson would be rolling over in his grave at the way the namesake campground is being ruled against his campers. As there are many more important items to be addressed. ex: hydro upgrades and washrooms for the weekenders.

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HAPPY LITTLE BUNNY



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Even a downpour didn’t deter the Alvinston Optimist Club from holding its Easter egg hunt Saturday. The children couldn’t go collect eggs so, instead, the Easter Bunny gave out the eggs with draws made for chocolate bunnies. Everyone gathered in the pavilion behind the Brooke Alvinston Inwood Community Complex. Despite the weather, there was a large crowd of children and their parents to participate.

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Lakeshore closure surprise in PW

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming councillors are frustrated they didn’t hear about a major construction project which will shut part of Lakeshore Road for the summer.

Starting April 11, Lakeshore Road will be closed from Aberarder Line and Hillcrest Road as the county works on a \$2.1 million rehabilitation of the Bonnie Doon Bridge. The project is expected to be complete in September but until then travellers face a detour that for some could be as much as nine kilometres.

The signs notifying drivers of the coming detour went up last week and that’s when councillors started getting calls.

“When they see those signs, our phone rings, our staff’s phone rings, and it just would have been nice to have the information in front of us in advance,” says Plympton-Wyoming Councillor Alex Boughen. He question whether the municipality had any input on whether the road would be closed or if the lanes could be reduced.

Public Works Manager Adam Sobanski says county officials “don’t necessarily get into the weeds” of the issue when they decide whether to close a road. Sobanski says “it came down to that their cost would have been increased by just shy of double to do it in a phased approach,” he told councillors.

Sobanski added the town does receive the county’s five year capital plan each year, however the information in it isn’t always

passed on to council members.

Boughen said aside from the lack of information flowing to councillors, the county hasn’t consulted with residents or local business people about how the closure will affect them over the summer months. Councillor Bob Woolvett agreed. “These county roads are within our community, and affects our community and our ratepayers.” Woolvett urged Mayor Gary Atkinson, who is a member of county council, to bring the issue up.

Atkinson says he plans to address the road closure “especially in our our disappointment of not being notified and as well as the undue stress that puts on our residents and extra travel time.”

Jason Cole, Lambton’s general manager of infrastructure, says the county publishes the five year plan and distributes it to municipalities each year. “I recognize that not that doesn’t always provide enough time for multi year planning for closure.”

And he says the county could have released more details to the public earlier but “if we had told people six months ago, we’d be having this conversation six months ago. If we if we had told people a year and a half ago, we’d be having this conversation...”

“We very much appreciate everybody’s patience and cooperation on these projects. Because we do know that there’s big impacts and we know how important it is for people to get to where they need to go quickly for the other 20 years when the structure is fixed.”

Enniskillen taxes climb three per cent

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Enniskillen taxpayers will have to shell out three per cent more for municipal taxes this year.

Enniskillen Township’s budget passed without a hitch on April 3. A balanced budget of \$4,398,600 was presented at the March 20 council meeting and this remained relatively unchanged.

Township Clerk/Treasurer Duncan McTavish made some changes to the budget including increasing the amount budgeted for the township’s legal fees from \$500 to \$5,000 and \$500 for installing 911 property signs instead of \$50. The projected interest revenue was increased to offset these increases and balance the budget.

Major projects which will be under taken this year include the work on Rokeby Line at the Bear Creek Bridge at a projected cost of \$500,000. This will include moving a section of the road north by the width of one lane while also seeing the construction of swales on both the north and the south side of the

road to redirect water into Bear Creek.

There is \$450,000 set aside in the 2023 budget to dig up some soft spots and do some asphalt work on Shiloh Line between Tile Yard Road and Marthaville Road. Road reconstruction was completed in 2022 on this portion of road at a cost of \$97,600

Road Superintendent Mike Cummings was at the meeting to answer any questions before the budget was passed. Councillor Mary Lynne McCallum asked him why there wasn’t a five year plan regarding roadwork for the township. Cummings said the practice fell by the wayside during the pandemic. McCallum brought up the issue of not having a five-year plan for roads during the March 20 meeting.

Work on the Krall Park washrooms is planned for 2023 at an estimated cost of \$330,000. Grants from the federal and provincial governments amount to \$222,800. The remaining \$97,200 will be funding by the township with \$35,000 coming from the park reserve.

• THE INDEPENDENT

Natural gas can’t be diverted to Warwick

CON’T FROM PG 1

Waste Management Spokesperson Jessica Kropf says the company has a “growing network of RNG plants and the mot landfill gas-to-electricity plants in North America” although the Watford RNG plant is one of the first being built in Canada. Kropf says it’s part of the company’s goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 42 per cent by 2032.

Kropf says the plant will produce natural gas of the “equivalent to the energy required to heat over 35,000 Ontario homes. If the project moves forward and commences full operations, it is expected to help address Ontario’s greenhouse gas emissions target with an estimated reduction of 70,000 tons of CO2 per year - the equivalent of taking 28,000 cars off the road.”

The construction is expected to create 100 full-time jobs and then five to 10 full time jobs for the operation and maintainence of the plant.

Meantime, WM said a request by Warwick Mayor Todd Case to divert the natural gas created at the site to Warwick township is simply not possible.

“The RNG produced at Twin Creeks will be injected into an Enbridge transmission main, operated at high pressure. As well the RNG will be unodorized...The RNG is not suitable for distribution to local homes. WM understands that there are separate initiatives being looked at for extending gas distribution into different parts of Warwick township however, these initiatives are not connected to the Twin Creeks RNG project,” said Kropf in an email.



Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment Twin Creeks Environmental Centre Landfill Optimization

WM Canada (WM), the owner and operator of the Twin Creeks Environmental Centre (TCEC) located in the Township of Warwick, Ontario, is beginning an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act seeking approval to develop additional landfill disposal capacity as part of the optimization of the design and operation of the TCEC landfill. The TCEC is located in the Township of Warwick near the Village of Watford, at the corner of Nauvoo Road and Zion Line, within the County of Lambton (see Location Map below). The purpose of the EA is to assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill optimization, which includes additional landfill disposal capacity, on the environment.

There are approximately 8 years of approved landfill airspace capacity remaining at the TCEC (i.e., capacity will be reached in approximately 2031). The proposed optimization would provide additional airspace of approximately 14 million cubic metres (m3), which could extend the site life by approximately 12 years (from 2031 to 2043), and may be achieved through alternative landfill configurations or alternative methods within the existing 301 ha TCEC site area. No changes are proposed to the size of the TCEC site area, approved service area, or annual fill rate.

The TCEC landfill provides safe and convenient disposal services for communities, businesses and industries serving the Province of Ontario. There is a need for the continued development of the TCEC as it is a significant component of the provincial waste management network and infrastructure, which is lacking in sufficient and secure long-term disposal capacity. Optimizing the development of the TCEC would maximize the use of the existing site infrastructure and would allow for on-going sustainable business operations and continued provision of essential financial support for community services and programs. The landfill optimization would also provide longer-term certainty of service continuity to WM’s customers beyond the remaining approximate 8 years of capacity.

LOCATION MAP



The Process

On December 13, 2022, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the amended Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Twin Creeks Environmental Centre Landfill Optimization Project. A copy of the approved ToR is available on the project website www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project.

The EA will be carried out according to the approved ToR and the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The results of the EA will be documented in an EA Study Report, which will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for review.

Consultation and Engagement

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of the undertaking by participating in consultation and engagement opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation and engagement events are planned throughout the EA and are anticipated to include: 1) project introduction, EA process overview, project milestones, consultation and engagement opportunities; 2) description of existing environmental conditions, alternative methods, evaluation criteria; 3) results of assessment and comparative evaluation, identification of preferred alternative; and 4) draft EA study report. These events will be advertised in local newspapers, on the project website www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfilloptimization-project, and by direct and/or electronic mail (email).

A Public Information Session will be held on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023** to introduce the landfill optimization project and provide an overview of the EA process, and present anticipated project milestones and consultation and engagement opportunities. The Public Information Session will take place at the **Waste Management Twin Creeks Site Office, 5768 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

You are invited to submit any comments by mail, email, or phone to the project contacts listed below. If you would like to be added to the project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:

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All personal information included in your request - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

Published April 5, 2023

CN says no to request for drainage payment

Heather Wright
The Independent

The battle to get CN Rail to pay its share of drainage projects may be heading to the courts.

Warwick Township and Plympton-Wyoming – which have been leading the charge to get CN to pay – say the company has flatly refused to pay outstanding bills or any future bills despite attempts to explain the situation in person to senior rail officials.

The Drainage Act is one of the oldest pieces of legislation in Ontario, passed in 1859. Once a municipality decides to move ahead with a new drain, it follows a formula laid out in the act to assign costs to those who receive the most benefit from the new infrastructure.

Up until 2021, CN Rail had paid any costs assessed to the company under the act. But in 2022, CN Rail – which is now owned by multiple US investors including the Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation and made over \$13.9 billion in profit last year – refused to pay any charges saying as a federally regulated business it is not subject to provincial legislation.

Warwick is waiting for about \$160,000 and CN has \$80,000 outstanding in Plympton-Wyoming. They're not alone. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario says the company owes about \$1.5 million for new drain construction and maintenance across the province. AMO added about \$2.7 million worth of drainage projects are in limbo because of CN's refusal to pay.

Both the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and AMO have backed the call for CN to pay up.

Warwick Mayor Todd Case and Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Gary Atkinson had recently met with CN Rail officials to talk about the issue. Wednesday, they were told the company is not about to change its position.

Atkinson is frustrated. "We've been very generous and with our time for them and we tried to lay everything out ...you owe us money for what the work that's already been done," he says adding CN Rail needs to recognize it will pay for work in the future as well.

Case was a little more blunt. "It's outrageous that CN Rail thinks it is above the law and that their financial burden should be borne by our rural community members," he says in a news release.

Atkinson and Case say municipal drains are essential rural infrastructure which support sensible transportation, sustainable agriculture and development in rural Ontario. The lack of cooperation from CN, and refusal to pay for completed projects, is unlawful and is withholding millions of much-needed dollars from helping develop rural Ontario municipalities.

Atkinson says AMO is now "talking about" taking CN to court over the issue.

CORRECTION

In the March 30, 2023 edition of *The Independent* in a page 8 article entitled "Fees return for use of Petrolia transfer station" incorrectly stated the fees were reinstated in 2023. The fees were actually reinstated in 2022. The fees were waived in 2021 because of the shortened season. *The Independent* regrets the error and the confusion it may have caused.

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Dawn-Euphemia raises building fees to cover costs

Heather Wright
The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia council says people who build homes should pay for the inspection fees needed.

In a 3-2 vote, council approved a new building permit fee schedule which sees increase between six and 206 per cent. New home building permits will go up about 66 per cent to \$1,640. But that's far less than the average fee of

\$2,200 around Lambton.

The township pays out more for the inspections that the permits cost. Officials expect the taxpayers would could subsidize building permit to the tune of \$10,000 without the change.


Councillor Jason Myer said Monday that might not be a bad thing. "It's the best 10,000 bucks you'll ever lose..because that equals \$30,000 more in tax assessment going forward forever...I hate to say give

these guys a break on their permit fees, but I want them to build here.

Former councillor, Emery Huszka, agreed with Myer saying the township should consider rebating taxes to cover the building permit costs to encourage people to build in Dawn-Euphemia. "are we subsidizing building permits? Or are we investing like we do in the farm in additional revenue coming in?"

Mayor Al Broad didn't

agree saying the cost of the building permit isn't that big of a deal. "We have the cheapest building permit fees in Lambton for 35 years; we don't have any development fees, we've been the absolute cheapest, and they're still not breaking down our doors."



2023 MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Township is now receiving applications for the **\$1,000 "Municipal Scholarship"** awarded to one student of Dawn-Euphemia Township, that is pursuing a minimum 2-year, full-time post-secondary education.

The application is available on the homepage at www.dawneuphemia.ca under "Upcoming Events", or by contacting the Municipal Office (519) 692-5148.

Deadline for submission is April 30, 2023.

Brigden fairgoers face traffic tickets

Heather Wright
The Independent

Be careful where you park the next time you go to the Brigden Fair.

St. Clair Township council has agreed to ban parking along portions of Courtright Line and on Brigden Road south of Courtright for the entire month of October, hoping to reduce the traffic jams during the Thanksgiving weekend fair which can attract upwards of 50,000 people.

The Moore Agricultural Society and the OPP asked for the parking ban and township council agreed to ban parking on both sides of Courtright Line from Elizabeth Street to 2516 Courtright Line and on Brigden Road between Courtright Line and Oil Heritage Road in October.

John Scott, the president of the Moore Agricultural Society, says people parking on the road is a traffic hazard. On Courtright Line, parked cars block the vision of vehicles leaving the fairgrounds and there isn't room

for parking on Brigden Road.

"there's no shoulders at all," he says adding even police have problems getting through. "One of the officers was heading south down Brigden road going home and he actually had to stop to allow cars to get through because there wasn't enough room for two vehicles." Efforts to restrict parking on the roads in the past failed. Scott says people simply knocked down traffic barrels and parked anyway.

Scott says there is no need for people to park on the roads. "We offer free parking on the grounds and we offer people movers on the grounds to get the people from here to there and you know, you're gonna get put strollers on and you so you can take your kids and everything else."

Scott says with council's approval OPP will be able to ticket those in No Parking Zones.

"I know there is going to be screaming and I'm prepared for it...we'll live with a lot.... we feel that it will be a better environment safety wise."

Bank robbery investigated in Arkona

A bank in Arkona has been robbed.

Around 5:30 pm Tuesday, Lambton OPP police were called to the Libro Credit Union branch on Arkona Road. Three OPP Cruisers and one Anishinabek Police Services cruiser from Kettle & Stony Point and OPP detectives are on the scene now.

Details of what happened are still scant but it appears no one was injured in the incident.

A description of the suspect hasn't been made available yet however sources say the person involved may have made off with some of the staff's cellphones.

2023 PETROLIA Curbside WOOD CHIPPING



2023 DATES

April 17 & 18

May 23 & 24

June 12 & 13

September 11 & 12

October 16 & 17

Collection is **NOT STREET SPECIFIC**, residents can place their brush to the curb on any of these days and it will be processed.

Residents are asked to place the brush no sooner that 4:00pm, the night before a collection date, and to have all brush at the curb by 7:00 am the day of collection, and are requested to not impede sidewalk access.

Tree limbs and branches can not exceed 4" in diameter.

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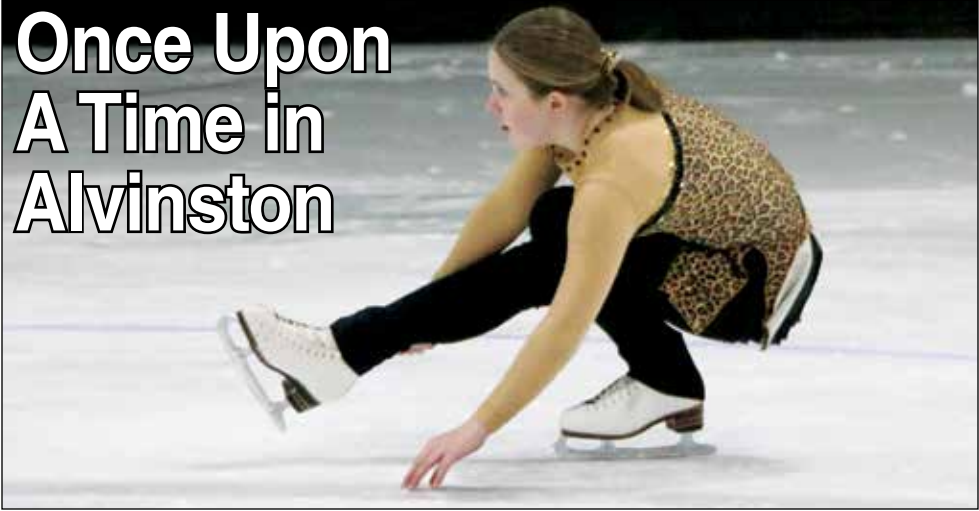
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Blue crayon Ryder Tessier waves to the crowd on Sunday as the Petrolia and District Skating Club held its 60th annual skating carnival at the Greenwood Recreation Centre. The theme for this year's show was A Celebration of Life's Moments. Left, Nash Hamilton was one of many tooth fairies on the ice Grace Font and Wyatt Font strike a pose during Celebration of Life's Moments.



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Once Upon A Time in Alvinston



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO
The Brooke-Alvinston Skating Club performed magic on ice in the annual skating carnival Sunday. Family and friends packed the arena which was decorated in Disney themes. Senior solo skater Emily Wood channelled Cruella DeVille (right) while Chelsea Jones was part of Jungle Cruise. Millie Davey, below, charmed the crowd with her Little Mermaid solo skate.



This Month In Lambton
March 2023
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HHW Collection Events
The next Household Hazardous Waste Day event will be held at Clean Harbours Canada, 4090 Telfer Road, St. Clair Township from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday April 29.
Corrosive, toxic, reactive, and flammable materials will be collected and disposed of by experts, at no cost to you! These items should never be placed in a regular landfill because they have the potential to injure sanitation workers and damage our environment.
Learn more: lambtononline.ca/hhw.

LPH hosting low-cost rabies clinics
Lambton Public Health is hosting several low-cost rabies vaccination clinics in Lambton County in April and May.
These clinics are open to all cats and dogs over three months of age. Animals must be restrained, in good health, and cannot have been vaccinated against rabies within the past year. The cost is \$30 per animal, payable in cash only.
For more information, call 519-383-8331 or visit LambtonPublicHealth.ca.

Applications open for Lambton Renovates and Homeownership Program
Applications are being accepted for the Lambton Renovates and Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance Programs.
Lambton Renovates provides one-time financial assistance for home repairs. The Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance program offers one-time financial assistance in the form of a 20-year forgivable loan for a 10% down payment to be used towards the purchase of a new or resale home.
Applications and program qualification details can be found online at the following links, or by calling Housing Services at 519-344-2062.
www.lambtononline.ca/lambtonrenovates
www.lambtononline.ca/homeownership

Looking Ahead
9 a.m., April 5, 2023 – Council Meeting
8:30 a.m. & 1 p.m., April 20, 2023 – Committee A.M. & P.M. Meetings
Agendas, minutes and links to meeting live stream videos can be found at www.lambtononline.ca/meetings.

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Sports

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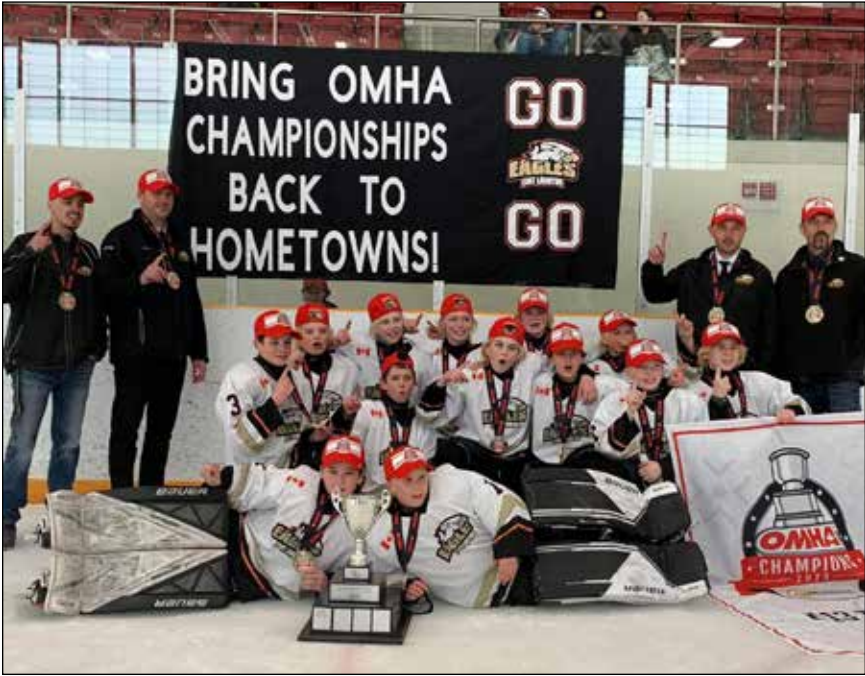
The Independent

The East Lambton Eagles U13 team dominated the provincial championships in Barrie bringing home the Red Hats after beating South Huron in the final.

The Eagles began the journey Friday with an 11-1 victory over Tavistock and a 6-4 over Wasaga. Saturday, the Eagles qualified for the semi's dominating Drayton 14-0. The team earned its birth in the final with a 8-1 win over Woodville.

East Lambton struck first a 2:35 in the final against South Huron. The teams both notched two goals in the second and South Huron tied it up at 9:19 of the third to send the game to overtime. But it was East Lambton scoring the game winning goal at 5:32 and taking home the provincial championships and the coveted Red Hats.

The U11 team also made it to the provincial championships. The Eagles beat Mariposa 11-3 and Burford 7-2 to meet Aylmer in the final where the Eagles were defeated 6-4.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The members of the U13 Rep Championship team are Keegan Turner, Logan Tack, Jeffrey Hoeksema, Sam Aarts, Adam Varekamp, Gavin Smith, Gavin Thorne, Conner MacKellar, Jacob Sears, Jake Davidson, Michael Douglas, Tucker McGugan, Aiden Timmermans and coaches Keagan Smith, Mark Timmermans, Aaron Turner, and Brad Smith. The team were a perfect 5-0 at the provincial championship in Barrie last weekend.

Mooretown Flags fall in playoffs after second chance

The season is now officially over for the Mooretown Flags.

The PJHL club was given a reprieve when they were awarded a victory last week due to Essex's use of an ineligible player in game five when the 73's had apparently won, 3-1.

Petrolia's Ethan Kerby had the lone Mooretown goal.

In game six last Friday before 617 fans at the Moore Sports Complex, the visitors scored three times in the third period for a 3-0 win.

The teams battled to a scoreless draw until the visitors broke the ice at 11:58 of the final frame. Essex added an insurance goal with a little less than two minutes left in regulation time and iced the contest with an empty net marker.

John Chartrand stopped 37 of 39 shots for the Flags in the

additional contest and ended the postseason with a 2.28 goals-against average and a .944 save percentage.

The 73's captured the best-of-seven series four games to two, and are now playing Lakeshore for the divisional crown.

The Canadiens rallied from two games down to beat Wheatley in six games in the other semi-final.

Sarnia Sting lead first round playoff series

The Sarnia Sting held serve winning both its home games to open the OHL playoffs.

Friday, Ben Gaudreau stopped 22 shots for his first career OHL shutout as the Sting blanked the visiting Guelph Storm, 5-0.

Overage defenceman Nolan Dillingham scored what proved to the game-winning goal early in the first period.

Sunday, Nolan Burke notched the deciding goal in overtime as the Sting rallied to beat the Storm, 5-4.

Marko Sikic sent the game into extra time with the equalizer against his former team with 1:58 left in regulation time. It's the first time the Sting

had taken a two games to none lead in a postseason series since Steve Stamkos and his mates won the first two contests against Windsor in 2008.

The Sting and Storm played game three in Guelph on Tuesday night but the score was not available prior to our press time

Locals on roster for national U18 qualifying tournament

Alvinston's Hayden Duncan backstopped the Elgin-Middlesex Canucks to a 9-1 win over Kemptville in the opener game for both teams at the Telus regional U18 tournament in Windsor on Monday.

Duncan, an Ottawa 67 draft choice, had his shutout bid spoiled by the Eastern Ontario champions in the third period.

Luke Bogart of Grand Bend had four assists for the Canucks, and Watford's Evan Van Gorp had two helpers.

Elgin-Middlesex is coached by Petrolia's Brian Dobbin.

Jarvis named MVP

Jett Jarvis has been named the most valuable baseball player for the Montreal-based McGill Redbirds.

In 29 games last season as a freshman, the LCCVI grad had a stat line of .377/.448/.481.

The Wyoming native scored 27 runs, had five doubles, a home run and 15 RBI. He also stole nine of 12 bases he attempted.

McGill's 2023 season opens in late August.



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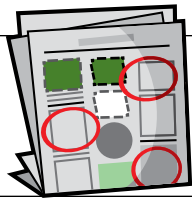
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Age 62, of Sarnia
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SUNDAY, APRIL 2

KUCHTA, Joe
Age 86, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

REIMER, Johan “John”
Age 64, of Thamesville
John C. Badder Funeral Home

STEPHENSON, Justin Robert
Age 39
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

LENNAN, Shirley Ann
Age 90, of Mooretown
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

RAPKE, Christine Anne
Age 54
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

VOSSSEN, Henry
Age 94, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

SPENCER, Leonard
Age 78, of Camlachie
Smith Funeral Home

TUSHAKOVA, Farita
Age 90, of Forest
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

SILK, Barbara
Age 90, of Forest
Denning's of Forest

SIMPSON, Margaret Jean
Age 86
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

BRESSETTE, William Allan Wade
Age 52, of Kettle and Stony Point
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

JACKSON, Ward W
Age 88
Smith Funeral Chapel

TAMMING, Nellie
(n Huizinga)
Age 89
Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, MARCH 27

MANESS, Richard Carman Jr
Age 57
Smith Funeral Home

McCORMICK, Gloria Eileen
(n Saunders)
Age 98
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

McNEILL, John Malcolm
Age 85
Smith Funeral Home

MONTEITH, Carol Mae
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Age 79
Smith Funeral Home

SIMPSON, Thomas Joseph
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In Memory

IN MEMORIAM



Freda Bolton
Nov, 27, 1937 – April 5, 2022

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Simpsons and Helps*

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and true. There is not a day that
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smile, your kindness and the gen-
tleness in your voice our hearts
ache as we remember the sweet
and precious memories you have
left us to live with. Words cannot
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memory of Kenneth John Farr
who passed away April 5th, 2015.
*He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.*

*His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.*

*He was there....
A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.*

*A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad.*

**Forever loved and missed by
his children, Allen, Kathy, Tracy,
Kim, Lisa & Brian**

*Although you sleep in Heaven now
You're not that far away
My heart is full of memories
And you're with me everyday
You lived your life with meaning
And with a smile upon your face
A world that was full of happiness
Is now an empty place
People say that only time
Will heal a broken heart
But just like me and you
It has been torn apart
I know you are at peace now
And in a place when you are free
Meet me at the Pearly Gates
When Heaven calls for me.*

Loved forever, Audrey

Anniversary

*60th Wedding
Anniversary*

**Gram and Pa
JOHN & JUDY
WILSON**

*Best wishes and love
from your family*



Calendar

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

of events

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
Apr5	7pm	Wyoming	Wyoming Lions MEAT BINGO @ Lions Hall, doors open at 6pm	
Apr7	8a-12p	Wyoming	Wyoming Lions BREAKFAST @ Lions Hall	
Apr8	4:30pm	Brigden	MEAT RAFFLE @ the Brigden Legion - 519-864-1395	
Apr11	7pm	Online	Lambton Branch Ontario Ancestors Meeting: Speaker BOB ALLE-BONE - Manitoba G.S. Membership Benefits and Resources - get link to zoom meeting at lambton.ogs.on.ca	
Apr12	7:30p	Sarnia	Sarnia Concert Association presents JAZZY VARIATIONS - Joe Trio - 519-344-7469	
Apr15	4pm	Oil Springs	MEAT RAFFLE @ the Oil Springs Legion - 519-834-2537	
Apr15	7pm	Brigden	TRIVIA @ the Brigden Legion - 519-864-1395	
Apr16-23		Online	FACEBOOK AUCTION - St Paul's United Church fundraiser - 519-312-6505 www.facebook.com/groups/908539857129026/	
Apr18	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	
Apr22	4:30pm	Brigden	MEAT RAFFLE @ the Brigden Legion - 519-864-1395	
Apr22	5pm	Sarnia	HAM DINNER @ London Road United Church - contact Susan Wilkins 519-869-6281 or church office (leave a message) 519-542-2084 or email order to lrwunitedchurch@gmail.com	
Apr24	2-3:30p	Online	Lambton County Branch, Ontario Ancestors Drop-in & Chat - Zoom Webinar - link to meeting lambton.ogs.on.ca	
Apr25	7pm	Sarnia	SPECIAL IN-PERSON WORKSHOP - Lambton County Branch Ontario Ancestors With Jane Teskey & Alan Campbell @ JCLDS Church, 1400 Murphy Rd., Sarnia. For information email: lambton.ogs.on.ca	
Apr29	4pm	Brigden	ELIMINATION DRAW @ the Brigden Legion - 519-864-1395	
Apr30	1-3pm	Petrolia	IT'S TEA TIME @ the Petrolia Legion - 519-882-1201	
Apr30	4pm	Oil Springs	MEAT RAFFLE @ the Oil Springs Legion - 519-834-2537	
May2	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	



Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 noon



Classifieds

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Good Friday April 7/23 10:30 am **NOT IN PETROLIA**
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Friday, April 7th
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Obituary




KUCHTA
Joe

Joe Kuchta, of **Petrolia** died peacefully on **Sunday, April, 2, 2023** in his 87th year. He was a loving husband to Kathy for 56 years. He will be missed by his sons Eric Kuchta and Phil Kuchta and his grandchildren Emily and Logan. Joe was predeceased by a grandson Zack Kuchta (2021), his parents John (1983) and Eva (1987) Kuchta and is predeceased by brothers Stephen Kuchta (1995) and John Kuchta (2021) and a sister Mary Sullivan (2012). **A service will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 2 p.m.** from the Needham-Jay Funeral Home Wyoming Chapel 650 Broadway St., Wyoming. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made the Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared at www.needhamjay.com.

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**FORM 6**
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PLYMPTON-WYOMING

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and **will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on May 11, 2023**, at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Municipal Office, 546 Niagara Street, Wyoming Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Municipal Office, 546 Niagara Street, Wyoming.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 38 35 360 001 10100 0000; 597-599 BROADWAY ST., WYOMING; PIN 43113-0203 (LT); LT

3 BLK V PL 2 WYOMING; PLYMPTON-WYOMING; File No. 21-01

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$107,000

Minimum tender amount: \$22,858.39

2. Roll No. 38 35 360 001 12000 0000; 627 BROADWAY ST., WYOMING; PIN 43113-0150 (LT); PT LT

3-4 BLK S PL 2 WYOMING AS IN L764418; PLYMPTON-WYOMING; File No. 21-02

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$35,000

Minimum tender amount: \$392,239.25

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value according to the last returned assessment roll may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
www.OntarioTaxesales.ca

or if no internet access available, contact:
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Heading to national science fair

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Riley Edmunds will be heading to the Canada Wide Science Fair.

The Grade 7 student from Errol Village Public School in Camlachie won his entry to the national fair with his project, One Drop at a Time, How Effective Are Biodegradable Filters.

Edmunds used a variety of materials to filter sediment from water, including milkweed, paper, cotton balls, charcoal and a coffee filter. He thought charcoal would be the most effective, but he used the charcoal briquette, and may not have been chemically prepared properly.

The coffee filter was the best method to filter the sediment from the water. A judge asked Edmunds if he tried to drink the water after it had been filtered/ He did not, saying the water likely needed to be boiled first in order to make sure the water was safe to drink.

This is Edmund’s fifth year entering a project in the Lambton County Science Fair. He struggled with coming up with a topic this year, but wanted to do something which dealt with the environment.

Edmunds will be one of five students who will be heading to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton from May 14 to 19. He will be joined by Muhammad



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Riley Edmunds is heading to the Canada Wide Science Fair after winning in Lambton for his project on biodegradable water filters

Mustafa Arif for Revolutionizing Heart Surgery with 3D Printed Modules, Cynthia Rayson for Bioremediation to the Rescue, Kodie Ozumba for Fake it Until You Make It, and Safia Deol for The IncrediGels: Multifaceted Biopolymers for Dental Routines.

This will be Edmunds first opportunity to compete in the Canada Wide Science Fair. There were 38 projects entered in the 50th anniversary Lambton County fair.

WEDDING BLUES



PHOTO CREDIT

Mandy, played by Bronwyn Wonnacott, can barely take the stress of her wedding as Jay the Caterer, played by Adam Hobbs, frantically calls to figure out where his help is in the comedy Stag and Doe staged by the Petrolia Community Theatre this weekend at Victoria Playhouse Petrolia. The community production played to large audiences in its four performances.

Sarnia-Lambton Rebound

Cinderella Project 2023

DRESS BOUTIQUE POP-UP SHOP AT LAMBTON MALL

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday April 12 4-8PM	Thursday April 13 4-8PM	Friday April 14 4-8PM	Saturday April 15 10AM-7PM	Sunday April 16 11AM-5PM
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