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The Independent

The Petrolia company recently received a \$199,000 grant as part of the Ontario government's Fertilizer Challenge to take a look at the possibilities of using cricket waste to improve domestic fertilizer production.



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Rural Childcare may use BIACC as summer home during roof repairs

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Lambton Rural Childcare is going to have to find a new summer home.

The group runs the Brooke-Alvinston Child Care Centre in the local public school.

When the Lambton-Kent District School Board learned the school’s roof couldn’t stand up to a major snowfall, it moved students out of the older portion of the school.

The day care was in the newer part of the building and was able to continue caring for the 58 children - 90 per cent of whom are from the area as the construction continued.

School board officials had hoped the construction would be completed by March break, but it is expected to stretch into the summer now.

Lori Veroude, the executive director of the day care, in a letter to council says the board has informed Lambton Rural Childcare “there is a need for roof structure updates in the 2007 addition portion of the school as well, including the child care spaces.

“We’ve just been notified the plan is to be completed in July and August.”

Veroude says the organization will have to relocate during construction.

Lambton Rural Childcare talked to the school board about other spaces, but there was no guarantee

the construction would be complete in time for the day care to move back in at the beginning of the school year.

Veroude asked Brooke-Alvinston council to consider renting the daycare the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre Complex while the upgrades are being completed. They’d need the facility including the auditorium, upper room and kitchen from Monday to Friday from 6 am to 6 pm.

Veroude says staff has relayed there are two bookings for the summer already, but the day care is prepared to work around them so they can continue to use the hall.

“We feel that keeping the families in their community provides them with the best option,” she added.

Mayor Dave Ferguson says council is supportive of the move but asked staff to review the requests. Council is expected to make a decision Thursday night

OVER THE TOP IN WATFORD



PHOTO CREDIT

The East Lambton Community Complex Fundraising Committee has blown past its \$ 2 million fundraising goal. Committee co-chairs George and Rhonda Noll revealed the news Thursday night saying the community has raised \$2,097,949 in just 14 months a feat Rhonda Noll says is “incredible.”

“The committee was blown away by the outpouring of support from our local and neighbouring communities,” Rhonda said.

The Nolls were the public face of the committee but they say the committee of Mike Acton, Rick Bebingh, Brad Goodhill, Mark Hamel, Steve Minten, Brad Rombouts, Jackie Rombouts and Todd White should be commended for their work.

“We want to thank everyone for helping bring this building to fruition. It’s been amazing seeing people utilize the facility and YMCA and know families will enjoy the new ELCC for years to come,” says George Noll.

Gardens and new gardeners get grants

The Independent

Two schools and two service clubs will be going green thanks to Petrolia’s Green Leader Program.

The town and Waste Management partner for the Green Leader Program which encourages groups in Petrolia to find environmental solutions to make a sustainable community.

This year, Queen Elizabeth II School has received the largest grant – \$5,000 – to start a school composting program. Each class will have its own composting bucket and there will be up to three composters to break down food waste to be used on the schools outdoor garden. The money will also help fund an indoor hydroponic grow tower near the library.

St. Philip Catholic School will receive \$3,000 to create two welcoming gardens at the front of the school using plants native to southwestern Ontario. The students will work with a nursery on the legacy project.

The Petrolia and Area Kiwanis Club will be expanding a program which provides preschool and school-aged children with the materials and tools needed to garden. In 2021, the club provided eight children with the tools, the Green Leader funding will help expand it to 12.

And the Lambton Central Petrolia Optimists Club will receive \$3,000 to place a soft surface under the small playground equipment using recycled rubber material.

Since 2020, the Green Leader has given out \$75,000 supporting 13 different projects.

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A SALUTE TO EARTH DAY



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Petrolia's Parks and Recreation Committee celebrated Earth Day by planting two new Celebration Maple trees at Bridgeview Park. Here Dave Menzies, director of Parks and Recreation, Councillor Chad Hyatt and committee members Kiera Maw and Ava Sylvester finish planting the tree near the playground equipment.

Petrolia getting wheelie bins

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Petrolia's recycling is about to get rolling. The town will be switching over to wheelie bins in January. Officials from Waste Management came to Petrolia council recently to talk about the new program which will replace the familiar blue boxes.

Waste Management won a contract to provide waste diversion programs in the region under a new recycling system which is paid by the producers who create packaging instead of the municipalities.

Homes in Petrolia will receive two 64

gallon carts but there will be no blue to be found. Recycling will be put in a bin with a yellow lid now; household garbage will go into the bin with the green lid.

The bins will be dropped off at homes in the late fall and the town and waste management are planning public open houses in the fall as well.

Any new homes in the community will get the bins delivered to their homes once they have been given an occupancy permit.

The new bins are expected to boost the town's recycling rate which well below the provincial target of 60 per cent.

The program will cost \$115,000 saving Petrolia \$34,000 a year.

Cricket fertilizer may soon be on Lambton fields

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Crickets - like every living creature - produce waste naturally in the wild. Researcher Rhoda deJonge of Vineland Research which is working with SureSource says turning large amounts of it into fertilizer just makes sense.

"Bugs have been doing this forever, it's just we don't necessarily appreciate it when it's something that's happening in our gardens," she says. "It's just harnessing it for a very specific purpose."

The commercial production of insects has been around for decades however it's never happened at a large scale in Canada.

“So it hasn’t really been an input that is commercially viable or something that a large scale farmer would even consider” Wallbridge tells The Independent.

But Aspire creates about 15,000 tonnes a year of cricket frass which could be used on upwards of 30,000 acres of land, either on

vegetable and fruit crops or in greenhouses, Wallbridge says.

"What's interesting about what Aspire is doing in London is they're actually scaling it up to a point where they're going to be producing significant volumes of the frass. So it actually becomes something that helps, we're going to have enough of it that it's going to be of interest to the different growers," he says.

Wallbridge says there has been some interest from farmers and SureSource hopes to start trials with the fertilizer in Lambton county this spring.

deJonge says SureSource and Vineland Research have been working together on a formulation which produces a fertilizer that breaks down quickly giving plants access to nutrients faster. And “it doesn’t smell to bad” - far better than animal manure although there might be a faint odour if the fertilizer is wet, deJonge adds.

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Warden Kevin Marriott
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Lakeshore Road closure

Lakeshore Road (County Road # 7) is now closed between Aberarder Line and Hillcrest Road in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming for major rehabilitation of the Bonnie Doon Creek bridge. The work is expected to be completed by late September 2023, weather permitting. Detours routes are posted. No through traffic is permitted during construction. Please visit www.municipal511.ca and www.lambtononline.ca/roadclosures for more road closure information.

Recycle your used batteries with Lambton County Library

Lambton County Library has partnered with Call2Recycle Canada, Inc. to host battery recycling collection boxes in select library locations, to encourage the proper disposal of used batteries. Lambton County residents can drop off their used single-use and rechargeable household batteries (weighing up to 5 kg each) at the Alvinston, Brigden, Bright's Grove, Corunna, Forest, Grand Bend, Mallroad, Petrolia, Point Edward, Sarnia, Watford, and Wyoming libraries.

Emergency Preparedness Week

Do you know what to do when disaster strikes? Emergency Preparedness Week is May 7-13, 2023. Readyng your family to be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours after the onset of an emergency is critical to your own personal needs and safety, while waiting for first responders to arrive. You can prepare in advance by knowing the risks in your community, making a plan for your household, assembling a 72-hour home preparedness kit, and signing up to receive free emergency alerts.

Visit www.EmergenciesLambton.ca to learn more.

Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., May 3, 2023 – Council Meeting
9 a.m. & 11 a.m., May 17, 2023 – Committee A.M. & P.M. Meetings
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Editorial

Support journalism the right way

Since the founding of Canada’s first newspaper, the Halifax Gazette in 1752, government advertising has been an important source of revenue for newspapers, ensured that Canadians have access to high-quality Canadian news and that the government reaches the people it serves.

Twenty years ago, the federal government spent a third of its advertising budget with newspapers and magazines. Today, the feds have spent just five per cent of a massive advertising budget of \$140 million in newspapers. The majority of that money is now going out of the country to social media companies which pay no taxes in Canada.

That ironically includes TikTok - the app the federal government recently banned from all government devices over concerns the Chinese government may use it to gather intelligence about Canada. The federal government spends \$1.7 million advertising on Tic Tok - who knows how much more someone is paid to create the content. At the same time, the feds spent just \$6 million on one of the most reliable places to advertise, newspapers and their digital platforms.

Meantime, without hiring journalists or facing the liabilities of being involved in the news business, social media companies are seen as news providers even though they have yet to do a good job of separating fake news from the truth - something your local journalist strive to do everyday.

Our country needs trusted news sources to keep Canadians informed. But Canada’s news sources are struggling in the digital age. You’ve likely heard of some of the government programs to provide financial aid to news outlets. They’re helping to keep the industry going but their not the real solution.

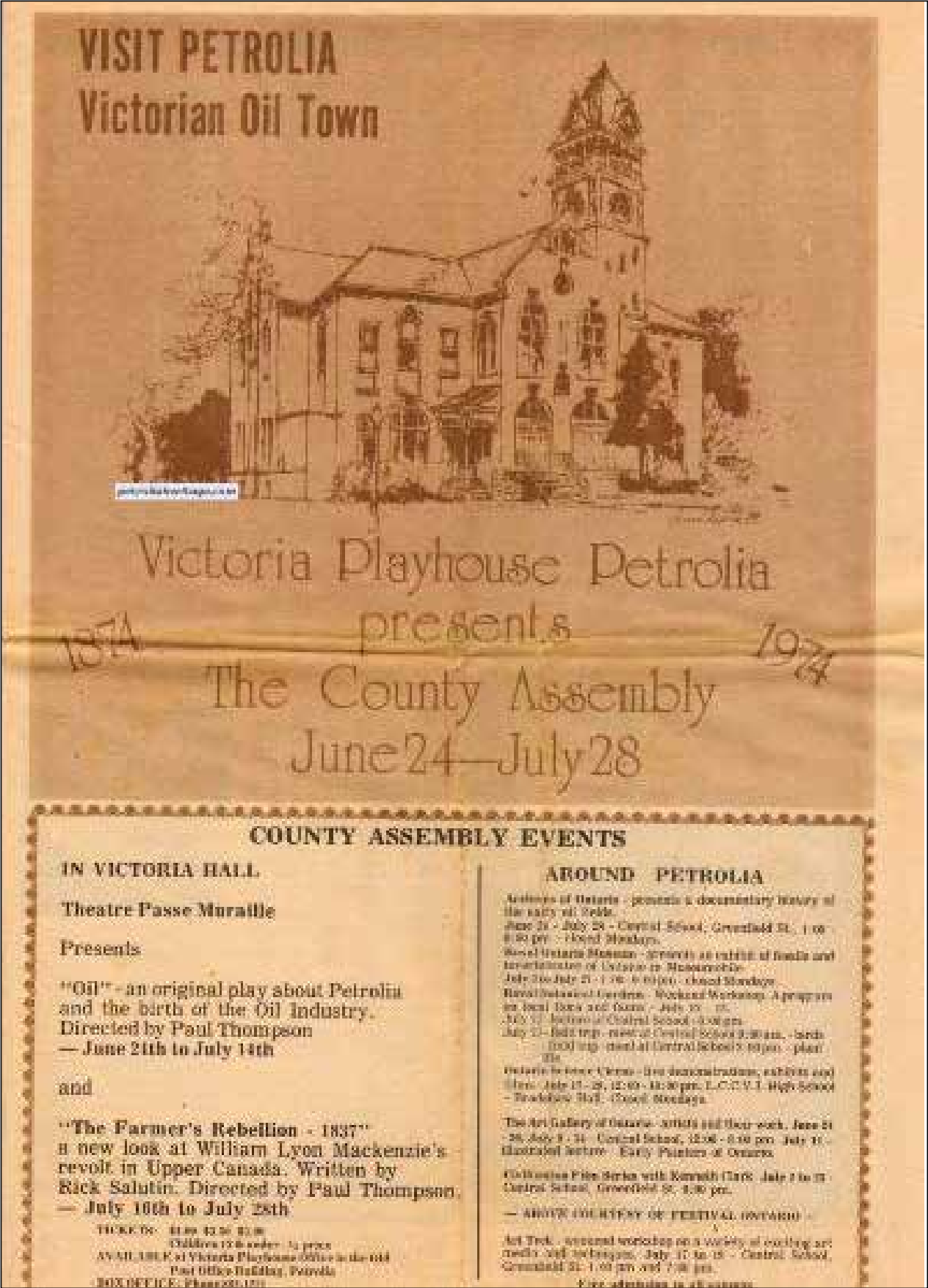
The real solution is for the federal government to use Canadian newspapers, radio stations, television stations and even Canadian digital providers to share their message, not send \$70 million of your tax dollars to Mark Zuckerberg, Elon Musk and China.

We think it is time the federal government supports Canadian journalism with their advertising dollars. Without a strong Canadian media, we will only see more misinformation and less informed citizens.

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Opinion

‘There is a need now’ for daycare in Petrolia: reader

EDITOR: The childcare crisis in Petrolia is real. We are very concerned. The council meeting March 27 was a wake up call for our entire community, both young and old.

Petrolia demographics show 320 children of child care age, but only 85 spaces available.

This calculates out to 3 in 4 or 75 per cent of our local children do not have access to reliable, stimulating, affordable and qualified childcare spaces.

Citizens appeared before the aforementioned council meeting to testify to their specific situations. Young women wept while explaining they had to table the idea of a second child because the know daycare is not readily available.

It is a well accepted fact that children at this critical child care age are in their formative years. The children of today will be our doctors, nurses,

gardeners, technicians and social workers of tomorrow. They will be our future taxpayers that will be making the decisions that will affect our towns, provinces and country. The guidance, care and stimulating education they receive during this time is the foundation of their future decisions. The foundation has direct correlation to future life choices. It is our future, too.

The time is now. We, as a community, must support the young families in Petrolia and help them solve this daycare crisis. They need to be able to obtain adequate, stimulating daycare in a timely fashion.

Petrolia is expanding. This is good. The community tax base increases with each new development and expansion. It is those tax dollars that fund our local services and programs. We need these young families to want

to join our community and build their futures here.

It is often necessary for both parents to work outside the home. Single parent families are on the rise. These young families will choose elsewhere if reliable, affordable daycare is not available.

We appreciate that town council listened to everyone and passed a motion to investigate how other communities are addressing childcare needs. Investigating is only good if the results are shared with the community at large and solutions are implemented.

We would like to encourage our entire community to familiarize themselves with the crisis. Petrolia has always been an inviting and friendly community that supports each other in times of need. There is a need now and young families deserve to have hope for a bright future.

Janet and Dick Bradley

PW replacing hundreds of aging water meters

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming spend \$1.2 million to replace hundreds of old water meters.

According to Adam Sobanski, the public works director, in a report to council the “project will replace old or obsolete meters, as water meters become less accurate with age (costing the town money in lost water revenue.) The reading system will be upgraded from a walk by system that takes two to three weeks to complete meter reads to a drive by system which should take two to four days to complete.

“Approximately one third of the

existing water meters are over twenty years old,” Sobanski added. “The current meter reading technology is obsolete and has become unreliable. It is estimated that water meter reading process currently costs approximately \$4,000” per billing cycle.

The town considered the move before the pandemic but it had to put the plan on hold for two years, not wanting to send installers into people’s homes to do the work. But the town did put aside some cash for the project.

By the time Plympton-Wyoming went out to the marketplace to find a supplier and installer, the costs had risen.

In 2023, the tenders again came in

higher than anticipated before the pandemic, but the town did have money set aside for the work to cushion the blow.

Sobanski met with the preferred company, Neptune Technologies Group, which said another 247 meters between the ages of 15 and 20 years could be included in the contract at the same unit price. Those additional meters will cost \$105,583 bringing the total cost of the project to \$1,239,024 still under the \$1.5 million the town set aside in 2023 for the project.

Sobanski says the replacement program will start in May with a public information program before the installations begin.

Thirty-three acres of trees removed from Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

Thirty-three acres of trees were cut down in Lambton County in 2022.

That from a report by Tim Payne, the county’s Woodlands Conservation Officer to Lambton County councillors.

Payne produces a yearly report on tree cutting in the county outlining how many landowners applied for permits and exemptions and laying out how many acres of woodland were actually affected.

The report shows in 2022 the county

gave 21 exemptions to cut trees and in all 33 acres of trees were removed under those permits.

The county also gave permits for 50 sustainable harvests across the county in about 1,030 acres.

Dawn-Euphemia had the most applications for tree cutting - 28 or 30 per cent of all requests in the county. Seventeen woodlot owners looked for permits to cut trees according to their circumference. There were three permits for tree cutting because of pipelines.

Enniskillen was next with 18

applications or about 21 per cent of all applications.

Enniskillen was one of two communities where there were investigations into tree cutting after complaints. St Clair was the other. There were no charges laid.

Payne says 2022 year saw a decrease in total approvals, down 27 per cent from 2021.

Exemption approvals were also down 36 per cent. Contributing factors to the decrease, Payne said, would be the continued outreach and education of landowners.

Canoes hoping to hit the Sydenham in annual race

The Independent

The annual Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race is back.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and foundation will be hosting the long running spring event April 30.

It has been a number of years since the race was held, partly due to weather but also because of the pandemic.

The race is recognized by the Ontario Marathon Canoe Kayak Racing Association and features 11 classes and

three different race lengths to appeal to both competitive and recreational paddlers.

The starting line is Mossie Road just west of Country Road 79.

A shuttle service will be available beginning at 10:00 am until 11:00 am between the start and finish line.

All classes and race lengths end at the Shetland Conservation Area located on Lambton County Road 2.

The event is a fundraiser for the foundation to continue providing conservation services in the Sydenham River watershed.



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They Sydenham River Race is slated for Sunday.

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Gladu’s pension bill on the way to being law

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Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu can clearly remember how devastated her neighbour was when Sears Canada closed in 2018.

Gladu was nearing the end of her first term on Parliament Hill when the company began shuttering its business. “My one of my neighbors was working at Sears and she had worked your whole life. She was telling me all about how excited she was to retire. And then Sears went bankrupt and she got 70 cents on the dollar. And she had keep working. And I thought ‘well, this is just not right.’ So that was the reason I started looking into it.”

Gladu says it wasn’t a new problem. MPs had been trying to legislate a

solution which would allow employees to keep their pensions in the case of bankruptcy for 20 years. Several private members bills were written but never passed.

“In each one of them, there was something that all the parties couldn’t agree on. But there was some things that everyone could agree on. So, I went and picked all the ones that people could agree on from these various bills, and stuck them all together,” Gladu told The Independent.

On April 20, Gladu’s private members bill was passed by the Senate and will likely become law in the next few weeks.

The soon-to-be law will require employee pensions to be paid out before the banks and creditors received any of the remaining cash of a bankrupt com-

pany. “In the past everybody else, the lawyers and the banks got the money, and the pensioners that worked hard their whole lives were left without,” says Gladu.

“Banks are more likely to be able to survive one company going bankrupt than an individual that’s counting on that pension for their whole retirement. “When you think of all the 1000s and 1000s of Canadians that have worked their whole lives and then not received pensions, sometimes not even getting severance,” says Gladu. “This bill is really going to fix that, and I’m really happy about that.”

Aside from having the backs of pensioners, Gladu’s bill is a bit of a rarity. She’s one of only 50 MPs in the history of the country to have two private members bills become law.

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Brooke-Alvinston council approves dressing room reno plans

Heather Wright
The Independent

There’s now architectural drawings to renovate the Brooke-Inwood-Alvinston Community Complex’s dressing rooms that everyone agrees on.

Brooke-Alvinston council recently approved plans for the renovations which members of the Alvinston Optimist first proposed years ago.

Council agreed in 2021 to go to an architect to look at suggestions from the club and other user groups and come up with formal plans. The town would pay up to \$15,000 for the plans and split the costs with the Alvinston

Optimists.

The plans were unveiled in March and Clerk/Administrator Janet Denkers, says the municipality met with members of the Optimist building committee, East Lambton Minor Hockey Association, and the Lambton Attack afterward to go over the plans again. The group came up with a few more changes which went to council earlier in April.

“With Council’s direction in consideration of the suggestions, we will advise the Engineers / Architects to proceed with the amendments to the dressing room area plan and request a price for the proposed renovation to

the dressing room area,” Denkers wrote in her report to council.


Councillors agreed with the revised plans, which include moving the janitors room and office near the zamboni entrance.

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion and council agreed that the recommended changes to the dressing room area be sent to the engineers only on the submitted plans for revision and pricing and that only occurs once payment from the Optimist Club for 50 per cent of the plans price is received.

Denkers adds any further plans would need public input.

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Warwick lowers deposit for ‘nightmare’ planning issue

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Watford businessman says planning for an expansion at his business has been a “nightmare.”

Kevin Caris, who owns the Home Hardware store, has been working on a site plan with Warwick Township’s planners and, in a letter to council said he wouldn’t be moving ahead with the development because it was a “very poor investment opportunity.”

Caris’ complaints come after he was asked to provide a deposit for the full cost of the work to be completed - in the neighbourhood of \$300,000 - to obtain approval to move ahead.

That, according to Ken Melanson, the manager of building services for Lambton, was a mistake. He should have only be charged half of the construction value -

\$175,000.

That surprised some members of council who approved asking for half the value of the build instead of \$10,000 in 2021.

Councillor Wayne Morris admits he didn’t remember making the change. “I think \$175,000 is a tremendous amount of capital to be tied up....It might kill a project because they can’t get the extra \$175,000.”

Deputy Mayor John Couwenberg agreed. Melanson said the money is meant to be available if the work can’t be completed. And he says some Lambton municipalities require 100 per cent deposits and others require none.

“It’s all over the map.”

Councillors agreed Caris should be required to provide a \$25,000 deposit for the project.

They’ve also asked staff to take a look at the 50 per cent deposit fee rule and see what

Driver tosses drinks from his car

The Independent

A Petrolia man is facing charges after the OPP watched as a driver threw alcoholic from his car window.

On Sunday afternoon, OPP officers were at the corner of Marthaville Road and Lasalle Line when they saw a vehicle drive through

the stop sign.

Police followed the vehicle and watched as the driver tossed alcoholic beverages from the window.

Police stopped the driver and said it was apparent he’d been drinking. The 59 year old man has been charged with impaired driving and failing to stop for a stop sign.

Petrolia to get a clean sweep May 6

Petrolia wants you to help make a clean sweep of the town.

On May 6, the town is organizing a clean up of the downtown area and local parks. The idea is to get rid of the garbage and yard waste that has accumulated over the winter months.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 8:45 am behind the library where they’ll be deployed around town with rakes, gloves, and brooms they’ve brought and garbage bags from the town to complete the sweep of town by the noon hour.

Schedule 2

Notice of the Passing of a Development Charges By-law

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TOWNSHIP-WIDE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Warwick passed development charges By-law No. 23 of 2023 on the 11th day of April, 2023 under section 2 (1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O., 1997 c. 27, as amended;

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal under section 14 of the Act, in respect of the development charges by-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Warwick on or before **the 24th day of July, 2023** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

The schedule of development charges imposed by the by-law, which came into effect on **April 11, 2023**, is as follows (note, these charges are phased-in as per section 3.14 of the by-law):

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By-law No. 23 of 2023


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	Singles and Semi-Detached	Apartments 2 Bedrooms or more	Apartments Bachelor or 1 Bedroom	Other Multiples	Special Care/Special Dwelling Units		
Roads	\$5,451	\$3,484	\$2,300	\$4,111	\$2,204		\$0.45
Fire Protection	\$772	\$493	\$326	\$582	\$312		\$0.07
Parks/Recreation	\$7,099	\$4,537	\$2,995	\$5,354	\$2,870		\$0.05
Wastewater	\$7,786	\$4,976	\$3,285	\$5,872	\$3,148		\$3.43
Water	\$1,992	\$1,273	\$840	\$1,502	\$805		\$0.87
TOTAL	\$23,100	\$14,763	\$9,746	\$17,421	\$9,339		\$4.87

No key map has been provided as the by-law applies to all lands located within the Township or Warwick. Water and Wastewater charges apply to the serviced areas of the Township.

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at the Township of Warwick offices, 5280 Nauvoo Road, Watford, Ontario N0M 2S0 during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) excluding statutory holidays.

DATED at Township of Warwick offices, Watford, Ontario, this 12th day of April, 2023.

Amanda Gubbels,
Municipal Clerk



Alzheimers’ walk to be in Petrolia for first time

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

There have been over 3,000 people in Lambton County diagnosed with Alzheimer disease or dementia.

“We know with every diagnoses of Alzheimers, the disease affects two other people,” said Marie Marcy-Smids, manager of fund development and communications with the Alzheimers Society Sarnia Lambton. There are over 6,000 other caregivers and family members who are affected.

And while Alzheimers and dementia has affected so many families, The Walk for Alzheimers will be held in Petrolia for the first time on May 12.

There are over 600,000 Canadians living with dementia and Alzheimers. The Alzheimer Society Research Program began in 1989, and over \$67 million in grants have been invested in research.

The program has two goals, to encourage research, which would explore the radical new ways to advance the knowledge of dementia and to improve the quality of life for people living with dementia, their families and caregivers

There is no known cause or cure for Alzheimers and dementia, but living longer is the biggest risk.

It has been estimated if the onset of dementia could be delayed by 10 years, over four million new cases of dementia could be avoided by 2050.

The World Health Organization estimates five to eight percent of people will live with dementia after the age of 60.

People’s memory loss gradually worsens to the point where their abilities deteriorate to where they are no longer able to care for themself. The only way to know if an individual has dementia is to talk to a doctor and get tested.

The local Alzheimer Society is hoping to raise more in Lambton to help uncover more about dementia by holding two walks this year.

Marcy-Smids hopes the walk in Sarnia and Petrolia will raise \$65,000.

She said the annual Walk for Alzheimers usually happens on the last weekend in May, but due to other events in Petrolia being on the same day, it was decided to move the event ahead to May 12. The Sarnia walk will be held on the last weekend in May.

People can register online at www.walkforalzheimers.ca or can register at the event.

Registration opens the day of the walk at 10 a.m. with the walk beginning at Black Gold Brewery at 11 a.m. with the Petrolia Lions Club holding a luncheon at noon. The route will be five kilometres and will return to Black Gold Brewery. Participants will be have a passport and will be asked to attend as many as participating businesses and organizations along the route.

- THE INDEPENDENT

JAZZY CHURCH



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Wolf Von Waldow was in the groove during a performance at Jazz Vespers at St. Paul’s United Church Friday. The evening of music and dance was a fundraiser to help the Petrolia church complete roof repairs in the future.

ATV accident victim has a long road ahead

CON’T FROM PG 1

Armstrong told *The Independent* that call was difficult for Jordan - who is a firefighter - and his crew that arrived on the scene.

“I would say probably 90 per cent of those calls they go on, they find somebody they know...It’s tough on them.”

Once at hospital in London, Armstrong had two surgeries almost immediately including one to put a titanium rod in his leg, the other to fuse his spine in some places.

Monday, doctors repaired some of the facial fractured. His mom says his jaw is now wired shut and he’s in a medically induced coma.

But Armstrong says they have been able to communicate with Tyler. He recognized both his mother and his brother and photos of his nephews. “It was the best feeling to see him look at those kids and smile,” she says choking back tears after nine days of being by her son’s bedside.

Right now, the family is waiting to see how long Tyler’s recovery will take and if he’ll ever be able to return to his job as a heavy equipment operator.

“I don’t know if that’s ever gonna come back. I don’t know. There’s so many unknowns.

“He has no movement in his right arm at all, like absolutely nothing. So we’re still waiting on a lot of information on that right now. That is a wait and see,” says Armstrong.

“I just want to give him support to get him better and try hopefully to work him towards some kind of rehab that, you know, hopefully, he can get pretty much the best recovery possible and hopefully go back to a career he loves.”

Armstrong has started a GoFundMe page to help with ongoing medical expenses and possibly renovations to his home in the future.

“Tyler has a very long road ahead of him and will have many additional expenses to help him reach his full potential.”

You can find the GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/f/tyler-armstrong-atv-accident.

While Armstrong hasn’t put a lot of thought into the bend in Shiloh Line where the accident occurred, she knows it well from years of camping at AW Campbell Conservation Area with the family.

“I always went slow when I went around it,” she says.

“Jamie and I talked about it. It’s a 90 degree curve. They probably should have stop signs going both ways. You’d have to slow down and stop to get around it...I don’t know if people have come up with that. That’s the only thought we had - why not make them stop?

“Some people might roll through it, but they’d be rolling a lot slower, I think.”

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Description of Lands:

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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**

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The Second Golden Age of the Petrolia Theatre

Victoria Playhouse Petrolia marks 50 years

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Fifty years ago a teacher from Queen Elizabeth II Public School had an idea to clean up an unused theatre. That clean up led to the founding of a professional theater in Petrolia which is now pumps millions of dollars into the local economy.

As the new season at Victoria Playhouse Petrolia opens next week for previews of the first show of the summer season, it is hard to believe that not that long ago, the grand theater built as an opera house for wealth oil barons stood silent for so many years.

Karen Whiting was a member of the community theater in Petrolia 50 years ago.

Whiting believes the restoration of the theatre began when a teacher at the Queen Elizabeth II Public School toured his class through the abandoned opera house in the Petrolia Town Hall. He then requested the students be allowed to use the theater to stage a play.

Many people were unaware of the opera house at the time, said Whiting, who wasn't involved in the restoration but would later be a founding member of the Petrolia Community Theatre where she would be involved in costume design for 30 years.

The Advertiser-Topic in Petrolia published an article prepared by Victoria Playhouse Petrolia Coordinator Marilyn Joliffe in its Oct. 29, 1975 edition, which describes the restoration of the opera house in those early years.

Petrolia Town Council agreed to form a committee in May 1972 to seek funding, explore uses and to make recommendations in regard

to renovations of the opera house.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services agreed to pay half of the cost of a feasibility study, with the community raising the rest.

The committee gave its recommendations to council the next year in May 1973, where it became clear \$100,000 would have to be raised in order to bring the opera house into modern theatre requirements and regulations.

The basement, which at the time was only being used for storage was also ideal for washrooms and dressing rooms.

The opera house committee was incorporated named the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia (VPP), with a five person board of directors. Ron Baker, who later retired as head librarian for Lambton County would serve as chair. The VPP signed a \$1 a year lease agreement with the town council for rent, utility and heating costs.

The restoration work was divided into two phases. The first phase was to allow for Victoria Hall to meet fire and health regulations, the addition of washrooms and the reworking of three stairways. The second phase would install air conditioning, decorate the hall, provide theatre equipment and convert the old fire hall space of the building into the main foyer for the theatre.

A federal winter works grant was received for \$148,500 and five days later, the board hired the architect in July 1973. The preliminary architectural drawings were completed in September.

In its search for a director for the facility, the board invited many people with national and international reputations in the

theatre community. One of those visitors was Paul Thompson of Toronto's Theatre Passé Muraille who visited in October and saw the potential.

Theatre Passé Muraille staged VPP's first production on Nov. 19, 1973 with Them Donnelly's. A volunteer staff sold 1,390 tickets for three shows over nine days. The audiences were mostly Petrolians with all three shows sold out. There would be nine more events in the theatre over the next two years.

Construction priorities were set in and in March 1974, a local contractor was hired with work beginning two weeks later. The job was completed in the summer of 1975, with about \$400,000 being raised, with most being spent on capital work.

An official opening of Victoria Hall was held on Nov. 1, 1975. Among the dignitaries was Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon.

Laurissa Ellsworth, the director of marketing, arts and communications for the Town of Petrolia says over the years there were a lot of ups and downs, including the epic fire which destroyed the building in 1989. Theatre returned to Victoria Hall once it was restored.

And Ellsworth says, in the last decade, the VPP has been able not only to entertain, but to turn a profit while doing it. Some of that money has been reinvested into the theatre over the years.

There has also be financial gain for the community Ellsworth says. With up to 40,000 people coming to town for shows, money is being spent on everything from food, to gas, and even gift items. Tourism



PETROLIA HERITAGE PHOTOS

The Petrolia Advertiser Topic detailed the renovation of the opera house at Victoria Hall as Victoria Playhouse Petrolia was formed 50 years ago.

experts estimate the VPP may generates as much as \$5 million per year in economic spinoffs for the area.

“It’s a pretty huge impact. And for the Town of Petrolia, it’s a real pleasure right now to be to be making money and to be contributing positively to the economy,” says Ellsworth, who is marking her 25th season working at VPP.

As much as that economic spinoff is important, Ellsworth says the theatre builds a sense of community as well including the 120 people who volunteer each year.

“Each of those people comes from a different background, they might be a student, they might be retired, they might live alone, they

may come with a group of friends. And that alone is huge because we’re providing that connection for them to get out and socialize in our community and help us. So we appreciate them. But also, for those attending the shows, too, becomes a sense of family,” she says.

“We really missed people with a pandemic and what I heard most in the office was ‘I feel like, we haven’t seen our friends and our family for a long time.’ So that social component for patrons as well as huge.”

This year the VPP under the direction of David Rogers and David Hogan will host six shows from May to October and two Christmas programs in November and December.

- WITH FILES FROM HEATHER WRIGHT

Road construction season underway

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton County will spend about \$14 million to lay down 29 kilometres of new pavement, 12 kms of paved shoulders and replace five culverts and repair four bridges this summer.

Jason Cole, the general manager of infrastructure for Lambton County, laid out the plans for the busy summer construction season to county councillors recently. Some of the items are not a surprise. Plympton-Wyoming council had already expressed concern about a lengthy road closure on Lakeshore for the extensive repairs of Bonnie Doon Bridge.

And recent social media advertising has touted a project on Nauvoo Road between Petrolia and Courtright Lines which will begin soon. The project to replace a culvert and rehabilitate the slope is expected to close the road for a month.

Also on the list of road repairs you might want to avoid; Starting in May, Nauvoo Road between Courtright and Rokeby Line will be repaved with new partially paved shoulders.

Construction will start in June on Mandaumin Road between Courtright Line and Rokeby Line for repaving.

Also in June, Oil Heritage Road between Edys Mills and Langbank Line will be repaved.

Bright’s Grove residents will be in the middle of construction as Lakeshore Road will be repaved, with new partially paved shoulders installed, starting in June.

If you like to go to Sarnia’s Centennial Park, you’ll find construction on Front Street starting in August between Exmouth and London Road.

And county officials say there is a possibility Mandaumin Road between Langbank and Lambton Line will be widened and reconstructed this year as

GREEN BUT COLD



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

A small group of residents braved the cold and wet on the morning of Saturday, April 22 to clean up the area around Centennial Park and the East Lambton Community Complex in Watford as the Township of Warwick held its Community Park Clean Up Day, commemorating Earth Day. Along with the clean up, various saplings were planted.

Sports

CLAIMING THE CUP



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Jackson Sanders was holding on tight to the Jack Black Memorial Award for the all around best Novice player at the East Lambton Minor Hockey banquet Saturday. Minor hockey President Adam McKellar presented awards to dozens of players who worked hard this season. The Eagles U13 Rep team was also recognized for claiming the Red Caps during the OMHA finals. You can see more photos at www.petrolialambtonindependent.ca.

Lady Lancers fall 4-nil to UCC in soccer

The LCCVI Lancers opened the senior girls’ high school soccer season on the wrong end of a 4-nil score at Ursuline College in Chatham Monday. The Chatham school scored two goals in each half for the victory.

In boys’ action, Ursuline scored on a corner kick in the first half and added two more second half goals to beat LCCVI, 3-nil.

The Lancer soccer sides host St. Pat’s Wednesday with the girls kicking off at 3:30 and the boys at 5 pm.

Meantime, North Lambton is playing a doubleheader at Dresden Thursday at 4:30. The boys from Forest blanked Tilbury 7-nil last week while the girls played to a 1-all draw with the Titans.

Former Squires making their mark

A pair of former member of the Petrolia Squires made headlines in the hockey world.

Mike Oliveira has been named the new head coach of the PJHL’s Dresden Jr. Kings and Kyle Flemington made his NHL playoff debut as a linesman.

Oliveira, from West Lorne, ended his playing career with a single season wearing the Squires’ colours in 2015-16.

He coached in the Chatham-Kent Cyclones AAA program this past year.

Flemington played in Petrolia in 2013-14 after several stops in his junior career including the Sarnia Sting, London Knights and Sarnia Legionnaires.

He worked the lines for game two between the Panthers and Bruins in Boston last week and was pressed into some heavy lifting late in the game when the teams got physical.

The Parkhill made his regular season officiating debut in the NHL in 2019.

Forest Xtreme U16s win bronze

The Forest Xtreme, representing Ontario, lost a last second contest to Team PEI in the semi-finals on the weekend but still won bronze medals in the U16 division at the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships in New Brunswick.

Forest ended the four-day event with a record of two wins, two losses and two ties.

Rowan Moffatt led the Xtreme in scoring with eight goals and 13 points in six games and was second in overall scoring in the division.

Meantime, the Xtreme finished fifth in the U19 division at the same tournament. McKenna Mullins led the Forest squad in scoring with three goals and six points in five games. Olivia McKinlay and Kamryn Richardson were second and third in scoring with five and four points respectively.

McKinlay (fastest forward skater), Dylan Rannie (fastest backwards skater), and Emma Joris (shootout) were all Forest winners in the tournament skills competition.

The playoff Battle of the 402

The puck drops Friday night at Budweiser Garden in a playoff series nearly 25 years in the making.

The London Knights and Sarnia Sting have had some high intensity battles during the regular season but the rivals have not met in the postseason since the green and gold won in six games in the conference quarter finals in 1999. Ironically, the Sting’s head coach that year was Oil Springs’ Mark Hunter is the co-owner and general manager of the Knights. Hunter’s assistant coaches that year were former Squires’ Bill Abercrombie and Larry Lucas and Petrolia native Bob Gould.

Sarnia advanced to its first ever Western Conference final with a four

game sweep of the Saginaw Spirit while London punched its ticket with a five game series win over the Kitchener Rangers.

London has not been to the conference final since 2016.

Sarnia is 8-2 overall in the playoffs. London is 8-1 in the postseason, including a four game sweep of Owen Sound in the first round.

Both games in Sarnia, next Tuesday and Wednesday, will undoubtedly be sold out. When tickets went on sale Tuesday at the PASA box office, the lineup stretched from the main entrance all the way to the Nova entrance to Lambton College with some fans saying they waited in line for four-and-a-half hours for tickets.



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The program is expected to take place from May to October 2023.

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Death Notices

April 18 - April 25, 2023

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

GRAY, Janey Lynn "Lella"
Age 70, of Wyoming
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapel

SMITH, Peggy Joyce
Age 79
McCormack Funeral Home

GLOIN, Joanne Enid
Age 87
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

BADDER, Marianna Jean
(Gardiner)
Age 96, of Wabash
John C. Badder Funeral Home

MCCORMICK, James
Smith Funeral Home

BREWSTER, Donna
(nee Garibaldi)
Age 75
Smith Funeral Home

SPIRUDA, Marilyn
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

POELVOORDE, Godelieve
(nee DeNeve)
Age 96, of Wilkesport
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapel

JOHNSON, Gerald "Gerry"
Age 77
McCormack Funeral Home

GREENAWAY, Margaret Elizabeth
(Hurley)
Age 85
McKenzie Blundy Funeral Home

BENACQUISTA, Arcangela "Josie" Giuseppa
(nee Rocca)
Age 92, of Sarnia
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WILLIAMS, Catherine "Kay"
(nee Serratore)
Age 80
McKenzie Blundy Funeral Home

MACGREGOR, Robert Frederick
Age 98
Denning's of Forest Funeral Home

HAUSPIE, Christopher "Chris"
Age 48
John C. Badder Funeral Home

WILLIAMS, Judith
Smith Funeral Home

ROTONDI, Gina
Smith Funeral Home

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

MORNINGSTAR, Donna Jean
Age 76
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

DESJARDINE, Brian "Desi" Wayne
Age 76
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

MILNER, Charles
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

WILLIAMSON, Terri Rebecca
Age 40, of Sarnia
McCormack Funeral Home

MCEWEN, Margaret Grace
Age 93
Denning's of Watford Funeral Home

WOLFE, Jim
Age 63
Van Heck Funeral Home

MASKELL, Wm 'Ross'
Smith Funeral Home

McLEAN, John 'Jack'
Smith Funeral Home

McKNIGHT, Robert
Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY APRIL 23

CHARLEBOIS, Susan
Age 74
Needham Jay Funeral Home

PERCIVAL, Hazel Margaret
Age 82, of Sarnia
McKenzie Blundy Funeral Home

BACKMAN, Robert William
Age 75, of Bothwell
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SMITH, Mary
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SANDERS, Rose Marie
Age 82, of Dresden
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MONDAY, APRIL 24

BAARSCHERS, William
Smith Funeral Home

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We think about you all the time
We talk about you too,
We have so many memories
But we wish we still had you.

Missed every day by Kay & Family

Obituary

SANDERS

Rose Marie

Rose Marie Saunders, formerly of Dresden, passed away on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia at the age of 82. Born in Pain Court, the daughter of the late Rufus and Violet (Charron) Cartier. Rose is survived by her children Steve (Judy) and Sheri; grandchildren Nicholas, Nathan, Noah, Austyn, Zoe; great grandchildren Kaydence, Kyra, Gavyn, Lylah, Isabella and her siblings Annette (Melvin), Leona, Evelyn (Doug), Theresa, Cecile, Stella, Ruth Ann, Bernie (Shirley), Dennis (Tammy), Norman and Mike (Sue). Predeceased by sister Anna; brothers Jerome, Paul, Roger, Rosaire, Eddie, Gordie; sister-in-law Donna and brother-in-law Joe. Also survived by sister-in-law Nancy and many nieces and nephews. Rose will be remembered by Ron. The Saunders family will receive friends at the Badder Funeral Home & Reception Centre 679 North St, Dresden on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM. Interment in Dresden Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society. Special thanks to the staff and residents of Lambton Meadowview Villa for their amazing care. Online donations and condolences may be left at www.badderfuneralhome.com.

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Monday at 12 noon
for the paper that prints and distributes Wed-Thurs

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Classifieds

Word Classifieds: \$10 plus tax for up to 40 words
Stop in at the office 9am-3pm – Monday to Friday
4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728
or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

Here's your chance to be more involved in your hometown!



The Town of Petrolia is looking for residents between the ages of 12 and 18 to become part of our **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The committee will provide input to the town on the needs of teens.

It also helps plan a **YOUTH SUMMIT** – a weekend trade show and series of events for teens in Petrolia and the surrounding area.

Applications for the committee can be found at:

www.town.petrolia.on.ca/committees.html

or they can be picked up at the municipal office.

Completed applications are due by May 12.



Royal Canadian Legion • Ladies Auxiliary Petrolia

IT'S TEA TIME Sunday, April 30, 2023
1 pm - 3 pm

Join us for - Assorted finger sandwiches & decadent deserts, Variety of teas, including Iced Tea, non-alcoholic punch, Games with prizes, Cash Bar, Socializing with Friends

Adults: \$15 - Children age 6-10: \$7

Ages 5 and under: FREE

Tickets Available: 519-882-1201 or at the Legion, Thurs 7am-9pm, Sat Noon, 4pm

4129 Clearview Road, Petrolia



Church DIRECTORY



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

416 Queen Street, Petrolia (Behind the Post Office)

In-Person Service
Sundays @ 10:00 am

Services also available online: www.standrews-petrolia.ca

Pastor Katherine Hawley

Christ Anglican Church

414 Oil Street, Petrolia

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

Everyone Welcome

Church Office: 519-882-1430 | christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

Rev. Dave Hewett



St. Paul's United Church

4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

In-Person Services
Sundays @ 10:30 am

Church Office: 519-882-1390
www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

Rev. Carol Ferguson

First Baptist Church

In Person Church Service
Sunday Mornings @10:30 am

Pastor: Alex Craig

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia | Church Office 519-882-2480
email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com | website: www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca
Find us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia



Calendar of events

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS

DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mon	7p	Watford	Darts @ Watford Legion	519-876-2360
Tues	7p	Watford	Euchre @ Watford Legion	519-876-2660
Tues	7p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toastmasters @ Petrolia Lion's Hall	519-381-4910
Wed	6:30p	Oil Springs	Legion Open - cards, pool, darts - 6:30-10pm	519-834-2537
2nd Wed	7p	Petrolia	Bingo @ Petrolia Lion's Hall	519-882-8728
3rd Wed	7p	Sarnia	Monthly Meeting @ Horticultural Society	519-332-5837
3rd Thurs	7p	Oil Springs	Optimist Meat Bingo @ Youth Centre	519-834-2152
Fri	7p	Brigden	Pool Night @ Brigden Legion	519-864-1395
Fri		Watford	Meat Raffle, 50-50, CTA @ Watford Legion	519-876-2360
Sat	12p	Petrolia	Lunch 12-3 or until sold out @ Petrolia Legion	519-882-1557
Sat	2p	Petrolia	Meat Raffle @ Petrolia Legion	519-882-1557
Sat	3:30p	Forest	Meat Raffle @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357
Sat	6p	Alvinston	Catch The Ace @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
		Brigden	NEW LEGION HOURS: Thurs 6-9p; Fri 6-9p; Raffle Saturdays 4-8p; Non-Raffle Saturdays 6-9p	

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Apr 28	11am-3pm	Oil Springs	PA DAY EVENT @ Oil Museum of Canada - For more info visit: www.lambtonmuseums.ca	
Apr 29	2-5pm	Sarnia	FAST FORWARD ART EXHIBITION @ Gallery in the Grove - Runs until June 3rd. For more information visit www.galleryinthegrove.com or call 519-869-4643.	
Apr 29	4pm	Brigden	ELIMINATION DRAW @ the Brigden Legion - 519-864-1395	
Apr 30	1-3pm	Petrolia	IT'S TEA TIME @ the Petrolia Legion - 519-882-1201	
Apr 30	4pm	Oil Springs	MEAT RAFFLE @ the Oil Springs Legion - 519-834-2537	
May 2	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	
May 3	4:30 - 6:30pm	Camlachie	FISH FRY DINNER @ Camlachie United Church - 226-776-1222 or Sue 519-312-7323, email: camunitedevents@gmail.com	
May 5	7-9pm	Sarnia	RE VIEW SERIES OPENING @ JNAAG exclusive to members only - contact Yesenia Samuel at 519-336-8127 ext. 3231 or by email: yesenia.samuel@county-lambton.on.ca .	
May 6	9am-2pm	Wyoming	VENDOR SHOW @ Wyoming Legion - 519-845-0072	
May 7	3pm	Camlachie	ROCK N ROLL CONCERT @ Camlachie United Church - 226-776-1222 or Terry 519-869-4103, email: camunitedevents@gmail.com	
May 9	11am-1pm	Petrolia	SOUP LUNCH @ St. Philip's parish Hall - 519-882-2057	
May 9	7pm	Online	ONTARIO ANCESTORS MEETING - ONLINE ONLY register for Zoom Meeting at lambton.ogs.on.ca For info email: lambton@ogs.on.ca	
May 12	7:30p	Sarnia	Sarnia Concert Association presents BUZZ BRASS - 519-344-7469	
May 16	1pm	Wyoming	EUCHRE @ Wyoming Fair Building - 519-312-0578	
May 29	2-3:30pm	Online	ONTARIO ANCESTORS DROP-IN & CHAT - Zoom Webinar - For a link visit: lambton.ogs.on.ca or email lambton@ogs.on.ca	
May 30	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

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out to 4311 Marthaville Road (south of Discovery Line)
To Marthaville, LaSalle Line
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out to Centre Street
(off LaSalle Line)



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4311
Marthaville Road
Multi-Family Garage Sale
Fri. Apr 28 & Sat. Apr 29
Craftex Drum Sander,
Indoor & Outdoor Furniture,
Tools, Gardening, Hobby,
Kids Toys, Sump Pump,
Pool Heater, Dive Gear,
Electronics, Housewares,
Storage Bins, Fire Safe

2

4047
Sanway Court
MOVING SALE
Fri. Apr 28, 8-5
Sat. Apr 29, 8-3
Collectibles,
Variety of Household Articles,
Records, Framed Pictures,
Books, Garden Tools.

3

4615-4645
Centre St. (off LaSalle)
GARAGE SALES
Fri. Apr 28, 12-7
Sat. Apr 29, 8-3
Household Items, Garden
Items, Camping Supplies,
Tools, Utility Trailer,
Automotive Parts, Ping-Pong
Table, Smoker, Juki Serger,
Dog Items, Cruiser Bikes

4

399
Eureka St
Behind H&R Block
Apr 29
Saturday – 7am-12noon
The Leos will have a BBQ!
FREE E-WASTE
DROP OFF
Home Pick-up after 1:00 pm
Call Lion Cheryl 519-330-1621
PETROLIA LIONS CLUB

5

4331
Garden Cr
Fri. Apr 28, 8-8
& Sat. Apr 29, 8-1
2 HOUSEHOLDS
Collectibles,
Household, Quilts,
Miniature Collection,
Plants & Jewellery.

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GARAGE/ESTATE SALE
4110
Catherine St
PETROLIA
Fri. Apr 28, 3-7
& Sat. Apr 29, 7-2
Everything must go!
Tools, Electronics,
Musical Instruments, Toys,
Household Items.
Good size sale, good variety of stuff.

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Pearl St
Estate
Yard Sale
Fri. Apr 28, 8-?
& Sat. Apr 29, 8-2
Moved from farm
house.
Lots of Antiques.

Town-Wide
Garage Sales
Sat. April 27 & Sun Apr. 28
Please park in
designated parking
areas only

