

GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE



LCCVI athletes brought home three medals from the OFSSA Track and Field Championship - the most in recent memory. Hunter Campbell, left, won gold in the Junior Men's Discus, Hunter Mitchell won silver in the Novice Men's 100m Hurdle Sprint and Charlie Shaw won bronze in the Senior Men's 800m during the competition in Ottawa. And there were top 15 finishes for two other athletes; James Grant placed eighth in the 800m Novice Men's competition and Jack Helps placed 11th in the Senior Men's Javelin. See more on Pages 14 and 15.

Planners error on MDS causing big headaches near Camlachie

Heather Wright  
The Independent

An error by Plympton-Wyoming planning staff is causing big concerns in Camlachie where a poultry barn is under construction. But the project will move ahead as planned after the town's committee of adjustment decided the location of the barn as planned would be better for the neighbourhood. Saul Farms has begun excavating the site for a new poultry barn at 3913 Aberarder Line in May. They'd been issued a building permit for the property, but neighbours questioned how close the building would be to 15 townhouses, 15 apartments and single family homes around Queen Street. The planning staff took another look at the calculations under the province's minimum distance standards and found that the barns and the manure pit which will be built should be double the distance from the nearest home.

"It must be stressed that the Saul's followed proper process and made their application in good faith," said Ken Melanson, Lambton's manager of planning and development services. "The planning team acknowledges the error that occurred ...The Saul's are working in good faith with team to move forward with a proposal," he told the Committee of Adjustment members Tuesday. But the neighbours are worried. "Why is someone allowed to move in so close to residential properties and a school district...This will lessen the value of our properties here," said Tom McLaughlin in a letter to the committee. "Considering the amount of residential neighbourhoods Plympton-Wyoming has invested in the Camlachie area - I'm surprised that this farm has even got the green light to go this far," wrote Ryan Smith. Kelly Saul, who is building the barn with his father, said they chose the site because it was the "ideal candidate to build" with

natural gas, municipal water, three phase hydro, access to their woodlot and good drainage. Saul says when Plympton-Wyoming Planner Sarah Baldwin gave the okay for the development, the family moved forward. But on May 23, Saul got a call from Baldwin saying she made an error in calculating the minimum distance standards. The province requires farm buildings be 320 m from the nearest home. The nearest home is about 200m. The county recommended the family apply for a minor variance to move forward in the spot. Jim Saul said he felt "coerced" to apply. Kelly Saul told the committee he's a seventh generation farmer who is putting down roots and starting a family. "We do not want a fight in our community. "We would never have started building here...had planning done its job." SEE MDS PAGE 7

Loosley's leave extended

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Petrolia's mayor will continue on a medical leave of absence until the end of the year. Town council met privately Monday night to discuss the matter and then approved Brad Loosley's leave of absence extension until the end of the year. Loosley has been off on medical leave for three months after undergoing heart bypass surgery. In 2021, when Wade Deighton took a three month leave, Loosley said at the time it was the maximum allowed by the municipal act. However, the act isn't clear how long a leave can be with the consent of council. Acting Mayor Joel Field says Loosley asked for the six month extension adding he hopes to return before the end of 2023.

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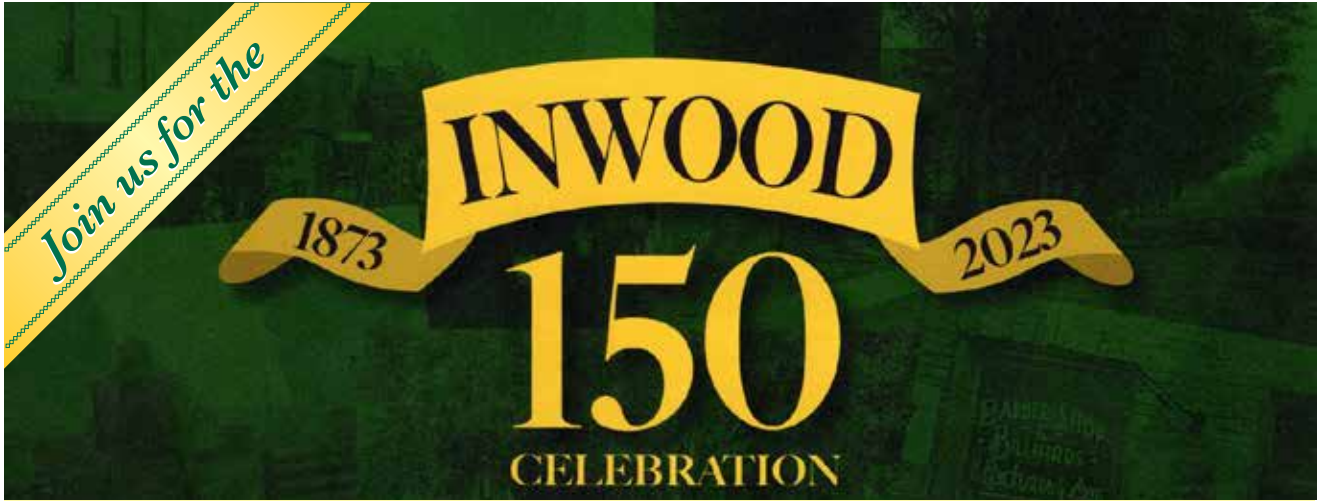
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**1:00 pm** Food Booth  
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**4:30 pm** Two-Pitch & Corn Hole

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**8:00 pm** Celebrity Two-Pitch Game  
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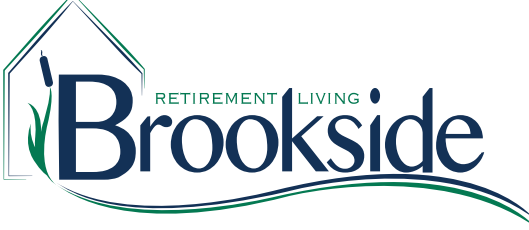
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## A DIFFERENT SET OF WHEELS



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The children flocked to the South Enniskillen/Oil Springs fire hall for the annual Firemen's Bike Rodeo but they were also interested in the old fire truck in the hall. About 54 children learned about bike safety through the June 7 event.

## Alvinston one of the stops for mobile clinic

Heather Wright  
The Independent

People in Brooke-Alvinston will soon find help for mental health closer to home. The Canadian Mental Health Association in Lambton-Kent is about to put two mobile care units on the road and it plans to make one of its stops in Brooke-Alvinston. Nicole Polak of CMHA Lambton-Kent says two RVs have been “fitted it with medical treatment area and a counseling area because it was the intention is to provide physical health and mental health and addiction services to where it is necessary. “We’ve identified some key areas where transportation has been an issue for those that are requiring more services. So our goal is to provide early intervention to help prevent crisis escalation, hospital admissions, or providing culturally competent and safe manner,” she added. Andria Appeldoorn, director of fund development for CMHA, says rural areas tend to have access issues. “So it might be transportation, it might even be that they’re not comfortable walking into a doctor’s office, or a hospital. So you know, really trying to meet people where they’re at. We’re very focused on

client and family centered care,” she told Brooke-Alvinston councillors Thursday. “If you’re at a place where you’re ready to reach out to care and you don’t feel comfortable or respected, or even able to access the care that’s available to you, you’re less likely to reach out for care the next time,” Appeldoorn added. In Lambton, the plan is to use the mobile clinic staffed with paramedics in Brooke-Alvinston, Watford, Thedford and Sarnia. The staff will deal with any physical or mental health need, Appeldoorn added saying people won’t need an appointment to visit the clinic. Brooke-Alvinston council gave CMHA approval to bring the unit to the community and use the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre parking lot. Appeldoorn says the CMHA is still working out all the kinks of the program and planning a route. It’s not clear exactly when the mobile units will be on the road. The second RV mobile health clinic will operate in the Chatham-Kent communities of Chatham, Thamesville, Wheatley and Wallaceburg. The clinics will also visit the communities of Kettle and Stony Point and the Delaware Nation near Thamesville.

## Principal investigating after anti-trans grad demo

Heather Wright  
The Independent

LCCVI’s principal is investigating his options after a graduate flashed a T-Shirt with an anti-trans slogan during the graduation ceremony. About 178 students crossed the stage at the Petrolia high school Thursday night to be recognized for four years of work. Toward the end of the presentation of diplomas, one student received his diploma, unzipped his graduation robe, smiled and showed the crowd a black T-shirt with the words “there is only two genders” to the cheers of some of the students at the ceremony. Sources say the student has been selling

the shirts online for some time. “It’s very upsetting for me,” Principal Greg Nemcek tells *The Independent*. “I take my school to heart. It hurts.” Nemcek plans to investigate the incident and see what repercussions there may be for the student. The incident, Nemcek agreed, underlines how tough it is to break biases and promote inclusivity. “It’s an ongoing educational issue – even for me. It’s very tough,” he says. The incident came the same day the school and the Town of Petrolia officially unveiled a PRIDE sidewalk at the corner of Queen and Dufferin Streets. Before the official unveiling, skid marks could be seen on the fresh paint.



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# Editorial

## Planning blunder a lesson

Our front page story about a planning mistake which led to a discussion about whether a poultry barn should be built near Camlachie is a good reminder of how important good planning is and why some of the new rules proposed by the province are simply not a good idea.

The Saul family is building a barn on agriculture land they own. Normally, they wouldn't need public input on building a farm building on farm land. But a Plympton-Wyoming planner made a big mistake and didn't properly calculate how close the nearest home was to the building. Under provincial rules, livestock buildings have "minimum distance setbacks" to reduce the chance of the sights, sounds and smells of farming bothering the neighbours. The planners mistake meant the barn would be much closer to the nearby homes. The county suggested the family ask for a minor variance to the property to allow the shorter distances, since construction was already underway.

That process allowed the public to have a say it was clear that many people didn't understand the farmer had every right to do what he was doing.

To be clear, this situation was set in motion years ago when the lakeshore area opened up to residential growth. Politicians knew then there would be problems between neighbours. The planner's mistake and the county's remedy just allowed residents of what was once farmland to weigh in on agricultural practices.

Many planning decisions have been placed solely in the hands of municipal planners by the provincial government. They do make mistakes and it is concerning that sometimes, these mistakes won't come to a public body to be rectified.

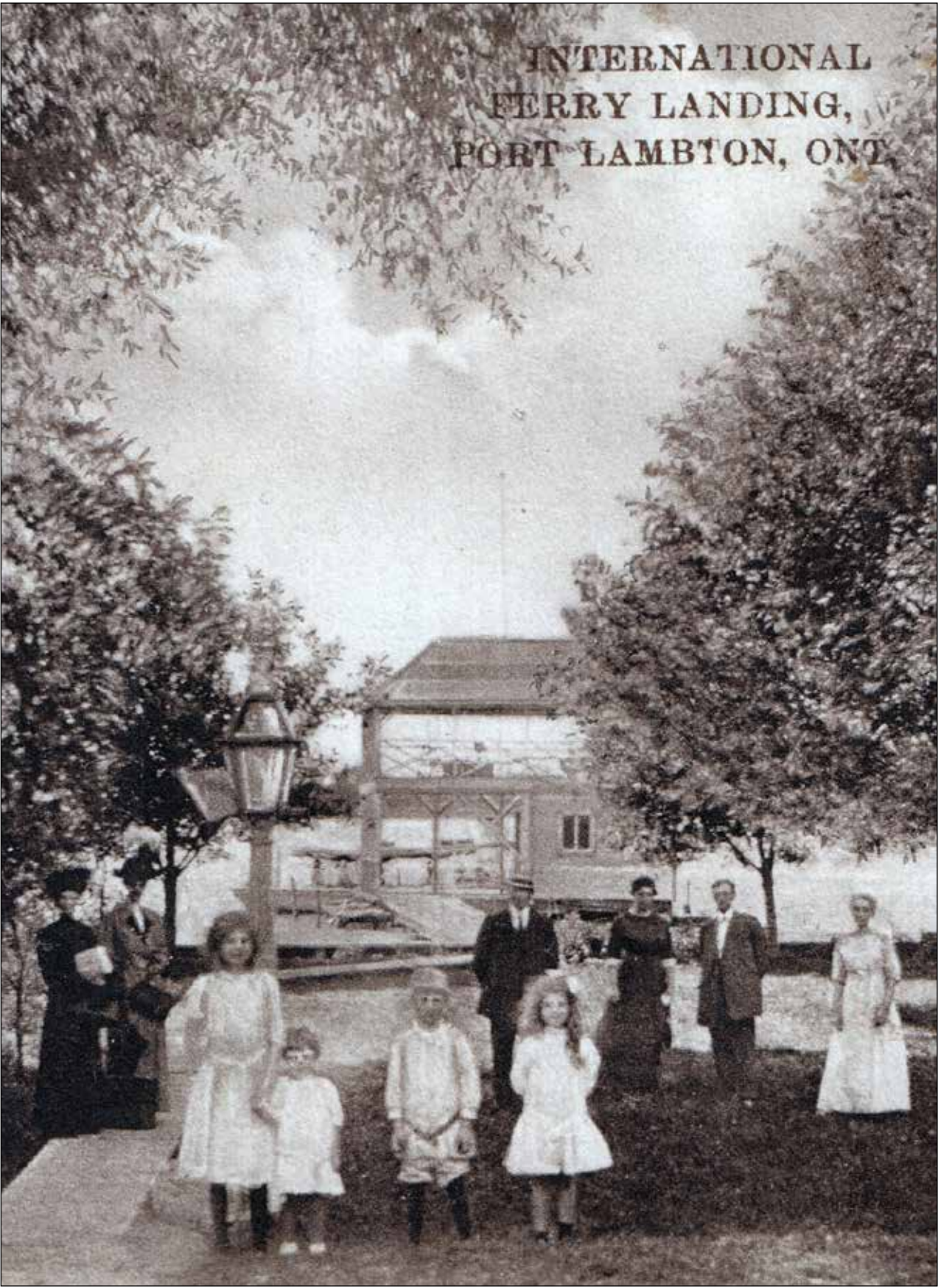
And then, there was the plan, which the premier says is off the table now, which would have allowed even more residential housing in agricultural areas. That would only serve to have more people concerned about barns and livestock in the community and it certainly wouldn't make for good neighbours.

Hopefully, when government is through changing planning rules, we won't all be surprised by what is developing next door and start to become planning experts. Planning issues are dry and boring until the decision of a bureaucrat or politician affects you directly, as the residents in Camlachie found out.

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Leah Davis-Lumley, Tristan Nemcek, Carson Love, Riane McEacheran and Kiera Maw have earned a spot on LCCVI's Nicol Legacy Wall. The five graduating students were named the 2023 Helen Kavanagh Nicol Scholarship Recipients June 7.

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

## Celebrating academic excellence: five named Nicol scholars

Heather Wright  
The Independent

LCCVI celebrated academic excellence naming five students as Nicol scholars.

Leah Davis-Lumley, Carson Love, Kiera Maw, Riane McEachern and Tristan Nemcek will receive the 2023 Helen Kavanagh Nicol Scholarships June 7. The Nicol Scholarship is awarded to the top academic students who participate in community and school life by a panel of judges which includes local ministers, politicians and school representatives. It was set up by Harold Nicol who went to LCCVI in 1914, before entering the military to join the troops in the First World War when he was just 14. When he returned, he took a college business course and worked with Western Electric which later became AT&T in Chicago.

Nicol had amassed a fortune of over \$2 million. Without a family, he decided to set up the scholarship fund for LCCVI in his mother's name.

Each year, a panel of members of the Petrolia community, school and the Nicol Foundation pour over applications from the high school's top students to determine who will receive the \$10,000 US scholarships. This year four monetary awards were given out and one student Riane McEacheran - was named a Nicol Scholar without a bursary.

McEacheran will be attending Western University to obtain a bachelor of science in nursing. It's a career she had not considered until recently.

"It's a way to connect with people. I like to talk, I like to chitchat. And it's a pretty intimate job. I spend all day, every day with people and that's kind

of what I feel fulfilled doing is talking to people connecting. For nurses, that's what your job is - to connect with those patients and those families and make an impact on a life on a daily basis."

McEacheran says she has "very minimal experience in the medical field; I'm kind of jumping all in with my degree. It's something that I was really drawn to this last year in high school, because I really didn't know what I wanted to do. ... I was like, nothing was really sticking out to me until I was talking to a nurse about what her day-to-day looks like. And I was like, 'I think that's something I actually want to do.' And I started to look into it and here we are."

Kiera Maw will be also be moving to London, attending King's University College at Western University for the child and youth studies program.

"I've always wanted to work with children, whether in social work or in school...I'm doing my co-op right now in a Grade One class so I'm kind of leaning towards teaching."

Maw says she's honoured by this award. "I'm really super proud and excited to be a Nicol scholar. You see the wall in our school and I'm just super honored to be recognized and be able to be a part of that community because it's just a community filled with great leadership and great character."

Tristan Nemcek, who recently received a full scholarship to Huron College at Western and is also part of the 2023 Nicol class, agrees.

"You look at the Nichol Legacy Wall and you see the names and you see what those people stand for in their life, it's an honor to be a part of that. It shows your hard work paid off and it's something that you work towards

your entire high school to finally be recognized as Nicol scholar. It's quite an honor." Nemcek hopes to work in the front office of a professional sports team in the future.

Leah Davis-Lumley plans to attend Western University for political science en route to a law degree and hopefully practicing family law.

"I've learned a lot about advocacy and the need for change in society and it's really drawn me to that field. I just want to end up at the end of the day, being able to help people's lives better by advocating for them."

Davis-Lumley adds it's an honour to be named a Nicol scholar and the bursary will go a long way to help her realize her goals.

"It's a really great resource and opportunity for me to be able to pursue my dreams. It's helped a lot of people in the community and it will help me be able to come back one day and, hopefully, give back," she says.

"A lot of the teachers here are actually, Nicol recipients. So, I hope that if things don't work out for me in the field of law, that I will come back here and hopefully teach law, like Mr. (Joel) Campbell, who's been a great mentor for me all throughout my high school."

Carson Love will be attending the University of Windsor in September taking mechanical engineering programs, specifically the aerospace branch. Love hopes one day to work for NASA. "When I was younger I was always interested in space," he says adding in high school he leaned into chemistry, physics and engineering.

And he too is proud to be a Nicol scholar. "It is definitely a great honour ... It shows that all my hard work over the past few years paid off."

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# Grad Photos

LCCVI graduates fill the gym for year end celebration

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS

There were lots of smiles and plenty of selfies during the LCCVI graduation June 8. Above, Victoria Versava and her dad pose for a selfie just after she crossed the stage to receive her diploma. Xander Hewitt, centre, waves at his parents as they get the perfect snapshot. Julianna Appleby waves to family as she enters the gymnaisum (centre right) as does Brady Busby-McEachen (bottom right). Taylor Bourque (center left) had enough of the photos as she left the stage. Principal Greg Nemcek shares a proud moment with his son, Tristan, as he received his diploma and Jack Robinson shares a few jokes with friends before the ceremony begins. Over 170 students graduated this





# Oil Springs approves five per cent tax hike

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Taxpayers in Oil Springs will see a five percent increase to their property tax bill after council officially passed the village’s budget June 6.

The \$1,048,000 budget includes \$100,000 for policing and \$98,000 for payments on debentures.

Money was also set aside for sidewalk repair, including on Elizabeth Street between Victoria and James streets. Discussion between the council members involved not spending \$3,500 budgeted for the repair by leaving it as is or tearing up the section. The council decided to go about the work as planned.

One of the projects the municipality wants to

undertake this year is the resurfacing of Oil Springs Line.

The council also wants to replace the ball booth washrooms.

The skateboard park also needs some work. This can only be accomplished if the municipality secures a provincial government grant or has a local organization like the Optimist Club of Oil Springs provide some funding.

Council agreed to have Ray Dobbin of R. Dobbin Engineering compile an asset management plan.

It has been 10 years since Oil Springs compiled its last asset management plan, with Dobbin also taking on that project.

There was \$3,500 set aside for each of the municipalities three parks for pea stone and mulch.

# MDS mistake by planner leads neighbours to question barn site

CON’T FROM PG 1

The land the Saul family is using is zoned for agriculture. Melanson says normally, they would just need the approval of planners and a building permit.

But with the mistake in calculating how far the barn can be from homes, the county suggested to bring an outside planning agency to look at the issue and see if the building should move ahead.

NPG Planning said, basically, no. “The general intent and purpose of this (MDS) requirement is to.... address and minimize impact from the livestock facilities and support livestock facilities in a manner that minimizes the potential for complaints. The requested variance creates a reduction in the distance to the existing residential homes that is almost a 50 per cent reduction. The extent of the reduction is such that the potential for impact and complaints has increased,” the planners wrote.

Because of the minor variance request, the public had an opportunity to comment and some people living in the area are concerned a poultry barn

would be moving in next door.

Joanne Wise lives in the nearby apartment complex. “I have been surprised and troubled by the lack of transparency about plans to construct two 22,000 plus square-foot poultry barns with adjacent manure storage in close proximity to more than 30 family homes,” she wrote adding it was difficult to get the information she needed to understand the new development.

And she worried the family would still be able to build the barn in the area anyway meeting the requirements, likely across the road from her townhouse.

Melanson says that could happen. “There is a very real area that is compliant to MDS - the property owners can apply for a permit in the area and would receive it without a public process,” he told the committee. Melanson added the official plan recognizes the importance of agriculture and when housing and farming clash in planning issues, the plan states “priority will be given to agricultural uses.”

Jim Saul confirmed they planned to move forward with a poultry barn in

another location on the property and “that location will be less desirable to you than where we currently are,” he told the roomful of residents at the meeting. “This project will continue to completion.”

At least some members of the committee felt the variance should not be granted. Jennifer Turks said the committee has no choice under provincial rules to follow the MDS standards. “It’s not just a provincial policy, it is there to protect the residents and the applicants,” she said noting she had “lost confidence in some of the planning staff” because of the issue.

But the majority of the committee felt the alternative location - across the road from the housing complex - would not be any better, and the fact the manure pit would be covered to reduce odour, were good reasons to over ride the MDS standards.

Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen noted that while some members of the committee felt the standards were set in stone, many municipalities have overridden the guidelines through committee of adjustment decisions in the past.

# Corunna firefighters put on a parade with their friends



A small parade wound its way through Corunna Saturday as part of the Corunna Volunteer Fire fighters Field Day. Led by the Sarnia Legion Pipe Band, the parade featured some of the equipment and trucks of the St. Clair Township Fire Department. Perched on the back of the last truck in the parade were characters from Paw Patrol, much to the delight of many local youngsters.





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# Watford natural gas plant build starts this year

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Waste Management says its new renewable natural gas project should be up and running by 2025. The company officially launched its \$50 million expansion at the Twin Creeks Landfill just outside of Watford. The company has been working with Warwick Township on the project, which turns methane into natural gas to heat homes, for several months. Engineering Manager Wayne Jenken said the start of construction of the renewable natural gas infrastructure project will begin later this year with the approval of permits expected in place by the end of the year. Jenken said things like site preparation can be conducted until the construction can get fully underway as they await

permit approvals. The new facility is expected to be commission in 2024 with it full operational by 2025. The project is expected to employ 75 construction workers and will add six to 10 full time employees to the Twin Creeks Landfill site workforce when it is fully operational. The new project will convert landfill gas captured from the Twin Creeks site into pipeline quality gas for injection into the nearby commercial gas transmission and distribution network. Once it is fully operational, the facility is estimated to produce as much as two million MMBtu of renewable natural gas per year. This could be enough energy to heat 35,000 homes in Ontario. Waste Management Canada Area Vice President Tracy Black called

this project apart of a “renewable energy revolution,” touting Waste Management as a leader in landfill gas. Waste Management currently has 16 renewable natural gas plants across North America with an announcement last year that 17 more will be built. This includes two in Canada, Twin Creeks and another in Quebec. Warwick Township Mayor Todd Case called it a good day for the municipality, mentioning how ironic it was is there is a shortage of natural gas in the community. He hoped sometime soon, there would be a further announcement that there will be natural gas expansion into Warwick Township. “If we all work together, we can achieve so much,” said Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, as he brought greetings from the provincial government.

# Parents plead guilty in death of nine month-old

The Independent

The parents of a nine-month old who died in a Mooretown home have been sentenced – one to prison and one to house arrest. Nov. 20, 2020 OPP officers and emergency medical services were called to a house on Penrise Street in Mooretown. Nine month-old Tressa MacPherson, daughter of the pair, was found unresponsive and passed away that day. The OPP Criminal Investigation Branch

conducted the investigation which resulted in Tressa’s parents being arrested nearly 10 months later. Brock MacPherson, 31 of St. Clair and Elizabeth McPhail, 32 of Sarnia, were arrested charged with manslaughter at the time. The manslaughter charges were later dropped when forensic testing found the baby had high levels of fentanyl in her stomach although testing couldn’t determine if she had ingested the substance or inhaled it.

June 5, MacPherson plead guilty to criminal negligence causing death and was sentenced to two years in prison and is hoping to access drug rehab programs while there. He’ll also be on probation for two years

once his sentence is served. McPhail plead guilty to failing to providing the necessities of life and has been given a two year conditional sentence and will be on probation for one year.

# Former Plympton-Wyoming CAO has a new job in North Middlesex

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming’s former CAO has found a new job. North Middlesex – a community which includes Parkhill – has hired Carolyn Tripp to be its next chief administrative officer. Tripp was on a leave of absence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming since mid-February at the same time as the then fire chief, Darryl Thompson. Mayor Gary Atkinson said she was on a medical leave. By May 18, staff had been told the pair were no longer employed by the town. Several days later, when the municipality wished Thompson well in his future endeavors, there was no mention of Tripp. June 7, North Middlesex issued a news release saying Tripp would be the next CAO adding the hiring “followed council’s extensive recruitment and selection process that commenced in January of 2023. “The process followed was fair, based on merit and included a comprehensive assessment of the skills, experience, knowledge and qualifications of candidates. Council concluded that Carolyn is the best qualified to have an immediate impact on the municipality and its community.” Mayor Brian Ropp added in the same release “Her leadership style and range of municipal experience will be a much needed and welcome addition to the municipality.” Tripp had been employed in Plympton-Wyoming since 2016 after leaving Midland in what she described as a conflict with the council of Midland.



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# Florence welcomes home friends for a party



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The Florence Athletic Alumni Committee welcomed people to Homecoming weekend. Saturday morning started with a ball hockey tournament organized by the Bothwell Area Recreation Advisory Committee. Teams consisted of four players, ages five to seven years of age. The goalies were provided to each team in the form of a cut out that was placed on each net. Each team was guaranteed five games, as games were done in a round robin format. Sunday, the weekend wrapped up with a chicken dinner prepared by the Florence Odd Fellows outside on their large grill, and the musical stylings of The Mudmen, Canada's Celtic Rock Warriors. The Campbell brothers are joined by Colin Amey on lead vocals and acoustic guitar, Andy Gingrich on drums and Alex Showdra on electric guitar and banjo and Jordon Brosseau on bass guitar.



## Lambton-Kent public board plans for \$2.6 million deficit

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Trustees of Lambton Kent District School Board passed a budget projecting a deficit of \$2.6 million. And there will be reductions in staffing to help deal with the losses.

It is the first time the public board finds itself with a projected deficit.

There have been significant pressures on the budget. There have been changes to the transportation funding model, a change in funding Indigenous education and the elimination of the COVID-19 Learning Recovery Plan. Lambton-Kent's provincial funding has been cut in all three areas.

This was outlined in a report presented to trustees by Lambton Kent's Associate Director of Corporate Services Brian McKay. Trustees had a final look at the document June 6 and endorsed it.

A deficit is being projected in Indigenous education of \$1.6 million, while transportations services sits

with a \$1.2 million deficit. The Lambton-Kent received \$3.3 million in COVID-19 funding which is now gone.

The provincial government allows for school boards to carry deficits of no more than one percent of the organization's budget. McKay said one percent of the school's budget is \$2.7 million, so the projected deficit is within what is allowed.

He stressed this is just an estimate at this time. An increase in enrolment would mean more revenue in the school board's coffers. The Ministry of Education made changes to funding formulas and staff will be working to fully understanding these changes, he said.

Trustees also passed a deficit elimination plan, which is required when a budget, which is not balanced is passed.

Currently trustees receive quarterly reports on the financial situation of the school district from McKay. Trustees could make decisions based on these

reports in the coming school year, depending on the financial health of the organization.

The school board is careful that it doesn't impact educational programming for students, said McKay.

And while educational programming was not impacted, according to McKay, there will be other impacts. Reductions in supply staff, plant operations and retirement gratuities were made to reduce the impacts of these losses in funding, said McKay.

After McKay first outlined the funding issues in May, the office of the Minister of Education disputed many of the school board's projections of lost provincial funding, after a previous story was published by *The Independent*.

Officials in the minister's office said the province had increased the grants per student by 1.9 per cent this year, resulting in \$5.4 million in revenue and suggested revenue for transportation is also up nearly \$1 million.

## Sarnia man faces 10 charges after Enniskillen traffic stop

The Independent

A Sarnia man is facing a raft of charges after a traffic stop on Oil Heritage Road in Enniskillen.

Lambton OPP say around 10:45 pm May 30, an officer's in-car camera system notified him of a suspended

driver.

Police stopped the vehicle and noticed possible cannabis infractions and searched the car. The driver was arrested after the officer found methamphetamine, ecstasy, cannabis and psilocybin were found. They also found a prohibited weapon and a

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- 4 PM - 9 PM.....Youth Fair & History Exhibits (Inside East Lambton Community Complex)
- 4 PM - 8 PM.....Inflatables, Fire Safety Trailer & Sparky the Fire Dog
- 5 PM.....Indigenous Drummers & Dancers
- 5:30 PM.....Opening Ceremony
- 6 PM.....Cake Cutting
- 6:30 PM.....Old Fashioned Kids Games
- 6:30 PM.....The Grandrents
- 8:15 PM.....Pocket Change
- 9 PM.....Optimist Bar Opens

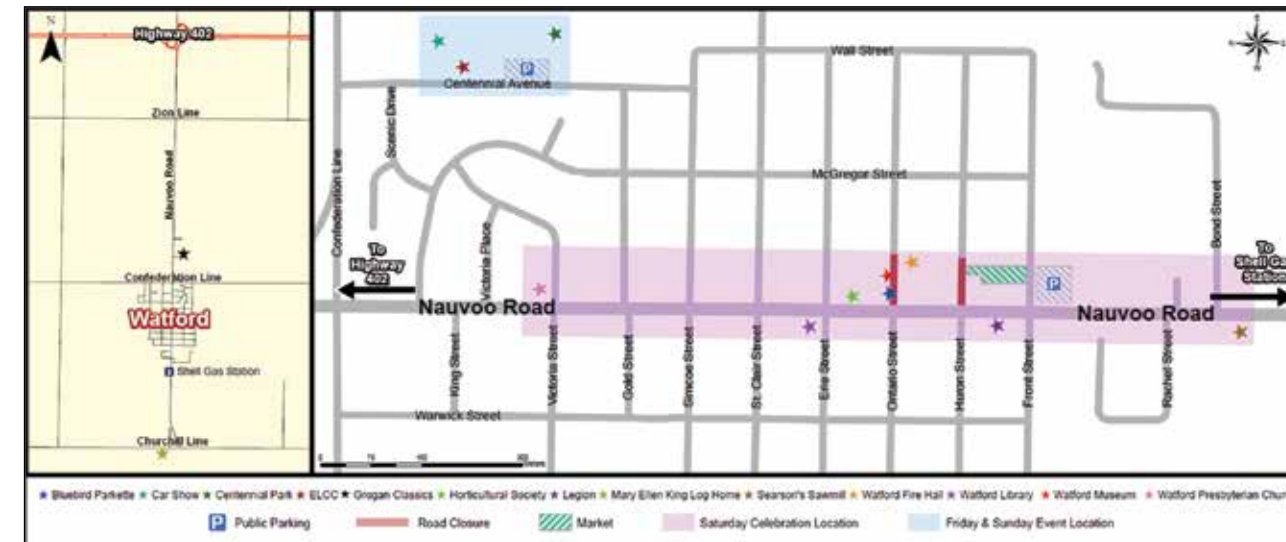


## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- 9 AM - 3 PM ....Youth Fair & History Exhibits – Lambton Mutual Community Hall
- 9 AM - 3 PM ....Kids Ball Hockey Tournament – Watford Optimist Arena Ice Surface

### Downtown Watford

- 9 AM - 9 PM.....Kids Scavenger Hunt
- 10 AM - 1 PM...Watford Library (5317 Nauvoo Rd.)
- 10 AM - 2 PM ..Community Market (Parking lot behind Libro & Municipal Office)
- 11 AM - 1 PM....Legion Barbecue (across from legion 5275 Nauvoo Rd.)
- 11 AM - 8 PM...Watford Museum Open (515 Ontario Street)
- 12 PM - 6 PM...Mike Winia Wood Carver (Bluebird Parkette)
- 12 PM.....Beer Tent Opens (Watford Fire Hall Parking Lot)
- 12:30-2:30PM ..Strawberry Social (Watford Fire Hall Parking Lot)
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- 1PM – 4PM ..... Log Cabin Historical Tour – (7833 Churchill Line)
- 1:30-3:30 PM ...Sawmill & Steam Engine Demonstrations (Searson Homestead– 5227 Nauvoo Rd.)
- 2 PM - 6 PM.....Old Time Photos (Horticultural Society Building – 5306 Nauvoo Rd.)
- 2 PM.....Petrolia Community Theatre
- 2 PM.....Food Trucks
- 3 PM.....Maxmobile Movie Screening (Watford Legion – 5275 Nauvoo Rd.)
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- 3 PM - 5 PM.....Dandy Sandy the Clown & Face Painting
- 4 PM & 6 PM...Lucky Barber Show
- 4 PM - 8 PM.....Hula Hoop Zone & Stilt Walker
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## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

### Centennial Park & ELCC

- 10 AM - 3 PM Antique Car, Truck & Tractor Show (Watford Track behind ELCC)
  - 10 AM - 3 PM Art in the Park (Centennial Park Pavilion)
  - 10 AM - 1 PM Fireman's Breakfast (behind ELCC at Outdoor Kitchen)
  - 10 AM - 12 PM Youth Fair & History Exhibits (inside ELCC)
  - 10 AM - 12 PM Forest Excelsior Band (Fireman's Breakfast area)
  - 1AM-12:30PM Youth Corn Hole Tournament
  - 12 PM - 3 PM Food Trucks
  - 12 PM - 1 PM Corn & Cabbage (Fireman's Breakfast area)
  - 12 PM .....Scavenger Hunt Prizes
  - 12:30 - 2 PM.. Old Fashioned Kids Games
  - 1 PM - 3 PM.. Lambton County Fiddlers
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EXCELLENT WOMEN



CATHY DOBSON PHOTO

Brooke-Alvinston's Terry MacDonald was one of five Women of Excellence honoured June 8 by the Sarnia Community Foundation. She was recognized for her volunteerism and dedication to helping others in her community. "Terry is a fundraiser, secretary and organizer. She does what no one else will do," her nomination said. She is credited for creating a monthly calendar of events for Brooke-Alvinston distributed to more than 2,500 households. The 2023 Sarnia Community Foundation Women of Excellence are, from left: Michelle Holbrook, Deanna Sandrin, Madhu Baker, Terry MacDonald and Kathy Bresett.

McGugans, Dickensons to be inducted to Ag HOF

The Independent

Former Brooke-Alvinston mayor Don McGugan and his wife, Anne, are among the inductees into the Lambton Agriculture Hall of Fame. McGugan, a long time municipal politician, was born on the family farm on Old Walnut Road. He got his start in agriculture in the 1950s when he was young showing calves and pigs in 4-H. He later serving as president of the Lambton County Junior Farmers. The McGugans hosted the International Plowing Match in 1973. Eventually, in 2000-2001 when McGugan was president of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture. Anne, who helps McGugan who has vision impairment with all of council and committee work, is also a member of the Women's Institute and plays an active role in a number of community groups. In his political life, McGugan advocated for the agriculture industry when he served at the county level. Joining the McGugan in the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame with be George and Agnes Dickenson. The beef farmers have been active members of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture and the Lambton Farm Safety Association for years. In 2018,



DON MCGUGAN PHOTO

Former Brooke-Alvinston mayor, Don McGugan, and his wife, Anne, seen here during the 1973 International Plowing Match on their family farm, have been named to the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame.

they led a pilot project to create a better way for firefighters to deal with on farm emergencies instead of the "plan on a post" which was in place. George has also been politically active, advocating for farmers in the former Township of Clearwater at Sarnia Council on agriculture issues including taxes. Jim Johnston will also be inducted during the July 22 celebration.

Life jackets, jet-skiers save swimmer who floated from Pinery

The Independent

Lambton OPP say a life jacket saved the life of a swimmer who was swept away from shore at Pinery Park. Saturday afternoon, the police got a call that a swimmer in Lake Huron had drifted so far from shore they couldn't be seen anymore. Police, local fire departments, the Canadian and US coast guard and the

Joint Rescue Coordination Center were called in to help. News of the missing swimmer was broadcast on marine radio which the OPP said led to people on personal watercrafts finding the swimmer, whom they took safely to shore. "This situation was brought to a successful conclusion due to the individual properly wearing an appropriately sized life jacket and the

willingness of members of the marine community to help others in need," says Const. Jamie Bydeley in a news release. Police urge if you are planning to be at the beach, ensure you and your loved ones are wearing a proper life jacket. For information on life jackets, visit Transport Canada's website, Choosing life jackets and personal flotation devices (PFDs) (canada.ca) .

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SYDNEY GOODREAU PHOTO

Gary Piggott and Henry Reinders of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank examine the crop of the Forget Me Not Project on the Brigden area farm Tuesday.

## Brigden area family growing for others for a decade

**Sydney Goodreau**  
The Independent

For 10 years, the Piggott family near Brigden has been growing grain, but they’re not getting paid for it.

The 12-acre plot of land they plant each year is a grow project for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Gary, Grant, and Bryan Piggott as well as Connie Classen are in charge of the Forget Me Not project sponsored by Brigden United Church and Grace United Church in Sarnia.

Henry Reinders, the Ontario and Quebec

Regional Representative for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, stopped by the farm Tuesday to get a look at this years crop and explained the concept. “They grow the crop and sell the crop on the local market, and then the proceeds come to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank as a donation.” The donations to Canadian Foodgrain Bank is matched by the Canadian government at a rate of \$4 for every dollar raised for food project.

The donations, like the one from Piggott’s farm spread around the world to countries such as Pakistan,

Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon where natural disasters or crises have occurred. The most recent area that the Foodgrains Bank has donated to is the Horn of Africa where there is an ongoing drought.

Starting a project is not difficult according to Reinders: “You need to have a farmer or someone who is interested and access to some land...The land acquisition is a challenge, but if you’ve got a person who’s got the desire [then] it’s not that hard to get a church backing you...Once you’ve got those ingredients together, it can fall into

place very quickly.” There are around 30 operating projects in Southwestern Ontario between London, Windsor, and Sarnia, and there are just over 200 ‘Grow Projects’ in Canada as a whole.

## Chuckwagon featured at Alvinston Pro Rodeo

Dan Cumming says the Alvinston Pro Rodeo is adding another level of excitement to this year’s event.

The professional rodeo circuit is making a stop in Alvinston this weekend. Along with events like roping, riding and bull riding, visitors to the event will get a chance to see chuckwagon racing. Chuck Sowden, who runs chuckwagon races at Ontario fairs, will be two heats of two teams.

“We want to keep things fresh and wow the crowds that have been supporting this event since it began. We’ve seen the chuckwagon races happening at other big rodeos like the Calgary Stampede and thought, why not give this a try in Alvinston,” says Cumming.

The rodeo is on tap Friday, Saturday and Sunday and attracts professionals from around the world and from Lambton County.

## SINGING FOR THEIR STRAWBERRIES



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Strawberries and ice cream were on the menu on Sunday afternoon as the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital Auxiliary held its 10th annual strawberry social at the Petrolia Farmers Market. Entertaining those partaking in their dessert, was the group, Sisters of Choice, who sang many numbers who took many back to a bygone era.

## County OKs new drop-in center

Lambton County hopes to meet the needs of homeless people in Sarnia with a new drop in center.

The Housing and Homelessness Hub will be at the former Laurel-Lea St. Matthew’s Presbyterian Church on Exmouth Street. It will be open weekdays from 12 pm to 4:30 pm to help people access snacks, restrooms, quiet spaces, computers and phones.

Officials add there will be people on site to help with accessing housing, harm reduction programs, mental health services and referrals to outside services including getting identification.

Melissa Fitzpatrick, the manager of homelessness prevent, says its hoped the center will be a “safe and inclusive space for those experiencing homelessness to access critical supports.”

Recently, Sarnia City/County Councillor Chrissy McRoberts questioned the services provided to those who are living rough. While officials acknowledge the pilot project is a good start, there may be changes made as they see what services the users might need.

The center will be open until at least March.

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# Sports

## Banner year for Lancers track and field team at OFSAA

Heather Wright  
The Independent

It’s been a seven year medal drought for LCCVI at the provincial track and field championship, but in 2023 it poured.

Five LCCVI athletes made it to the OFSAA championship and had top 15 finishes including three top three performances.

It’s the first OFSAA track and field medals won since Marissa Mueller won gold for javelin in 2016.

Hunter Campbell won LCCVI’s first medal in the Junior Men’s Discus competition Thursday.

Campbell and his roommate for the weekend, Hunter Mitchell, were keeping things light heading up to the competition watching the Bubble Guppies and Curious George.

“I was watching the most random kids shows and stuff, had to do that. And then I just got dialed in for the rest of the day. So, I went downstairs in the hotel gym and I did some bike up, staring down. I’m just visualizing all day so when I go in that circle, I was calm and ready,” he told *The Independent*.

Campbell added there was “a lot of mentoring and a lot of visualizing and preparation going into that meet. So I’m really happy to all the hard work paid off.”

Campbell threw 55.58m for the win. Last year he placed fourth with a throw of 43.02m.

Mitchell’s time to shine came next, competing in the Novice Men’s 100m Hurdle Sprint where he nabbed the

silver with a time of 14.45s, 0.19 off the winning time.

Mitchell says he leaned in to the win.

“Once you hit that last hurdle, it’s about three or four steps until you hit the finish line, so you just got to put your head down and go hard until you hit the line.”

Ironically, the hurdles were not Mitchell’s first choice in track.

“I used to do sprints and (the coaches) just thought I’d be a good hurdler, so they just kind of started making me do hurdles,” he says. “I clicked with hurdles and I’m sticking with hurdles.”

Friday, Charlie Shaw beat his personal best in the 1500m by four seconds in the Senior Men’s competition. He came fifth with a time of 3:57.89, less than five seconds behind the winner.

“I ran a good race. I knew I definitely like had the potential to run faster because up until then, I just kind of ran as fast as I had to.

“In the finals, I was just like all out, like pedal to the metal, full out - it was the OFSAA final and that’s what you’re supposed to do.”

Saturday was a busy day at the provincial meet.

Grade 11 student Jack Helps competed in the Senior Men’s Javelin placing 11th with a throw of 45.13m.

Helps says he felt confident going into the competition knowing “there’s some throwing a lot farther, but we’re all in the same range.”

James Grant made it to the finals of the Novice Men’s



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Jack Helps, Hunter Mitchell, Hunter Campbell, Charlie Shaw and James Grant all placed in the top 15 at OFSAA track and field this year with Campbell, Mitchell and Shaw medalling. The last Lancer to win at the provincial championship was Marissa Mueller in javelin in 2016.

800m and placed eighth overall.

“At first I didn’t think I could get finals, but then when I got it, no, I was not really satisfied with the race,” he said Tuesday reflecting on the competition.

But Grant says it was an important learning experience that he’ll use as he competes next year including “not sticking so hard on the inside and make sure I make my passes at the right timing so I don’t over do myself for later in the race.”

Meantime, Shaw - the only Grade 12 student at OFSAA for LCCVI - also had one more chance to win OFSAA glory with the 800m Saturday. Shaw had considered the 1500m his best race.

“I thought because I had a good cross country season, I was like, ‘Okay, I have a bit more endurance. ‘Like, because the 800 is a lot of just speed, but I was like, I still have the good endurance, so I think I can be good at the 15(00m) on the track.”

But the 800m proved to be Shaw’s race at OFSAA. “The 800 was just a mess. It’s the fastest race that everyone breaks lanes, so it just gets pushy, you get shove-y. I ran like a complete... maniac.” “I was pushing. I was shoving. A couple of people after the race said,

‘Hey, you boxed me’ and I was like, ‘yep. - what are you gonna do? But that’s just that’s just the nature of the race. It’s just so fast you really only have one move and I guess I timed it right.”

Shaw clocked in at 1:55.25, two-thirds of a second behind the winner to claim the bronze.

The five Lancers are proud of the school’s showing at OFSAA this year.

“Lancers kind of cleaned up this year, like we had three people go last year. And now we got three metals this year. So next year, we better be doing even better,” says Shaw.

He’s the only athlete who won’t be returning next year. Shaw will be running cross country and track at the University of Guelph next year.

He and Campbell also plan to compete throughout the summer.

## McGrail wins OFSAA alumni scholarship

Barry Wright  
The Independent

Jace McGrail has been recognized by the OFSAA Alumni Association.

The Wyoming native, a Grade 12 student at LCCVI in Petrolia, is one of three recipients this year for the OFSAA alumni association scholarship. The honour brings with it an \$800 award.

McGrail was involved in numerous sports at the school including baseball, volleyball, hockey, cross country and track and field this school year while at the same time maintaining an

average of over 86 per cent.

He was also a two-year member of the school’s student council and part of the athletic association for three years.

McGrail has been part of numerous school and communities activities, including the Terry Fox Run, area elementary school track and field competitions, Neighbour2Neighbour Rural Food Drive, Petrolia Minor Hockey and the Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign.

McGrail also spearheaded a t-shirt sales campaign that raised thousands of dollars for the local food bank as well as

assisting in the raising of funds for a young boy in the community who required significant medical attention.

McGrail says his involvement in school sport “has significantly influenced my life and shaped me into the person that I am.”

In the fall, he plans on studying Instrumentation and Control Engineering Technology at Lambton College.

The Lambton Jr. Sting alumni was drafted by the OHL’s Peterborough Petes in 2021 and strives to crack their lineup this season. He played last season with the GOJHL’s Sarnia Legionnaires.

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# LCCVI track athletes finish strong at OFSAA



Top left, Hunter Campbell hurls the discus 55.58 m in the Junior Men's competition. Top right, Hunter Mitchell in the Novice 100m Hurdle Sprint. Jack Helps, centre left, in the Senior Men's Javelin. Center right, Charlie Shaw in the Senior Men's 800m. Bottom left, James Grant in the Novice Men's 800m.







SASHA SEFTER PHOTO

The LCCVI Lancers fell to Clarington in the consolation final of OFSAA play June 7. The teams had to contend with smoke from the wildfires in Northern Ontario and Quebec throughout the tournament in Belleville.

## Lancers compete at the rugby consolation final

The LCCVI Girls’ Rugby team won three straight games and then fell 22-10 to Clarington in the consolation final at OFSAA. The Lancers were ranked 13th going into the tournament and faced fourth-ranked Napanee in the first round of play June 5. They lost that game 24-12. But the team rallied in consolation play, first beating Holy Trinity from Simcoe 5-0 and then besting Burlington Central 12-7 June 6. That pitted them against 15th ranked Clarington in the June 7 consolation final which Clarington won 22-10. The players had to contend with smoggy conditions. At 3 pm, play at the venue in Belleville was halted due to smoke from wildfires in Quebec and Northern Ontario.

## Busy Bees sign DeKoning, Stevens and Perry

It’s been a busy few weeks for the Alvinston Killer Bees of the Western Ontario Super Hockey League. The team has re-signed goaltender Nolan DeKoning along with forwards Matt Stevens, Carson Perry, Josh Jamieson, Dawson Winchester and defenceman Bayly Fryfogle. They’ve also acquired Ethan Scott in a trade with Woodstock and signed Rylan Bowers and Zach Berriault. Bowers played last season with the GOJHL’s London Nationals. Berriault most recently played collegiate hockey at Finlandia University in Michigan. The team has also announced that captain Scott Case has retired from playing and will transition to the team’s coaching staff.

## Former OHLer joins Petrolia Flyer coaching staff

Adam Craevich is now an assistant coach with the PJHL’s Petrolia Flyers. The Sarnia native played three seasons in the OHL with the Guelph Storm and Ottawa 67’s before embarking on a collegiate career with Toronto’s Ryerson University Rams. The 26 year-old joins Chris Fryfogle who will return for a second season at the helm of the Petrolia squad. The Flyers named Daniel Gibson and Cameron Hackett as co-captains of the team for the 2023-24 campaign as well as Noah Harse and Bailey Moffatt as co-assistant captains. The team also tipped its cap to Bob Bressette who was named PJHL trainer of the year at a year end event.

## Jaques leaves Rockets, VanGorp signs on

Andrew Jaques is coming home. He’s been released by the GOJHL’s Strathroy Rockets and re-signed with his hometown Petrolia Flyers of the PJHL. Jaques had 12 goals and 32 points in 46 regular season and playoff games with the Rockets last season. He registered 27 goals in 47 regular season and playoff games with the Flyers in 2021-22. Meantime, Evan Van Gorp is the latest area product to make a decision to play for the Strathroy Rockets. The 17-year-old from Watford played with the Komoka-based Elgin-Middlesex U18 Chiefs last season and was an affiliated player with the Rockets. Van Gorp and the Chiefs won the Alliance League championship and went on to win the bronze medal at the regional tournament. Meantime, one of Van Gorp’s Chiefs’ teammates has also signed with a GOJHL squad. Luke Bogart of Grand Bend is joining the St. Marys’ Lincolns.

## Cattlebarons, Aces keep winning seasons rolling

Wyoming improved to 4-0 in Western Counties senior baseball with a 10-5 win over Port Lambton. No other details were made available by the Cattlebarons from the Friday night game. Weather permitting, Petrolia is scheduled to take on Corunna in Courtright on Wednesday at 7 pm before the Raiders travel south to take on the Bulls in Dresden for a doubleheader on Saturday beginning at 1 pm. Petrolia’s scheduled doubleheader on Saturday was postponed. In other action, The Alvinston Aces are in St. Thomas and Glencoe this week in Southwest Middlesex men’s fastball action, weather permitting. Alvinston is scheduled to take on the Storm in the railway city on Tuesday and then visit the Astros on Wednesday. The Aces improved to 7-0 on the season with a 6-2 win over the Astros in Alvinston last week. Kole Keating and Devin Triest went deep for the Aces. Alvinston is 7-0 on the season. St. Thomas is undefeated in five games and Glencoe is 7-2. And the Sarnia Brigade took home silver from a tournament in Vaughn. The troops beat teams from Mississauga, Vaughan, Newmarket and Brampton before falling in the final to Windsor.

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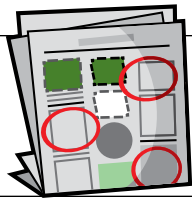
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McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

**KELLY, Patrick Joseph**  
Age: 67  
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TUESDAY, JUNE 6

**McCALLUM, Shirley Ann (nee Mackenzie)**  
Age: 83  
McCormack Funeral Home

**WINDER, Cindy Lynn**  
Age: 64  
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**WATSON, Dorothy Jean**  
Age: 90  
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**SHEFFIELD, Richard "Dick" Allen**  
Age: 78  
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**STEENSTRA, Dirk "Dick" Johannes**  
Age: 70  
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THURSDAY, JUNE 8

**SCOTT, Paul James**  
Age: 67, of Petrolia  
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

**WOODS, Mary Lou**  
Age: 69  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**WARK, Audrey Marguerite**  
Age: 100, of Sarnia  
McCormack Funeral Home

**SHAW, Norma Lois**  
Age: 79, of Thamesville  
Badder Funeral Home

**PAIEMENT, Rebecca "Becky"**  
Age: 54  
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**MORPHEW, Ronald**  
Age: 89  
Knight Funeral Home

**CLARKSON, William Harry**  
Age: 84  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**SIMMONS, Irwin McCarthy**  
Age: 88, of Dresden  
Badder Funeral Home

**ROSS, Shirley Elizabeth**  
Age: 71  
Smith Funeral Home

**SIMPSON, Patrick "Pat" Thomas**  
Age: 74  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 11

**ARMSTRONG, Robert "Gary"**  
Age: 86  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**KENNEDY, Homer Roscoe**  
Age: 80  
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

**FLEMING, Annie Teresa (Hanrahan)**  
Age: 88  
Smith Funeral Home

**MURRAY, David Grant**  
Age: 75  
Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, JUNE 12

**ARMSTRONG, James "Jim"**  
Age: 55  
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### Obituary



#### ARTISS

William "Bill" George

William (Bill) George Artiss was born in Petrolia, Ontario on July 28, 1938. He passed away September 16, 2022 in the same hospital in which he was born after a long and productive life. Bill led a remarkably rich life dedicated to his family and service to his community. He met his future wife, Jeanann Katherine Andrew, in high school. She recognized a gem in the rough and the two married shortly after graduation - a loving partnership which endured 61 years. The couple lived briefly in Sarnia, Ontario until Bill began training as a nuclear technician. He was hired as a First Operator at the Douglas Point Nuclear Generating Station and moved his family to Port Elgin, Ontario in 1966. Bill and Jeanann's family grew to include three children: Heather Anne (1963); Thomas Andrew (1966); and Jennifer Elizabeth (1969). In 1970 Bill joined a team of Ontario Hydro nuclear engineers who helped commission a new CANDU reactor in India. Bill boldly relocated his young family for two and a half years to the remote desert community of Rajasthan in North India. Following his return to Ontario, Bill worked briefly in Port Elgin before relocating again to Fredericton, New Brunswick where he helped plan the commissioning of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station. Bill settled his family in Rothesay, New Brunswick in 1979 where, in addition to being

a senior control room operator at the PLNGS, Bill began a life of community service. He served on the Parent's Advisory Council of the Rothesay Middle School, led the formation of the Fundy Solid Waste Action Committee, the installation of a new wastewater treatment facility and the construction of the new Rothesay Town Hall. Bill dedicated his post-retirement life to the people of Rothesay. He served as a Rothesay Town Council member for several years before serving as mayor for two terms from 1993-2001 and deputy mayor for another two terms. Bill played an instrumental role in the eventual amalgamation of Rothesay, East Riverside-Kingshurst, Fairvale, Renforth and Wells into one governing body. In addition to his life spent in community service, Bill stayed active in the Canadian nuclear industry following retirement from NB Power. He formed his own consulting company, traveling twice to Romania to work on CANDU projects in their newly-formed democratic republic. In 2017, Bill fully retired and he and his wife moved back to Petrolia to be closer to family. Bill is predeceased by one daughter, Jennifer (2006) and a brother John (wife Marg). He is survived by his wife, Jeanann; his sister, Mary Ann Miller; his brother Joseph Artiss and his wife Sue; his daughter Heather Thomson and her husband Rex; and his son Thomas and his wife Heidi. He leaves a legacy of two grandchildren, Gwyneth and William, two step-grandchildren, Christian and Stephanie and a great-grandson, Rowan. **A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. from Christ Church Anglican, 414 Oil St., Petrolia.** A private interment will be held at Hillsdale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Kidney Foundation of Canada ([www.kidney.ca](http://www.kidney.ca)) or the Diabetes Canada ([www.diabetes.ca](http://www.diabetes.ca)). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home ([www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com)).

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### Obituary



#### ARMSTRONG

James "Jim" Dougall

Surrounded by family on Monday, June 12, 2023 at Bluewater Health, Sarnia, James "Jim" Dougall Armstrong passed away at the age of 55. Survived by his children, Daniel Armstrong,

Aaron (Emma Smith) Armstrong and Kait (Derrick Warren) Armstrong and his grandchildren, Lewis and Ellianna. He will be remembered by his siblings, Nancy (Doug) Post, Gayle Armstrong, Brenda (Maurice) Cooper, and Steven (Robyn) Armstrong. Predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Mona Armstrong. The family would like to thank Dr. Al-Zubaidi and all the ICU nursing staff for their professionalism, care, and compassion. A private family service will take place. Interment at Hillsdale Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be directed to The Inn of the Good Shepherd (<https://www.theinnsarnia.ca/>), or the Petrolia Community Refrigerator. Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.NeedhamJay.com](http://www.NeedhamJay.com)



### Obituary



#### ACTON

Douglas "Doug"

With family never leaving his side, Douglas Acton passed away on Thursday, June 1st at St Joseph's Hospice in Sarnia in his 96th year. Doug was born October 21, 1927, and raised on the family farm on Churchill Line in Warwick Township, where he learned early on the value of hard work. Doug met Greta McEachern, and they married in 1952. Doug is survived by Greta, his wife of over 70 years. Predeceased by parents Velma (nee Griffith) and Clayton, and brothers Ken (MaryLou) and Lorne (Arlette). Survived by sister Donna Gray (Bill). He is sadly missed by his five children: Howard (Carol), Janet (Mario), Brian (Noriko), Brenda, and Julie (Jim). Doug was a treasured

grandfather to Nicole, Casey, Kathryn, Erica, Robbie, Ethan, Clayton and James, and a loving great-grandfather to Kate, Tyler, and Leda. Proud uncle to John (Faye), Debbie (John), Mike (Anita), Susan, Desiree (Paul), Maureen, and Lorne Jr. Doug started a drainage business in the mid-1960s, specializing in municipal work. He continued with this business until 1992. Always interested in politics at all levels, he engaged in local elections in Warwick Township in the mid 70s to 80s, and was elected to Council, Deputy Reeve and Reeve. A super-ager, Doug kept fit in mind and body well into his nineties. He had an astounding memory, a sharp wit, a wonderful sense of humour, and a deep love for his family, his friends, and his farm. He loved baseball, hockey, fishing up north, and he had an insatiable sweet tooth. Doug read voraciously. He had 95 years of stories to tell, and he told them generously. Dad, you will remain with us always. We love you over and over and over. **As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to St Joseph's Hospice of Sarnia.** We are deeply grateful for the loving care they provided. Private family funeral and interment at Mt Carmel cemetery, Brooke Township. Arrangements entrusted to DENNING'S OF WATFORD.



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Calendar of events

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 @ St. Andrew's Church	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
June 14	11am - 11:30 am	Petrolia	LCCVI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS BANQUET	
June 16	4pm - 7pm	Forest	KIWANIS STRAWBERRY SOCIAL FRIDAY @ the Forest Legion, - Tickets available from Kiwanis members or Kineto Box Office (cash only). Contact Sally: 519-466-2287 or: sally.a.hoskin@gmail.com	
June 17	9am - 11am	Sarnia	BLUEWATER ANGLERS - SHORELINE CLEAN UP @ the hatchery, garbage bags provided, as well as hotdogs, pop and coffee at the hatchery at 11:00. Bring your family and friends.	
June 21	7pm	Camlachie	PLYMPTON-WYOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY @ Plympton-Wyoming Museum, 6745 Camlachie Rd. All are welcome.	
June 25	2pm - 4pm	Tupperville	SUPER FAMILY SUNDAY @ Dawn Valley United Church, corner of Lambton Line & 507 Dawn Valley Rd. Everyone is welcome.	
June 30	2pm - 5pm	Bright's Grove	KINDRED SPIRITS, @ Gallery in the Grove until July 8th. For more information visit www.galleryinthegrove.com or call 519-869-4643.	
Aug 13	2pm - 4pm	Alvinston	WINE & CHEESE OPEN HOUSE @ Alvinston Legion Branch 249, Formal invitations will be sent out in July.	
Sept 2	10am - 3:30pm	Sarnia	LAMBTON PLOWING MATCH @ Southwest corner of Waterworks Rd. and Confederation Line	
Sept 24	10am	Petrolia	THE TERRI FISHER MEMORIAL DART TOURNAMENT @ Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216. Registration @ 10am \$20/person, Silent Auction and 50/50. Call for info: 519-882-1557.	

Bluewater Anglers - Shoreline Clean Up

SATURDAY JUNE 17, 2023

9:00 AM - 11:00

Come to the hatchery and help clean up the shoreline between downtown Sarnia and Point Edward water treatment plant.

We will provide the garbage bags as well as serve hotdogs, pop and coffee at the hatchery at 11:00.

Bring your family and friends.

For further info call Ross Bishop

donaldbishop65@gmail.com or 519-331-6253

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Sunday, June 18, 2023

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FORM 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, s. 379 (2)  
O. Reg. 181/03, s. 5(1), Form 6

**TAKE NOTICE** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on **June 22, 2023**, at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Civic Centre, 315 King Street West, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, 315 King Street West, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8. Tune into our Municipal Facebook page or the Chatham-Kent YouTube channel for a virtual event where the tenders will be opened live on June 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 3:20 p.m. Further details are available by visiting **www.chatham-kent.ca**.

*All lands are in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the following are the geographic descriptions and municipal addresses.*

Description of Land(s)	Minimum Tender Amount
1. Roll # 3650-010-001-01302 PT LT 1, BROKEN FRONT CON, GEOGRAPHIC TWP OF ROMNEY, PT OF THE ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY & KENT COUNTY AS CLOSED BY BY-LAW R011904, DESIGNATED AS PTS 2,3 & 4, 24R6266; CHATHAM-KENT. Being Erie St S., Wheatley P.I.N. 00846 0448 (LT) <b>Assessment: IX 1,500</b>	\$6,557.16
2. Roll # 3650-010-001-66250 PT LT 10 OR 212, CON 1 OR TALBOT RD AS IN 143215 (3RDLY); DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN 143215; ROMNEY. Being Cemetery Rd., Wheatley. P.I.N. 00847 0086 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 39,500</b>	\$19,608.52
3. Roll # 3650-080-003-47401 DAVID STREET, PLAN 619 TILBURY. Being Elizabeth St., Tilbury. P.I.N. 00802 0163 (LT). <b>Assessment: RTP 22,500</b>	\$13,454.97
4. Roll # 3650-110-004-10102 PT LT 9, CON 8 (RALEIGH) DESIGNATED AS PARTS 3 AND 4, 24R-5875 RALEIGH. Being Clinton St (North Buxton). P.I.N. 00872 0184(LT). <b>Assessment: RTP 1,000</b>	\$9,051.15
5. Roll # 3650-110-004-10445 LT 47 PLAN 341 LYING W OF 257897; CHATHAM-KENT. Being Charleston St., North Buxton P.I.N. 00872 0111 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 100</b>	\$6,462.23
6. Roll # 3650-140-006-13200 PT LT 1, NE WOODS ST, PLAN 109 AS IN 258431 HARWICH. Being Wood St., Blenheim P.I.N. 00938 0586 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 24,500</b>	\$8,654.83
7. Roll # 3650-140-006-13301 PT LTS 1 & 2, NE WOODS STREET, PLAN 109 AS IN 202068 HARWICH. Being 5 Wood St., Blenheim P.I.N. 00938 0587 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 62,000</b>	\$12,779.40
8. Roll # 3650-140-006-54700 PT LT 5, S ADELAIDE ST, PLAN 109 AS IN 225275 HARWICH. Being Metcalfe St., Blenheim P.I.N. 00939 0120 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 22,000</b>	\$8,948.93
9. Roll # 3650-140-010-17400 PT LT 449, PLAN 421 AS IN 494714 "DESCRIPTION IN 385455 MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE" HARWICH; S/T EXECUTION 92-0821 IF ENFORCEABLE. Being 18534 Erie Shore Dr., Blenheim. P.I.N. 00938 0028 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 31,000</b>	\$51,844.76
10. Roll # 3650-140-006-67100 NW 1/2 LT 23, N ADELAIDE ST, PLAN 109 HARWICH. Being 95 Adelaide St., Blenheim P.I.N. 00939 0165 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 44,500</b>	\$16,742.94
11. Roll # 3650-140-006-67200 SE 1/2 LT 23, N ADELAIDE ST, PLAN 109 HARWICH. Being Adelaide St., Blenheim. P.I.N. 00939 0166 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 22,500</b>	\$13,795.36
12. <del>Roll # 3650-280-001-14400 LT 8 9 BLK E PL 148, CHATHAM-KENT. Being 235 Victoria Ave., Highgate P.I.N. 00662 0052 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 109,000</b></del> <b>REDEEMED</b>	<del>\$16,414.47</del>
13. Roll # 3650-310-001-03725 PT LT 6 CON 1 ZONE PT 1 & 2 24R4790; CHATHAM-KENT. Being 29672 Zone Rd. 1, Thamesville P.I.N. 00625 0038 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 294,000</b>	\$31,625.36
14. Roll # 3650-320-001-07100 PT LT 506 PL 141 BEING NWLY 32 FT OF W 1/2; CHATHAM-KENT. Being Elm St., Bothwell P.I.N. 00642 0063 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 3,900</b>	\$6,805.60
15. Roll # 3650-390-001-28100 PT PARK LT 9, PL 130 AS IN 541778; S/T AN EASEMENT IN GROSS OVER PT PARK LT 9, PL 130 DESIGNATED AS PT 1, 24R8989 AS IN CK61805; MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT. Being 597 Camden St., Dresden P.I.N. 00598 0045 (LT) <b>Assessment: 66,000</b>	\$13,999.22
16. Roll # 3650-410-001-81800 PT LT 1 CON 3 CHATHAM PT 3 & 4, 24R5732; S/T & T/W 564441; CHATHAM-KENT. Being 725 St. Clair St., Chatham P.I.N. 00737 0250 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 162,900 / CT 353,100</b>	\$143,798.34
17. Roll # 3650-410-005-15005 PT LT 16 CON 10 CHATHAM PT 1, 24R2533; CHATHAM-KENT. Being 10592 Union Line, Dresden. P.I.N. 00751 0046 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 92,000</b>	\$27,915.52
18. Roll # 3650-420-001-01200 PT LT 4 BLK B PL 17 AS IN 604382; CHATHAM-KENT. Being 91 Adelaide St. S., Chatham P.I.N. 00504 0145 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 55,000</b>	\$19,384.37
19. Roll # 3650-420-003-03102 LT 11 PL 35 EXCEPT 589110, 605948, 177643, 622300; S/T 589110, 605948, 177643, 622300; CHATHAM-KENT. Being Foster St., Chatham P.I.N. 00509 0030 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 3,000</b>	\$6,835.01
20. Roll # 3650-420-003-03500 PT LT 1 PL 47 PT 2, 24R1110; T/W & S/T 283768; MUNICIPALITY CHATHAM-KENT. Being 232 Park St., Chatham ON P.I.N. 00509 0058 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 17,200</b>	\$249,576.40
21. Roll # 3650-420-007-18800 PT LT 171-172 PL OLD SURVEY AS IN 189221; CHATHAM-KENT. Being 405 Park St., Chatham ON N7M 3S7 P.I.N. 00503 0205 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 18,600</b>	\$37,578.68
22. Roll # 3650-420-043-05850 BLK A PL 578; CHATHAM-KENT. Being Victoria Ave, Chatham ON P.I.N. 00545 0182 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 2,100</b>	\$6,535.07
23. Roll # 3650-442-008-06300 LT 21 PL 352; CHATHAM-KENT. Being 75 Dell St., Wallaceburg P.I.N. 00584 0094 (LT) <b>Assessment: RTP 17,400</b>	\$9999.99

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order, bank draft, or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing **at least 20 per cent of the tender amount**.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold.  
**Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.**

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 property taxes and any taxes that may be applicable such as the land transfer tax.

The lands do not include mobile homes situate on the lands.

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

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is on the Municipality of Chatham-Kent website, **www.chatham-kent.ca** and 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 contact:

**Amy McLellan, Manager Revenue** - or - **Matthew Torrance, Deputy Treasurer**  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent - 315 King Street West, P O Box 640, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8  
**www.chatham-kent.ca**



# National Indigenous Peoples Day 2023



FOR GENERATIONS, many Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on June 21 or around that time of year because of the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

National Aboriginal Day, now **National Indigenous Peoples Day**, was announced in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, through the Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day. This was the result of consultations and statements of support for such a day made by various Indigenous groups:

- in 1982, the National Indian Brotherhood, now the Assembly of First Nations, called for the creation of National Aboriginal Solidarity Day
- in 1995, the Sacred Assembly, a national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people chaired by Elijah Harper, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous Peoples
- also in 1995, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day
- On June 21, 2017, the Prime Minister issued a statement announcing the intention to rename this day National Indigenous Peoples Day.

In various visual elements illustrating Indigenous cultures, the sun represents the summer solstice.

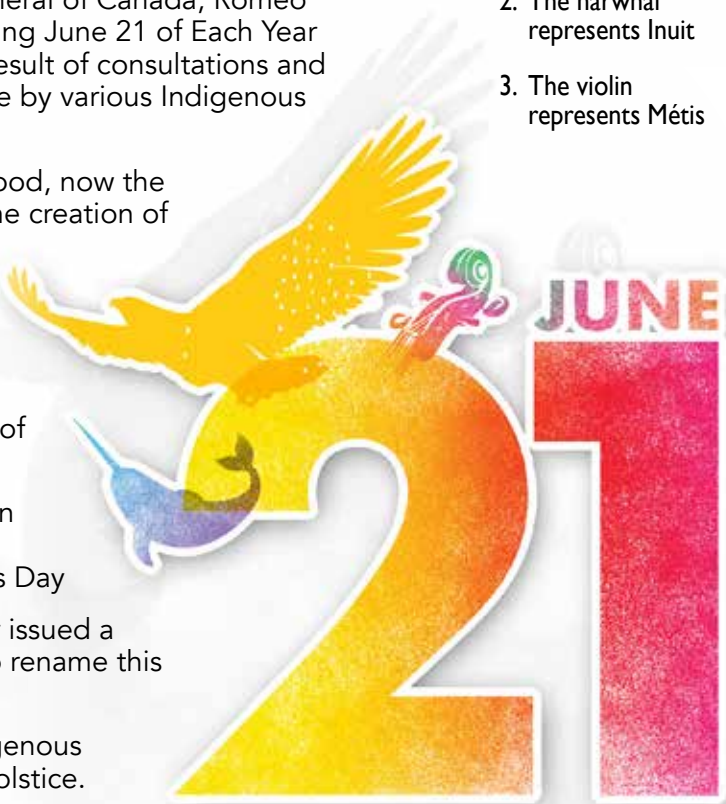
First Nations, Inuit and Métis as well as the four elements of nature (earth, water, fire and air) are represented by different symbols and colours.

The visual is supported by a multicoloured smoke\* reminding us of Indigenous spirituality but also the colours of the rainbow, symbol of inclusion and diversity of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and their members.

\*Smoke is used in different ways by all three Indigenous groups in Canada. Whether it is to smoke fish and meat, to burn sage and tobacco, or for sacred ceremonies or celebrations, it is a significant symbol in Indigenous cultures.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE THREE ICONS:

1. The eagle represents First Nations
2. The narwhal represents Inuit
3. The violin represents Métis



### National Indigenous Peoples Day

The County of Lambton proudly joins the entire country in recognizing and celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures, and exceptional contributions of Indigenous Peoples across Canada.

- Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott



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**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

**Warwick Township Council & Staff**



**This JUNE 21**  
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**honoured to acknowledge**  
**National Indigenous**  
**Peoples Day**

*A special message from:*  
**BOB BAILEY, MPP**  
**SARNIA-LAMBTON**