

HANGING ON IN ALVINSTON



Gideon Stutzman of Owen Sound rides during the Saddle Bronc event Saturday night at the Alvinston Pro Rodeo. The Father's Day weekend event drew a record breaking crowd according to organizers, although an exact attendance isn't available yet. For more photos see pages 8 & 9.

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

PW settles with fired firefighter

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming has settled a lawsuit launched by a former firefighter who said the town failed to investigate complaints about harassment.

But the town is saying little about the deal reached with Carrie Ann Wilson in a news release issued Tuesday.

Wilson filed a \$120,000 lawsuit against the municipality in July 2022 after a series of actions which led to her dismissal during the tenure of former fire chief Steve Clemens.

According to Wilson's statement of claim, after a fire truck crashed in a field, another senior firefighter had launched a verbal assault that left her "afraid for her safety."

Clemens, she said, had promised to investigate, but that probe ended in chaos with firefighters being let go and protests by citizens.

SEE LAWSUIT PG 3

Councillors, Alvinston Optimist under the microscope, again

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Two members of Brooke-Alvinston council are under the microscope for their ties to a local service club.

It's the second time complaints have been launched against council members who also serve with the Alvinston Optimist Club.

In Jan. 2021, when Brooke-Alvinston decided to build a pavilion at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre, the municipality went to the Integrity Commissioner with the same concerns after a public complaint. Now both Councillor Jenny Redick and Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek are the subject of a complaint which Robert Swayze is again looking into. And Redick is frustrated by the move.

SEE INTEGRITY PG 3

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## Loosley hopes for early comeback

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"The one day I was there, they wouldn't put the dye in it because they said there was way too much calcium around my heart ... so they couldn't see it. So then I went saw Dr. Farag again a couple of weeks later, he said 'there's something

"I don't expect to be off till Christmas," Loosley says. "There's no way. I just gotta get over this."

"I've always been kind of hyper...this is a big adjustment for me."

# SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023



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BUS 2

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Oil St & Henry St  
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Greenfield St & Dufferin  
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Center St & Robert St  
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James & Eureka  
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Juniper & Juniper (Cul-de-sac)  
Juniper & Catherine St  
Catherine & Pine  
Catherine & Garfield  
Evergreen & Applewood  
Applewood & Parkside  
Parkside & Parkside  
Parkside & Garfield  
Garfield & Maple  
Garfield & Florence

BUS 3

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# Firefighter lawsuit settled ‘to both parties satisfaction’

CON’T FROM PG 1

Wilson, according to the legal claim, discovered a camera left running in the Wyoming firehouse in 2017, early in Clemens career. She alleged the former fire chief was trying to find those still loyal to the former chief, who stepped away from the role of Wyoming district fire chief controversy when he was passed over for the job Clemens eventually filled.

The town hired a lawyer to investigate while Clemens was on leave and cleared him of any wrongdoing.

Wilson’s claim says she went to the chief with two claims of harassment, one at a fire scene where a senior officer “shouldered his way” past her and yelled at her, another when the pumper truck she was in tipped into a ditch on a call. The same officer “berated her” for the incident at the call. According to the claim, the other firefighters restrained the man during the yelling match.

While Clemens said there would be an investigation, the scope of it morphed and eventually four

firefighters, Wilson and three other senior members of the Wyoming department, were fired. That lead to protest by citizens as they tried to understand what actually had transpired.

Since then, the town has settled with the three male officers involved, thanking them all for their service. But Wilson claims of wrongful dismissal remained unresolved. So, in July, a lawsuit was filed.

After nearly a year of legal discussion, the town announced Tuesday it had reached agreement with Wilson on her lawsuit in a one paragraph news release.

It reads in part, “The Town of Plympton-Wyoming would like to thank Ms. Wilson for her years of dedicated service to the community. In addition, it is confirmed that Ms. Wilson’s departure from the Town was effected on a ‘without cause’ basis. As this matter has been resolved to both parties’ satisfaction, neither the Town nor Ms. Wilson will be making any further comments.”

The town did not say what the legal



FILE PHOTO

A tow truck operator from Preferred Towing watches as Pumper No. 1 from the Wyoming department is righted. The vehicle slid into a ditch responding to a pick up truck on fire in a soybean field on London Line . A lawsuit has now been settled between one of the firefighters involved who had been fired by former Chief, Steve Clemens.

settlement costs nor how much the legal bill from the lawsuit will be.

# PW residents get their say on short-term rentals

Blake Ellis  
Local Journalism Initiative

The use of short-term rentals has been a hot political topic not only for those within Lambton County, but throughout Canada.

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming wants to know how people feel about short-term rentals and how it should be regulated.

“First we want to know, do people even want this,” said County of Lambton Senior Planner Sarah Baldwin during an open house held at the Camlachie Community Centre on Tuesday afternoon.

And even on a warm Tuesday afternoon, the event

drew some interest. There were as many as 15 people attending the open house in the first hour. Residents were given stickers and asked to answer questions on the panels placed around the room using the stickers to answer.

Some of the questions involved whether licensing short term rentals was important to them, whether they should only be allowed in specific zoning and whether the number of people staying at a short term rental should be limited.

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming conducted an online survey about the issue in April and May and



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

PW Planner Sarah Baldwin talks with a Blue Point resident about the proposed short term rental bylaw Tuesday.

received 218 responses.

Another set of open houses is to be held on July 18. Baldwin said if the Town of Plympton Wyoming wants to go into more depth about gathering people’s opinions

about the issue, the open houses in July can delve into what people would like to see with regulations.

The information be given to council with a decision expected in the fall.

# Integrity commissioner probes council/service club members

CON’T FROM PG 1

Redick says this complaint apparently came after council passed a contract with the Alvinston Optimist for the use of the pavilion.

Redick and Nemcek, both Optimist members, voted in favour of the deal, as did the rest of council.

Sometime after the vote, a complaint was launched, which Clerk Janet Denkers says is now in the hands of the Integrity Commissioner. She’s not clear if a full investigation is already underway.

But Redick is confused by the action, saying this matter was deal with under the former council.

In Dec. 2020, council moved ahead agreeing to move forward with a pavilion project from the Optimists.

A letter, addressed to the mayor and council and included in the minutes the next meeting, questioned whether the Optimist members were in conflict over moving the project forward. Council was split on the decision.

Council reviewed it in Jan. 2021 and

decided to ask Integrity Commissioner Robert Swayze to weigh in.

By February, he responded that then Councillor Jamie Armstrong and Nemcek were able to make decision on the project.

“They are both members of the club but I understand they are volunteers and not paid as members. I also understand that neither of them is in the building business and will not benefit in any way from the construction of the building except as members of the community,” he wrote.

“In my opinion, the two members do not have a pecuniary interest in the construction of the building and therefore do not contravene the MCIA (Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.) It is not required that they declare a conflict on any related matter coming before council.”

Swayze added if they feel they can’t be impartial they could chose to declare a conflict, but that would mean their vote would be against the project.

Redick says this appears to be

virtually the same situation since the rental agreement would see money returned to the municipality, not the councillors.

“I went back and looked, the Integrity Commissioner at the time found no pecuniary interest, because there was no exchange of money. I wasn’t benefiting it from it, neither was my family,” she tells *The Independent*. “I just find it’s a real shame that it has to happen again.

“With small municipalities that don’t have the bodies to go around to do good things for our community, and you rely on user groups and volunteers; if we didn’t have the volunteers and the user groups that we have, we would be like a ghost town.”

Redick adds politics attracts the same type of community-minded people as those who join service clubs.

“We want better the community; that’s why I went on council I want to better my community. That’s why I joined the Optimist because they do so much for the municipality.”

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# Editorial

## Same issue, likely same result

You can sense Brooke-Alvinston Councillor Jenny Redick’s frustration as she explains the complaint she faces over her conduct.

Redick and Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek are under the microscope of the Integrity Commission after another complaint about service club members who also serve on council voting on issues which affect the service club.

It must be a sensitive topic in the town because this is the second time in the last two years it has been raised.

Redick and Nemcek are both members of council and members of the Alvinston Optimist Club. The club, over the past five years or so, has worked to improve the arena and let’s say the discussions have been prickly at times.

In Dec. 2020, after council, in a split decision, agreed to the Optimists’ plans for a pavilion, a resident wrote to the mayor and council asking whether then Councillor Jamie Armstrong and Nemeck - both Optimists - were in conflict making the decision. Council decided to ask the Integrity Commissioner - who is of course paid by taxpayers dollars to investigate whether politicians are following the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

The commissioner didn’t do a deep dive into the issue; instead he asked the pair if they were going to make any money from the project. The answer was no.

Unless someone is personally benefiting financially from a decision, the commissioner said, there is no conflict.

Last month, Redick and Nemcek were again centred out as Optimist members when an user agreement with the club for the pavilion was passed. And now the commissioner is looking into the same issue again at the taxpayers’ expense.

It’s clear the Optimist members who are on council championed the cause then and now but that, according to the Integrity Commissioner in 2021, is not a problem.

If voters have a problem with Optimist members voting for Optimist projects, they should elect council members who aren’t Optimist members instead of wasting taxpayers dollars for a second opinion which will surely have the same result.

## Letters to the Editor

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## Our Story



KAREN COOK PHOTO VIA THE PETROLIA ADVERTISER TOPIC

Fifty years ago, Karen Tetrault (Cook), 6, and her sister, Anne Marie, 8, were all ready for the bicycle parade for the Centennial Celebration in Inwood. The sisters are likely to join hundreds of others this weekend in their hometown to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the settlement of the town.

**CORRECTION:** In the June 15, 2023 edition of *The Independent*, in the story, *Brigden area family grows for others*, the representative of Canadian Foodgrains Bank was misidentified. He is Bill Bruton. We apologize for the error.

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# Opinion

## ‘Heartbroken’ over an act of cemetery vandalism

**EDITOR:** I am heartbroken that the floral arrangement on John Stewart’s headstone was recently stolen from Petrolia’s Cemetery.

This was placed with love and a lot of thought (was put) into the appropriate arrangement. If you participated in this cruel act of

vandalism, please, please rethink your actions and bring it back.  
**Darlene Keates**  
Petrolia, ON

## OPP investigating dugout incident at Greenwood

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Lambton OPP are investigating after two dugouts at Greenwood Park were damaged.  
But town officials are saying little about the event or whether anyone was injured in the incident.  
Sources told *The Independent* that children were on the roof of the dugouts in May. That in itself is not

unusual - teens can often be seen climbing on top of the dugouts during town events such as fireworks.  
But this time, sources say, at least one of the concrete dugouts collapsed. It’s believed two of the people involved were injured and taken to hospital.  
Today, the dugouts are gone and two wooden benches remain.  
Petrolia’s Chief Administrative Officer, Rick Charlebois, in an email to *The Independent*, said “We have

no comment, as it is an active police investigation.  
“It is true that there are benches in place of the dugouts currently, and as we can obtain quotes and more detailed information regarding replacement options we will be coming to council with a report for their consideration.”  
Lambton OPP were not immediately available to comment on the investigation.

## Duff named Dawn-Euphemia Senior of the Year

**Sydney Goodreau**  
The Independent

Lily Duff had “no idea” Dawn-Euphemia council was about to name her Senior of the Year.  
“They told me I was coming to sign for a drain, that’s all I knew about.”  
It was not until Mayor Alan Broad read out her name that Duff, 91, realized she was the 2023 recipient the award.  
Duff has lived in Dawn-Euphemia for over 60 years. When she isn’t completing typical farm work like driving the tractor and doing cattle chores, Duff knits clothing for those in need.  
“It’s mostly the knitting that I do... I’m always at the church. But I don’t do a lot anymore because I feel I’ve had my day of it. But I’m thankful for the health I have.”  
In the past year, Duff has made over 100 baby blankets and donated them to

hospital patients. She also knits baby afghans and hats for the McMaster Children’s Hospital in Hamilton which are then given to high-risk neo-natal babies in the NICU.  
Regardless of her many accomplishments, Broad said Duff’s “most important attribute is her kindness. She is humble and does not tell many people of her random acts of kindness.  
“Living on her own in the country at this age and driving shows her independence and determination many of her age are not do so,” Broad says.  
“She’s a 91 year-old woman who is making a difference.”  
Duff was stunned by the award, downplaying her role in the community.  
“That is nice. I can’t believe it. I’m shocked.”  
“It’s more something to do because I don’t feel like I want to be doing housework all the time. And so this



SYDNEY GOODREAU PHOTO

Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad presents Lily Duff with the Senior of the Year Award.  
kind of relaxes me.”

## Petrolia, Legion offering banners to honor vets

The Independent

Memorial Banners are expected to fly in the streets of Petrolia this fall.  
The town and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216 are starting a Memorial Banner program as a salute to veterans.  
Next Monday, families, friends and

businesses can sponsor a full-colour memorial banner in honour of a local veteran. They will be displayed starting in mid-October until after Remembrance Day, according to Laurissa Ellsworth, director of marketing, arts and communication. The banners will bear a photo, the veteran’s name, service and will include the sponsor’s name.

“This is a great program to be able to honour our loved ones who sacrificed so much for us,” says Ellsworth adding “with the proceeds going to the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 216 we are able to help our local branch as well.”  
The banners will be \$275 and you can order one starting June 26 online or by visiting town hall.

## Krall Park washrooms over budget, put on hold

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Krall Park will not be getting new washrooms, at least this year.  
This came after the bids on the project were reviewed at the Enniskillen Township meeting on June 19 and were well over budget.  
Mayor Kevin Marriott says one of the bids came in over \$160,000 over budget at approximately \$490,000. The budgeted amount for the project was \$330,000.  
At this point the township is going

to review all options from downsizing the existing project, to renovating what is already there. Enniskillen had constructed new washrooms at the Marthaville Park last year and Marriott said the company who did that work would be approached to give an estimate on what had been built at Marthaville. Council can then see the full extent of how inflation has affected costs.  
Another option is to look at mobile washrooms. These units are big, have washrooms for both men and women and have running water, he said

The mayor said the senior levels of government have already said making changes to the project will mean a delay of three to six months, so this will delay the project until at least next year.  
Enniskillen Township received an Ontario Community Improvement Program grant in February 2021. The federal government was to contribute \$121,550, while the provincial government was kicking in \$101,281 and the township covering the remainder. The existing washrooms are approximately 50 years old.

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## A man with white hair and glasses, wearing a blue hoodie and grey shorts, stands outdoors. He is holding a framed drawing of a mechanical part in his left hand and a clipboard in his right. He is looking down at the drawing. In the background, there is a wooden wall with a red window frame. To the right, a wooden table holds several other framed drawings. A stack of papers or drawings is on the ground near the table.

Petrolia's Acting Mayor Joel Field was perusing some of the paintings, which were available at the antique and unique sale on Saturday at the Discovery Centre. Field was one of many checking out what was available among the crystal, china, old books and many of the unusual household items. All proceeds from the sale will go back to Petrolia Discovery to run and restore Petrolia's historic oil field. Petrolia Discovery is open once again for the season and guided tours were available during the day as well.

**Pam Wright**  
Local Journalism Initiative

The preferred route for Hydro One's new high voltage St. Clair transmission line from Lambton County to Chatham has been chosen and its a familiar one.

Officials from the utility call it the best of five options, as the new line follows existing power corridors up to 80 per cent of the time, increasing the line's capacity from 115 kilovolts to 232 kilovolts. It will deliver some 400 megawatts of energy.

Hydro One's director of project delivery said the infrastructure line will help fuel economic growth, as Southwestern Ontario's electricity needs are expected to quadruple by 2035.

“The new St. Clair transmission line will unlock the economic potential of the region and support local supply chains,” said Sonny Karunakaran, adding the utility will continue to engage with the community as the development proceeds. Service is slated to begin in 2028.

Construction of the 62-kilometre line, which connects the Lambton transmission station with the Chatham transmission station, will see new towers replace the old, as well as a significant upgrade to the Wallaceburg transformer station, increasing power reliability to Wallaceburg and Walpole Island First Nation.

Karunakaran said the preferred route is the least invasive when it comes to protecting the environment and valuable farmland. "It was the standout winner."

More than 60 per cent of the preferred route repurposes the existing transmission corridor, but it needs to be widened and new land needs to be acquired. Nearly 20 per cent of the new route utilizes existing corridor lands not yet occupied by transmission infrastructure.

Three community open houses on tap this month. The first will take place June 26 at the Brigden Fairgrounds in St. Clair Township. Hydro One real estate agents are expected to reach out to affected property owners soon.

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SO HARD TO DECIDE



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Petrolia's Acting Mayor Joel Field was perusing some of the paintings, which were available at the antique and unique sale on Saturday at the Discovery Centre. Field was one of many checking out what was available among the crystal, china, old books and many of the unusual household items. All proceeds from the sale will go back to Petrolia Discovery to run and restore Petrolia's historic oil field. Petrolia Discovery is open once again for the season and guided tours were available during the day as well.

Hydro corridor mostly follows existing route

Pam Wright  
Local Journalism Initiative

The preferred route for Hydro One's new high voltage St. Clair transmission line from Lambton County to Chatham has been chosen and its a familiar one.

Officials from the utility call it the best of five options, as the new line follows existing power corridors up to 80 per cent of the time, increasing the line's capacity from 115 kilovolts to 232 kilovolts. It will deliver some 400 megawatts of energy.

Hydro One's director of project delivery said the infrastructure line will help fuel economic growth, as Southwestern Ontario's electricity needs are expected to quadruple by 2035.

"The new St. Clair transmission line will unlock the economic potential of the region and support local supply chains," said Sonny Karunakaran, adding the utility will continue to engage with the community as the development proceeds. Service is slated to begin in 2028.

Construction of the 62-kilometre line, which connects the Lambton transmission station with the Chatham transmission station, will see new towers replace the old, as well as a significant upgrade to the Wallaceburg transformer station, increasing power reliability to Wallaceburg and Walpole Island First Nation.

Karunakaran said the preferred route is the least invasive when it comes to protecting the environment and valuable farmland."It was the standout winner."

More than 60 per cent of the preferred route repurposes the existing transmission corridor, but it needs to be widened and new land needs to be acquired. Nearly 20 per cent of the new route utilizes existing corridor lands not yet occupied by transmission infrastructure.

Three community open houses on tap this month. The first will take place June 26 at the Brigden Fairgrounds in St. Clair Township. Hydro One real estate agents are expected to reach out to affected property owners soon.

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# ‘Little mysteries’ solved as Watford plans 150th party

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Warwick Councillor Joe Manning has learned a lot about his hometown in the last year. The self-proclaimed history buff is chairing the Watford 150 Committee. It’s gearing up for this weekend’s major three-day celebration of all things Watford. Manning says he’s been suprised by some of the history of the com-

munity he has learned since the 150 Committee began its work. “I always knew that there was smaller settlement here and another one outside of town. With the way that the railroad came through, splitting in two Saunders Corners and Brown’s Corners... it was actually almost instantly that Watford started migrating to the tracks as opposed to the little settlements and even though that was like 20 years before Watford

was founded, it was built up almost instantly and that was kind of neat,” he says. Manning also learned the site of the Dollar Store was once a factory. “Seeing things that were there that you didn’t realize were there and it’s kind of like a fun, little mysteries and trying to solve them like that.” The committee also learned the interesting origins of the first fairground building.

“The Crystal Palace being in Watford, which is a really neat looking building, it used to sit where our arena is. We found out that actually it was a military building built for the Fenian wars in Warwick and it was actually brought to Watford to become a fairground,” Manning recounts. And there is some urban legends attached to the building as well. Manning says its said the settlers “picked it up and they had people

carry it almost all the way here.” Manning says there will be lots of interesting history on display this weekend, with families contributing old photos to share with the community for the special event. Many of those were from the 100th anniversary celebrations. Manning promises a lot of fun as well with events scheduled throughout the weekend for every age. For more information visit [www.watford150.com](http://www.watford150.com).



## Honey Cupcakes with Strawberries

*Prep Time: 20 mins   Cook Time: 25 mins   Servings: 12   Yield: 12 cupcakes*

### Ingredients

¼ cup butter, softened  
¼ cup white sugar  
¾ cup honey  
2 eggs  
½ cup buttermilk  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¾ cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons confectioners’ sugar (Optional)  
1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 12 cup muffin pan or line with paper baking cups.

2. In a medium bowl, beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Mix in the honey, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir into the batter just until blended. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, dividing evenly.

3. Bake in the preheated oven until the tops spring back when lightly pressed, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool in the pan set over a wire rack. When cool, arrange the cupcakes on a serving platter.

4. Whip the heavy cream in a chilled bowl using an electric mixer until stiff enough to hold a peak. Sweeten with confectioners’ sugar if desired. Spoon on top of cupcakes and top each one with sliced strawberries right before serving.





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# ‘Record breaking crowds’ at Alvinston Pro Rodeo say organizers

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS



The pro rodeo circuit made a stop in Alvinston this weekend and the crowds were there to greet them. The Alvinston Pro Rodeo - which is run by the Brooke-Alvinston Agricultural Society - teamed up with Rawhide Rodeo for three shows over Father's Day weekend. Friday over 700 school children were treated to a rodeo field trip. Three shows followed featuring the local such as Tyler Foster and Rod Weese from Alvinston. Dylan Rumbold of Oil Springs was part of the bronco riding event. Aly Mackey, Blake Sanders and Jaylynn Ferris all of Alvinston were in the Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Roping events. Hailey Munro, Emilee Langford, Chloe McCallum, Lexi Pendry, Julia Freer of the Petrolia area competed in the same events as did Tamara Weese Noll of Oil City and Tajjah Allen from Camlachie, and Dan McAuslan of Petrolia joined the crew as a pickup man. Dan Cumming of the rodeo organizing committee says this type of event doesn't happen without a lot of committed volunteers. And he said the rodeo will return in 2024.



Top Right - Aleah Harris of St. Mary's takes off in the pole bending. Top left, Lester Bowman in the bronco riding event Saturday. Left center, the chuckwagon races came to the rodeo with ponies pulling the carts. Left bottom, Hailey Munro of Inwood makes for the finish line in pole bending. Bottom centre left, Dylan Rumbold of Oil Springs competes in the bronc riding. Landon Fiddick, 4, was having a tough time with his helmet during the barrel racing.



Lambton looks at rural transport

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Warwick Mayor Todd Case wants to take another look at a regional bus service.

Case raised the issue recently at Lambton County Council after hearing from his constituents.

The issue was considered over five years ago, but nothing materialized. Case says recently people have been approaching him about the idea, saying seniors and college students alike could use a service that brings them to Sarnia.

Case believes they’re seeing the new municipal service operate in the Strathroy area and want a similar service here.

“I may have heard about it, maybe, you know, maybe half a dozen times in my previous 18 years. But I’ve

heard about it in the last little while from a few different folks.”

Case says while a rural transportation system could help existing residents, it could also be a tool for attracting others.

“People choose to live in some of these smaller communities and quite like the lifestyle and if we could figure out a transportation system that could get them from A to B, making a lot easier to be able to continue living in an area like that. And they may even attract more people that may want to live in the small town rural part of the county, knowing that they can connect to their job,” he says.

County council asked staff to review the past study and bring it back to the politicians to discuss future options for a rural transport system.

Scammers target seniors: OPP

It’s Seniors’ Month and the OPP is warning the elderly are the biggest targets of scams.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre says seniors lost \$138 million in 2022 and only five to 10 per cent of the victims report the crime.

Seniors are most likely to be taken by investment frauds (\$36.5 million), romance frauds (\$8.8 million), service scams (\$6 million) and the Grandparent Emergency Scam (\$4.3 million) over the course of the year.


A DIFFERENT KIND OF FIREFIGHT



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Members of the Wyoming Firefighters' Association were cooking up bacon burgers throughout Saturday, as the 41st annual bacon burger barbecue at the Wyoming Fire Hall was held during the Town-Wide Yard Sale. All of the fire trucks were pulled out of the hall to make way for the big event, which spanned from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., so anyone who really liked the bacon burgers could have them for breakfast, lunch and supper. The money raised by the barbecue helps the firefighters contribute to the cost of the equipment they use.

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# Inwood

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The community that worships as Shiloh-Inwood Church rejoices in another anniversary. This year, the 18th anniversary service will be held along with Inwood's 150th celebration at the Inwood Ball Park.

As a 2- charge church (since St. Andrews closed), the seeds of kindness, caring and connection remain deeply rooted. While the two churches are and have been a part of community history and are necessary buildings for formal worship, it is the **people that are the church** as they follow and serve Jesus beyond these physical structures in their daily lives.

The community presently gathers in the Inwood building where 3 gifted leaders share the Sunday pulpit to deliver explanations of scripture. The community is blessed to have kind and caring leaders who minister with compassion.

In weekly services it is the customary practice to collect praise reports and prayer requests. Praise reports are used to give thanks for happy, joyous and blessed occasions. Prayer requests identify special concerns in the community and extended community. Prayerfully supported are those sick, injured, healing, grieving, troubled, lonely, and living without hope in this and nearby communities across the county, country and globe. This practice is an effort to create feelings of connectedness, acceptance, hope and love.

Zoom link services provide the technology for community members to take part in worship when they are unable to attend in person. The community is grateful for all individuals whose caring efforts keep technology running smoothly.

Music is a significant and glorious thread woven into each service. A musical prelude, intended to mindfully turn attention to active worship begins each service. Music has played an important role through the years as soloists, choirs, cantatas, Christmas carollers use gifts of song to honour and praise the Saviour. A new keyboard has been dedicated to this church family in memory of Irvine and Ruby Syer who faithfully served their Lord through sharing gifts of music. In 1999, Shiloh's Centennial, the Syer family showed caring and thoughtfulness by donating Voices United hymn books in memory of grandparents Leonard and Letitia Syer.

The offering plate bears a little white church used as a coin bank. After the clinking, of coins, they are tallied and used to sponsor an 11 year-old compassion child. It's a small, yet purposeful practice by Shiloh-Inwood that reflects kindness, caring and a special faith connection across the miles and all the way to Dorin in Tanzania, Africa.



**Marie (left) Rev. Christine (middle) and Ina (right)**

Donations to a local foodbank are collected each week at worship and delivered to Alvinston as a kind, caring outreach to support those who hunger. Church-based donation campaigns for the Canada Food Grains bank is generously supported by Shiloh-Inwood in effort to end global hunger.

Individual and community spirit is lifted when handwritten cards acknowledging weddings, babies, birthdays and bereavement are received. Not only do these messages become keepsakes, they show the value of connection. The Shiloh-Inwood community intentionally organizes schedules for grass-cutting and church cleaning to show care and pride in their place of worship.

Community potluck meals bring the community together and offer fellowship as a means of keeping connected to one another. Visits by lambs, chicks and goats at Easter time bring joy to the children and remind them to be thankful for the gift of seasons, especially spring when new life is celebrated.

Star words have intentionally been given as invitations to reflect on what the chosen word means in personal discipleship and the role it plays in achieving growth in both personal and community journeys of faith.

Your presence is welcomed at Shiloh -Inwood worship services where rejoicing together empowers faith, kindness, caring and connectedness.

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Hall of Fame farmers honoured

The Independent

Don and Anne McGugan were no-tillers before no-tilling was cool. George and Agnes Dickenson are a true farming duo with a passion for farm safety.

Jim Johnson wanted farmers to be part of the fuel solution for Canada.

They were all inducted into the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame Friday.

McGugan purchased his first 50 acres in 1960 and still farms 650 acres.

McGugan was always looking for the next great thing including growing identity preserved beans to the international market for over 40 years. He was also was one of the earliest proponents of conservation tillage and he planted comparative research plots on his farm to help prove its effectiveness to other crop producers.

The pair have been active in the community with the local agricultural society, Lambton Rural Child Care and Anne as a member of the Women’s Institute for years.

Don- who was active in both municipal and farm politics for decades - was



Don and Anne McGugan

also part of the group to organize the Central Lambton Family Health Team.

The Dickensons are being honoured for their dedication to preserving the land, raising quality animals and helping to grow strong leaders in the farm community.

The beef farmers use rotational grazing for their cattle and have practiced no-till farming since 1992, trying new methods to build their soils.

The Dickensons were active in 4H and for 25 years have given their time to improve safety on the family farm through the Lambton Farm Safety Association which organizes an annual day to teach children how to be safe on the farm. The pair find it rewarding when parents tell them the kids share what they’ve learned and point out how they

FATHER’S DAY FUN



PHOTO CREDIT

There were plenty of dads checking out cars at the Greenwood Recreation Centre in Petrolia Father’s Day. The Petrolia Lions first hosted a brunch and Petrolia Discovery hosted its annual Father’s Day Car show - a fundraiser for the historic oil fields.

could do better at home.

George also served as the president of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture and an advisor to the provincial federation. He’s also been involved in growing projects for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Meantime, Jim Johnson has been a



George and Agnes Dickenson

well-known farm advocate and innovator since he returned to his Brooke Township family farm. He became a director of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture in 1974, beginning a long career of farm politics which included time with the Lambton Wheat Producers and Corn Producers. He was part of the Ontario Corn Producers Board from 1985 to 1996 including three years as its president.

Johnson took a special interest in the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association and became a lobbyist to provincial and federal governments to promote the development of the now multi-billion dollar ethanol industry.

While his nominators said Johnson wouldn’t take any credit for developing the ethanol industry, his “quiet resolve, persistent advocacy and deep knowledge that Jim carried into every aspect of his work” helped move the industry forward.

A reception for the five new members will be held July 22.



Jim Johnson



Township of Warwick  
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# Sports

## COMMISSIONERS' AWARD



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The director of the Watford Silver Stick has been honoured for his dedication to the international tournament. During the annual general meeting of International Silver Stick in Collingwood last weekend, Joe Rombouts was presented with the commissioner's award. Rombouts has been a tournament director for over 40 years. He and his wife, Cathy, are familiar faces at the Watford arena and in other rinks as he attends opening ceremonies in the region. Commissioner Ross O'Connell says Rombouts is an excellent spokesman for the tournament. "I have known Joe for a number of years and he is a big promoter of what Silver Stick is all about 'Citizenship and International Goodwill' through Silver Stick hockey," he says.

## Oil Springs brothers represent Ontario

Emmett and Jack Stephenson have both been chosen to compete for Team Ontario at the national field lacrosse championships. Emmett will suit up for the U13 squad and Jack will play for the U15 team.

The brothers attend Lambton Centennial outside of Petrolia and live in Oil Springs. Their next action is at the Team Ontario Summer Series in Oshawa on July 19. Meantime, Point Edward

Pacers goaltender Austin Dalgety has been named to Team Ontario for the National Box Lacrosse Championships. The nationals will be held in Regina in mid-August.

## Rombouts returns to the hive in Alvinston

Cameron Rombouts will be back with the Alvinston Killer Bees for a third season. The Watford product had five goals in 12 games with the Bees last season. He previously had played with the Lambton Jr. Sting, Mooretown Flags and Strathroy Rockets. Meantime, the team has signed a former Greater Ontario Junior Hockey

League all-star and added to its depth between the pipes. Owen McGowan was named to the conference all-star squad for the 2021-22 campaign and was also chosen as the conference's defenceman of the year. He averaged just under a point per game in his two seasons with the London Nationals and goaltender Quinton Duncan joins Alvinston after

playing parts of the past five season with the PJHL's Mt. Brydges Bulldogs. He won 27 regular season and playoff games with the Dogs during the 2022-23 campaign. The team also signed Braeden Bowers. He's the older brother of Rylan Bowers who signed with the Bees earlier this month.

## Raiders sweep Bulls in Dresden

The Independent

The Petrolia Raiders hit double figures in both contests in sweeping a doubleheader from the Bulls in Dresden. Shane McPhail cracked a three-run homer in the fifth inning in the opener Saturday to power the Raiders to a 10-3 win. Steve Gray went five strong innings for the mound victory. In the nightcap, Colby Ferguson had three hits and drove in a pair of runs to

lead Petrolia to a 10-5 triumph. Eric Lupton went the distance for the win. The Raiders lost to the Giants, 8-3 in Courtright last Wednesday. Joe Stock had three RBI for the Giants. The Raiders, now 4-3 on the season, take on the Cattlebarons in Wyoming on Friday at 7:30 and then travel to Port Lambton for a game with the Pirates' 22U team on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm. In between, Corunna travels down river to Port Lambton for a twin bill on Saturday beginning at 1.

## Aces start strong, lose two at ISC

The Independent

Pami Madizulul kwa tossed a no-hitter striking out 19 to lead the Alvinston Aces to a 7-0 win over the Niagara Snappers to open the ISC Canada East qualifier in Mitchell. But Alvinston lost its next two games and was eliminated. The Niagara Stompers beat the Bear Creek Express, 2-1 in the final Sunday.

The Express downed the Toronto Batmen, 8-5 in the semifinal with former Alvinston player Jeff Lyons hitting a grand slam home run for the Express. Meantime, after a pair of rain outs last week, the Aces return to Southwest Middlesex league play this Thursday hosting Charing Cross in Alvinston at 8 pm.

## Strathroy, Pt. Lambton win Leach tourney

The Strathroy Royals downed the Sarnia Bridge 22U squad, 6-2 Sunday to win the AAA championship at the Dave Leach Memorial Baseball Tournament in Port Lambton. The Royals and Brigade both finished the round-robin with 3-0 records.

Meantime, the host Port Lambton Pirates upset previously unbeaten Woodstock, 6-4 to win the A division at the same event. It was a tough weekend for the Wyoming Cattlebarons and Corunna Giants who both went 0-3.



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# Sports

## Head-to-head at U of M ball

Petrolia’s Isaac Maw and his Ontario Nationals 14U White team won its divisional championship at the University of Michigan Tournament of Champions baseball tournament in Ann Arbor last weekend. Maw and the Nationals won four of six contests including an 8-6 win over Hitz Elite of New Baltimore, Michigan in the final game. The Hitz roster includes Graysen Hughes of Petrolia.

## Ex-Jet now Saginaw coach

A one-time head coach of the Petrolia Jets has joined the coaching staff of the OHL’s Saginaw Spirit as an associate coach. Jake Grimes has a lengthy coaching career, including one season as head coach of the Jets two decades ago. The Jets finished third in the league with a record of 30-14-4 during the 2003-04 campaign. The Dartmouth, Nova Scotia product was part of the coaching staff for the Guelph Storm when that team won the Memorial Cup in 2019. Saginaw is hosting the Memorial Cup tournament in 2024.

## Legionnaires fill out roster

Goaltender Jack Martin is the latest player to commit to the Sarnia Legionnaires for the 2023-24 campaign. The Wallaceburg native played with the Elgin-Middlesex Canucks U18 franchise this past season and was a second-round pick by the Owen Sound Attack in the OHL’s U18 draft two months ago. Martin formed the goaltending tandem for the Canucks with Alvinston’s Hayden Duncan. Meantime, the Legionnaires have also signed rearguard Matthew Anderson, a ninth-round pick by the Sting in 2023, forward Nathan Holland, a product of the Compuware U18 program, and defenceman Ethan Waddick who split his time last season between the Chatham Maroons, Dresden Jr. Kings, and Blenheim Blades.

## PW runner top finisher

Jacob Zerko of Cambridge broke the tape first in the 10K event at the annual Huron House Boys Home race in Bright’s Grove. He finished ahead of Cullen McCurrah and Ryan Davies who finished two-three. Jackie Stanton of Plympton-Wyoming was the top female finishers about two minutes ahead of Sarnia’s Danielle Quinn.

## INWOOD AUCTION INCLUDES GRETZKY JERSEY



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Sports fans are likely to be front and center at the Inwood 150 celebrations this weekend, particularly for the fundraising auction. Donna Oriet of the Inwood 150th Anniversary Committee says there is a lot of sports memorabilia including a signed Wayne Gretzky Edmonton Oilers’ sweater and a Dale Earnhart leather jacket. Also attracting a fair amount of attention is this glass hockey stick filled with vodka. Oriet, seen here showing Brooke-Alvinston Councillor Don McCabe some of the items, says there is something for everyone including Inwood memorabilia, photos, food and a quilt. The auction starts Sunday 1:30 pm in Inwood. The 150th anniversary celebration beings Friday at 7 pm..

## Former Sarnia Sting promoted to Red Wing farm club

Dan Watson is the new head coach of the American Hockey League’s Grand Rapids Griffins. He was promoted after six years at the helm of the ECHL’s Toledo Walleye. There	his teams won three divisional titles, two conference finals and he was named coach of the year in 2017. The Griffins are the top farm club for the NHL’s Detroit Red Wings.	The Glencoe product played four seasons with the Sarnia Sting between 1996 and 2000. He went on to play more than 400 games in professional hockey before taking up coaching.
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\*Pre-Register to ensure your child gets a t-shirt and a hat  
This safety day includes lunch, snacks, a t-shirt, and a take home “info/goody” bag.  
If your child has allergies, please bring a lunch.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**WARWICK CEMTERY ANNUAL DECORATION DAY SERVICE**  
**6022 Warwick Village Road**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 1:00P.M.**  
  
EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED  
(Bring your lawn chairs)  
  
*In case of rain the service will be held at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 5378 Nauvoo Road, Watford*  
  
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**Your donations are important to keep our cemeteries looking great. Cheques can be made out to the Warwick Township Cemetery Board and sent to the Warwick Township Office, 5280 Nauvoo Road, PO Box 10, Watford ON N0M 2S0**  
  
Income Tax exemption receipts will be issued for **\$25.00 or more.**

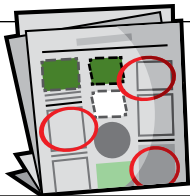
**BACK SAVING TIPS FOR GARDENING**

- 1. WARM UP & BREATHE**  
Prepare your body for new movements, take in some deep breaths to nourish your muscles and help improve circulation.
- 2. TAKE BREAKS**  
Set a timer and take a break every 15-20 minutes to stand up, stretch and walk around.
- 3. DRINK WATER**  
Carry a bottle of water with your garden tools. When you take your break have a drink of water.
- 4. LISTEN TO YOUR BODY**  
Do not ignore those niggling aches and pains until it's too late, if you feel a twinge, take a break or change positions.
- 5. BE MINDFUL OF LARGE LOADS**  
Divide large loads into smaller batches that are easier to handle or use a wheeled cart.
- 6. VARY YOUR TASKS**  
Ensure that you aren't holding the same position for extended periods.

**www.lambtonchiropractic.ca**  
431 King Street, Petrolia 519-882-1880

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Monday @ 12 noon

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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



## Death Notices

June 12 - June 20, 2023

MONDAY, JUNE 12

**BALCOM, Ann “Cheryl”**  
Age: 68  
Smith Funeral Home

**MEADE, Francis “Frank” James**  
Age: 73  
Smith Funeral Home

**MOOREHEAD, Gerald “Jerry” James**  
Age: 74  
Smith Funeral Home

**RAPAICH, Joy**  
Age: 76  
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

**KNIGHT, Elaine Mary**  
Age: 72, of Corunna  
Knight Funeral Home

**HAMBLIN, Emily Daisy**  
(nee Tilbury)  
Age: 93  
Van Heck Funeral Home

**PRIOR, Ronald “Ron” Wesley**  
Age: 80  
Smith Funeral Home

**DAWSON, Elizabeth “Jane”**  
Age: 69  
Smith Funeral Home

**CLIFT, David Peter**  
Age: 75  
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

**LABADIE, Ann**  
Age: 96, of Dresden  
Badder Funeral Home

**MILLER, Alfred**  
Age: 85, of Bothwell  
Badder Funeral Home

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

**MORLEY, Trevor William Allan**  
Age: 41, of Sarnia  
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

**WEAVER, Lois Edith (Welch)**  
Age: 93, of Bothwell  
Badder Funeral Home

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

**DEWEY, Lawrence “Larry”**  
Age: 80  
McCormack Funeral Home

**McGILL, Brenda “Boomer” Eileen**  
(nee Dungey)  
Age: 68  
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

**KLOMPSTRA, Matthew “Matt” Jon**  
Age: 52, of Sombra  
Knight Funeral Home

**STONE, Harold Samuel**  
Age: 74, of Bothwell  
Badder Funeral Home

**NIXON, Doris**  
(nee Gelder)  
Age: 103  
Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

**DEACON, Mary Loretta**  
Age: 72  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**PAQUETTE, Donald Andrew**  
Age: 59  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**KOEHLER, Peter “Pete” William**  
Age: 81  
McCormack Funeral Home

**HAAS, Wilfred Laverne “Bill”**  
Age: 77  
Denning’s Funeral Home

**WEST, Helen Mary**  
Age: 92  
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

**WELTEN, Mary**  
(nee Cochrane)  
Age: 79, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

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

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of: **Dorothy & Cliff**



*Bradley*  
Forever in our hearts

Lisa & Tim,  
Sandi, Marie  
and Nieces & Nephews

### Birthday

## Meet the new love of our lives!

The year has passed so quickly and now you are turning one! Bringing more joy to our world, **Hayes Donald Ross McNally** was born June 30, 2022 at 8:24 a.m. weighing 7lbs 7oz. Ecstatic parents, Travis and Taylor McNally, find their hearts are even fuller with your arrival. With lots of love and excitement Briar and Beau welcomed their new little brother. They have so much to teach you. Spoiling rights go to grandparents Bill and Dawn McNally and Jim and Lynne Whitely. Great-grandparents are Donald Whitely and John and Sharon Gardner. Smiling down and watching over Hayes from heaven are great grandpas John Leitch, Ross McNally, and Jim McClung and great grandmas Ruth Leitch, Joyce McClung and Norma Whitely.



Your aunts and uncles, Ed and Dawn, Brett and Nicole, Tyler and Thera, Travis and Leanne, Brynn and Rob, and Troy, melt when they see your smile. Hayes is also adored by his cousins Lauren and Brendan, Alyssa and Connor, Jaylin and Ryker, Khloe, Owen and Layne.

It has been so exciting to be a part of your first year. Your snuggles are the best! We all look forward to sharing many more adventures with you. Love you to the moon and beyond! Have fun being ONE!

*Happy*  
**88<sup>th</sup>**  
*Birthday*  
**Thelma**



– Love the Vandenberghes

### Obituary

**MILLER**  
**Alfred “Alf”**

Alfred Miller, a resident of Bothwell passed away peacefully at the Strathroy-Middlesex General Hospital, on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the age of 85. Born in Chatham, ON., son of the late Glenn and Lillian (Youdle) Miller. Beloved husband of the late Lenore Miller (Wygiera). Alf is survived by a daughter Connie Jancik (Andy); sons Doug Miller, Rod Miller (Elly Mills), Chris Miller (Diane), the late Rob Miller; grandchildren Randi-Lynn, Katie, Sarah, Jessica, Guy, Rachel, Christina, Chris Jr., Derek, and 9 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his brother Hugh Miller. Cremation will take place. Interment of cremains in Blackburn Cemetery, Camden Twp. at a later date. *Donations to the Four Counties Health Services Foundation would be appreciated.* Online condolences and donations may be left at [www.badderfuneralhome.com](http://www.badderfuneralhome.com). Arrangements entrusted to the Badder & Robinson Funeral Home, Bothwell

### Thank You

Thank you all who donated to my recent fundraising efforts on behalf of the **GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada**.

The organization supports people affected by very rare and serious neurological disorders.

– Mason Vye

Just a note to say thank you for all the cards and best wishes on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Thank you,  
Al & MaryEllen Scott

### For Sale

**PLANT SALE – Perennial Plants and Tomato Plants**, Vegetables, Plants, Rose of Sharon Bushes @ 458 Ignatiefna St, Petrolia. We recycle old pots.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The Petrolia Fair Board is looking for  
**A TREASURER.**

Please send resumes to:

[KellyHumphrey1966@gmail.com](mailto:KellyHumphrey1966@gmail.com)

### Coming Events

## Sarnia Flea Market

**OPEN SUNDAYs 9 to 4**

112 N. Christina Street  
or Parking & Entrance Off Davis

**ANTIQUES**  
**Quality Home Furnishings**  
**& Collectibles**

Royal Doultons to General Housewares and MORE!!

**FOR MORE INFO 519-330-6816**

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**WANTED TO BUY - Adult bicycles womens & mens, boys & girls.** All sizes. Good to fair condition. All types of bikes wanted. Please call **519-882-2548** and ask for **Dave**. *ALSO, will pick up scrap bikes.*

### FOR SALE: OLD ANTIQUE BICYCLES

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Blueberry  
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Join the Sombra Museum

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH, 2023  
FROM 1:00PM-4:00PM

Enjoy...

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT. FRESH-BAKED BLUEBERRY  
DESSERTS. AND A WALK-THROUGH OF OUR  
1800s VICTORIAN HOME.  
Suggested donation of \$5 per person.  
We hope to see you there!

3476 ST CLAIR PKWY.  
(519) 892 3982





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Church  
DIRECTORY



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

416 Queen Street, Petrolia (Behind the Post Office)

In-Person Service  
Sundays @ 10:00 am

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Pastor Katherine Hawley

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414 Oil Street, Petrolia

Join us for In-Person Services  
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Everyone Welcome

Church Office: 519-882-1430 | [christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com)



Rev. Dave Hewett

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4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

In-Person Services  
Sundays @ 10:30 am

Church Office: 519-882-1390  
[www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net](http://www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net)



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In Person Church Service  
Sunday Mornings @10:30 am

Pastor: Alex Craig

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia | Church Office 519-882-2480  
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Calendar  
of events

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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	Samia	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 25	2pm - 4pm	Tupperville	<b>SUPER FAMILY SUNDAY</b> @ Dawn Valley United Church, corner of Lambton Line & 507 Dawn Valley Rd. Everyone is welcome.	
June 30	2pm - 5pm	Bright's Grove	<b>KINDRED SPIRITS</b> , @ Gallery in the Grove until July 8th. For more information visit <a href="http://www.galleryinthegrove.com">www.galleryinthegrove.com</a> or call 519-869-4643.	
July 1	11am - 3pm	Wyoming	<b>CANADA DAY IN WYOMING</b> @ Wyoming Fairgrounds - Hosted by the PW Events Committee, for info call: 519-384-4098	
July 4, 5 & 6	11am - 3pm	Samia	<b>RAAW: PHOTOGRAPHY</b> @ JNAAG - Three-day photography workshop To register, please visit the 'program and events' page on <a href="http://jnaag.ca">jnaag.ca</a>	
July 10-14	11am - 3pm	Samia	<b>RAAW: MAKE IT BIG</b> @ JNAAG - Create giant sculptures inspired by everyday small objects using reclaimed materials. To register, please visit the 'program and events' page on <a href="http://jnaag.ca">jnaag.ca</a>	
July 17-21	11am - 4pm	Samia	<b>RAAW: MURAL CREATION</b> @ JNAAG - Experience the creative process of mural painting from start to finish. To register, please visit the 'program and events' page on <a href="http://jnaag.ca">jnaag.ca</a>	
Aug 13	2pm - 4pm	Alvinston	<b>WINE &amp; CHEESE OPEN HOUSE</b> @ Alvinston Legion Branch 249, Formal invitations will be sent out in July.	
Sept 2	10am - 3:30pm	Samia	<b>LAMBTON PLOWING MATCH</b> @ Southwest corner of Waterworks Rd. and Confederation Line	
Sept 24	10am	Petrolia	<b>THE TERRI FISHER MEMORIAL DART TOURNAMENT</b> @ Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216. Registration @ 10am \$20/person, Silent Auction and 50/50. Call for info: 519-882-1557.	

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