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GRANT HIBBERT PHOTO
Heavy rains caused flooding in Central Lambton. While the majority of the Aug. 23 downpour was in Warwick Township, by Aug. 24, much of the estimated 5 to 7 inches of rain had made its way to Bridgeview Park in Petrolia where Bear Creek rose to heights not seen in recent memory. For more photos see page 7.

Enniskillen tanks fire truck deal

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

The purchase of a \$1.47 million pumper/tanker truck for the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department will not be going ahead. And it's not clear what happens next.

Petrolia approved the purchase of the dual purpose fire truck Aug. 16. But Enniskillen Township rejected the purchase at its Aug. 21 meeting.

The municipalities jointly fund the department and Enniskillen would foot 40 per cent of the bill.

The cost of the truck was one of the big issues.

"We can't just go to the money tree. We need to budget for it," said Councillor Mary-Lynne McCallum, noting the tanker was to be replaced in 2026 while the pumper is to be replaced in 2029.

The management committee of the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department recommend replacing two aging trucks, the tanker and pumper, with one unit. The truck would have been ordered now and delivered in 2026. The old trucks are to be sold within six months of the new unit in 2026.

The concern for some councillors was the additional cost of purchasing a dual use vehicle instead of simply buying what is traditionally the lower cost tanker.

SEE FIRE TRUCK PG 3

Historic rain leaves extensive damage

Heather Wright
The Independent

Roads buckled, basements flooded with rain and sewage, and campers were left stranded after a historic rainfall dumped up to eight inches of rain in Central Lambton.

And officials in Warwick Township will be looking at provincial funding saying the Aug. 23 rain caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.

Environment Canada had predicted significant rain for Aug. 23, but the first sign of how much rain was actually falling was a call to Warwick Fire Rescue. A car hit the ditch in heavy flooding on Highway 402 and the couple couldn't get out. Chief

Brad Goodhill had never seen anything like it; the major highway at Arkona Road was covered.

"The water kept rising, faster than I could ever imagine," he tells *The Independent*.

Firefighters were able to help the couple out of their partially submerged car without special equipment. But to the west, the water was a meter deep on the east and westbound lanes at Sexton Line according to Goodhill.

There, vehicles had stalled out trying to get through the water. "To this day I can't believe we didn't have more accidents because vehicles were coming in there at 100 km/h," he says.

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Storm dropped eight inches of rain in Warwick

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An estimated 180 mm of rain fell Aug. 23 in heavy downpours. Ditches in Brooke-Alvinston near Forest Road were filled to the top of their culverts the next day and, in some places, water could be seen running off the surface of fields making small waterfalls.

In other spots including Ebenezer Line, water pooled in corn and bean fields. The extent of damage to agricultural crops isn't known yet.

On Lasalle Line near Old Walnut Road, some crops were still covered in water from a nearby creek a day later. By the dirt on the leaves, it appears the water rose about half way up the stalks.

The flooding is a scenario playing out across Sydenham's water shed. Ken Phillips of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority said people camping at AW Campbell Conservation Area were unable to drive out of the park for days. The main road flooded and engineers were brought in Friday to make sure the water had not damaged the road or bridge. It reopened Monday.

At the Warwick Conservation Area, Warwick Fire Rescue and Township workers helped clear the water from the road which stranded half the campground. They were able to get out of the conservation area Thursday afternoon.

The Sydenham also caused problems at the Shetland Conservation Area as the river overflowed into the campground. Some people towed their trailers to higher ground. Others watched as the water swamped their units.

Peggy King operates the Bentpath Getaway next to the conservation area. She estimates the water was at least five feet deep in the field adjacent to the river near the park.

Warwick Township sustained the biggest hit of the storm. Mayor Todd Case declared a state of emergency Aug. 24.

Case says hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage has been done to roads in the community. Almost every gravel road in the township was damaged by the rain. Many were washed out. The newly paved Zion Line had a major buckle in the roadway which will likely need to be rebuilt. Engineers were assessing the damage Monday.

The damage is much higher when you consider the countless homeowners in the municipality whose basements filled with water and raw sewage.

Case heard from more than 60 homeowners Aug. 23 and 24 who either had floods in their homes or roads in their neighbourhood in need of repairs.

During the heaviest rainfall, the Ontario Clean Water Agency, which operates the townships sewage treatment plant, completed a controlled release of sewage onto Lasalle Line fields to help deal with the volume of water flooding the community. But that still wasn't enough to stop sewage from seeping into some Watford basements.

The mayor said disaster restoration companies were in town helping those affected, but with major storms in

nearby Glencoe and Essex, many people waited days to even get a call back to set an appointment.

That concerned Councillor Wayne Morris who raised the issue during an special council meeting Monday. He said there may be homeowners unable to get proper disaster restoration services, either because they didn't have insurance or because they couldn't find someone to do the work.

There may be some added assistance for homeowners in the offing. Amanda Gubbels, CAO of Warwick Township, says the municipality learned of a program for homeowners - Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians - which may apply in Warwick. Provincial officials were in the community Monday assessing the damage, however at press time, Gubbels said it wasn't clear yet whether the province would declare Warwick residents eligible for the program which helps cover some of the costs of disasters.

Case says by declaring the state of emergency, the township will likely be able to access funding from the provincial government to help ease the financial burden of the storm.

Warwick is tracking its expenses at the municipal level to take advantage of the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program. The township will need to spend three per cent of its budget on storm related damage - about \$80,000 - to access the provincial funding.

Town officials are sure there will be far more spent than that, with the mayor pegging the damage at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

While there is a lot of damage yet to be fixed, Case paid tribute Monday to everyone who pitched in to help during the emergency saying firefighters, town employees and residents worked together. "The community really did come together."

And he thanked Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Monte McNaughton who helped guide the municipality to provincial assistance and neighbouring communities - such as Plympton-Wyoming - which offered the use of equipment and staff to help repair the roads.

READ MORE ON THIS STORY ON PAGES 6&7.



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Fire truck deal tanked by Enniskillen

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Enniskillen Councillor Wally Van Dun was also against the purchase of the truck, saying he had tried to research the cost of just a tanker by talking to sales representatives and looking at websites. He hasn't received a price yet.

Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Chief Jay Arns told council it would cost \$975,000 to purchase a tanker.

He believes it is fiscally responsible to purchase the combined unit. Buying two fire trucks would be significantly more money in the end, - an estimated \$1.4 million - while prices have increased by 40 percent in the past year due to inflation, he said.

Van Dun couldn't believe the fire department couldn't get a tanker that would be lower than \$975,000.

Arns said the department's existing 1996 tanker is past its expected 25 year life cycle.

In terms of the bigger picture, purchasing the new unit would increase safety, as the new combined unit would be better up to date with safety regulations.

Aside from the cost of the new tanker/pumper unit, there is still concern Enniskillen is paying more than its fair share of the fire costs.

Enniskillen Township currently pays 40

percent of the cost of the fire department and Deputy Mayor Judy Krall wants to see Enniskillen's portion lowered to better reflect the number of calls in the municipality compared to Petrolia. Over the past five years it varied from 25 to 35 per cent of the calls.

Had Enniskillen approved the new vehicle, it would have been on the hook for 40 percent of the cost of the new truck, which would be just over \$600,000.


Petrolia's Acting Mayor Joel Field is disappointed Enniskillen's decision. The town was aware of Enniskillen's concerns about the cost sharing agreement.

The councils of Petrolia and Enniskillen have met once about the fire department's funding but there were no follow-up meetings set up.

Field says there was no indication the concerns might scuttle the plans to buy more equipment.



"I wish we knew that prior to getting to this point," said Field.


While it's clear the purchase can't go ahead without Enniskillen's approval, it's not clear what the fire department will do now. The tanker truck is due to be retired from the fleet in 2026 and Arns says it will take three years to order a new vehicle.



This Month In Lambton

August 2023



Warden Kevin Marriott
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Stay up to date on road closures

Temporary closures and detours on County Roads are required due to construction and other events, like severe weather or emergency road work. The County posts information on planned and upcoming road closures at www.lambtononline.ca/roadclosures, including a real-time map from Municipal511 showing upcoming and current planned closures, and emergency closures from the County and local municipalities.

Spend your PA Day in the new gallery at LHM

Looking for something fun to do for the PA Day on Friday, September 15? Why not visit Lambton Heritage Museum and see the new permanent exhibit in the Lambton Gallery!

The Museum's Curator/Supervisor Dana Thorne will give guided tours of the new space at 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30. Don't forget to head outside and explore the seven outbuildings too!

LHM hosting First World War Historical Reenactment Event

Join Lambton Heritage Museum and local reenactment group Dominion of Canada Reenactment Corps for the special event *Experience the First World War* on Saturday, September 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This event features weapons, simulated gunfire, and discussions of battle that may not be suitable for all ages.

For more information, please visit the event page on www.heritagemuseum.ca.


Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., Sept. 6, 2023 – Council Meeting


9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sept. 20, 2023 – Committee A.M. & P.M. Meetings

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Editorial

Fire funding wake up call

It really should not have been a surprise when Enniskillen Township councillors said no to a new \$1.4 million pumper/tanker truck. But it was.

The chief of the Petrolia/North Enniskillen department went to Petrolia council with the plan for the \$1.4 million vehicle in mid-August and made the case that by purchasing the combination vehicle, the department would be able to provide more efficient services - particularly in the rural areas - and would save money in the long run since the dual purpose vehicle would replace two aging units.

Town councillors hopped on board, giving the department approval to order the vehicle knowing the nearly \$900,000 Petrolia owes won't be due until 2026.

And, perhaps to some politicians in Petrolia, it seemed like a done deal.

But they had clearly underestimated the concerns voiced for a couple of months by Enniskillen councillors.

Deputy Mayor Judy Krall did some number crunching during budget in March and found while Enniskillen pays 40 per cent of all costs at the department, it only generated between 23 and 32 per cent of the fire calls in each the last eight years.

Enniskillen wanted to talk about it with Petrolia and, indeed, they met to talk about it. But apparently, the acting mayor didn't think it was huge issue - certainly not big enough that Enniskillen would actually turn down the pumper/tanker.

Perhaps no one did the math. Assuming Krall's projections are correct, if the township could negotiate a better cost sharing agreement with Petrolia, it would stand to save between \$15,000 and \$32,000 per year just on operating costs. The big savings come on the capital costs. On this fire truck alone, if a new revenue sharing agreement was drafted based on Krall's numbers, Enniskillen's nearly \$600,000 bill for the pumper/tanker between \$112,000 and \$238,000 less.

That's a lot of cash for a small municipality so it is really no wonder Enniskillen councillors turned down the \$1.4 million truck.

And perhaps, in the back of a few Enniskillen councillors' minds, there is the thought that this might be just the wake up call Petrolia needs to revisit the funding arrangement.

Letters to the Editor

The Independent welcomes Letters to the Editor.

Our preferred methods to receive letters are via email to news@petrolialambtonindependent.ca (please use Letter in the subject line) or through our website www.petrolialambtonindependent.ca.

You can also deliver letters to The Independent at 4156 Petrolia Line, Petrolia or drop them in the mail at The Independent, Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0.

The Independent reserves the right to edit letters for brevity and clarity.

All letters need to be signed and must have a phone number for verification.

Our Story



SHETLAND AND AREA HISTORICAL GROUP

As we get ready for back to school, a photo of Shetland SS#1 from the 1900s courtesy of the Shetland and Area Historical Group.

Remembering Zach - a good salesman, a better man

Zach Junkin made an impression on me even before we met.

I was looking for a salesperson and scanning resumes. In a sea of people who simply listed their experience and education, Zach stood out. His resume started "A few days ago, I was listening to one of Brian Tracy's audiobooks, and I realized I could be doing more with my free time: I could be helping a Sales Manager hit their targets so they can finally go on that once-in-a-lifetime vacation they've been planning. Or finally purchase that property they've been dreaming of."

"This guy is either full of baloney or a really good salesman" I thought to myself.

So, I scheduled an interview and met him at a coffee shop. What should have been maybe a half-hour interview turned into an hour-and-a-half. I got to know him a bit and he learned a little about my aspirations. We talked about the newspaper business, his former

hometown of Pelham, his family - particularly his dad's political life - and his own run for mayor. He was engaging and a thoughtful listener.

We agreed to a part-time arrangement so he could fit sales into his life. Zach was very excited about it - turns out he'd really wanted to be in sales.

The first couple of months was a bit frustrating on the sales front but that was okay - everyone needs time to develop their skills.

And besides it was a time to get to know Zach and his life; about his wife, Brooke, whom he cared for while she was desperately ill with their second child; about his little girl whom he was crazy about and about his eventual frenzied move to Port Lambton.

Through it all he was always smiling and thoughtful.

We all looked forward to Zach coming into the office. And then Aug. 18, he didn't come through the doors. We didn't really think much of

it - sometimes he spent his time in the field making sales calls.

But by Tuesday, we learned Zach had died suddenly of natural causes in his home. He was 34. Even though my staff had the funeral announcement, their email to me while I was on vacation asked "Is this true?" I still ask that question. Zach - our colleague - was a husband and father first but was so much more than we knew - MMA fighter, a tree-hugger in the very best way, an adventurer - and as it turns out Zach was a good salesman. But even better, Zach was a really good man. And he will be missed.



Heather Wright

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Fletcher Gauthier, 2, places his hand print on a police cruise Sunday, as the Lambton OPP hosted the Summer Send Off Crafts and OPP Vehicle Tour at the Wyoming Legion. Donations were being accepted for the Petrolia Food Bank. A number of OPP vehicles were on site, with a barbecue and crafts for the children.

Two-thirds want Airbnb rules in PW

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming councillors aren't quite ready to start writing the rules for short term rentals.

The town has been looking at regulating the 'Airbnb' industry for a number of months after fielding complaints and petitions to deal with people renting homes in residential areas, clogging streets and making lots of noise.

Monday, Planner Randi Burke, presented a report on the public engagement on the issue. Over 67 per cent of the 219 people who answered an online survey want some form of regulation. Sixty-three per cent said there should be a limit to the number of people staying in the accommodations and half said the town should limit the number of licences available

in Plympton-Wyoming.

And while Mayor Gary Atkinson has long supported the idea of regulations, when it came time for council to direct staff to start drafting a bylaw, some were hesitant.

Councillor Bob Woolvett suggested the town needs to be careful drafting the bylaw because some people depend on the income of the short term rentals to keep their homes.

Councillor John VanKlaveren added he wouldn't want to see the town spend a lot of money on enforcement of any proposed bylaw, saying that could be contracted out to property management companies.

And there were people in the council chambers who either wanted council to tread lightly on drafting new rules or ban short term rentals completely.

Councillor Alex Boughen, who in his

job at Lambton Shores helped draft that municipality's short term rental bylaw, suggested council doesn't really know what it wants yet.

"I don't think we can send staff away as of right now saying 'go put together a bylaw,' because we haven't told them anything of what we're looking for. We haven't told them what we want the definition short term to be. We haven't told them if we want to exempt owner/occupied (short term rentals) for permanent residents from the bylaw.

"I just feel like it's going to be a waste of resources and staff time if we send them away without a clear understanding or at least a rough idea of what we as council want to see."

Boughen suggested, and council agreed, to have a special meeting on the issue, then have staff draft a bylaw and bring that to the public.

Battery storage project in the works for Enniskillen again

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

There is another battery storage power project in the works for Enniskillen.

And this time, the company and the family planning to host the site want to give the municipality plenty of time to consider it.

Compass Energy Consulting is proposing to construct the battery storage unit on 20 acres of the south east corner of 4703 Churchill Line, a property owned by Rita and Tony Felder.

The company expects the power storage unit will be able to hold between 200 and 300 megawatts of hydro, but won't know for certain until Hydro One says the available line capacity in mid September.

Compass Energy and owners of the Churchill Line property plan told council Aug 21 they plan to come to Enniskillen council Sept. 18 to talk about the project.

It's clear the company is aiming for a longer, more transparent process

than the last proposed battery storage project.

At a meeting last February, Oil City residents crowded into the council chambers to register their overwhelming disapproval of the proposed construction of a battery storage facility on Courtright Line near Oil City. Many said they weren't aware of the project until reading an article in *The Independent* about the proposal.

Many were concerned how close the site was to Oil City.

At the time, council decided not to give its endorsement of the project. Without that, the Ontario Energy Board would not consider it.

While its not clear when this year the province will be asking for new proposals for energy storage in southern Ontario, Compass Energy President Jonathan Chesz said he was clearly trying to get ahead of the announcement and secure the municipality's support early.

Chesz said after the presentation is made to council on Sept. 18, company officials would be door knocking

on properties, which are within two kilometres from 4703 Churchill Line, which will include some homes in Wyoming. He hoped to have door knocking conducted on Sept. 19 and 20.

Resident will be asked to attend an open house in October and Chesz hoped Council can make a decision by early November on whether it approves of the project.

If council gives its approval, the township will negotiate an agreement with the company for such things as road maintenance, noise, lighting and a community benefit component.

Council members advised Chesz to not use bulk mail when sending out the invitations to the open house to residents.

This was done for the Oil City open house and many say they were not notified properly, because the invitations were seen as junk mail. Instead the invitations should be addressed to each residence.

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Jim Bell was performing for the people who braved the uncertain weather for the Oil Springs Summer Sendoff Saturday. Aside from the live music and dance, the event featured a Cornhole tournament with 32 teams.

Former mayor Inglis was ‘a proud Lancer’

The Independent

A former reeve of Petrolia and the teacher who educated a generation of Nicol scholars about the man behind the scholarship has passed away.

Doug Inglis died Sunday at Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia.

Inglis was born in St. Thomas and went to the University of Western Ontario before landing in Petrolia where he taught history, geography and the law.

He was also active as curling junior football and hockey coach.

After he retired, Inglis published a biography of Harold Robert Nicol – the founder of the highly sought after Helen Kavanagh Nicol Scholarship at LCCVI.

Each June, as the top students at the high school were honoured, Inglis would take a few moments to tell the scholars about the man who made their scholarship possible.

Inglis also wrote columns for both the Petrolia Topic and the Sarnia Observer.

He also served as a Petrolia town councillor from 1978 to 1982 and then as the head of council as reeve from 1982 to 1985.



Doug Inglis

The flag at Petrolia Town Hall will hang at half staff for five days in his honour.

His family writes in his obituary that Inglis was a “proud Lancer” to the end.

One death caused by Aug 23 storm

Heather Wright
The Independent

Brice Stephenson and Jocelyn Polster saw the water rising at Bridgeview Park and went home to get their paddle board.

The couple could be seen paddling around Bridgeview North Thursday where normally there was dry ground. Stephenson even tried to surf on a floating picnic table.

Just a few hours later, the park was closed as the water from Wednesday’s heavy rainfall rushed down the Sydenham River and its tributaries and overflowed the banks of Bear Creek. The water was estimated to be about seven feet above normal.

The rising flood waters also affected the

other end of town. Petrolia officials closed Glenview Drive between Kerr and First Street because of the flooding on Bear Creek. It was reopened Friday morning.

Brooke-Alvinston was also dealing with flooding. Administrator Janet Denkers says that while the damage wasn’t nearly as extensive as in Warwick, public works employees were repairing gravel roads damaged in the heavy rains throughout the municipality.

And not far from Alvinston, on Dundonald Road near Glencoe, a Mississauga truck driver lost his life in the storm. Middlesex OPP say the road beneath the rig collapsed about three meters. The 56 year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Flooded well - test the water says public health

The Independent

Lambton Public Health is encouraging residents with private wells to test their water supply if their well has been flooded after Wednesday’s heavy rain.

These high levels of rain could result in harmful bacteria and that could make well water unsafe to drink.

Public health suggests using bottled water for drinking and cooking until you can have

your well tested. Or you can boil your tap water for a full minute. The well should be disinfected and tested at least three times, at one-week intervals, before the water is used for drinking.

The test for bacteria and water sample kits are free. Water samples must be dropped off within 24 hours of being taken. You can get test kits at Lambton Public Health in Point Edward or at the lab at Bluewater Health CEE in Petrolia.



TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK NOTICE OF INTENTION ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - SURPLUS FARM DWELLINGS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Warwick will consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to enabled regulations to facilitate Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances. The amendment is being considered under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. The meeting will take place on **September 25, 2023 at 4PM** in Council Chambers at the Township Office located at 5280 Nauvoo Road in Watford and will be livestreamed to the Warwick Township YouTube channel.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would create definitions to regulate and enable the ability of landowners to severe a residential dwelling from farmland because of farm consolidation. This is further to policy updates to enable the process of Surplus Farm Dwellings approved with the recent Official Plan update in 2021. As this amendment affects all properties zoned Agriculture within the Township, **no key map has been provided as this amendment is Township-wide.**

NO OTHER APPLICATIONS have been received at this time.

ANY PERSON may attend the council meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **If you wish to participate or speak to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment electronically or in person, you must register with the Township Office by 12 noon on Friday, September 22nd, to receive the login information for the meeting.** You may also register by calling 226-848-3926 or emailing info@warwicktownship.ca.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to the Deputy Clerk or Clerk of the Township of Warwick. Submissions can be provided in person at the Township Office, by mail or by e-mail to info@warwicktownship.ca.

IF A PERSON or public body would otherwise have the ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Warwick to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Warwick before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. **IF A PERSON** or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Warwick before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Amendment, you must make a written request to the Township of Warwick, 5280 Nauvoo Road, PO Box10, Watford, ON NOM 2S0.

NO KEY MAP has been provided as this amendment affects all lands zoned Agriculture in the Township.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about this matter, including information about appeal rights and the proposed Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office at 5280 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON, NOM 2S0.

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Brice Stephenson and Jocelyn Poster took their paddleboards out on Bridgeview Park North Aug. 24 after heavy rains flooded the park. At the bottom, a bird's eye view of the peak flow. Left, Highway 402 was closed for eight hours after rain flooded the highway. The Sydenham River in Shetland flooded far beyond its banks, leaving more than 5 feet of water in local fields and flooding campers at the Shetland Conservation Area (below). And on Lasalle Line Aug. 24, dirt on the cornstocks shows how much the creek rose after the rainfall.



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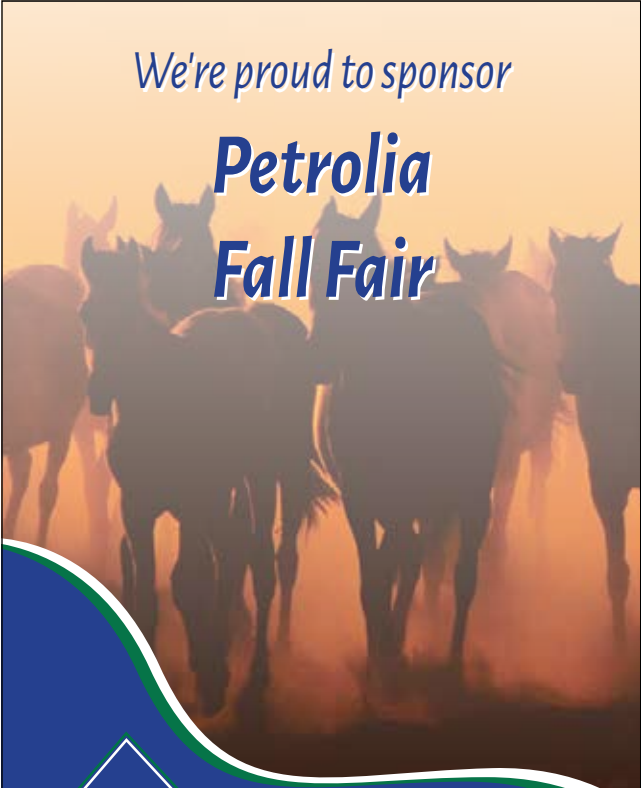
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New youth mental wellness hub ‘a ray of hope’

Cathy Dobson
For The Independent

Two young women who helped establish the new Youth Wellness Hub may have said it best: Sarnia-Lambton now has world class mental health services with the right professionals ready to help at the right time.

That’s how Janessa Labadie and Maura Cook put it during the hub’s official ribbon cutting ceremony that they emceed on Aug. 22.

Among 250 guests was Labadie’s grandfather, Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, whose government is supporting the Youth Wellness Hub with \$450,000 in operating funds annually.

For local youth struggling with mental health and substance abuse – and those closest to them – the opening presents renewed hope, said lead donor and golf icon Mike Weir.

He had a catch in his throat as he talked about his dream that the \$3-million downtown facility will be a place where local youth aged 12 – 25 will seek help in a crisis. “It’s pretty emotional,” he said “It’s been a long road through COVID to get to where we are today. But I’m just so proud of our community for coming together like this,” he said. “We have great support for our youth now... that’s all we want for them, that they can realize their own potential.”

About six years ago, a group of Sarnians and

mental health services providers recognized too many youth were falling through the cracks. Overdoses, drug use, homelessness and suicide are chronic problems plaguing local young adults. Existing agencies couldn’t keep up with demand. Wait lists for critical services were lengthy.

A “wellness hub” concept was developed to bring all mental health and substance abuse services under one roof for easy access, quick assessment and, importantly, fast delivery.

The need was recognized and donors were sought, explained Kathy Alexander, executive director of the Bluewater Health Foundation.

Weir, who grew up in Sarnia, kick-started the fundraising effort with a \$1.2 million donation. Rather than wait for the provincial government to decide if Sarnia-Lambton would get a wellness hub, the community rallied to get one established.

Lambton County stepped up and rented a building in the commercial core for \$1 a year. Then, the provincial government would provide funding to operate and staff the hub.

What is important is the welcoming environment that provides immediate assessments and cuts down on the frustration that builds when people have to repeat their difficult stories and wait months for service, Alexander said.

As the parent of a child with mental health



CATHY DOBSON PHOTO

Mike Weir returned to his hometown for the official opening of the \$3-million Sarnia-Lambton Youth Wellness Hub, established with \$1.2 million from the Mike Weir Foundation. co-chairs of the youth advisory committee Maura Cook and Janessa Labadie, helped Weir cut the ribbon to the facility.

challenges, Lambton County Deputy Warden Sarnia City/County Councillor Brian White agreed the hub will be a game changer. “It’s extremely difficult as parents when you see your young people hurting, and you have no answers, and you reach out to an agency that says there’s a six-month wait list,” he said. “Quite often there’s no shelter from the storm...and as a parent, you can feel very much isolated.” He called the new hub an incredible space.

“This really matters,” said White. “To the families and to the youth, I want you to know, after all the struggles, eventually people will hear and sometimes there is a ray of hope.”

Directly across the street, at 142 Lochiel St., is a new youth activity centre that takes referrals from the Youth Wellness Hub. Weir Active is a two-year pilot project to demonstrate that play and movement have a place in mental wellness, says project manager

Kendel Ross. Activities vary from yoga and meditation to weights and lawn games and are free to those aged 12 – 25 who register at the hub.

“For me, doing something active...when I’m struggling myself, is a huge plus in my life,” said Weir. “I think youth, when they find (activity) for themselves – whatever that is – it will be a great part of overall wellbeing.”

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Corunna plans 200th anniversary street party

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Plans for the street party in Corunna are ramping up as the community looks to celebrate the twist in history where the community along the St. Clair River could have been the Canadian capital, a celebration dubbed Corunna Almost Canada’s Capital.

The thought of Corunna began in 1823, when surveyors were sent from Britain to find a suitable site for a capital city in the fledging colony of Upper Canada. A map was made of the community but settlement would not begin until 13 years later, Corunna would not become the capital, but this year marks the 200th anniversary of that survey party entering the area.

The community first celebrated on May 23 with a rededication of St. George’s Square and will conclude with the street party on Sept. 23.

Lyndoch Street will be closed from Fane and Cameron streets for lots of family fun.

The day will begin at the Corunna Legion with breakfast and wagon rides at 8 a.m.

The street festival will then run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring a scavenger hunt,

tethered hot air balloon rides, face painting, inflatables and between 20 and 30 vendors. There will also be a chalk artist, a clown, mermaid, stilt walker and many other characters to keep families entertained.

“That is the million dollar question,” said Tracy Kingston, chair of the Corunna Almost Canada’s Capital Committee when asked if this could become an annual event.

She said it would depend whether grants and funding could be available in the future.

As for the legacy of the celebration Kingston said there would be two more story boards put up at the clock tower at St. George’s Square to tell about this important part of Corunna’s history.

A time capsule from this year’s celebrations will be another component of the community’s celebration.



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Sports

Petrolia Flyers notch two pre-season wins

The Independent

Derek Esselment scored twice and Andrew Jaques and Evan Morningstar each had a goal and an assist to lead the Petrolia Flyers to a 5-2 win over the Flags in PJHL preseason action. Caleb Kennedy had the other Petrolia goal in Saturday's tilt in Mooretown. Ryan Vidler and Jace Dupuis scored for the Flags. It was win number two of the pre-season. Friday, Daniel Gibson

registered the hat trick to lead the Flyers over the Jr. Kings, 8-4 in Dresden. Noah Sanderson and Josh VanderLinden each had a goal and an assist for Petrolia with Parker Davidson, Cameron Davidson and Michael MacKellar adding the others. Lambton Junior Sting graduate Ben Church scored twice for Dresden. The Flags are back in action Thursday when they host Mt. Brydges at 7:30.

Petrolia's next game is not until September 10 when they take on Dresden in Watford. The Flyers open the regular season on Sept. 15 at Thamesford. Mooretown's season opener is a night later at home against Dresden. Petrolia and Mooretown will skate against each other next Friday, September to help raise money as part of a 24-hour charity hockey game at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena. Game time is 9 pm.

OBA weekend comes to Petrolia, Wyoming

The Independent

The Petrolia Raiders and Wyoming Cattlebarons are representing the Western Counties league in the OBA senior B baseball championships this weekend. The host Raiders open against the Simcoe Giants on Friday afternoon at 2 pm at Morrison Field and the Cattlebarons entertain Byron at Wyoming's Canton Park on Friday at 7:30.

The 24-team tournament also includes games at Sarnia's Blackwell Park. The tournament continues through the weekend with championships games set for Sunday at Morrison Field in Petrolia. Meantime, Port Lambton is contesting the senior C trophy in Port Hope this weekend. The Wyoming Wranglers are hosting the 11U OBA tournament this long weekend.

The Wranglers open on Friday morning at 10 against Mitchell at Centennial Park. Two other Western Counties team are also competing. Corunna opens on Friday at 10 against Thorold on diamond #3 and Dresden goes up against Saugeen Shores on Friday at 1 pm at Centennial. The champions will be crowned on Sunday afternoon.

Sting, Knights gearing up for 2023-24 season

The Independent

The 2023-24 OHL season is officially upon us with the opening of the Sarnia Sting training camp. Sarnia's conference finalists' opponents from last season, the London Knights, hit the ice in the Forest City. Several local players are at OHL camps this week including Alvinston's

Hayden Duncan in Ottawa, Jace McGrail of Wyoming in Peterborough, Petrolia's Isaac Truman with the Knights, along with Watford's Evan Van Gorp, Plympton-Wyoming's Austin Harper, William Hull of Oil Springs. Corunna's Jace Dupuis and Owen MacDonald are on the ice with the Sting. Sarnia hosts its annual Black and White game in support of the United

Way on Aug. 31 at 6 pm at Progressive Auto Sales Arena. The Knights and Sting will open the preseason with a home-and-home series next week. The teams will meet on Sept. 9 at 4 pm in London in a game that was rescheduled from Labour Day Monday and then again on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2 pm at PASA. Both teams open the regular season on home ice on Sept. 29.

Squires, Killer Bees hosting try-out camps next week

This area's two senior hockey clubs will both be looking for some diamonds in the rough as they host open tryouts camp over the next week. The Alvinston Killer Bees is holding open tryouts Aug. 30 from 8:30-10:30 at the Watford Arena. Meantime, the Petrolia Squires are

also holding open tryouts for Sept. 6 and Sept. 13 between 8:30 and 9:30 pm each evening at the Lambton Shores Community Centre in Forest. Players do not need to pre-register, according to team spokesperson Tim Martin, just show up.



Rogers wins title at Lambton junior golf event

The Independent

Kettle and Stony Point's Lucas Rogers carded an even par 71 to capture the senior division title at the Lambton Junior Tour. The event Sunday was held at the St. Clair Parkway course in Mooretown. Rogers was nine shots better than Mooretown's Tyler Coene. Dracen Campbell of Wallaceburg was third.

Noah Olver of Bright's Grove took the nine-hole intermediate title by three shots over Cole Grant. Sean Hamill finished third. And Isaac Kennette captured the junior championship with a two-shot win over Jackson Girling. Grayson Matthews was third. Sophia Rocca and Vivian Callander were the top female finishers at the event. Olver leads the tour standings heading into the final event at Huron Oaks on September 10.

Petrolia's McLean wins silver at firefit competition

The Independent

Isaac McLean was a member of the second-place team from the Lambton College Fire School at the Lake Huron regional Firefit competition in Port Elgin. A squad from the St. Catharines Fire

Department won the team competition. McLean, from Petrolia, was fifth among rookies in the individual standings and 21st overall out of more than 100 competitors at the event. Lambton College is now gearing up to host the Canadian and World firefit championships in Sarnia from Sept. 13-17.



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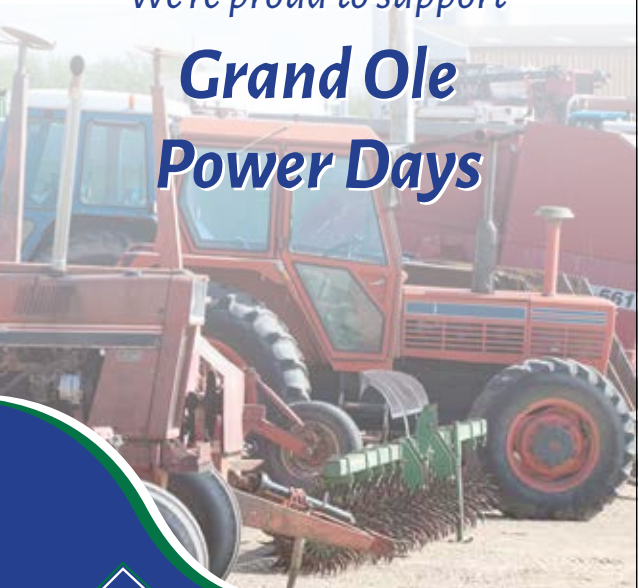
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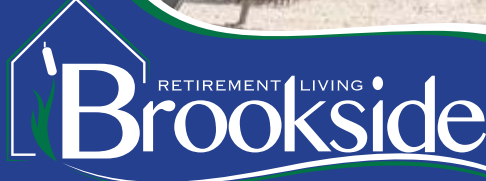


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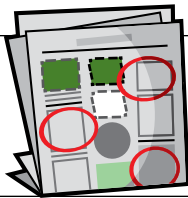


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Death Notices

August 21 - August 27, 2023

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

LINGE, Alan Thomas
Age: 86, of Alvinston
Van Heck Funeral Home

BAERG, Kathleen "Katie" Elizabeth (Pendle)
Age: 50
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

McGEE, Alan George
Age: 57
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

DUNFORD, Robert Jr. "Bud"
Age: 90, of Bright's Grove
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

LUCAN, Dan
Age: 64, of Alvinston
Van Heck Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

MAILLOUX, Magella (Madge) Theresa
Age: 96, of Comber
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

STEWART, Denys Alistair
Age: 84, of Petrolia
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

THOMPSON, Brian Leslie
Age: 75
Badder Funeral Home

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

SHEPLEY, Annie May (Anderson)
Age: 88, of Sombra
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

ROCHON, Kenneth Leland
Age: 64, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

NEWMAN, Vicki Louise
Age: 57
Smith Funeral Home

ADAM, Michael John
Age: 56, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

BILTON, Mary Lou (Slack)
Age: 84, of Florence
Badder Funeral Home

BROWN, Ann-Marie "Annie"
Age: 51
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

DILL, Allan Douglas
Age: 73, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

ANDREW, Lloyd Clifford
Age: 82
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

WARD, Danny
Age: 71, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

MACTAVISH, Eulah Joyce (Blaney)
Age: 95, of Dresden
Badder Funeral Home

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

VISSER, Artje "Ada"
Age: 99
Smith Funeral Home

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JUNKIN
Zachary Edward

It is with profound sadness that Brooke Lee-Junkin and Marvin and Candice Junkin announce the death of their husband and son Zachary, who died of natural causes on Thursday August 17th. Zach will be deeply missed by his dear wife Brooke, daughter Celeste, and Baby Junkin, due to arrive in November, as well as by siblings Jeremy (Katy) Junkin, Emily (Stephen) Boss, and Isaac (Hannah) Junkin. Devoted uncle to Hannah, Charlotte, Jack, Felicity, Luke, Wesley, Piper, John, and Ted-

dy. Cherished son-in-law to Rob and Elaine Lee, close friend and brother-in-law to Shane (Mel) and Erinn. Zach grew up on a dairy farm and loved working on the farm. His younger brother Isaac quickly realized that the angrier Zach became, the more hay bales he would throw, and the sooner the wagon was unloaded, leaving less bales for Isaac to deal with. He attended EL Crossley Secondary School. His independent spirit was evident when, at the young age of 16, he and a good friend went by themselves on a BMX excursion in Texas. Though he enjoyed exasperating his teachers, at the end of the day, Zach was an intelligent, well-liked student. After obtaining a master's degree from Waterloo University, Zach had many varied interests, and gave his wholehearted enthusiasm to every endeavour he undertook. Some of these undertakings include: completing an Iron Man marathon, becoming a professional MMA fighter, co-authoring a book, performing stand-up comedy, working as editor for the Voice of Pelham newspaper, and accompanying Canadian Explorer Adam Shoalts on two expeditions

into the Canadian wilderness. Five years ago Zach undertook his greatest adventure yet when he married his soulmate, Brooke (nee Lee). They bought their first house together in Sarnia, and in 2021 welcomed their daughter, Celeste. Zach loved being a husband and a father and devoted himself to these roles with joy, and of course with his signature wholehearted dedication. He loved making plans with Brooke for their future together, and always had a funny story to share about new things Celeste was learning. Whether he was playing classical music specially chosen for its baby-brain-enhancing capabilities, or running around the house with Celeste hiding from pretend ghosts, there was nothing Zach loved more than his role as Daddy. Zach and Brooke had recently purchased a new home in Port Lambton, and were looking forward to welcoming their second child. Zach was also an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, birding, and haranguing family about planting more native plants and trees. He was also an avid reader and never missed an opportunity for a debate. His

wit and sense of humour will be deeply missed. Zach was many things to different people, but always compassionate and generous at his core. He always put others first and brought out the best in everyone. Your life was truly better knowing Zach. Father, husband, son, brother, author, professional fighter, outdoor enthusiast, adventurer, dearly missed. So many memories left unmade. Donations can be made to the Sydenham Field Naturalists, where Zach was co-Vice President with his wife Brooke.

A GoFundMe has been set up to help support Brooke and their children:
<https://gofund.me/114ee24f>

Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg, from 6-8 PM on Wednesday and 2-4 & 6-8 PM on Thursday. The funeral will be celebrated at the funeral home on Friday, August 25 at 1 PM. A celebration of Zach's life is also being planned for the Fall in Niagara. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

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INGLIS

John Douglas (Doug)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Doug Inglis at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia, on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the age of 80. Beloved and loving husband of Shannon (Bolton) Inglis for 44 years. Cherished and devoted father of Colleen Elizabeth Inglis. Survived by dear sister Joan and her husband Matt Janes of St. Thomas, their children, Sara Janes (Nadine) of Thunder Bay, and Andy Janes (Alisha) of Denver, Colorado. Also survived by sister-in-law Julie London (late Tony, 2022), nephew Rob London, and niece Alexis London, of Chatham and Toronto. Predeceased by father- and mother-in-law Alec (1988) and Audrey (2016) Bolton of Shetland. Also predeceased by his beloved first wife of ten years, Mary (Bishop) Inglis (1978), and stillborn son Christopher (1974); mother-in-law Louisa Bishop (1994), and sister-in-law Laura Walter (2001) (Tom) of Petrolia. Doug was born in St. Thomas on January 10, 1943. He spent his early years in St. Thomas and at R.C.A.F. bases in Barrie, Aylmer, Ottawa, and Edmonton. Predeceased by dear parents Grace (Strong) Inglis (1996) and Harry Inglis (1958). Doug returned to St. Thomas in 1958 to finish high school and graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1963. He taught history, geography, and law at L.C.C.V.I. in Petrolia for 34 years from 1964 to 1998. He coached junior football, hockey, and his favourite, curling. Doug was a proud Lancer. Doug served on Petrolia Town Council as a Councillor from 1978 to 1982, and as Reeve of the Town of Petrolia from 1982 to 1985. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society from 1982 to 1991. Doug was a prolific writer. After retiring, he authored and published a biography of Harold Robert Nicol, the founder of the Helen Kavanagh Nicol Scholarship for L.C.C.V.I. students. He also wrote a bi-weekly "In My Opinion" column for the Petrolia Topic and contributed a seasonal curling column to the Sarnia Observer for many years. Doug's involvement as a curling coach and instructor led to over 15 years volunteering with the Ontario Curling Association including officiating Bantam and Junior level youth competitions. Doug loved rock and roll, ABBA, and dancing. He enjoyed travel and photography, and was an avid Toronto Blue Jays fan. Cremation has taken place. *Friends and family are invited to attend a visitation and reception at Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 650 Broadway St., Wyoming, on Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Private interment in Hillsdale Cemetery.* As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.cee hf.ca), the Nicol Community Scholarship Fund (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/31203/>), or a charity of your choice. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.Needham-Jay.com

Obituary



DILL

Allan Douglas

Surrounded by family on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Bluewater Health, Sarnia, Allan Douglas Dill (73) of Petrolia, formerly of Glencoe, went home to be with his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Living Faith Community Church was where he and his beloved wife, Dorothy Lea (nee Branton) were introduced and then married, August 22, 1987. He will be dearly missed by his stepdaughters, Kim and her husband James Baker, and Michele and her husband Paul DeMars. Grandson Joe, and granddaughter Samantha, were bright lights in his life, and he loved telling them stories of his adventures. Allan will be dearly missed by his dear brother Don and his wife Linda, Ken and his wife Linda, Marian and her late husband Bill, and Jean and her husband Wayne. He will be remembered by his many nieces and nephews and Dorothy's siblings. Predeceased by his brother, Arnold (1962) and his mother and father, Frank (1997) and Isabella (2014) Dill. Allan loved painting. He was highly skilled and sought after by residential and commercial customers alike. He was very musical. Allan was a drummer who studied in Hollywood, and taught drum lessons in Chatham and Petrolia. He loved gospel music and pop/rock and played with Abundant Life Gospel Band and The Persuaders. He played with many bands over the years, travelling throughout the United States and Canada. Allan was born again in 1985 and baptized in Lake Erie. He walked with Christ, and since 2016, Lakeshore Community Church became a second home for him and Dorothy. He was gentle, soft spoken and kind. Cremation has taken place. *A memorial service will take place at Lakeshore Community Church on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeshore Community Church, 2815 Old Lakeshore Road, Bright's Grove.* Interment will take place in Oakland Cemetery, Glencoe at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Lakeshore Community Church Building Campaign (<https://wearelakeshore.com/capital-campaign/>). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.Needham-Jay.com

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STEWART

Denys Alistair

STEWART, Denys Alistair – Age 84 of Petrolia, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at Sumac Lodge, Sarnia. Beloved husband of Barb (Bradshaw). Loving father of Suzanne Morier (Dan) and Krista Stewart, stepfather of Michael and Andre Greeff. Special grandfather of Devyn, Keely, Aiden, Max, Avery, Dane and Leo. Predeceased by his parents Russell and Alice Stewart, daughter Dana Stewart (Shawn) and brother James (the late Ruth) Stewart. Denys was an RCMP officer for 35 years, retiring as Staff Sergeant of the "D" division in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He also drove transport truck for Arnold Brothers for 10 years, he was a member of the Kinsmen Club of Oakbank Springfield in Manitoba, a member of St. Pauls United Church in Petrolia, and was on the board at Midvalley Apartments for many years. Denys was well respected, kind, loving and always ready to help - truly a great man. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. *Family and friends will be received on Thursday, August 31st from 6:00-8:00pm at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, Brigden. A funeral service will take place on Friday, September 1st at 11:00am at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, Brigden. Interment to follow at Bradshaw Cemetery.* In lieu of flowers, sympathy may be expressed through donations to St. Paul's United Church-Petrolia, Lambton County Developmental Services Foundation (LCDS) or Alzheimer's Society. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca. Steadman Brothers 519-864-1193.

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UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT/ CONTACT INFO
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Sept 2	10am - 3:30pm	Sarnia	LAMBTON PLOWING MATCH @ Southwest corner of Waterworks Rd. and Confederation Line
Sept 2-3	10am - 4pm	Wallacetown	19TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FARM SHOW @ Backus-Page House Museum - 29424 Lakeview Line. (South of Wallacetown.) \$10 for adults. Full details available online: http://www.backuspagehouse.ca
Sept 8 & 10	5pm	Petrolia	PETROLIA OPTIMIST TOONIE TABLE DRAW FUNDRAISER @ The Petrolia & Enniskillen Fall Fair
Sept 9	11am - 2pm	Bright's Grove	CANSCAIP IN THE GROVE: THE ART OF PICTUREBOOKS @ Gallery in the Grove . Runs until Oct. 28. In partnership with CANSCAIP. For more info visit: www.galleryinthegrove.com or call 519-869-4643.
Sept 10	1pm	Sarnia	WALK FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE @ the Kinsmen Pavilion (near the animal farm) Canatara Park. Registration at 1 pm - walk shortly after. Preregister at: walkforpd.ca or call 1-888-851-7376.
Sept 10	12:30pm - 3:30pm	Wallacetown	VICTORIAN PAINTING WORKSHOP CONTINUES @ Backus-Page House Museum - 29424 Lakeview Line. Pre-register on our website: www.backuspagehouse.ca/events/
Sept 12	7pm	Online	LAMBTON BRANCH, ONTARIO ANCESTORS MEETING - Speaker: David R. Elliott- register for Zoom Meeting at lambton.ogs.on.ca – All welcome. For more information email: lambton@ogs.on.ca
Sept 12 - Oct 17	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Online	VIRTUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY SERIES - Fall 2023 free workshops. Meet on Zoom weekly. To register, email: virtualcommunitylawschool@gmail.com no later than September 11, at 12 noon.
Sept 15-16	2pm	Petrolia	QUILT SHOW hosted by IODE Margaret Stokes @ the Christ Church Anglican 414 Oil St. - Trunk show Friday Sept. 15 @ 2pm. For more info contact: dawnmchnally@hotmail.com
Sept 17	8 am - 12pm	Wyoming	WYOMING LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST @ Wyoming Lions Hall - 554 Main St. Adults: \$15, Under 10: \$10.
Sept 24	9am	Petrolia	THE TERRI FISHER MEMORIAL DART TOURNAMENT @ Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 216, 4129 Glenview Rd., Petrolia. Pre-register by September 15 to; 519-882-1201 - OR - 519-882-1557 or email: lakerphillip@hotmail.com



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