

Ten guests, fewer cars and noise

PW council has say on short term rentals

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming councillors want to limit the number of guests, cars and noise at short term rental units.

The town has been dealing with complaints about the ‘Airbnb’ type rentals for a number of years. There are more than 50 units in the municipality - most along Lake Huron. Residents, particularly in Blue Point, have voiced concern about the number of people in the rental homes, cars clogging the streets and loud parties.

Mayor Gary Atkinson made a bylaw to regulate the rentals a priority. He’d hoped there would be a system in place this year. Monday, council had a chance to shape the proposed regulations in a visioning session.

After over three-and-a-half hours of discussion, council agreed short term rental owners should have a licence from the town. They would need to provide contact information for a person who would reply to complaints in 30 minutes and be on site within an hour.

Councillor Alex Boughen wanted to “prevent investors from buying up property who don’t live near by and let staff figure out how to do it.” But he wanted the effect of the bylaw to be “corporations can’t buy licences.”

The proposed rules would also limit the number of people at the short term rental. Council agreed an owner should not be able to rent out more than four bedrooms with a maximum of 10 people in the unit although that number isn’t final. The majority of council thought people could build one additional unit on their property to create a short term rental, although Councillor Bob Woolvett wasn’t in favour of that idea.

“I don’t think we want people building tiny homes in their backyard and making them short term rentals,” he said Monday.

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HONOURS FOR A PETROLIA VETERAN



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Korean War veteran, Wally Cavan, was honoured with the South Korean government’s Ambassador of Peace medal at the Petrolia Legion Sept. 12 . See more on page 2.

Second battery storage project near Wyoming shelved

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At least one other battery storage project which was in the planning stages in Plympton-Wyoming has been shelved because Hydro One can’t accommodate it on the power lines on Churchill Line.

Last week, Compass Energy went to an Enniskillen council meeting expecting to talk about a project which would place a lithium ion battery storage area just outside of Wyoming.

Instead, the company announced the

project could not move ahead.

“The IESO released the results from its Deliverability Test process, where proposed projects were modelled on the electricity grid in collaboration with transmitters and local distribution companies - Hydro One. The Enniskillen BESS project connection options were determined to be “Not Deliverable” which means the project is no longer eligible to participate in the IESO’s Long Term 1 (LT1) Request for Proposals. All development activities for Enniskillen BESS have been suspended,” wrote Compass in a notice to the media.

While the project was based in Enniskillen, Plympton-Wyoming was watching the development closely because the Wyoming fire department would have been the first responders to the energy storage site.

Plympton-Wyoming CAO, Adam Sobanski, told council Sept. 15, while the town was watching the Enniskillen development closely, it was also working with two other companies planning storage projects along Churchill Line.

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Petrolia Veteran named Ambassador of Peace

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Petrolia’s only surviving veteran of the Korean war has been honoured for his service.

After the Second World War, the Soviet Union occupied North Korea and the US the south. On June 25, 1950, the north’s Korean People’s Army crossed into the south beginning a civil war. The capital of the south-Seoul – fell in a week.

The United Nations called for an end to the civil war the day it started but the hostilities continued. By the spring of 1951, 8,500 Canadians troops were supporting the United Nations, alongside soldiers from Britain, Turkey and the Philippines.

About 26,000 Canadians were in Korea from 1950 to 1953. Canada sent eight destroyers, with Canadian aircraft provided transport, supply and logistics.

516 Canadians died – 312 in combat.

After the war, Canadian troops remained for three years as military observers.

John Wallace Cavan – known to most as Wally – was one of those Canadians who served.

Now 92, Cavan joined the Royal Canadian Navy when he was 17 and served in the Korean War when he was 19.

Cavan was an electrician’s mate on the destroyer HMCS Huron, where he looked after the engine room and the



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Wally Cavan and his wife, Willy, during a ceremony at the Petrolia Legion where he was awarded the Ambassador of Peace Medal by the South Korean government on Sept. 12.

water room. These areas of the ship were the most difficult to look after, he said

Cavan served six and a half years in the navy, but on his first night on the ship, his naval service almost came to an abrupt end, he told *The Independent*.

His ship had left Halifax four or five hours before when a gust of wind caught his hat. Cavan recalls he reached over the railing to get his hat. His feet went over the railing but he was able to catch the rail so he didn’t end up taking a swim in the ocean that night.

His superior told him the navy had lots of hats and he didn’t have to go to so much effort to save his own.

Tuesday, Cavan was awarded the Ambassador of Peace Medal by the government of South Korea for his service in the Korean War.

The honour of presenting him with this award went to Petrolia’s Royal Canadian Legion Branch President Robert White.

Cavan says “It was really surprising,” being recognized for his service in Korea over seventy years later.

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Short term rental rules to come back to PW council

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“That makes our problem worse,” said Woolvett.

Councillor Mike Vasey disagreed. “The people (license owners) live there; you have more control over the rental than anything else.”

Council also set limits on the number of cars allowed at a rental. Chief Administrative Officer Adam Sobanski says many of the complaints the town gets about short term rentals has to do with parking problems in the lakeshore communities.

Council is asking staff to draft the licensing bylaw requiring rental owners to have a minimum of one parking space for every two bedrooms they rent.

Councillor Alex Boughen says it only makes sense. “I should not be able to get a licence for an occupancy of 10 if I only have one parking spot,” he told council Monday. “It is the same as minimum parking requirements for businesses. It is perfectly reasonable to say if you’re renting a cottage you have to have enough parking

for the amount of bedrooms you have and if not, you have to lower your capacity to meet what cars fit.”

The other major complaint stemming from the growing number of short term rentals is noise. For some time, the council has discussed whether it should have a noise bylaw to govern the entire municipality. The issue was brought up when a family was opening a wedding venue on Aberarder Line in 2020 and council chose to place noise restrictions on the site instead.

Council has again opted to go to a “mini noise bylaw” inside the short term rental rules, limiting loud noise from 11 pm to 7 am weekdays and 9 am weekends.

Councillor Kristen Rodrigues cautioned other municipalities tried the same thing only to have the regulations thrown out at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Town staff will now draft some regulations for council to review and then, the town will hold a public meeting for input before they are passed.

SEE MORE ON THIS STORY ON PG 5

Battery storage projects in PW shelved, too

CON'T FROM PG 1

Plympton-Wyoming Councillor Bob Woolvett brought concerns of residents about the Enniskillen energy project to the Sept. 15 council meeting.

“These individuals that approached me had some big concerns about any battery plant being that close to certainly the Village of Wyoming,” he said.

“Staff is aware of three companies which are looking to potentially apply to construct electrical storage facilities. They are all along Churchill Line because of the location of the high powered lines. One of the proposals is in Enniskillen Township. The other two are in Plympton-Wyoming,” said

Sobanski.

In an email to *The Independent*, Sobanski said one of the two potential Plympton-Wyoming projects - by Invenergy - has also been cancelled after the Hydro One assessment.

“The town was also been approached by Invenergy but they have withdrawn as well. Town staff also had a brief phone discussion with a third company, but no formal documents were provided, and no further communication has occurred,” Sobanski told *The Independent* in an email. “I would presume they are all facing the same issues as Compass as they were all proposing to connect to the same transmission lines.”

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McNaughton leaves politics

Heather Wright
The Independent

There were words of praise from leaders in Lambton as Labour Minister, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Monte McNaughton, announced he’s leaving politics.

“It has been the honour of a lifetime to serve the people of Ontario as Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development for more than four years,” he wrote in a statement released on Twitter Sept. 22.

“I want to express my deepest gratitude to the people of Lambton-Kent-Middlesex. It has been a privilege to have represented you since 2011.”

As labour minister, McNaughton worked doggedly to promote the skilled trades sector. He was able to forge relationships in the labour community and during the 2022 election several labour unions endorsed the PCs – a first in provincial politics.

“Monte helped build a coalition of private-sector union support that has never existed in the history of the Ontario PC Party,” said Premier Doug Ford in a statement. “He introduced ground-breaking measures to protect workers’ rights and ensure that more

workers are in the driver’s seat of their own careers.”

McNaughton acknowledged his timing - in the middle of the Greenbelt land swap scandal - would draw speculation. But he said “I’m making this decision because it is the right one for me and my family.”

McNaughton has not yet released where he will be working.

But he did mention the sacrifices his family has made for the work he did in politics.

“I’d like to thank the two loves of my life, my wife, Kate, and daughter, Annie, for supporting me through thick and thin. My family has made many sacrifices including hundreds of trips down Highway 401 to split their time between our riding and Toronto so that we could spend as much time together as possible.”

Monday, Warwick Township Mayor Todd Case - who ran against McNaughton in the 2018 provincial election - paid tribute to McNaughton during a council meeting.

“I’d like to publicly thank Monte McNaughton for his 11 years of serving our community as well as all Lambton-Kent-Middlesex,” he said. “On a personal note, in almost last year of being mayor again, the cooperation has been excellent and the ability to



PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK

In July, Labour Minister Monte McNaughton brought his dad with him to an event launching another skill trades truck which helps educates young people about the trades.

hook us up with the right people that we need to speak to at the right time; that’s been very much appreciated.”

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley said McNaughton would “be missed for your advocacy for labour and for Southwestern Ontario.”

Plympton-Wyoming Councillor Alex Boughen echoed the comment on social media; “You were an incredibly hardworking MPP and it never went unnoticed,” he said.

And farm leaders also chimed in with former Lambton Federation of Agriculture President George Dickenson saying “It was always easy to work with you and your office.”

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Many students were wearing green and white and carrying the Franco-Ontario flag as they filed into the gymnasium at Ecole Hillcrest in Petrolia Monday to commemorate Franco-Ontarian Day. First celebrated in 2010, Franco-Ontarian Day recognizes the contributions of Franco-Ontarians in the province. Grade 2 Teacher Catie Arseneault wore the Franco-Ontario flag as a cape throughout the assembly. There are more than 622,000 Francophones and 1.5 million Ontarians who speak French in Ontario - the largest Francophone community outside Quebec.

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Sienna Glen Maple features showy clusters of red flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange, red and burgundy in the fall. The furrowed gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension.

EDITORIAL

Supporting local journalism

Every week about 30 million newspapers are delivered across Canada. More than four out of five people in Canada read newspaper content each week. Why do they read print and digital news sources? The answer is simple: Trust.

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One thing government can do to keep scarce advertising dollars in Canada is establish tax measures to incent businesses to advertise with private sector Canadian news outlets and bring fairness to the different tax treatment of advertising purchased from foreign websites.

Governments – municipal, provincial, and federal – also have a role to play when it comes to their own advertising spend. It makes no sense that the federal government was spending almost twice as much on Facebook/Instagram – which are now blocking news in Canada – as they were on all print publications combined. Governments – at all levels – should earmark 25 per cent of their advertising spend toward trusted Canadian news sources. And the federal government should end the 'double dip' by eliminating commercial advertising associated with CBC News, the public broadcaster.

National Newspaper Week is a time to reflect on the Champions who report the news without fear or favour, and it's a time to remember that local news needs to be supported by the community.

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OUR STORY



FROM THE PETROLIA HERITAGE WEBSITE COLLECTION

This photo, from Petrolia Heritage, came salvaged from the Blue House which once stood at Petrolia Discovery. Local Historian Martin Dillon believes the man in some of the photos is Jake Englehart - he appears to be the man on the dias near Victoria Hall, wearing the bowler hat here. Dillon says the pictures, possibly from 1890 to 1910, were probably taken with an early Kodak camera.

How does this happen in the age of information?

As much as I complain about social media, I use it a lot for my work. I find out what people are thinking; I find out about events going on in the community; and I can find out about the people who I meet.

And I don't think that I'm alone. Most people "creep" others on social media.

That's why I cannot understand how a Nazi ended up with a standing ovation in the House of Commons during the high-profile visit of Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Friday, the Ukraine President spoke to MPs for 19 minutes talking about his country's fight against Russia which is now heading into its second year.

Canada has stood with Ukraine as Russia tries to discredit the country saying they're fighting against Nazis who have taken over the area the Russians invaded - a claim which has been widely discredited.

Zelenskyy's address had been widely acclaimed, until someone noticed the man Speaker of the House - Liberal MP Anthony Rota - introduced to a standing ovation. The 98 year-old from Ukraine was a Second World War vet. Rota told the House of Commons that he had fought for "Ukrainian independence against the Russians." But he fought against the Russians in a volunteer unit of the Nazi Waffen-SS.

In an age where all information is available at the tip of your fingers,

how was the fact the man served in a Nazi unit missed. The Speaker has a staff; MPs have staff; why wouldn't anyone have Googled to do a quick background check. There were plenty of news

articles pointing out what is now embarrassingly obvious.

Rota has resigned in disgrace. Hopefully, other politicians have learned from his mistakes. You have the resources to know who you associate with, use them.



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Field becomes new deputy mayor

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Nearly a decade after he was supposed to hold the title of deputy mayor, Petrolia’s Joel Field has accepted it.

Monday, town councillors approved the suggestion of Mayor Brad Loosley - who is on an extended medical leave of absence - to name the now acting mayor as deputy mayor.

Earlier this month, council agreed to a process which would see the mayor appoint a deputy mayor, with the agreement of council.

The town has used a rotating system of ‘acting mayors’ since 2015. Until then, a deputy mayor - usually the top vote getter - was appointed by the mayor as deputy mayor.

But in 2015, a newcomer - the now Acting Mayor Joel Field - topped the polls. When he was asked to be deputy mayor, Field declined saying he didn’t have the experience for the job. “I didn’t want to get throwin into a fire,” he said.

So, the acting mayor rotation was born. But when in early 2023, Mayor Loosley faced some health challenges, he suggested Field be appointed as the acting mayor for continuity. That led to a discussion about reviving the deputy mayor position.

Field told *The Independent* when the idea was approved by council that Loosley’s leave showed the town needed a “backup plan” should the mayor have to step aside.

Monday, during a closed door session, council agreed - without comment according to Clerk Mandi Pearson - to appoint Field to the role once Loosley returns from his medical leave in December. “I’m very honoured to have been appointed,” Field told council after the in camera meeting was complete. “I am happy now to have a process that is on paper, that we will move forward with.”

Field said he was not aware of any extra pay which would be included with the new title.



Joel Field

HIGH LIGHT



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Contractors work over the traffic at a pedestrian crosswalk on Petrolia Line near Princess Street. Town councillors during the January budget deliberations committed to the new crosswalk after officials from Lambton County Developmental Services asked the town to improve pedestrian safety in the downtown after two clients were struck by cars. Mike Thompson, Petrolia’s operations manager, says most of the work is complete however some of the electronics have to be installed. Monday, he told council, he expected the new pedestrian crossing to be in operation in a couple of days.

Odour complaints at Twin Creeks rise dramatically

Heather Wright
The Independent

The number of odour complaints about the Twin Creeks Landfill has tripled in the last year.

That’s according to Alex Ciccone from Garrod Pickfield LLP . The legal firm acts as Warwick Township’s technical review team and provides a yearly report of operations at Ontario’s largest landfill just outside of Watford.

While Ciccone told council Monday the landfill is well run, the number of complaints from the community about odour reached “an all time high” in 2022.

Ciccone says in 2017, when the complaints were first tracked, just one citizen launched a complaint with the

company. By 2018, there were eight complaints.

Complaints skyrocketed in 2019 to 51, but Ciccone says most of those were attributed to a nearby biosolids fertilizer storage area.

It was deemed to be a commercial business operating in an agricultural area and was found guilty of a zoning infraction.

The company, Lasalle Agri, moved the product from the site and Ciccone says there was “a drastic decrease” the following year, with only 26 complaints.

But in 2022 - the year the technical review team analysed - there were 73 complaints made directly to Waste Management which operates the facility; 68 were related to odour.

Ciccone told council the company did have “issues with a gas collection system” in 2022 which led to the stink. But he said the issue has to be examined.

Ciccone says the committee is suggesting meetings with WM to work out some of the odour concerns. He would also like better communication and “more frequent updates on the status of the landfill gas collection system.

“If it is down, give us notice and let us know how long it will be down - so the township knows.”

The committee suggested, and councillors agreed, there should be a meeting to talk about the complaints. Ciccone says meetings with WM have been “productive” in “helping to lower complaints in the past.”

Petrolia plans to giveaway native trees to residents

The Independent

Get your dialing fingers and shovels ready.

The Town of Petrolia is getting ready for the phone lines to light up Oct. 10 as it offers its annual tree giveaway.

The town is offering a limited number of four different types of trees for Petrolia residents; Autumn Blaze

Maple, Sugar Maple, the Flowering Crab and Sienna Glen Maple. The trees are native to Petrolia and usually have a large tree canopy.

Residents of Petrolia can call into the town office Oct. 10 starting at 8:30 am and claim one of the coupons for the trees.

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Finding the future with a Petrolia plan

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

What do residents of Petrolia want in the next five years?

This was the question Kate Graham asked at the Petrolia Farmers’ Market Saturday.

Graham, a political science assistant professor at Western University, has been hired by the Town of Petrolia to compile its strategic plan, a document, which will guide the municipality’s decision making from 2024 to 2028.

Generally people are very happy with life in Petrolia, said Graham. They told her they find the community friendly and connected.

One of the issues Petrolia is dealing with is growth. Along with that comes increased traffic and people have indicated they want to see more sidewalks, trail systems and crosswalks.

Graham is also finding the concerns are different depending on people’s ages. Seniors choosing to live in Petrolia want more health care services. Young families say it is difficult to secure a childcare spot in the community, so they are looking for more child care spaces.

People would also like to see the local business community expand with the addition of another grocery store and hardware store.

And then there are suggestions some people might consider small. Graham said one woman was concerned about the cigarette butts which she finds around the picnic tables. This led her to suggest an ash tray be put in these locations. “It is these small things that are making a difference,” said Graham.

This strategic planning process began in June, with Graham interviewed members of Petrolia council and administration about municipal issues.



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Consultant Kate Graham was looking for people’s opinions Saturday at the Petrolia Farmers’ Market of what they would like to see in Petrolia for the next five years.

Then the public consultation began with a short survey online or by a video chat submission.

The video survey is proving to be popular with young people. A paper copy of the survey is also available at the town hall.

So far, over 200 surveys have been filled out. The survey portion of the strategic planning will be ending on Oct. 10 and Graham will be meeting with council on Oct. 11 about her findings.

A public meeting will be held, after which changes will be made before it is passed by council.

The next municipal election will be in 2026 so the 2024-2028 strategic plan will encompass the last part of the current term of council and first part of the next term, and will guide the decision making throughout.

St. Clair green lights two housing projects

Heather Wright
The Independent

St. Clair Township council has given the green light to two housing developments which will create 36 new homes.

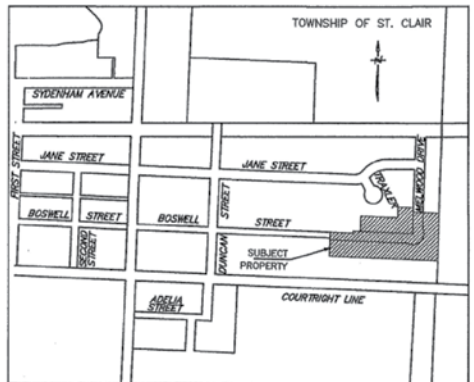
The first is a subdivision in Brigden. C-Cubed Holdings will be building 22 single family homes at the end of Boswell Street between Jane, Duncan and Courtright Line.

The land had always been planned for housing and officials say it has taken four years to get the development to the council for approval.

Some neighbours voiced concern about tree damage in the area and drainage issues. Lambton County Manager of Planning, Ken Melanson, said the concerns are all dealt with in the site plan. He added under new planning rules from the province, residents do not have a right to appeal the approval of a project to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Meantime, Beckwith Developments plans to build 12, single storey townhouses and two single detached homes in Corunna beside a riverfront condominium near Lyndoch Street at Beckwith and Beresford Streets. The land had previously been approved for 13 townhouses.

It’s not clear when construction will start.



ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP PHOTOS

Two new housing developments are moving ahead in St. Clair, one in Brigden, above and another on the St. Clair River in Corunna.




OPP issues warning about under aged tractor drivers

As Lambton farmers get ready to begin the grain harvest, OPP are issuing a warning.

Tuesday, the OPP said it wanted to remind farmers to “arrange to have appropriate individuals to drive farm machinery on the roadways.”

The OPP says the Highway Traffic Act prohibits people under 16 from operating tractors or implements on a highway and “employing or permitting” someone under 16 could “lead to a court date” for the farm operator.



WARWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE FOLLOWING WARWICK HISTORICAL/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

ALL application forms must be submitted by **noon on Friday, October 13, 2023** and can be addressed to 5280 Nauvoo Road, PO Box 10, Watford, ON N0M 2S0

Appointments for Township committees will be for staggered terms between one (1) year and four (4) years; and members shall be a resident and/or ratepayer in Warwick Township.

The Warwick Historical/Heritage Committee is responsible for working in collaboration with Lambton County Archives and Lambton Heritage Museum to develop local interpretive displays and preserve historical records for the Township of Warwick and operate the Watford Museum during special events. The Committee makes recommendations and propose policy directions for consideration through the Township's Parks & Recreation Committee.

Members will be remunerated for Committee meetings as per the Township of Warwick Remuneration Schedule.

For further information on this committee, or to receive a copy of the Terms of Reference or an application form, please contact:
Ryan Chamney, Manager Parks & Recreation at rhamney@warwicktownship.ca or by calling 519-876-2808.

Application forms are available at the Township Office or on the Township website and must be submitted by the above date to the Municipal Office.

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This Month In Lambton

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Building permit applications and by-law reporting now online

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Online building permit applications and by-law reporting are available through the County for residents of Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia, Oil Springs, Petrolia, Enniskillen, Plympton-Wyoming, Point Edward, St. Clair Township, and Warwick. Applying through the online portal is encouraged, however paper applications and inspection requests by phone will still be accepted.

Learn more at lambtononline.ca/building.

Lambton Fall Colour & Craft Festival returns to Lambton Heritage Museum

Get your holiday shopping bags ready! The Lambton Fall Colour & Craft Festival returns to Lambton Heritage Museum on Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Welcoming more than 3,500 visitors, this annual event is one of the largest craft festivals in the Lambton Shores area and the Museum’s biggest fundraiser.

Admission is \$5 and children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information and a list of participating vendors this year, please visit heritagemuseum.ca.

Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., Oct. 4, 2023 – Council Meeting

9 a.m. & 11 a.m., October 18, 2023 – Committee A.M. & P.M. Meetings

Agendas, minutes and links to meeting live stream videos can be found at lambtononline.ca/meetings.

To read more, go to lambtononline.ca



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Sun shines on Forest Fall Fair

The 152nd edition of the Lambton Shores fair was a hit, with the fair grounds busy all weekend



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTOS

It was a weekend of 4H competitions, rides, music and fun in Forest. The demolition derby Sunday was a big hit. Lambton County cadets salute a demolition derby car which has been reconfigured to look like a tank. And Bailey Clark was showing her beef cow during the 4-H beef show (left).



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FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

9 am

Exhibit Buildings Open

10 am- 3pm

Agriculture Awareness Day (C)
Emergency Response
Displays

9 am

Mainstreet Colouring
Contest (MCS)

11 am

Crystal Gage (ET)

11:30 am

Official Fair Opening (ET)

12:15 pm

Crystal Gage (ET)

2 pm

Pickin' n Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)

7 pm

Tractor Pull - Southwest
Ontario
Tractor Pullers Association

8pm

Exhibit Buildings close

Legend:

C – Coliseum

ET – Entertainment Tent

FY – Ploughman's Farmyard

HHR – Heavy Horse Ring

HR2 – Horse Ring 2

LS – Lumberjack Stand

MCS – Mainstreet Showcase

EXH – Exhibition Hall

G – Grandstand

HR1 –Horse Ring 1

HR3 – Horse Ring 3

PB – Poultry Barn

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9 am

Exhibit Buildings Open

9 am

Mid Western Horse Show (C)

10 am

Ontario Vintage Tractor Pull

10 am

Poultry Show (PB)

11 am

Open Sheep/Market Lamb

11 am

ProRider Freestyle MX– Sh

11:25 am

Bluewater Chordsman (ET)

11:30 am

Great Canadian Lumberjac

PARADE at NOON

12:30 pm

Randy Satchell Band (ET)

1 pm

Beef Cattle Breed Show (C)

1 pm

Pumpkin Catapult- Decorat

1 pm

ProRider Freestyle MX– Sh

1:15 pm

IPM Awards Presentation (

1:30 pm

Charity Auction (MCS)

1:30 pm

Great Canadian Lumberjac

1:30 pm

Randy Satchell Band (ET)

3pm

Beauty & Beast Story Time

2:45 pm

Steppin' Up Dance Club (E

3 pm

ProRider Freestyle MX– Sh

3:30 pm

Christine Storey and Friend

4 pm

Great Canadian Lumberjac

6 pm

Team Sorting (C)

8 pm

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Exhibit Buildings Open
Mid Western Horse Show (HR1/2)
Brigden 4-H Sheep Show (C)
Children's Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show (PB)
Adult Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show (PB)
Meet & Greet - Superheros (MCS)
Western Ontario Outlaws - Lawnmower Races
Interdenominational church service (ET)
ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
Neufeld Studio of Highland Dance (MCS)
Highland Cattle Show (C)
Working Wagon Teams Show (HHR)
Borderline Band (ET)
Meet & Greet - Heros (MCS)
ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
Piano Time with Barry Betts (ET)
Intercounty 4-H Sheep Show (C)
Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 1:30 pm
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4 pm

6 pm

Twisted Chris (MCS)
Candy Scramble for Kids (C)
Farm Olympics (C)
Borderline Band (ET)
Western Ontario Outlaws - Lawnmower Races
Joan Spalding and Friends (ET)
Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
Meet & Greet - Fairies & Pirates (MCS)
ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
Exhibit Buildings Close
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Farm Truck Displays – All Day (G)
- 9 am

Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9 am

Heavy Horse Show (HHR)
- 9 am

Brigden 4-H Beef Show(C)
- 9:30 am

Open Light Horse & Mini Horse Show (HR3)
- 9:30 am

Brigden Fair Open Speed Show (HR1)
- 10 am

Baby Show 9 – 12 months (MCS)
- 11 am

Twisted Chris (MCS)
- 11 am

Great Lakes Woodland Dance Troupe – Cultural Teachings (G)
- 11:30 am

Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 11:30 am

Baby Show 5 - 8 months (MCS)
- 12 noon

Sarnia School of Irish Dance (ET)
- 1 pm

Buck and Boys Classic Country (ET)
- 1 pm

Elite Star Dance (MCS)
- 1 pm

Great Lakes Woodland Dance Troupe
- Mini Pow Wow (G)
- 1 pm

Intercounty 4-H Beef Show (C)
- 1 pm

Beef Cattle Breed Show (C)
- 1:30 pm

Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 2 pm

Baby Show 0 – 4 months (MCS)
- 2 pm

Mark Blayney (ET)
- 3 pm

Buck and Boy’s Classic Country (ET)
- 3 pm

Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 3 pm

Harvest of Gold Draw (ET)
- 3:30 pm

Annual Quilt Draw (EXH)
- 4 pm

Exhibit Buildings close to all patrons
- 4:30 pm

Buildings re-open for exhibitors to claim their items

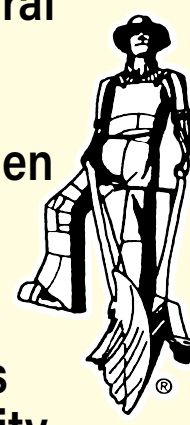


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Construction on new power plan OKed

Heather Wright
The Independent

Greenfield South Power Corporation wants to get moving on its new power generation plant.

It's received approval from St. Clair Township council to start laying foundations even though the final drawings for the plant are not yet complete.

Greenfield already operates a 289 megawatt natural gas fired electricity plant on Oil Springs Line.

In May, the Independent Electricity System Operator awarded the company a second plant - which Greenfield South Power officials say will be slightly smaller than the original - to help meet the growing power demands of both the greenhouse and electric battery manufacturing facilities in southern Ontario.

The latest plant - which will be behind the Oil Springs Line facility - will begin producing power with natural gas to start but switch to hydrogen when it becomes commercially viable.

In a letter to St. Clair Township council, Ciro Polsinelli, engineering manager for Greenfield South Power, says the company is supposed to start delivering power in 2025.

"In order to meet this deadline, and wishing to avoid concrete work during the winter months, we would schedule the

work to take place during the latter part of September and continue into December," he writes.

"We therefore request permission to install all the foundations for all the equipment, transmission line poles, gas turbine, stack and foundations for the five buildings."

"In the remote eventuality that the project would be cancelled due to factors beyond our control, we are prepared to provide securities for the removal of the foundations." Polsinelli says the work should cost about \$100,000.

Carlie McClemens, St. Clair's deputy clerk and planning coordinator, says the request comes as the company works on "design issues."

Normally, building permits aren't issued until the entire project receives council approval, but the Ontario Building Code does allow for conditional building permits for any stage of construction if the chief building official says unreasonable delays in construction would occur without a building permit.

McClemens says the company has recently reached a site plan agreement with the county and it plans to have the final drawings submitted in the spring of 2024.

Company officials had said it was expected the plan will take between two to three years to build. A cost estimate was not released.

Corunna woman wins major art prize

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

"It is like being in a fairy tale," said Wilma Mehl, as she describes how she felt when she won the Panel's Choice Award for ArtComp in London.

"I don't like to be the middle of attention," said Mehl, as she described herself as totally not a competitive artist at all.

A self-taught artist, she decided to dabble in painting in pastels for the first time during the pandemic in 2020. Mehl comes from an art loving family and she wanted to do something creative as the world was locked down. She watched a lot of YouTube videos on painting in pastels and practices a lot. Mehl admitted many of her first creations ended up in the trash can, something, which she regrets now.

She fell in love with 100 Kellogg Lane, a complex in London, which features many cultural, and entertainment events. This is where the art submissions for the ArtComp would be on display throughout the summer. Mehl decided to enter and just give it a try. She submitted Into the Blue, a painting depicting crashing waves, a scene she would see near her home in Corunna on the St. Clair River or on Lake Huron.

The competition received 900 submissions - 100 were chosen to be displayed at 100 Kellogg Lane from May to September. This was whittled down to 10 pieces of art for the award's ceremony on Sept. 7 and in the end, Mehl walked away with the top prize of \$100,000.

Mehl, who is a stay at home mom, said the win will not change her life.

She has a teenager at home and she will be saving for her son's post secondary school education.

Mehl just wants to have fun with her art. She entered Petrolia's Art in the Park for the first time this summer as a vendor, something that she enjoyed. She brought at least 10 of her paintings to the event.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Wilma Mehl is embraced by family after winning a major art prize in London.

Mehl is also scheduled to have her paintings on display in Bright's Grove at the Gallery in the Grove in December. She will also be reaching out to galleries in London to see if any would be interested in showcasing her paintings.

Mehl said travelling has always inspired her artwork. This is why she has called her website where much of her work is displayed, Travel' Art by Wilma Mehl.

She adds Lake Huron and the St. Clair River also inspires her, calling the local waterways almost ocean like and a hidden gem.

Mehl moved with family from Frankfurt, Germany to Corunna in 2011, when her husband received a transfer with work.

"We love our life here," said Mehl.

She encouraged other artists from Lambton County to enter ArtComp next year. Just like Mehl, you might be just as surprised with the results.

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Alaina Robinson reaches for the ball in LCCVI's senior girls basketball home opener. The Lancers fell to St. Pats in the game. Meantime, LCCVI's baseball team topped North Lambton 10-6 Monday and the Senior Boys' volleyball squad was 1-2 against Wallaceburg. LCCVI's James Grant was a runaway winner in the junior boys' race and Lancer teammate Mike Belan was second in the senior boys' division in cross country. And the Lancers girls' opened the junior soccer season Monday losing 3-nil to St. Pat's.

New league, new season, new rivalry?

The Independent

Senior hockey returns to the Greenwood Recreation Centre Friday night when the Petrolia Squires are at home to Orangeville to begin their new season as one of the newest members of the Western Ontario Super Hockey League. Puck drop is 8:30. As of press time, the Squires has signed 19 players for the coming campaign. The list of signees includes Adam Arseneault, Kraig Wright, Corey Pawley, Brendon Merritt, Jesse Ferguson, Zach Van Eyk, Ryan Trottier, Kyler Keating, Eric Marsh, Jack Hackett, Brandon Biggers, Ryan Fraser, Thomas Moxley, Steve Farlow, TJ Harris, Curtis Helps, Sam MacCormack, Cole Harris and Jared Pageau.

Meantime, their Lambton county rivals, the Alvinston Killer Bees went 1-1 in preseason action. Ethan Lamoureux had the game-winning goal midway through the third period to lead the Bees to a 4-3 win over the Jets in Strathroy Friday. Tillsonburg outscored Alvinston, 8-6 on the road Saturday. Alvinston plays Delhi Oct. 7 and then hosts the team Oct. 14 for its home opener.

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Petrolia Flyers at home to Exeter Thursday

The Exeter Hawks come calling to the Greenwood Recreation Centre Thursday to do battle with the Petrolia Flyers. Game time is 7:30.

The Flyers are 1-2 on the PJHL season after splitting a pair of games last week. Parker Davidson's goal late in the second period broke a 2-2 tie and propelled the Flyers to a 6-2 win over the Aylmer Spitfires before a crowd of 301 fans Sept. 21.

Davidson and Daniel Gibson led Petrolia with two goals and an assist each with singles going to Cameron Davidson and Kyle Flamminio. Cam Hackett had two assists.

Ethan Everaert blocked 19 shots as the home team outshot the Spitfires, 47-21.

Saturday in Parkhill, 13 players with the North Middlesex Stars had at least a point to lead the home team to a 10-0 win over the Flyers. Everaert had 40 saves.

Alvinston's Hayter helps Blades cut down Flags

The visiting Blenheim Blades scored four times in the first period and went on to beat the Flags, 8-2.

Alvinston's Matt Hayter scored a goal and assisted on the game-winning goal in the first period.

Dylan Dupuis and Nolan Bourdage scored for Mooretown. Jace Dupuis had two assists.

The Flags return home to host the Walpole Island Wild on Saturday night.

Petrolia's Nate Perry had the game-winner with 2:01 left in the third period Sept. 21 to lift the Flags to a 5-4 win at Walpole Island.

Dylan Dupuis scored twice for the Flags with one each going to Masen Flett and Dracen Campbell. Robert Cummings, Drew Bunda, Aaron Highfield and Nelson Dekoning scored for the Wild.

Walpole rallied from a 3-0 first period deficit but fell to 1-4 with the loss.

BRIEFS: Flags bring home gold, Fulcher's new club

The Mooretown Lady Flags won the champions banner in the U11B division at the Oakville Hornets Fall Classic. The Flags went 3-0-1 during the preliminary round and beat Lucan, 3-0 in the final. The Lady Flags U13A team took the runner up spot in its division at the same tournament. Kanata edged Mooretown, 2-1 in the final.

Brigden's Kaden Fulcher has signed with the Idaho Steelheads. The Boise-based team is the ECHL affiliate of the NHL's Dallas Stars. Fulcher went 4-5-1 last season in 11 regular season and playoff appearances with Reading of the ECHL and the AHL's Syracuse Crunch.

LCCVI grad Charlie Shaw was part of

the Guelph Gryphons third-place finish in the men's team standings in his OUA cross country debut in London. Shaw was tenth among Guelph runners and 93rd overall.

Kyler Keating was the tournament MVP for the Sarnia-based Rumble Ponies in winning their division at the recent provincial slo-pitch finals in Niagara Falls. The Inwood native's team went 7-1 including a 17-9 triumph over St. Thomas in the final.

Hayden Duncan made 20 saves in backstopping the Ottawa Jr. Senators to a 4-3-win over Brockville in Central Canada Hockey League action. Duncan, from Alvinston, was a draft pick by the OHL's Ottawa 67's in 2022.

Town of PETROLIA Greenwood Rec Centre

2023 Fall Skating Schedule

Mon & Thurs 11am-12pm \$3 - Adults FREE - Children	Learn To Skate (formerly Moms, Pops & Tots) An opportunity for parents to teach children to skate, and for open skating. Skate aids are permitted, and CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. No sticks permitted. Starts Monday, Oct. 2	Snow Day and Holiday Public Skating Watch the Town of Petrolia Facebook page or visit www.town.petrolia.on.ca for Snow Day Updates! Additional sponsored Public Skates during Christmas Break and otherwise will be promoted at a later date.
Mon & Thurs 12pm-1pm \$3 - Adults	Adult Lunch Time Skate For adults only. No sticks permitted. CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. Starts Monday, Oct. 2	
Friday 12pm-1pm Not available during Christmas Holidays \$3 - Adults FREE - Children	Learn To Play Provides an opportunity for adults to teach children hockey skills. No aggressive playing or slap shots are permitted. CSA approved helmets and a mask and gloves are mandatory. Players must bring sticks and pucks. Starts Friday, Oct. 6	
Every Sunday 1:50pm-2:50pm \$3 Per Person \$6 Per Family	Public Skating CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. Children must be supervised by an adult, and no sticks are permitted. Starts Sunday, Oct. 1	

Dates & times are subject to change, please contact Town Hall for more information and bookings at 519-882-2350 or by email to lbela@petrolia.ca



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

FORM 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on **October 24, 2023**, at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Civic Centre, 315 King Street West, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, located at 315 King Street West, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K8.

Description of Land(s) <i>All lands are in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the following are the geographic descriptions and municipal addresses.</i>	Minimum Tender Amount
1. Roll # 3650-140-006-04100 – PLAN 109 N PT LOT 4. Being 12 Princess St., Blenheim. P.I.N.00938-0525 (LT)	\$7,736.19
2. Two parcels - Roll #3650-140-006-67100 - PLAN 109 N PT LOT 23. Being 95 Adelaide St., Blenheim P.I.N. 00939-0165 (LT) and Roll # 3650-140-006-67200 - PLAN 109 S PT LOT 23. Being Adelaide St., Blenheim. P.I.N. 00939-0166 (LT)	\$31,165.06
3. Roll # 3650-140-010-13000 – PLAN 398 LOT 8. Being 18370 Erie Shore Dr., Blenheim. P.I.N. 00938-1237 (LT)	\$6,899.43
4. Roll # 3650-320-002-10295 – CON 9 PT LOT 13. Being Beech St., Bothwell. P.I.N. 00637-0003 (R)	\$6,484.87
5. Roll # 3650-420-025-00100 – PLAN 386 LOT 4 PT LOT 3. Being 7 Edna St., Chatham. P.I.N. 00522-0241 (LT)	\$19,267.79
6. Roll # 3650-420-033-09400 – PLAN 521 LOT 31. Being 12 Siskind Crt., Chatham. P.I.N. 00533-0044 (LT)	\$13,982.11
7. Roll # 3650-442-004-05300 – PLAN 119 LOT 55. Being 35 Hiram St., Wallaceburg. P.I.N. 00576-0041 (LT)	\$35,081.56
8. Roll # 3650-443-008-07204 – PT LT 1 CON 18 CHATHAM; PT RDAL BTN CON 18 & 19 CHATHAM CLOSED BY 88689, 96641; PT LT 1 CON 19 CHATHAM AS IN CH23911, LYING SE OF FORCED RD KNOWN AS RIVER ROAD, EXCEPT 241328, DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN CH23911; CHATHAM-KENT. Being Beattie St., Wallaceburg. P.I.N. 00760-0103 (LT)	\$12,929.04

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

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

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

The lands do not include mobile homes situate on the lands. The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is on the Municipality of Chatham-Kent website, www.chatham-kent.ca and on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

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

Personal information contained on this form, collected pursuant to the Municipal Act will be used for the purposes of that Act. Questions should be directed to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Co-ordinator at the institution responsible for the procedures under that Act.

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Death Notices

Sept. 19 - Sept. 26, 2023

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

JOHNSON, Gertrude Louise
Age: 93
Steadman Brothers Funeral Home

SPOHR, Marion Jean
(nee Laird)
Age: 91
McCormack Funeral Home

HARDY, Ronald "Ron"
Age: 86
Smith Funeral Home

FRAULEY, Frances "Fran"
(nee Cox)
Age: 78
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SYMINGTON, Vernon
"Vern" Wilfred
Age: 71
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

DI BONA-SOUSA, Linda
Age: 61
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

STUTT, Vera Eleanor
Age: 91
Denning's Funeral Home

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

WALLIS, Betty June
(Hodgins)
Age: 88, of London
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

SMITH, James Brady
Age: 79, of Thedford
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

MURPHY, Colleen Marie
Age: 64
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

STEWARDSON, Kevin James
Age: 59, of Wyoming
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

WYSEMAN, Gwyneth
(nee Warriner)
Age: 92
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

BRAZEAU, Pauline Rita Marie
Age: 80
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

ROMBOUTS, Cornelius
"Casey"
Age: 74
Denning's Funeral Home

CHAPUT, Shawn Stanley
Age: 55
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

RECCHIA, Rosa (Iannucci)
Age: 86, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

CLAYTON, Michael James
Leslie
Age: 45
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

SOMES, Dawn Christine
Age: 63
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

STEWART, Marg/Maggi
Age: 90
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

SCHOLTE, Sue
Age: 50
Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

VERHOEVEN, Nellie
Wilhelmina
Age: 86
Denning's Funeral Home

McCLINTOK, Donald
Lawrence
Age: 79
Smith Funeral Home

ELLIOTT, Marie "Helen"
Age: 73
Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

HYATT, Murray Alan
Age: 86, of Oil Springs
Steadman Brothers 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 *Karen (Bradley) Kabbes*

APRIL 27, 1964 - SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

While living life with Karen, we didn't realize we were making memories, we only knew we were having fun!

In 8 years of life without her, our memories have grown more dear and a whole new generation of little people celebrate their guardian angel.

Blessed are the sweet smiles of Joanie, Greta, baby Harvey, baby Kabbes to-be, Jaiden, Ava, Lyra and the precious gifts of remembrance by the Bradley, Kabbes and Unsworth families.



Donald & Mary Whiting

**Dad, October 1st, on this day 10 years ago
we shared our last Good Bye.
Mom was reunited with you May 7, 2022.**

*You have both become the Wind that
Whispers in our Ears,
The Sun that Warms us in our Hearts,
The Moon that Watches over our Dreams.*

**Dad and Mom We LOVE and
MISS You ALWAYS.
Randy, Ron, Dee, Marilee,
Dan, Shrie and families.**



Obituary



STEWARDSON
Kevin James

After a tragic accident on his Wyoming cattle farm on Friday, September 22, 2023, Kevin James Stewardson passed away at the age of 59. Kevin was the dear son of Evelyn Stewardson of Petrolia and the late Jim (2009). He was the loved brother to Sheila (Frank) Hardman, Keith (Helen) Stewardson and Sheldon (Michelle) Stewardson. He was the doting uncle to Sarah (Adam) Arseneault and

their children Zoey, Eli and Ozzy, Garren (Alicia) Hardman, and Nicholas (Taylor) Hardman and their children Sofia, Bentley and Nora, Caleb Stewardson, Jacob Stewardson, Connor Stewardson and Isaac Stewardson. He will be dearly missed by his aunts, uncles, and cousins. Duke and Tucker will miss their human Dad very much. Kevin was a genuinely compassionate and generous person. Even if he didn't want to, he'd be there for you if you needed help, saying "I guess so...". He was a lifetime resident and third generation cattle farmer on Countryside Farm in Wyoming. Cremation has taken place. *Friends and family are invited to Celebrate Kevin's life from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023, at the Wyoming Legion Br. 388, 493 Erie St. Wyoming.* As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Sarnia Lambton (<https://sarnia.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/donate/>). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.NeedhamJay.com

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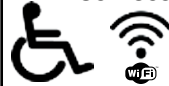
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Obituary



JOHNSON
Gertrude Louise

Jan. 5, 1930 – Sept. 23, 2023

Born January 5, 1930 Gertrude died peacefully at Bear Creek Terrace (formerly Fiddicks) on September 19, 2023 in her 93rd year. Gertrude was the loving mother of Shelley (Allan) Vansteenkiste of Sarnia, mother-in-law of Lola Dudley, Petrolia and step-mother of Jim (Ellen) Johnson, Inwood and Robert Vera Brasjen) Johnson, Alvinston. Gertrude was predeceased by her son Barry Dudley (2012), her step daughter Kathryn Whiting (2023), her husband Burton Johnson (2007) and husband

Jack Dudley (1962). Gertrude was a loving Grandmother to Stephanie Dudley, Jackie (Ryan) Sander-son, Alexandra (Jamie) Mitchell, David ((Rachel) Whiting, Heather (Bill) McMahon, Jason (Melisa) Johnson, Jeffery Johnson, Andrew (Emily) Johnson, Katie Johnson, Bradley Vansteenkiste and Selena Vansteenkiste. Gertrude was a special GG to seventeen and she loved her many nieces and nephews. Gertrude was predeceased by her parents Frank & Loren Arnold, brother Ross (Donna) Arnold, sisters Geraldine (Jack) Phair and Melba Dudley, her in-laws Lyle & Jenny Johnson, George and Mildred Dudley, sisters-in-law Mary (Bruce) Chapman, Georgina (John) Dobie, Melba (Dick) Singleton and brother-in-law Vaughn Dudley. Arrangements have been entrusted to Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapel, Brigden. *At Gertrude's request there will be no visitation. A private interment at Alvinston Cemetery will take place at a later date.* Donations in memory of Gertrude may be made to a Charity of your choice. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca. Steadman Brother 519-864-1193.

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Calendar

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

of events

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS

DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mon	7p	Watford	Darts @ Watford Legion	519-876-2360
Tues	7p	Watford	Euchre @ Watford Legion	519-876-2660
Tues	7p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toastmasters @ St. Andrew's Church	519-381-4910
Wed	6:30p	Oil Springs	Legion Open - cards, pool, darts - 6:30-10pm	519-834-2537
2nd Wed	7p	Petrolia	Bingo @ Petrolia Lion's Hall	519-882-8728
3rd Wed	7p	Sarnia	Monthly Meeting @ Horticultural Society	519-332-5837
3rd Wed	1p	Petrolia	Music Jam, lunch at noon @ Petrolia Legion	519-882-1557
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	

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Subject: FREE EVENT LISTING.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT/ CONTACT INFO
Sept 30	11am	Bright's Grove	CANSCAIP IN THE GROVE: THE ART OF PICTUREBOOKS continues until Oct. 28 @ Gallery in the Grove. For more info visit www.galleryinthegrove.com or call 519-869-4643
Sept 30	10 am	Wyoming	CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE: MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN with the Misfit Elves @ Lions Hall. \$20 Donation per motorcycle. For info contact 'Bubba' 519-312-3200 or see FB event page.
Oct 4	7pm	Wyoming	WYOMNG LION'S MEAT BINGO @ Wyoming Lion's Hall
Oct 4	7:30pm	Samia	THE SARNIA CONCERT ASSOCIATION: CAMPBELL-FAGAN-PARK TRIO @ Imperial Theatre - For tickets call: 519-344-7469
Oct 5	6pm - 8:30pm	Thedford	PAINT NIGHT WITH MOSES LUNHAM @ Thedford Library. For ages 14+ Create your own painting with an artist from Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. or more info visit: lclibrary.ca . To find more free Culture Days events, visit culturedays.ca .
Oct 6	11am - 4pm	Grand Bend	PA DAY EVENT: OUR WONDERFUL WATERSHEDS @ Lambton Heritage Museum. Suitable for all ages. For more information, contact: colleen.inglis@county-lambton.on.ca or visit: www.lambtonmuseums.ca
Oct 6	6pm - 9pm	Samia	A FAMILY PALETTE: FRANCES-ANNE JOHNSTON, FRANKLIN ARBUCKLE AND FRANZ JOHNSTON Art Exhibition @ JNAAG - For more info visit: www.jnaag.ca
Oct 10	7pm	Samia	MEN'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHORUS @ All Saints Anglican Church. No Fee or Costs involved. Perform-ances will begin last week of November up until Christmas, For more info call David at 226-402-3060."
Oct 27	7pm	Camlachie	SYNERGY 150 CONCERTS PRESENTS: "SOMEWHERE IN "OUR" MEMORIES" @ Camlachie United Church For tickets: Phone the church office at 226-776-1222 or Mary Jean at 519-786-3075 or Barb at 519-312-3618 Or send an Email with your request to: camunitedevents@gmail.com
Oct 28	2pm	Camlachie	SYNERGY 150 CONCERTS PRESENTS: "SOMEWHERE IN "OUR" MEMORIES" @ Camlachie United Church For tickets: Phone the church office at 226-776-1222 or Mary Jean at 519-786-3075 or Barb at 519-312-3618 Or send an Email with your request to: camunitedevents@gmail.com

The streets were crowded as residents came out to say ...

Hoopy Birthday Corunna

during the 200th Anniversary Celebrations Saturday



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO
Nine-year-old Isabella Boyd was showing her hula hoop skills at the street festival in Corunna on Saturday, Sept. 23. Five-year-old Kara Leigh Fitzpatrick has a chat with Sherrie, the mermaid. The large crowd at the street festival on Saturday were treated to the antics of Jay Henderson, a street performer and juggler, known as Kobbler Jay. The street festival marked the 200th anniversary of the survey of Corunna. It was hoped at the time the area would become the capital of Canada.



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