

Optimists pitch \$1.6M ice pad

Heather Wright
The Independent

Bruce Moulton says if the Huron Shores Optimist build a new outdoor icepad, people will come.

The head of the Camlachie service club borrowed a phrase from an old movie as he pitched the \$1.6 million idea to Plympton-Wyoming Sept. 27.

The Optimist first came to council in July 2021 with the idea. At the time, the ice pad was expected to host public skating, and shinny hockey from November to March each year and sports such as pickleball and basketball in the summer. It was also expected to cost about \$400,000.

The club, Moulton, says has a bigger plan now - a multi purpose facility with washrooms. “This facility will include a 60 by 120 refrigerated concrete slab and office, changing rooms, a washroom facility, a viewing area, a confection area and it will be covered during the months of December till March,” Moulton told council.

When it is too warm for ice, Moulton says “there’s a possibility of putting three pickleball courts across ... and that’s a uprising sport here and in Canada and North America.

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School board may limit questions

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Local Journalism Initiative

Lambton-Kent District School Board Trustee Kelley Robertson wants to eliminate questions from the public at the local school board meeting.

This after two separate people at meetings in June and September raised the issue of LGBTQ rights and apparent concerns from trustees and staff that the divisive issue could lead to violence.

At the June 20 meeting, a member of the public used the section of the agenda which welcomes taxpayers to ask questions about school board operations to talk about their disgust in allowing LGBTQ efforts to be highlighted during the school year. The line of questioning was shut down by Chair Randy Campbell. Then, during the Sept. 26 meeting, another person raised the issue without asking a question. Campbell again shut down the speaker.

That prompted a discussion about whether members of the public should be allowed to ask questions without vetting at the public session. Trustees first discussed new rules which would have seen a vetting process set up where any questions being asked to the board would have been submitted seven days before a meeting. The board chair, vice chair and director of education would decide whether the question is appropriate at an agenda review committee.

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FEARLESS AT THE FAIR



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Ashley Elijah of Alvinston was suspended in mid-air on the midway Friday night at the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair. For more on the weekend events see pages 8 & 9.

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An architect’s vision of the ice pad which Huron Shores Optimists hope to build and operate in Camlachie.



‘Mini arena’ estimated to cost \$1.6M

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And Moulton says there would be plenty of uses in the warm months including “basketball, ball hockey among many other activities as well as community gatherings. We can see possible farmers market there on a Saturday morning which will be covered and a place to do outside weddings as well.”

The service club is proposing the ice pad complex would be beside the library and behind the cenotaph. That way, users could take advantage of the new parking lot installed last year, Moulton said.

He added the architect feels the library would provide an extra layer of shade to help preserve the ice on sunny days.

“We feel it would certainly complement the existing things that we have there including the Cenotaph, the library, the ball diamonds and the community center and we consider that as part of a hub.”

Moulton said the price tag for the project has grown considerably, to \$1.6 million. He is suggesting work begin once the club raises \$400,000. There is already \$100,000 committed to the project. He also suggested the club would include accessible washrooms, which the town was prepared to install at the ball diamonds anyway. Moulton suggested the town could pay the estimated cost of \$200,000 for that facility.

“That would get us to \$600,000... We would be asking for is \$1 million and we would pay that back in the next 10 years,” Moulton told council.

“Obviously, we’re going to raise far more than the \$400,000 that we’re committing to, but we will not put a shovel into the ground until we’ve raised the \$400,000.”

Moulton says the project could go a long

way to help develop the community of Camlachie.

“I see it in the papers all the time, that you’re trying to increase the businesses and business around the Camlachie area. Although this isn’t our sole intention, this is what we attracted to the area that is filled with people; people and activity, our area is growing and this investment ... will help feed that growth.

“The town needs to demonstrate that they’re committed to this growth as well. When we create this hub with the town, we’re pretty confident that we’ll bring people in our community together in the winter, just like it does in the summer for baseball and into our community centre and to our museum and to the cenotaph.

“As the line in the famous movie quotes; ‘If you build it, they will come.’ We want to build it. The question is, will you come along with the journey and help us strengthen the community and provide this multi-purpose facility that the residents greatly deserve?”

While council didn’t make any commitments at the Sept. 28 meeting, several were impressed with the scope of the plan. Councillor Alex Boughen said as a councillor he must watch the bottom line, but “in the grand scheme of a facility like this - which is absolutely beautiful- it seems like a very good deal at that price.”

Others were concerned by it. “I have more questions and answers at this point,” said Councillor Mike Vasey, adding he liked the idea calling it a “mini arena.”

He’s looking forward to town staff working with the club and coming back with a recommendation on the project.

Public questions may be out after LGBTQ remarks

CON’T FROM PG 1

The plan to screen questions failed. So Robertson is now asking trustees to consider eliminating all questions from the public at meetings.

That will be discussed Oct. 4 at a noon hour meeting at the Chatham Education Centre.

Director of Education John Howitt thinks the policy of public questions needs to be changed. Howitt backed the idea of eliminating public inquiries.

“There are 3,000 staff that I need to keep

safe,” said Howitt, suggesting there could be violence in the future.

And he agreed with a suggestion from Robertson that there might need to be a registration process created for people entering the building and that hiring security staff would also be something that needs to be considered.

Robertson also voiced concern about emails coming to trustees and board employees which may be inappropriate asking if there was a way a person could be identified if they had sent an email.

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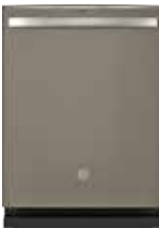
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HARVEST SUN



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Farmers across Lambton County had beautiful conditions on the weekend to begin the soybean harvest. Lambton County is one of the largest producers of the bean. Monday night, a farmer could be seen in a swirl of dust as he worked on a field on Robinson Line in Dawn-Euphemia at sunset.

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No demo permit for Campbell House

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Brooke-Alvinston council has turned down a formal request for a demolition permit for the historic home of Archie Campbell.

In September 2021, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority voted to take down the home of the man who donated the 308 acres near Alvinston which became AW Campbell Conservation Area.

The home had been used in the 1970s as a museum. It was furnished with items from the late 1800s- donated by local residents – to look like a typical farmhouse from that period. But in the 1980s, the money ran out and the museum would only operate during the annual Maple Syrup Festival until 2001. Thieves broke in and stole the more valuable artifacts. The museum never reopened.

There has been little upkeep to the building and an engineers report says it is beyond repair.

When the board of directors considered the move, residents of Alvinston formed Friends of Campbell House and advocated restoring the historic building - one of the few examples of the early architecture left in the area.

The issue was delayed for a year, and then in December, the board of directors agreed to

ask Brooke-Alvinston council for a demolition permit.

Before the letter arrived, Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek suggested the municipality should delay the demolition so the Friends of Campbell House had a chance to devise a plan.

Sept. 28, council received the official request and turned it down, tabling it for three years “while every feasible avenue is pursued to restore and maintain this valuable heritage asset for the use and enjoyment of the community.”

That includes clarifying the legislation - which recently has changed - and who has financial accountability for the maintenance and restoration of the house; exploring options for fundraising and developing a three to five year plan to complete the most urgent repairs.

Clerk Janet Denkers, in a report to council, says the municipality’s insurance agents said since the property belongs to the SCRCa, the conservation authority is liable and hold the insurance costs.

But she reminds council the conservation authority is funded by the member municipalities and the SCRCa does pass along costs for individual parks to the host municipality.

“The SCRCa could also seek legal opinion whereby those costs could be passed down to municipalities in the watershed,” she wrote.

Plympton-Wyoming now owns lakefront parks

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“Finally.”

That from Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Gary Atkinson as council approved two agreements which return CJ McEwen and Highland Glen parks to the municipality.

In the 1980s, the Plympton Township turned over the two parks to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority saying it was not able to care for it as the authority could.

And for many years, the township was satisfied with the conditions of the park.

But in 2017, complaints arose about the conditions at McEwen Park. Plympton-Wyoming formally asked the conservation authority to

return the control of the park to the municipality. But the process was long and complex.

By 2019, the town was concerned about Highland Glen. The conservation authority had closed the only public boat ramp between Sarnia and Grand Bend and ratepayers were upset.

So Plympton-Wyoming also asked to take over the care of Highland Glen.

The town and SCRCa had a management agreement while it waited for the final approval from the province. In 2022, the province passed new regulations making the process much quicker - requiring only a 30 day period for public comment.

Sept. 27, six years after starting the process, council approved a bylaw which makes the parks the property of the town again.

ENDLESS JOY



“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;
But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I am the Lord, exercising loving kindness,
Judgment and righteousness in the earth.” *Jeremiah 9: 23-24*

People and circumstances change everyday, making happiness an ‘elusive’ goal,
Success and prosperity can disappear, only God’s love satisfy’s the soul.
Without Jesus, life is no more than repetitive cycles, mimicked, each day,
Perishable pursuits bring emptiness; self-centeredness blinds the way.

From an earthly perspective, death is the ultimate equalizer, of all,
But, Jesus sacrificial gift at Calvary, defeated death thru satan’s fall.
The only true purpose of life, is to ‘revere’ and ‘obey’, God’s will,
One irrevocable breath, a lifetime, squandered or endlessly filled?

One question lingers, balancing ‘Eternal’ life or death, for you and me,
Is He Lord of your life, has His ‘redeeming’ Blood, ‘cleansed’ and set you ‘free’?

His Promise

Dear Lord Jesus, this ‘Thanksgiving’ finds me thankless and so separated from you.
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Calvary for me and the assurance of an ‘Eternal’ home in Heaven, with you.Amen.

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EDITORIAL

Civil discourse

The politics of division have arrived in Lambton County and it could hurt your democratic rights.

As you can read in our front page story, the Lambton-Kent District School Board may eliminate the practice of questions from the public at board meetings. Trustees will discuss the idea Oct. 4.

The move comes after two people took their concerns to the board meetings on two separate occasions. The two spoke against the public school board’s efforts to make the school community more inclusive for LGBTQ+ students. And some of their language was coarse. That led the chair of the board to cutting them off abruptly.

And it led to trustees questioning why they would allow spontaneous questions at a public meeting in an age where people are so divided on LGBTQ+ issues. There were even suggestions the board may need security to ensure the safety of trustees and staff should people become aggressive.

But should the board simply silence everyone?

There has been acts of aggression because of this issue. In Chatham-Kent, when the council was discussing censuring a council member who was found to have violated the municipality’s code of conduct over her comments about restricting the use of the PRIDE flag, the investigator was threatened with violence.

And you might argue this is an antiquated way of receiving public input. There are few public bodies who allow people to arrive at a meeting and ask questions of their elected representatives. But that’s a shame. The people who pay the bills should be able to publicly raise their concerns and ask for answers.

Of course, we expect them to be civil about it.

And therein lies the problem. Many people are no longer civil. We have bought into the divisiveness which Donald Trump used in the US. People believe they can say anything, anyway they want, accuse people of outrageous things and, sometimes, threaten violence to make their point. We all have the responsibility to hold civil discussions about even the contentious issues.

School boards, or any public bodies, shouldn’t be eliminating public debate about difficult issues, but they are well within their rights to expect those asking to be civil. Anymore, that may be too much to ask.

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OUR STORY



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FANSHER FIRE



DAWN EUPHEMIA FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

No one was injured in a fire on Fansher Road in Dawn-Euphemia. The Bothwell firefighters were called out Sunday morning. Firefighters from Dawn-Euphemia and Thamesville were called in to help, mostly with water supply. Officials say the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Trespassers will be prosecuted in Dawn-Euphemia

Heather Wright
The Independent

Politicians in Dawn-Euphemia have given municipal staff the okay to call the police if people are using municipal grounds without a rental agreement.

It comes after an invitational ball hockey tournament used the Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre Rink grounds without a rental agreement.

In a report to council, Administrator Donna Clermont said the organizer contacted the municipality in August saying he was hosting a ball hockey event. But he didn't want sign a rental agreement, provide a damage deposit or obtain the proper insurance. The grounds were never booked.

The Friday before Labour Day, the

organizer called the township again saying he was moving ahead with the two day tournament - a fundraiser for a young man with cancer - and wondered how much it would cost to rent the community centre washrooms, since he was not able to secure portajohns for the event.

He also explained there would be six teams there and there would be food available on the grounds.

Township staff asked him again to sign a rental agreement and provide insurance, adding without it, he couldn't use the grounds.

The tournament went on anyway.

"The approximately 100 participants in attendance proceeded to urinate on the community centre grounds, and left the property littered with broken beer bottles, garbage, water bottles etc.

Further, it was noticed that there was damage done to the electrical box," Clermont wrote.

"The electrical box will be repaired and costs for clean-up will be tallied, and the organizer invoiced; however, as council is aware, it is unlikely this will be recouped from the organizer and in all likelihood, it will be absorbed by the ratepayers of Dawn-Euphemia."

Clermont asked council for direction in a case like this in the future and was told they "fully support" staff calling in the OPP and treating as a trespassing call.

They also agreed people who used the grounds without authorization would not be allowed back on the grounds without proper documentation being completed.

No relief for education funding cuts in Lambton-Kent

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

It seems the Lambton-Kent District School Board won't be getting any more Indigenous Education funding in a province-wide funding realignment.

Lambton Kent's Board Chair Randy Campbell sent a letter in May to Education Minister Stephen Lecce about the reduction in the Indigenous Education funding of more than \$1.6 million for the 2023-24 school year.

It should have been more according to Ministry of Education officials. The local school board received 'mitigating funding' to reduce the amount of the cut this year. Next year, the public board will have \$2.1 million less to spend on Indigenous Education.

Doreen Lamarche, executive director of the Education finance office, said school boards across the province are projected to receive a total of \$137.7 million in the Indigenous Education grant for the 2023-24 school year.

This represents a two percent increase across the province over the previous school year.

The grant has been increasing over time as school boards have adopted mandatory Indigenous Education into the curriculum, said Lamarche.

"The original intent of the funding has been lost, which was to ensure that all students have access to First Nation, Metis and Inuit Education learning, which was typically in small classroom settings," said Lamarche.

The grant, she says, has been modernized to preserve its original intent and to make sure there is equitable access to funding across the province.

Lamarche said some school boards, like Lambton Kent, would see a reduction in their funding from the Indigenous Education grant.

She stressed in the letter, Lambton Kent is projected to receive almost \$1 million in additional funding through the Board Action Plans

(BAP) allocation, which is available to support a wide range of Indigenous programs, and initiatives aimed at First Nation, Metis and Inuit students.

Lamarche also said the Lambton Kent District School Board is projected to receive approximately \$285.6 million in grants for student needs funding. This is an increase of \$5.4 million, amounting to 1.9 per cent.

While the student learning grant - the amount per pupil the board receives - went up 1.9 per cent, the board is grappling with an \$8 million cut in overall funding.

Aside from the reductions in funding for Indigenous Education, the province cut the amount of funding provided for transportation by \$1.7 million and the province ended a COVID recovery grant, which netted the local board about \$3.3 million. The \$8 million reduction is 2.5 per cent of this year's \$325 million budget.

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PLOWING CHAMPION



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An Alvinston man will plow with the best in Canada next year. Patrick Sanders placed third in the Ontario Championship Tractor Plowing with a Conventional Plow at the International Plowing Match this week. He's earned the right to represent Ontario at the Canadian Plowing Championships in Wolfe Island, Kingston, in August.

St Clair golf club reno set for November

Heather Wright
The Independent

The \$3.5 million reconstruction of the St. Clair Parkway Golf clubhouse is expected to start in November.

The township had considered replacing the aging building on the publicly owned course in 2019. At the time, it was expected to cost about \$4.5 million.

Then, the pandemic interrupted planning even though the number of people looking for outdoor fun increased. During the pandemic, the township estimated 40,000 people used the course, putting a huge strain on the building.

Tuesday, Kendall Lindsay, Director of

Community Services, showed council the plans which will allow up to 450 people to use the clubhouse at one time. The plan essentially removes and rebuilds the bathrooms, and pro shop, and adds an addition for a new kitchen on the north side of the building.

Lindsay told council work is expected to begin Nov. 1 and run into June of 2024. He says the course will continue to operate in the good weather, with patrons still having access to the pro shop and the canteen should the renovations drag on.

Mayor Jeff Agar was excited by the new layout of the kitchen - which Lindsay called a show stopper - saying "it is everything I expected."

POKER PARTY



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Keith Keegan had the winning hand in the second annual Misfit Elves Poker Run in Wyoming on Saturday. About 95 people on 80 motorcycles converged on the Lions' Hall for the fundraiser for Christmas for Everyone. Angela Lyon says the charity run made about \$3,000 last year and expects this year's event should bring in that much or a little more to support the annual Christmas program in Lambton County.

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CHARLOTTE’S SHOPPING TUNES



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Sisters of Choice were entertaining shoppers as 250 people descended on Petrolia Friday night for the 10th annual Shop Like Charlotte event. The evening of fun, music and shopping raises money for equipment for Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia.

Petrolia looks for firefighter tax credit increase

Heather Wright
The Independent

Petrolia council wants the province to improve the financial situation of volunteer firefighters.

Councillor Chad Hyatt convinced councillors to ask the federal government to raise the income tax credit volunteer firefighters receive for their service from \$3,000 a year to \$10,000.

Hyatt says there are about 90,000 volunteer firefighters across the country - that's about 71 per cent of all firefighters. But, like many other jobs, municipalities are finding it difficult to fill the 15,000 vacancies at municipal departments.

Hyatt says part of that may be due to the added demands on volunteers. Ontario's

training requirements for volunteers is now virtually the same as a full-time firefighter requires.

“As true local heroes in the community and across Canada, volunteer firefighters are deserving of an increase to the federal income tax credit they claim,” he wrote in a motion for council.

Hyatt asked, and council agreed, to ask Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu to lobby to increase the tax credit for volunteer firefighters and that it be indexed to the annual inflation rate.

Council also agreed to ask the province to support the idea and that letters be sent to local MPs and MPPs as well as the Prime Minister and Minister for Public Safety asking for the change.

Two evade OPP search after car abandoned

Lambton OPP say two people who stole a vehicle in London evaded custody.

On Sept. 27, the OPP was dispatched to an address on Kerwood Road near Thedford for an abandoned vehicle.

Police say the vehicle had been stolen in London and a short time later was seen in

Lambton. Lambton OPP tried to stop the vehicle but it fled. It was later located using GPS.

The Canine Unit and the Emergency Response Team went to search for the two people who fled on foot. They were not able to find them.



Two dead in multi-vehicle accident on 402

Two people died in a multi-vehicle accident on Highway 402 near Modeland.

Lambton OPP were called to the scene Monday just before 2 pm along with Lambton paramedics and Sarnia Fire.

Officials say the driver and passenger in one of the vehicles were pronounced dead at

the scene. Another was hospitalized.

The westbound lanes of the 402 were closed until 1 am Tuesday for the OPP to investigate. One of the transports was still on the highway at 8:30 am.

Police are looking for anyone with dash cam footage of the accident to contact them.



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.

www.warwicktownship.ca

2023 PETROLIA



Curbside
WOOD
CHIPPING

2023 DATES

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May 23 & 24

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September 11 & 12

October 16 & 17

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Ol' Time Fun at Ye Olde Country Fair

WARM WEATHER AND SUNSHINE DREW THE CROWDS TO THE BROOKE-ALVINSTON-WATFORD FALL FAIR

PHOTOS BY
BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE
AND
HEATHER WRIGHT/THE INDEPENDENT



Farmers showed off their crops, bakers placed out their best pies and cakes and children of all ages met their friends at the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair over the weekend. The parade wound its way through Alvinston to the fairgrounds. Mike McLean and his daughter were riding their Farm-All through the streets while the Brooke Central Broncos and Alvinston Killer Bees were having a great time marching to the fair. There was a frenzy as children three and younger were on the hunt for candy in the straw. The demolition derby drew a crowd Sunday. Kane Van Damme, 6, tried to coax his frog during the frog jumping event Saturday. Tommy Johnson, 3, of Inwood was ready to get to work at the Fully Tech display at the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair Friday and inside Chloe VanEngelen, six months, was wide-eyed with the sites inside the arena. LCCVI's drum line entertained Saturday.





HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Amelia Schalk of Alvinston cheers on Auctioneer John Stephens as the bids for her pie grow Friday night at the annual Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair Pie Auction raising money for the Childrens' Hospital Foundation in London.

Sweet gift: annual pie auction raises \$46K

Heather Wright
The Independent

Myah Lehrbass knows what it's like to sit in a hospital while your friends are in school.

When the Alvinston teen was in elementary school, she was admitted to the Childrens' Hospital in London for brain surgery. Lehrbass had a feeling someone was "tickling" her arm for some time. Doctors thought it might be a pinched nerve but eventually connected the dots and realized she would need brain surgery to deal with the issue.

Lehrbass said she was nervous about the procedure which involved putting probes into her skull, but the doctors and nurses did their best to put her at ease. "They were all so supportive," she says adding "I even made friends with some of the nurses," she told The Independent Friday night at the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair.

Lehrbass was just one of the young people on hand as the Brooke-Alvinston and Watford communities came together to support the Childrens' Hospital Foundation with the annual pie auction at the fair.

Jackson Mitchell and his Oil Springs family were also on hand, helping to auction off pies his family had made to support the cause.

And Amelia Schalk and her family heard



Jackson Mitchell of Oil Springs helps auction off pies for the Childrens' Hospital in London at the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair.

about the event, and also showed up to be part of the feel-good community event.

Organizers Wayne Deans, Jamie Armstrong and Allison Deans say the pie auction was started decades ago by Deans, Jim Hayter and Ken Alderman to help a Bright's Grove girl facing some significant medical expenses. In more than a decade, the auction has raised nearly \$300,000 for equipment at Childrens' Hospitals.

This year, well over 100 pies and tarts - many entries into the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair - were auctioned off raising \$46,724.

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LEAF BAG

Town of PETROLIA

TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

"ANNUAL" **FALL CLEANUP** (For WATFORD/WARWICK TOWNSHIP residents ONLY)

DATE: Saturday, October 14, 2023 **TIME:** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Warwick Township residents can take their unwanted items of refuse and e-waste to the following depots **free of charge**:

LARGE ITEMS Twin Creeks Landfill - 5768 Nauvoo Road, Watford

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Large items that will not fit into a regular size garbage bag (i.e. furniture)
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers (Freon must be removed & certification paperwork provided to the scale attendant)
- Steel - it must be sorted and put in the recyclable steel bin, at the landfill

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• Biomedical Waste	• Ignitable Waste	• Severely Toxic Waste
• Car Batteries	• Liquid Industrial Waste	• Tires
• Computer Monitors	• Liquid Waste	• Waste Chemicals
• Construction Materials (drywall, shingles, etc.)	• Paint	• White Goods containing CFCs
• Corrosive Materials	• Pathological Waste	
	• PCB Waste	

Note: Tires, commercial, industrial, agricultural waste, and construction materials will be subject to regular tipping fees.

Any questions can be directed to Waste Management at 519-849-5810

E-WASTE ITEMS Watford Public Works Yard - 7923 Confederation Line, Watford

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

• Amplifiers	• Fax Machines	• Speakers
• Audio & Video Players	• Monitors	• Tuners
• Cameras	• Papers & PDAs	• Televisions
• Cell Phones	• Printers	• Telephones and Answering Machines
• Computers & Peripherals	• Radios	• Turntables
• Copiers	• Receivers	• Video Projectors
• Digital Cameras	• Scanners	

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

• Dehumidifiers	• Microwaves
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.warwicktownship.ca Township Office: 226-848-3926

‘Tough’ budget year expected in Warwick

Heather Wright
The Independent

Warwick Mayor Todd Case thinks it is going to be a tough budget year. His thoughts are backed up in a report by Deputy CAO/Treasurer Trevor Jarrett. He says there are \$8,764,831 in capital requests from staff and about \$3.1 million available for funding. Jarrett said “funding used in prior years to build long-term investment reserves will be suspended for the time being so that more funding is available to address the pressing capital requirements of the township.” The biggest ticket item is roads in the 2024 capital requests. Both fire departments are also looking to replace their fire rescue units at a cost of \$800,000 a piece. “Unlike other fire apparatus, rescue vehicles are not required to be replaced based on insurance coverage,” Jarrett said. “We’re kind of at an impasse, now,” he told council Sept. 25 adding it was “rather competitive between various department

managers” who are pressing for their projects to move forward. “We want to make sure we’re not butting heads with what council’s vision is for this term,” Jarrett added. Case said “it is no surprise” that 2024 will be a difficult budget year, noting the town is already dealing with a new \$9 million loan for the community centre. “Financially its going to be tricky...considering rising interest,” he said. And Case added it is hard to predict what council wants. “It’s hard to look into a crystal ball to see what council wants.” Several council members including Deputy Mayor Jerry Westgate and Councillor Wayne Morris, asked for township staff to rank their priorities and present a case for why their project should move ahead. Morris also wanted an analysis of when the fire rescue trucks should be replaced. The treasurer brings the first look at the capital budget to council Nov. 7.

PW removes climate change reference

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming Councillor John VanKlaveren says town staff doesn’t have to give climate change as a reason for flooding events. At the Sept. 27 council meeting, VanKlaveren convinced council to remove wording from a letter sent to a resident where the town’s staff explained what the municipality was doing to mitigate flooding. “Please be assured that the town is taking measures to mitigate the effects of climate change, including the recently experienced flooding,” read the passage. “There’s a reference here to kind of make an excuse of global warming - it doesn’t matter your stance on whether global warming is real or not - I don’t think we necessarily need to mention that,” said VanKlaveren adding the letter should just

said “we got a lot of rain.” VanKlaveren said he normally “tries not to make excuses if an excuse isn’t needed.” Councillor Bob Woolvett agreed the reference to climate change should be removed. CAO Adam Sobanski said he would do as council instructed but added; “aside from people’s beliefs and climate change, global warming cetera; as a whole our industry has noticed intensification of rainfalls recently over the last five to 10 years. So, that has been challenging about our stormwater and wastewater systems. That has also led to some of the recent flooding. So we felt the need to include that in the letter if council feels this letter, is it better to leave that out? I have no objections. And they can simply note that and approve it as amended and I will ensure to remove any references to the section Councillor VanKlaveren mentioned.”

Ontario’s minimum wage up again

Ontario’s minimum wage has jumped again.It increased from \$15.50 to \$16.55 per hour Oct. 1. An estimated 900,000 people will receive the wage bump which – for a full time worker paid minimum wage earner – will increase their wage by \$2,200 a year to about \$32,000 a year. It means Ontario has the highest

minimum age in the country. The wage increase was approved by the Legislature earlier this week with the passage of the Working for Workers Act. The general standard for housing cost is one third of your income. That means minimum wage earners have about \$888 per month to spend on rent. The average rent in Sarnia-Lambton is now \$1,200.

HEALING ART



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bluewater Health has commissioned artwork from local Indigenous artist John Williams to mark Truth and Reconciliation. The work depicts Indigenous culture, reconciliation and healing. “For so long, our people were unable to express their stories, culture, and knowledge through our language, song, or art,” says Williams. “Seeing our artwork displayed largely in the institutions we receive care in – where in the past, we have experienced racism and cultural oppression – demonstrates the hospital’s commitment to Indigenous culture, reconciliation and healing, as well as mutual respect.”

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 8



TAKE NOTICE that on the 11th day of September 2023 the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia passed By-law No. 35 of 2023, under Section 17, Subsection 23 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to adopt proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 8 to the Town of Petrolia Official Plan.

THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT completes the Five-Year review of the Town of Petrolia Official Plan

The lands affected by Official Plan Amendment No. 8 include all lands in the Town of Petrolia, and as such no Key Map is required.

Council’s decision reflects that it has fully considered all the written and oral submissions relating to these matters and that those comments have been appropriately addressed.

A COMPLETE COPY of Official Plan Amendment No. 8 is available for inspection by visiting www.petrolia.civicweb.net, or in person during regular office hours at the Town of Petrolia Municipal Office. An email copy of the amendment may also be requested by contacting the Clerks Office directly. Phone: 519-882-2350 or email clerksdepartment@petrolia.ca

APPEALS to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the By-law may be made by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Petrolia a written notice of appeal, not later than the 16th day of October, 2023 setting out the reasons for the appeal and accompanied by the Ontario Land Tribunal fee made payable to the Minister of Finance. Copies of the appeal forms are available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website.

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the Town of Petrolia Council or a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted or before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Dated at the Town of Petrolia, this 26th day of September, 2023

Mandi Pearson
Clerk
Town of Petrolia
411 Greenfield Street
PETROLIA, Ontario N0N 1R0



TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Warwick has passed By-law 99 of 2023 on the 25th day of September 2023, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT amends Warwick’s Zoning By-law 121 of 2012 to create definitions to regulate and enable the ability of landowners to sever 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.

THE PROPOSED BY-LAW affects all lands within the Township of Warwick zoned Agriculture.

NO OTHER APPLICATIONS are being considered at this time.

APPEALS to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the By-law may be made by filing with the CAO/Clerk of the Township of Warwick a written notice of appeal, not later than the 16th day of October, 2023, setting out the reasons for the appeal and accompanied by the Ontario Land Tribunal fee made payable to the Minister of Finance.

IF A PERSON or public body did not make oral or written submissions to the Township of Warwick before the by-law was passed; the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the By-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. **ONLY INDIVIDUALS**, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. **NO PERSON** or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Warwick Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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

A COMPLETE COPY of the By-law is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices at 5280 Nauvoo Road, Watford.

DATED at the TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK this 27th DAY of, September, 2023

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CAO/Clerk
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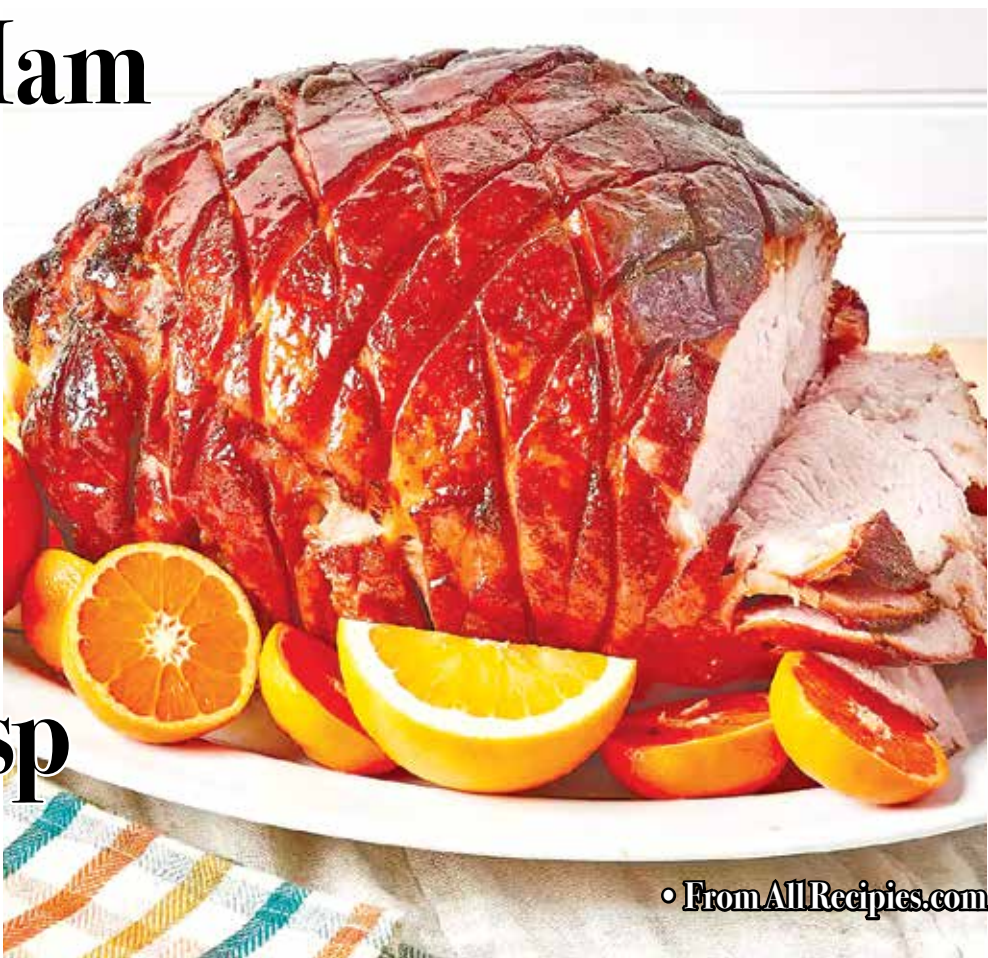
Tangy Honey-Glazed Ham

Ingredients

- 1 (10 pound) fully-cooked, bone-in ham
 - 1 ¼ cups packed dark brown sugar
 - 1/3 cup pineapple juice
 - 1/3 cup honey, or more to taste
- 1/3 large orange
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1 ½ teaspoons lemon juice, or to taste

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Place ham on a rack set in a roasting pan.
- Bake uncovered in the preheated oven for 2 hours.
- While the ham is baking, combine brown sugar, pineapple juice, and 1/3 cup honey in a saucepan. Zest orange into the saucepan, then squeeze in the juice. Add Dijon mustard and ground cloves; whisk mixture over medium-high heat as it comes to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until glaze thickens slightly, 5 to 10 minutes.
- Taste glaze and adjust seasonings. Add lemon juice for more tang, or honey to make it sweeter. Set aside.
- Remove ham from the oven after it has baked for 2 hours. Brush with glaze.
- Bake for an additional 30 to 45 minutes, brushing ham with glaze every 10 minutes.



• FromAllRecipies.com

Slow Cooker Apple Crisp

Ingredients

- Topping:**

 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - ½ cup light brown sugar
 - ½ cup white sugar
 - ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1 pinch salt
 - ½ cup butter, cut into pieces
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts
- Apples:**

 - 1/2 cup white sugar, or to taste
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 - ½ teaspoon ground ginger
 - ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 6 cups apples - peeled and chopped
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Directions

- Make the topping: Mix flour, brown sugar, white sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt together in a bowl. Add butter and mix with your fingers or a fork until coarse crumbs form. Stir in walnuts.
- Make the apples: Whisk sugar, cornstarch, ginger, and cinnamon together in a small bowl.
- Place apples in a slow cooker. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Add lemon juice and toss to combine. Sprinkle topping over apples.
- Cover and cook until apples are tender, on Low for 4 hours or High for 2 hours.



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Death Notices

Sept. 26 - Oct. 3, 2023

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MCINTYRE, Randolph Paul

Age: 70
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

HEMSTREET, Gregory "Greg"

Age: 65
Smith Funeral Home

OFFICIA, Patricia Marion "Diane"

Age: 87
Smith Funeral Home

WHITE-VANDERMEER, Melissa Julia

Age: 49
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

BEAUCHAMP, Peter Andrew

Age: 67
Knight Funeral Home

MILLIER, Diane Marie Rachel

Age: 78
McKenzie-Blundy Funeral Home

ALDERMAN, Robert "Bob" Gordon

Age: 82
Van Heck Funeral Home

BRESSETTE, Jeremy

Age: 44, of Kettle Point
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

WRIGHT, Corey Douglas

Age: 48
Denning's Funeral Home

IRWIN, Angela Nicole

Age: 46
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

CHAPMAN, Edward George

Age: 83, of Dresden
Badder Funeral Home

CARPANI, Richard "Dick"

Age: 87
Smith Funeral Home

MILNE, Dr. Paul Alexander

Age: 71
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

HAGGITH, Richard Golden

Age: 81, of London
Van Heck Funeral Home

MORRIS, Adrian

Age: 74
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ANDERSON, Neil Earl

Age: 93
Smith Funeral Home

MCCAGERTY, William James

Age: 97, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

MITTON, Harriet (Hendrika) (DeVries)

Age: 83
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

Thank You



Thank You



The family of the late Doug Inglis would like to thank everyone for the support and expressions of sympathy we have received as we grieve the loss of our husband and father, Doug.

We would also like to thank Dr. Wang, Dr. Moon, the staff at the E.R. and Acute Care at C.E.E. Hospital, and our local paramedics for their compassion and care.

Many thanks as well for all the cards, personal messages, phone calls, visits, flowers, gifts, online condolences and memorial donations. They helped us celebrate and remember Doug, and reminded us of the value of our community.

Sincerely,

Shannon and Colleen Inglis

Obituary



WRIGHT

Corey Douglas

It is with heavy hearts the family of Corey Douglas Wright announces his sudden passing on September 28, 2023 at the age of 48. Loving father of Presley Wright and Garrett Wright. Beloved stepfather of Mackenzie Stewart. Proud Pops of Aiyana and James. Cherished son of Shiela Wright. Predeceased by

his father Edward "Ted" Wright. Brother of Chad Wright and Chandra (Brent) Sisson. He will be missed by Jennifer Stewart, nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Corey had a wonderful career at Delta Power, working as a mechanic for 20 years. He had a love for tinkering on his tractors and spending time in the fields. Corey always loved cracking open a cold one and spending time with friends and family. He will be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by his Delta family and farming community and friends. Cremation has taken place. *A graveside service will take place at Warwick Cemetery on October 6, 2023 at 1:00pm. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.* As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences and donations may be made at www.watfordfuneralhome.com.

Obituary



CHAPMAN

Edward George

Edward George Chapman, a resident of Dresden, passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Fairfield Park Nursing Home, Wallaceburg at the age of 83. Born in Inwood, the son of the late Wilfred and Pearl (McLean) Chapman. Loving husband of 63 years to Anne (Cajka) Chapman. Dear brother of Mildred Clifford (the late Les). Proud papa to Clair Robinson, Seth Robinson, Spencer Paddick-Dibbley and Reide Paddick-Dibbley. Missed by nieces,

nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Predeceased by sisters Marjorie Morrison (Glen) and Shirley Lennan (Ron) and brother-in-law Joe Cajka. Ed worked for Brooke Telecom for many years and retired as a manager. He was an avid Red Wings Fan. He was very involved with the Dresden Jr. Kings and coached Minor Hockey for many years. Ed was known as Mr. Hockey for a year. Ed was also a member of the Dresden Legion and volunteered a lot of his time to Dresden Terry Fox. *The Chapman family received family and friends at the Badder Funeral Home & Reception Centre 679 North St, Dresden on Sunday from 1:00-3:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM. The funeral service was held from the funeral home on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM.* Interment in Dresden Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made by cheque to Alzheimer Society of Chatham-Kent or Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation. The family would like to thank the staff of Fairfield Park for the excellent care that was given to Ed, it was truly appreciated. Online donations and condolences may be left at www.badderfuneralhome.com

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In Memoriam

Thanksgiving Sunday has not been the same. It's been 19 years since our loving Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma passed away, October 10, 2004.

Helen Johnson

There is not a day, That we do not think of you. Loving and kind in all your ways, Sincere and true, in your heart and mind, Beautiful memories, you left behind.

Loved & Missed by
Elaine, Len, Kathy, Linda & Larry
& Families

In loving memory of a dear sister

Dorothy Mae Voght

Jan. 14th 1933 – Oct. 10th 2022

One year has passed since that sad day, When one I loved was called away. God took you home, it was his will, But in my heart, you will live still.

–Dear sister Margaret Elliott

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Obituary



ALDERMAN

Robert "Bob" Gordon

The family of Robert "Bob" Gordon Alderman are saddened to announce his passing on September 27, 2023, at 82 years of age. Bob is survived by his wife and life partner of over 60 years Freida (Wright) and his sons Doug (Joanne) Alderman and Jim (Lisa) Alderman. He is also survived by his brother Ken(Barb)Alderman, sister Jessie (Ray) McGugan and sister in law Evelyn (Bill) Thomas. Bob was very proud papa to his grandchildren, Lindsay (Shawn), Brad (Erika), Ryan (Randilee) and Megan (Austin). Great Papa to Liam, Lola, Millie, Ivy, A.J. (predeceased 2017) Brooks, Boyd, two great grandsons on the way and extended Great Papa to Isabelle, Noal, Willie, and Luke. Bob was predeceased by his parents Allan "Peter" and Ina (Park) Alderman and mother and father in law Doris and Maurice Wright. As a young man, he courted his sweet-heart, Freida and frequently drove the sideroad from the 2nd line to Aberfeldy. That courtship span

over 60 years and together, they lived, farmed and shared many memories from attending kids and grandkid's sporting events to travelling and camping with their beloved dog, Izzy. Bob instilled a strong work ethic in his boys and often said "the chores aren't done until all the floors are swept" and a "job worth doing is worth doing right" His rows were always straight with planter or plough. He was a very particular man who often frequently visited the local car wash. His vehicles were always shone – as were his shoes. Bob served the municipalities of Enniskillen and Brooke townships as Clerk Administrator, a career that span over 35years in all. In his retirement, Bob stayed busy assisting brother Ken with his excavation business, helped his buddy Jack with property maintenance and maintained the records for Alvinston Cemetery. He often drove vehicles for MacFarlane Chevrolet..... he really enjoyed driving the new ones and could have written a consumers report for each of them! Bob, Dad, Papa - you had a full life, a wonderful life. And you were loved by so many.... We will miss you but never forget you. You've left us with wonderful memories, wisdom, and an exemplary way to live and love. Job well done. *Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 1st from 1-4 p.m. at the Van Heck Funeral Home, 172 Symes Street, Glencoe. A private family interment will be held at the Alvinston Cemetery.* Memorial donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House or Children's Health Foundation, London or online condolences at www.vanheckfuneralhome.ca

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Events are listed **FREE** for non-profit groups in Petrolia and Lambton County (space permitting).
To be included in this listing email the required information to: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca
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CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS				
DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mon	7p	Watford	Darts @ Watford Legion	519-876-2360
Tues	7p	Watford	Euchre @ Watford Legion	519-876-2660
Tues	7p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toastmasters @ St. Andrew's Church	519-381-4910
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	

UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT/ CONTACT INFO
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	Sarnia	A FAMILY PALETTE: FRANCES-ANNE JOHNSTON, FRANKLIN ARBUCKLE AND FRANZ JOHNSTON Art Exhibition @ JNAAG - For more info visit: www.jnaag.ca
Oct 10	7pm	Sarnia	MEN'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHORUS @ All Saints Anglican Church. No Fee or Costs involved. Performances will begin last week of November up until Christmas, For more info call David at 226-402-3060."
Oct 16 - Oct 20	--	Lambton County	ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK: "LIBRARIES FOR LIFE" - for more info visit www.lclibrary.ca or contact: Darlene Coke - Manager, Library Services 519-845-0809 ext. 5238, email: darlene.coke@county-lambton.on.ca
Oct 19	11am - 12:30pm	Sarnia	THE GREAT WAR IN COLOUR WITH ANDREW ROBERTSHAW @ Sarnia Library Theatre - For ages 14+ For more info visit; www.lclibrary.ca or call: Vanitia Campbell @ 519-845-0809 ext. 5237, email: vanitia.campbell@county-lambton.on.ca
Oct 21	11am - 2pm	Bright's Grove	CANSCAIP IN THE GROVE: THE ART OF PICTUREBOOKS CONTINUES @ Gallery in the Grove. In partnership with CANSCAIP - For more info visit www.galleryinthegrove.com or call 519-869-4643.
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
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SPORTS

LK GOLF CHAMPS



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LCCVI has won its first Lambton-Kent championship title. Six LCCVI golfers played at the LKSSAA Golf Championship Tournament Tuesday at Hidden Hills Golf and Country Club near Chatham. The competitive boys' team – Rhett Joy, Jack Helps, Tayt Stonehouse, and Adam Valiquette – won the LKSSAA Boys' Team Championship. Valiquette was also the LKSSAA Boys' Overall Champion with a low score of 75. The team of four advances to the SWOSSAA Tuesday in Windsor however results were not available at press time. Joey Shaw and Sam Sanderson also competed for the Lancers in the individual competition.

Maroons beat Legionnaires in OT

The Sarnia Legionnaires battled back from 2-0 and 3-1 deficits to take a lead eight minutes into the third period, but the visiting Chatham Maroons converted on a late power play and scored in overtime to beat the home team, 6-5. Ty Therrien and Cam Graham each had a goal and an assist before 1,148 fans Thursday at the Pat Stapleton Arena. Ty Moffatt, Colin Langstaff and Ryan

Richardson also scored for the Legionnaires. Jace McGrail and Lucas Durham both had two assists. Logan Phillips took the tough luck loss between the pipes. He made 43 saves as the visitors outshot Sarnia, 49-33. Sarnia travels to London to take on the Nationals Oct. 4 and entertains LaSalle tomorrow night Oct. 5 at 7:10. The Legionnaires are 2-1-1 on the season.

BRIEFS: Knights have Sting's number; LCCVI action

The Sarnia Sting equalled a team record for most goals scored in a home opener in beating the Windsor Spitfires, 8-2 to open the OHL campaign. The Sting had previously scored eight times against Erie in 2001. Sarnia lost 2-1 at Saginaw Saturday. Meantime, Dale Hunter continues to collect OHL coaching victories as the Knights took a home-and-home series with the Niagara IceDogs last weekend. Hunter, from Oil Springs, is now just a handful of wins away from moving into second place on the all-time OHL list for coaching victories.

Tyler McGregor is on the Team Canada roster for the International Para Hockey Cup this week in Ostrava, Czechia. The Forest native, who has been on the national team for more than a decade has won nine medals with the Canadian squad including world championship gold medals in 2013 and 2017. Canada won silver at the IPH Cup event last year. The preliminary round in the four-team tourney continues until Thursday. The medal round games will be played this weekend.



Tyler McGregor

Nick Wammes has been named to the national cycling team for the Pan Am Games beginning next month. Wammes, who turns 24 the day after the games begin, cracked the top ten in the individual sprint at the Pan Am Games in Peru in 2019 and he also wore Canadian colours at the Olympics in Tokyo in 2021. The Games, in Santiago, Chile, run from October 20-November 5. LCCVI evened its record at 1-1 in Lambton Kent girls' soccer with a 3-1 win over Northern Monday afternoon in Petrolia. The Lancers boys lost 9-1 to the Vikings also Monday after losses to Ursuline and St. Pat's last week. In baseball action, LCCVI and CKSS played to a 5-all tie. The Lancers are now 2-2-1 on the season. And the girls' basketball teams lost both ends of a doubleheader to Ursuline. Alvinston's Sydney Redick hit a two-run home run, part of an eight-run first inning, as Durham beat Lambton, 19-1 in OCAA women's softball last weekend. Wyoming's Kylee Shortt went deep in the loss for the Lions. Durham is tied for first place in the standings with St. Clair. Both teams have a record of 18-2. Redick and her team are off this long weekend.



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Application forms can be obtained from the undersigned (please call or email), and are to be **submitted by Monday, November 27, 2023**. Should you require assistance or have inquiries regarding the grant criteria and process, please contact the undersigned by phone or email.

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