

# Lambton OKs granny suite incentive

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Lambton politicians have given the green light to an incentive program for granny suites.

In September, former Sarnia Councillor Nathan Colquhoun suggested the county look at a program which would see homeowners create affordable housing in their backyards. The provincial government recently changed zoning rules to make it easier to create Additional Dwelling Units - often called granny suites - and Colquhoun suggested a grant of up to \$50,000 would encourage homeowners to create more housing quickly.

County staff says a number of communities have incentive programs. They're usually funded by the Ontario Renovates program. In a report to council, staff says Lambton hasn't used Ontario Renovates to create housing because of "the limited amount of funding in addition to the historical planning challenges with the creation of ADUs." Since the road block has been cleared, staff suggested up to \$250,000 be set aside for grants.

The funds would be limited to \$25,000 per unit in the form of a forgivable loan with the property owner living in the main house on the property. The unit would have to remain affordable for 15 years and construction would have to begin 120 days after getting funding.

It's not clear when people could apply for the new program.

# Questions at board meeting ended

Blake Ellis  
Local Journalism Initiative

Lambton-Kent District School Board trustees have eliminated 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 being vetted at the public session. Trustees first discussed new rules which would have seen a vetting process set up where any questions submitted seven days before a meeting. The board chair, vice chair and director of education would decide whether the question is appropriate.

That plan to screen questions failed.


SEE QUESTIONS PG 2

# TIMBER AT THE BRIGDEN FAIR



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

The Great Canadian Lumberjacks were on hand at the Brigden Fair, entertaining the crowds. Fair officials say the grounds were filled with people over 35,560 people over the Thanksgiving Weekend. **See more on pages 8 & 9.**




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# Investigation underway after ride malfunctions and crashes

**Blake Ellis**  
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The grandmother of a three year-old on a midway ride which crashed at the Brigden Fair says she was traumatized by the incident.

Sherry Wood talked to *The Independent* Sunday, two days after her granddaughter, Hailey, hit her head several times when the midway ride malfunctioned and crashed Friday.

There were five children on the ride Friday. Shelby Lewis’ daughter Mya, 9, was riding in the same car as Hailey. She’d helped the little girl fasten her seat belt for the ride before the incident.

Lewis said the ride rotated twice before it began to shake and the wheels dropped down in the whale-shaped car.

The car then hit the ground three times – as bystanders yelled to stop the ride – before the employee of World’s Finest Midways stopped the machine.

Hailey’s grandmother got the whole thing on video, but she can’t bring herself to watch it. The video was given to the OPP for its initial investigation into the incident.

Woods said Hailey hit her head “several times” but she’s not sure how many. The families called 9-1-1 immediately and the children were taken to the Emergency Services Unit for evaluation. Hailey was sent to the hospital by ambulance to be examined. Woods said the family has been told to watch for vomiting – a sign of a concussion. The three year-old has a large bump above her eyebrow.

So far, the little girl is alright, but Wood is worried how this accident might traumatize her granddaughter.

Lewis – who has been going to the Bridgen Fair since she was a teen – found it disheartening how the situation was handled.

“Nobody came to ask if the kids were ok,” said Lewis.

“I was scared,” said Wood, adding all they wanted to do that day was have a good time. She

said she will not be putting her grandchildren on anymore midway rides.

In Ontario, according to the Canadian Association of Amusement Operators, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority regulates the industry, inspecting each midway ride once a year for a permit. It also conducts inspections and incident investigations, according to its website.

The Independent reached out to the TSSA Tuesday, however by press time, officials had not returned requests for information into its ongoing investigation.

Lewis was told the midway rides were inspected at 9 am, an hour before the midway opened. She asked for a copy of the inspection documentation, but did not receive it.

Lewis and Wood have not heard from the midway company, World’s Finest Shows or from the Brigden Fair officials since the accident as of Sunday morning.

Lewis said parents were not given a refund for their midway tickets and the carnival worker disappeared “pretty quickly” after the accident.

Brigden Fair President John Scott was unable to comment about the accident because of the OPP investigation.

Scott did tell *The Independent* the ride is still on the grounds, but not operating. It will be dismantled when the fair closes and the midway leaves. *The Independent* has reached out to the OPP and to World’s Finest Shows for comment, but no response has been received at this time.

Lewis didn’t want to deter anyone from going to the fair, saying she doesn’t blame the Bridgen Fair.

“This must be their worst nightmare,” said Lewis,

But she hopes this incident is an eye opener for people, saying if people see something that might be unsafe, she encourages them to speak up so their kids are not put into unsafe situations.

And Lewis said she would like to see these rides have more safety checks.



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The World’s Finest Midway ride which broke down with children on board at the Brigden Fair.

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## Public questions won’t be heard at school board meetings

CON’T FROM PG 1

At a special noon hour meeting in Chatham Oct. 5 which was not streamed live as all other board meetings are, trustees decided to eliminate the question period.

Trustee Kelly Robertson, who put forward the notice of motion at the last school board meeting, felt this change would in fact improve communications with the public. There is no information exchanged when a person just asks a question and moving to a delegation format would allow trustees to hear diverse voices, she said.

While Trustee David Shortt supports an increase in communication with the public, he said the public perception would be that the trustees are less open to the public in the wake of the decision.

Director of Education John Howitt backed the idea of eliminating public inquiries at a meeting Sept. 26. “There are 3,000 staff that I need to keep safe,” said Howitt. And he agreed with a suggestion from Robertson that hiring security staff would also be something that needs to be considered.

Trustee Roberta Northmore found the Lambton-Kent board’s practice of allowing the public to ask questions during a board meeting unusual. She found only one other which still has a public question period.

That one board is now getting people to submit their questions to the board, said Howitt.

Robertson encouraged people to phone or email trustees if they need to ask questions or voice their concerns. Trustee phone numbers and emails are posted on the Lambton Kent District School Board website.

Parents can also bring up concerns with their school.



**David  
Shortt**

principals, before they may need to notify trustees.

## Charlotte's Corner

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### Introducing CEEH of Bluewater Health’s Newest Rural Health Leaders

The community may see some new, and some familiar, faces at CEEH of Bluewater Health. With Laurie Zimmer’s retirement in August, Bob DeRaad has now stepped into the role of Vice President, Clinical Services as Laurie’s successor. Bob continues his commitment to high quality rural healthcare after being in the Director, In-Patient Medicine & Rural Health role for the past seven years.

Moving into Bob’s prior director role, and new to the Petrolia and Central Lambton community, is Dan Maure. Dan started his new role as Director of Rural Health & In-Patient Medicine on September 14. Most



From left: Dan Maure, Courtney Parizeau, and Bob DeRaad

recently, Dan held the position of clinical manager for the medicine and telemetry programs in Sarnia since 2017. Dan shares Bob’s passion for high quality rural healthcare delivery, and maintaining strong community relationships.

Another new, but very friendly face is Courtney Parizeau, who has recently taken on the position of Professional Practice Supervisor for Rural Health.

**Please join us in congratulating Bob on his new executive role – and welcoming Dan and Courtney to the Rural Health team!**

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AIMING FOR ZERO



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Firefighters in Warwick and Watford will be distributing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, thanks to Project Zero. Enbridge Gas will provide 10,000 of the units to 50 communities in Ontario in the program. Project Zero is run in conjunction with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office. It's Ontario law that homes with an attached garage or a fuel burning appliance have a carbon monoxide detector. The combination detectors help alert homeowners of fire and the deadly odourless gas. Watford Fire Chief Rick Sitlington, seen here with Mayor Todd Case and Enbridge's Robin Ellwood, says the community has never had a death which could have been prevented by a smoke/ carbon monoxide detector and they would like to keep it that way. The Watford and Warwick department have 114 detectors to distribute. They'll be going door-to-door in October and giving them to those who don't have a combination detector. So far, Project Zero has placed 86,000 detectors in Ontario homes.

Concept for Petrolia/Kimball roundabout goes to budget talks

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The fix for the intersection of Petrolia Line and Kimball Road is one step closer. Lambton County councillors received the plans for a roundabout for the intersection at the Oct. 4 meeting sending the proposal to the 2024 budget deliberations. Over the past ten years, there have been multiple calls for the intersection to be improved. Jolene DeGurse-MacDonald started a petition to get council to consider a roundabout in May 2020 when a Glencoe truck driver died in an accident at the corner. After the May 2020 crash, St Clair Mayor Steve Arnold asked county council to consider building a roundabout during the 2021 budget deliberations. But for two years, council failed to vote on the motion at budget deliberations. The county made some improvements to the area, reducing the speed limit and adding a flashing light, however plans for the roundabout didn't move forward. When another accident occurred at the intersection, the new St. Clair Township Mayor, Jeff Agar asked county council to get the ball rolling on a solution. He first suggested a traffic light but then agreed to a study to find the best solution. Steve Taylor of BT Engineering headed up the environmental assessment for the corner. He told county councillors the roundabout is the best solution. BT Engineering's study found that since 2017, there have been 13 accidents at the corner including two fatal collisions at the intersection and two with injuries. There have been 10 collisions where the vehicles were t-boned or hit from behind. Ten of those accidents occurred when a driver failed to stop or yield the right of way.

Taylor says the estimated costs of those accidents – which governments use to decide which intersections are a priority to fix – were \$3.5 million in direct costs and \$27.5 million in societal costs including the damage, injuries and the lasting effects of the accident. “Because of low speeds of the vehicles that have gone through the roundabouts, it's virtually impossible for anybody to have a high speed collision. It is eliminating those types of fatalities,” Taylor told county councillors. He added some “minor property impacts” to neighbours in the area saying some land would have to be acquired to complete the work. Agar - who was at the public meeting for the roundabout - asked why the engineering company was suggesting the move when so many residents were opposed to it. Sarnia City/County Councillor Bill Dennis also questioned why the county would move ahead when the residents seemed opposed. “Almost 60 per cent of the respondents were against the roundabout; what was the point of asking the citizens for their opinions if we don't follow what their wishes are?... Do we just disregard them or are consultants and bureaucrats in life that much more enlightened and smarter than the citizens?” Taylor said he stayed and talked to many of the residents and while some are still opposed, others left with a better understanding of the project and voiced support for it. Dennis also questioned the cost - estimated at \$2 million. Taylor said it is only about 10 per cent more than traffic lights and would have lower maintenance costs. The plan will now be discussed at the 2024 budget deliberations.

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**THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT** would amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to implement changes to enable Additional Dwelling Units within Single Detached, Semi-detached, Rowhouse and Townhouse dwellings on lots serviced by municipal water and sewage. It would also enable dwelling units in an accessory building (garage). These amendments are to conform to changes made to the Planning Act through Bill 23.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment. **If you wish to participate in the meeting electronically, you must register with the Township Office by Friday, October 27, at noon to receive the login information for the meeting.** You may register by emailing [info@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:info@warwicktownship.ca).

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS** in respect of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to the Clerk of the Township of Warwick. Submissions can be provided in person at the Township Office, by mail or by e-mail to [info@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:info@warwicktownship.ca).

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# EDITORIAL

## It’s a start

Lambton county politicians have given the green light to a pilot project to promote affordable housing. It’s another sign that all levels of government understand the housing crisis in Canada needs attention.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation estimates the country needs 3.5 million more homes built by the end of this decade to make it easier for people to find a more affordable home. In Ontario alone, the government has set a goal of building 1.5 million homes in 10 years. That’s quite a stretch since in 2022, almost 97,000 went up in Ontario - about 53,000 less than the new provincial target.

The federal government has started a program called the Housing Accelerator Grant - it provides cash to streamline the development process and even gives developers incentives to build more than just single family homes. A number of local municipalities are hoping to be approved.

The province made sweeping changes to regulations to try to get housing moving.

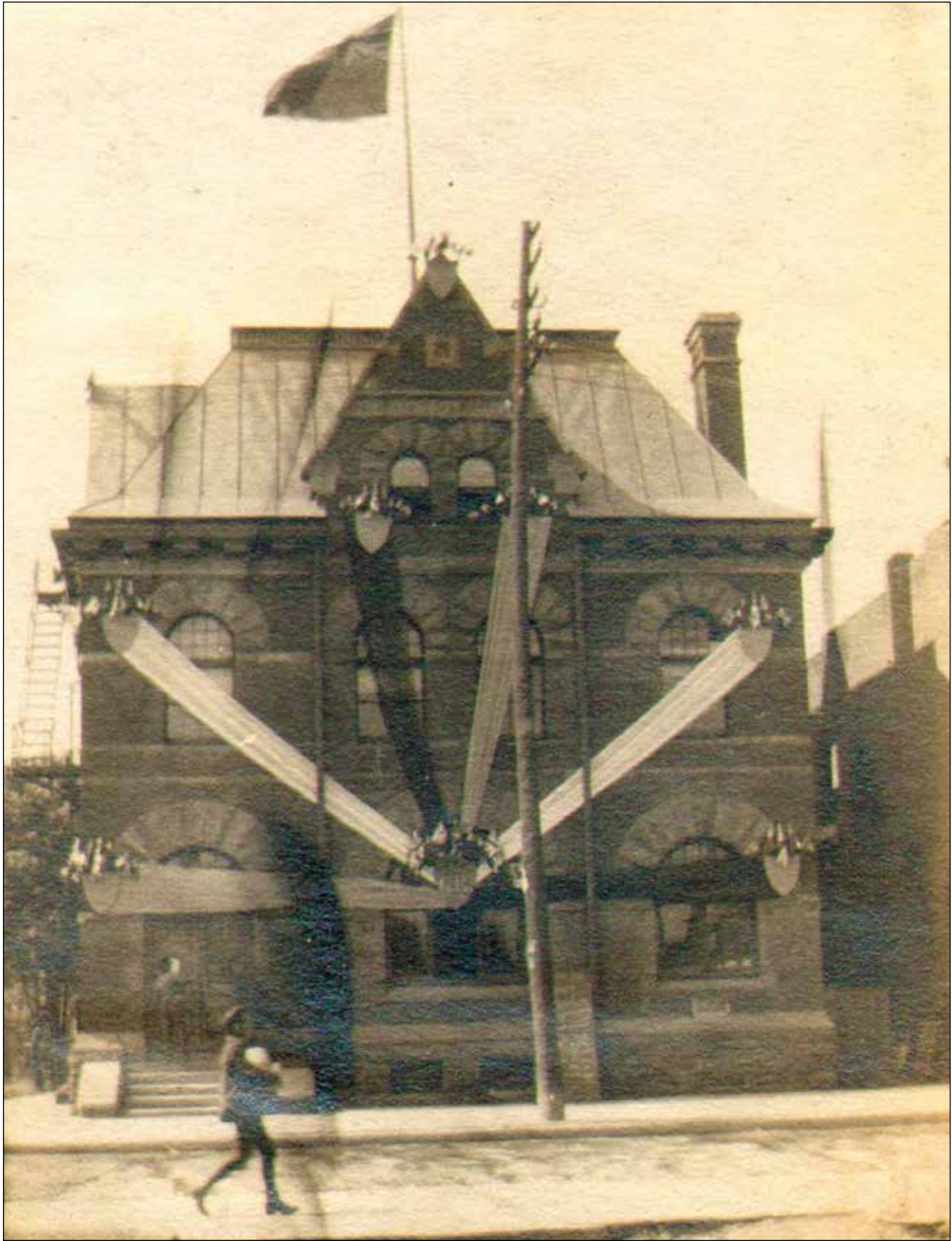
And now, Lambton county councillors are running with an idea from a former Sarnia politician to give incentives to homeowners to build additional dwelling units - often called granny flats. Politicians okayed the use of up to \$250,000 in a pilot project to give forgivable loans of up to \$25,000 to eligible homeowners planning on building an affordable housing unit. We are glad to see the local politicians stepping up to the plate - hopefully the incentive program will be so over subscribed, they’ll put more money in the pot right away.

But will all this mean more housing soon? The Lambton county grant is just getting off the ground; considering what it takes to get approvals in this area and that the incentive isn’t ready to roll out yet, it will take some time to kick in. And the federal government is still deciding who will get grant money. You can bet it will take municipal governments some time to figure out the best way to use it once they get it. And of course, how fast that money is spent when it is finally rolled out depends on the availability of people in the skilled trades to actually build something. So while it is good to see governments starting to take some action, it’s clear there will be no quick fix in the housing crisis in this country.

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## ALVINSTON FIREFIGHTERS IN THE MAKING



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Blake Mitchell, Brynlee Mitchell, Nolan Burnard and Bo Tizzard were learning the ropes from firefighters Mike Lightfoot, left, and Kevin Tizzard, during an open house at the Brooke Fire Station in Alvinston Saturday. October is fire prevention month and the firefighters were showcasing the department's trucks and equipment, as well as teaching fire safety. The first 50 families at the open house received a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector.

## Two arrested after driver flees from RIDE check

The Independent

Two people – one from Welland, the other from Calgary – are facing a string of drug and weapon charges after OPP tracked down a vehicle that blew through a RIDE Check on Hagerty Road.

OPP set up the RIDE Check in Southwest Middlesex. Around 10:15 pm, a vehicle came to the checkpoint, but didn't stop. Officers patrolled the area and later found the vehicle

partially in the ditch on Cameron Road in Lambton. Police said they saw one person discarding something not far from the scene of the collision.

The Canine Unit was called in to search the area and found a loaded handgun and drugs.

Police have charged Temitayo Akindunni, 35, of Welland with six weapons charges, and possession of cocaine, methamphetamine and opioids for the purpose of trafficking. The weapons charges included

possession of a restricted or prohibited firearm with ammunition and carrying a firearm or prohibited device or ammunition in a careless manner as well as bail condition charges.

Haily-Ann Leeson, 20, of Calgary faces four weapons charges and six drug charges including possession for the purpose of trafficking opioids, methamphetamines and cocaine.

The pair have been held in custody for a bail hearing.

## McNaughton leaves politics behind

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Monte McNaughton turned in the keys to his political offices Friday.

Twelve years to the day after he was first elected, the former Labour Minister in Doug Ford's cabinet, announced Sept. 22 he was leaving politics to take a job in the private sector. Friday was his last day as MPP.

In a letter to his constituents, McNaughton wrote it has been "the honour of a lifetime" to serve his community. And, he's proud of the advances he was able to make during his tenure, particularly as Labour Minister, improving the visibility of the skilled trades and forging partnerships with unions.

"I support Premier Ford and am proud to have served in his cabinet. I am forever grateful for the opportunities he's given me to

contribute to this amazing province. I believe strongly in his team and its vision. I know they will continue to do great things for the people of this province," he wrote.

"I want to thank my fantastic team, both at Queen's Park and at home, in Strathroy and Wallaceburg, for all their incredible hard work and dedication. I'd also like to thank my colleagues at Queen's Park, who are members of all political parties, all of whom are dedicated, passionate public servants, and outstanding people.

"Most of all, I'd like to thank the two loves of my life, my wife, Kate, and our daughter, Annie, for supporting me through thick and thin...Thank you for the honour of serving as your Member of Provincial Parliament."

He added "We weren't just marking time. We made a difference."

McNaughton has not yet said where he will be working. Plans for filling his position have not been announced yet.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Monte McNaughton, his wife, Kate, and daughter Annie enter the Mt. Brydges Legion on election night June 2, 2022.

## Toxic algae bloom fears near Grand Bend unfounded

Concerns of a toxic algae bloom near Grand Bend were laid to rest.

Oct. 3, an algae bloom was found in the Ausable River/Parkhill Creek near the Grand Bend Yacht Club. Officials first thought it was a blue green algae

which is dangerous to human health.

Friday, Lambton Public Health announced the algae bloom wasn't the blue green variety but they weren't sure if it was toxic.

Public health officials now say

lab tests from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks show the bloom isn't producing toxins with the potential to impact human health adding people could enjoy using the water over the long weekend.

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## Coffee cart owner pitches year-round vision

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming councilors are being cautious about a proposal to open the former mess hall at Lamrecton Park for community use.

Anita Prodaniuk is the owner of Anita Coffee which was given a permit to operate in the park this year. She went to a Parks and Recreation meeting Sept. 21, asking the committee to allow her to move the coffee trailer into the former mess hall this fall.

But she also has a larger vision of using the building as a weekly market showcasing local artisanal goods and food in the short term and later, expanding the market to more days of the week and potentially establishing permanent vendors in the hall, hosting craft shows and providing space for things like Zumba classes.

Prodaniuk says she'd manage the facility in conjunction with the committee and would want a five-year lease at \$6,000 a year.

Prodaniuk's daughter, Aliza, told the committee members there would only need to be minor upgrades of the hall, which is currently used as a storage area for the parks department. She estimates the

shed would need to be heated to allow the equipment to be kept above the freezing point, would need the snow plowed, and be clean and free of bugs and rodents. Eventually, she said, they'd like to have water in the shed. The business currently uses the municipality's power source.

Aliza Prodaniuk says opening the mess hall to commercial use "creates an affordable venue for small business owners to solicit business in the face of high rent and lack of available commercial opportunity...and provides an indoor meeting space for the community as well also tourist opportunities."

But opening the building may not be as simple as simply cleaning it up, according to Chief Administrative Officer Adam Sobanski. As a public entity, we are required to operate public properties in this manner as (set out by) provincial legislation. And we would need to have the chief building official let us know what would be required to do that. And then we'd have to obtain quotes from qualified contractors to determine the cost of renovating that building, or specifically public use."

Councillor Alex Boughen added council has to be even handed in dealing with com-

mercial enterprises.

"We can't benefit specific businesses with capital investments with very limited exceptions," said Boughen. "If there are commercial aspects to it ...

"I do think we have to be careful as a municipality that we're not bonusing. In other words, if there was a commercial space, it's a fair process through tenders."

Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen also voiced concern saying Lamrecton was envisioned as a passive park and she wasn't sure how this idea would fit in with that.

And while the Prodaniuks had a petition of support, during the same meeting neighbours of the park raised concerns about the increased usage at the former summer camp.

They questioned whether a commercial use in the park is a good idea and noted there has been much more traffic in the area over the last few years. They were looking for ways to control that.

The parks and recreation committee did not make a decision on the proposal to open the mess hall. Councillor Mike Vasey suggested they approach council with the idea. He added it seemed unlikely the Prodaniuks would be able to move into the Mess Hall by Nov. 1.

## Alvinston Optimist may need to raise full cost of dressing room project before construction starts

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Brooke-Alvinston council says a local service club should not move ahead with the next phase of the redevelopment of the local arena unless 95 per cent of the cost is in the bank.

The Alvinston Optimists pitched a long term plan to renovate the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre in 2017.

Over the past five years, a new pavilion has been built and plans are in the works now to renovate the dressing rooms.

On July 7, council approved the draft plans with a price tag of almost \$970,000. The Optimist plan to take the lead on generating the revenue for the renovation.

Council recently passed a proposed agree-

ment explaining how that project would proceed. It gives the club until November 2028 to raise 95 per cent of the costs - including any cost increases due to inflation - before the final drawings can begin.

Any cost overruns, the proposed agreement said, would have to be addressed before the project would go out for tender. That would happen after all of the cash has been raised.

Once the tender is accepted, the municipality proposes, Brooke-Alvinston would assume ownership of the project and the Optimist would be recognized for their work with a plaque in the building.

Council gave staff permission to send the document off to the Optimist club, without making comment.

about the person infected.

Public health says the case is a reminder that you need to take precautions to protect yourself from mosquito bites until the frost begins, ending the mosquito breeding season.

Officials add people should be eliminating breeding sites at their home by dumping out any standing water.

## St. Clair looks at park security cameras, lights

St. Clair Township will look at putting a security monitoring system in its parks during the 2024 budget talks.

The township has been dealing with the rising cost of vandalism and asked Kendall Lindsay, director of community services to look at the options. He found the options

range from cameras to lights with a cost of anywhere from \$28,000 to \$125,000.

Township council gave approval bring a proposal to budget. The director noted however he asked the advisory committee what they thought and the response was "it wasn't very important at this time."

## FOR SALE BY OWNER



THE UNDERSIGNED SOLICITOR on behalf of his client is offering for tender the following property, namely East 1/4 of Lot 5, Concession 6 formerly, Township of Moore, now Municipality of St. Clair, with municipal address of 2589 Moore Line.

The property does not have a dwelling but does have a horse barn in good condition, of about 4,000 square feet, it is approximately twenty years old, and has hydro (120 amp service.)

The property contains older and newer tiling and has been planted in both wheat and soybeans in the past. The workable acres are approximately 40 acres, however the paddock land has been farmed previously, and can be converted back to farmland (approximately 8 acres). The property contains a small bush of about 2 acres.

The property has water from St. Clair Township, and there is a PNG lease as well as a gas storage lease with Enbridge yielding approximately \$1,470.00 annually. Gas storage royalties are approximately \$352.00 per year.

If you wish to view the property please contact Bill at 519-918-0422 as horses are high strung, and a family member will need to be present.

All tenders are to be accompanied by a certified cheque or bank draft for \$20,000.00 made payable to Timothy Manathy Professional Corporation In Trust. Unsuccessful tender cheques or drafts will be returned.

All tenders to be delivered in writing to Timothy D. Manathy, Barrister and Solicitor at 423 St. George Street, Dresden, Ontario and are to be received no later than October 13, 2023 by noon.

The sale of the property is to be completed by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Vendor is not obligated to accept the highest or any tender.

**Timothy Manathy Professional Corporation:**  
423 St. George Street, Dresden, Ontario N0P 1M0  
Contact number: 519-683-6219.



# Water and sewer rates going up in Enniskillen

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Water rates are going up 2.8 percent in Enniskillen.

Enniskillen Township council approved a five-cent increase to the water rate bumping the price from \$2.02 to \$2.07 a cubic meter.

There were increases to several fees related to the water system and Oil City's sewer system.

The current agreement the Township of Enniskillen allows for an increase of water rates every Jan. 1 based on Ontario's consumer price index, said Enniskillen Administrator Clerk/Treasurer Duncan McTavish. That

increase was 3.8 percent. The Town of Petrolia agreed to only increase the township's water costs by 1.5 percent in 2023, and one per cent for the next three years, because the township participated in a capital grant application for Petrolia's water treatment plant.

The purchase price Enniskillen Township will pay to the Town of Petrolia will be \$1.67 per cubic meter. Residents in Oil Springs and the Township of Dawn-Euphemia will also see a 5 cent per cubic meter increase.

The township then adds a 40 cent per cubic metre surcharge to residents' bills. This accounts for water loss in the distribution system and provides

funds for any future capital needs.

The township's administration fee will also increase by \$10 from \$45.50 to \$55.50 on Jan. 1, an increase of 22 percent. This fee is added to each bill and is used to offset the operating expenses of the water distribution system. The last time this fee was increased was 2017. The price to dig a directional bore in relation to water services will also increase from \$2,000 to \$2,500 in January, a 25 percent increase.

Residents in Oil City will also see a \$1 per month increase to its sewer rates in 2024, amounting to a three percent hike. The monthly sewer rates were last increased to \$31.50 in 2023.

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO  
Members of Unifor greet Lambton County politicians Oct. 4. They want the county to come to the bargaining table.

## Protest greets Lambton politicians

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

About 100 workers from Marshall Gowland Manor in Sarnia were out in force in front of the Lambton County building Wednesday to pressure the management of the long term care home to come to the bargaining table to reach a contract.

The 190 members of Unifor Local 302 have been without a contract since March and officials say there are no negotiations scheduled.

Rusty Sproule says one of the biggest issues for the local, which includes personal support workers, registered practical nurses, dietary, and maintenance workers, is wages. PSWs received a temporary \$3 an hour wage increase from the province during the pandemic. Unifor wants that to be permanent.

It's also looking for a similar increase for RPNs, whose wage is now not much higher than PSWs receiving the \$3/ hour increase.

Sproule says Unifor has been able to reach agreements with other long term care homes in southwestern Ontario meeting those demands without an issue.

He added he felt there was such a good turnout for the protest – which started on Broadway Street at 7:30 am – because the workers are aware some managers at the county building have seen their wages increase \$40,000 in the last two years and that, he says, makes the lack of negotiations worse.

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BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE AND HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS  
There were lots of laughs and a few thrills as well at the Brigden Fair this weekend. While the weather turned colder, the grounds were filled for the Thanksgiving Weekend tradition. Above, Fred Jennings helps his grandson, Leonard Oatway, 3, launch his pumpkin. The Pro Rider Freestyle MX show entertained the crowds and the Great Canadian Lumberjacks showed off their chainsaw skills, right. Cleo Code of Petrolia was showing her sheep Friday, below, as part of Agriculture Awareness Day. Brooks White, 2, of Wilkesport plays in Grain Farmers of Ontario display and Azalea Zablocki, 3, from Alberta who was visiting her grandfather, Gary Piggot, perched inside a dinosaur.



# Thanksgiving fun at The Brigden Fair








BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTOS  
The Brigden Fair parade wound its way through the Brigden fairgrounds at noon. The folks from the East Growers Garden Club were represented with a float. Three bands were in this year's instalment including LCCVI's drum line. Lambton County's Fair Ambassadors shared a float. Plympton-Wyoming Fair Ambassador Allison Hawkings and Brooke-Alvinston Watford Fair Ambassador Kate Denkers wave to those along the parade route. Beauty and the Beast and Spiderman were also spotted Saturday.





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

**UNACCEPTABLE WASTE:**

• Animal Carcasses	• Drums with Lids	• Reactive Waste
• 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

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**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](http://www.warwicktownship.ca) Township Office: 226-848-3926

## County of Lambton Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

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MOLLUSC MOMENT



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Trent MacPherson, 4, of Courtright checks out the clams from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority during Agriculture Awareness Day at the Brigden Fair Friday. He was trying to match shells found in a pool of muddy water with the shells which were identified on the nearby table.

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

John Scott of the Brigden Fair shows Suzanne Shea and Sara Curry of Enbridge Gas the new Emergency Services unit.

Help is as close as the flag pole

The Independent

The president of the Brigden Fair says a new Emergency Service unit will help fair-goers find help when they need it in the future. The regional fair – dubbed the Thanksgiving Weekend Tradition – draws upwards of 50,000 people to the St. Clair Township community each year. During the course of the weekend, there is always minor medical emergencies and problems which require police help, says the President of the Brigden Fair, John Scott. Friday, the Moore Agriculture Society chair

was giving tours of the Emergency Services Unit. Enbridge Gas donated \$18,000 to the society to purchase a former construction trailer which will do double duty as an area to find police and first aid for years to come. Scott says last year, over the course of one day, paramedics on the grounds dealt with 126 bee stings alone. Another year, they helped a woman in labour before she left the grounds for the hospital, Scott added. The Emergency Services Unit can be seen from anywhere on the grounds by simply looking for the large flag pole with the red cross flag.

Bees offer to manage ads turned down

Brooke-Alvinston has turned down an offer by the Killer Bees hockey club to manage the advertising in the arena. The team recently sent a proposal to the town offering to pay \$10,000 per year for five years to exclusively manage the wall signs, ice surface and Olympia advertising. “Instead of the municipality’s staff contacting, collecting and promoting the company without the possibility of getting paid

the Alvinston Killer Bees Hockey Club are proposing to look after all the advertising inside the arena,” the club wrote to council. But municipal staff says right now, they’re collecting about \$13,000 per year. Treasurer Stephen Ikert added; “We would also lose control of who advertises... and should the Killer Bees ever leave, we would be back to square one.”

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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. <b>Two parcels</b> - 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](http://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	<a href="http://www.chatham-kent.ca">www.chatham-kent.ca</a>

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.



# SPORTS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Mason Smith of Brooke Central and Caden Kreeft of Bright's Grove head for the finish line at Bridgeview

## Central Lambton teams take top honours in first X-country meet

The Independent

Hudson Veenema and Kylie Bell won category championships for St. Philips at the recent Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist cross country event in Petrolia.

And Harper Chapman, and Connor MacKellar won races for Alvinston's Brooke Central at the Oct. 4 event. Other individual winners Rhys Marriott from Lamb-

ton Central, Luke Callendar and Brandon Rawana from Bright's Grove, Plympton-Wyoming's Josie Kelders, Khloe Barron from Petrolia's Queen Elizabeth II and Taylor Pullen from QE II in Sarnia. Bright's Grove won five of 10 team titles with Hillcrest capturing two. The others were won by Lambton Centennial, Plympton-Wyoming and Sarnia's P.E. MacGibbon.

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PRE GAME STRETCHES

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Stand with feet slightly wider apart than shoulders. Bend knees. Shift weight to the right leg. Reach down and across the body with left hand to touch right foot. Point right hand up to the ceiling. Keep back parallel to the ground. Shift weight to the left leg. Repeat 10 times on each side.

**HIP FLEXOR STRETCH**  
Stand with feet shoulder width apart. Step forward with right foot into a lunge position. Right knee should be directly over the toes of your right foot. Keep left leg and back straight. Extend arms straight in front and bring palms together. Turn upper torso to the right, keeping pelvis and hips stationary. Hold for one second and repeat 10 times on each side.

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## Squires take on Jets in a battle of the best

The Independent

The top two teams in the early going of the Western Ontario Super Hockey League go head-to-head Friday at Greenwood in Petrolia. The Strathroy Rockets take on the Petrolia Squires at 8:30. The Jets are 3-0. Petrolia is 2-1 after splitting two games on the weekend. Friday at home, Corey Pawley

registered the hat trick and added an assist and Adam Arseneault added a pair of goals to lead the Squires to a 10-2 win over Woodstock. Jesse Ferguson, Zach Van Eyk, Ryan Trotter, Thomas Moxley and Kyler Keating also scored for P-town. Ryan Fraser and Brandon Biggers had four and three assists respectively. Sean Parker made 40 saves in the

Squires cage as the visitors outshot Petrolia, 42-33. A night later in its first road test of the season, Petrolia fell 5-3 to the Thunder in Tillsonburg. TJ Harris scored twice in the losing cause, and Pawley added the other. The Squires take the long trek to Orangeville and a game with the Blitz on Saturday.

## Killer Bees host Dunville in home opener Saturday

The Independent

The excitement continues to build for the Alvinston Killer Bees' home opener Saturday night at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre Complex. The Bees will take on the

Dunville Aeros at 6:30. Alvinston is trying to erase a 9-7 season-opening loss to the Flames in Delhi. Brennan Feasey had the hat trick and added an assist for the Bees with Ethan Nother, Aidan Prueter and

Rylan Bowers all adding a goal and an assist each. Cam Rombouts had the other Alvinston goal and Carson Perry registered two assists. The Aeros are 1-1 on the season coming off a loss to Stratford on the weekend.

## Flyers lose a pair of tight games

The Independent

The Thamesford Trojans won their seventh straight game to start the PJHL season, but it was far from easy. The Trojans scored the game-winning goal 37 seconds after the Petrolia Flyers had tied the game in the second period. Thamesford then added a fourth goal in the final minute of regulation to beat the Flyers, 4-2 before 353 fans at Greenwood. Evan Morningstar scored his first two goals for the season for the Flyers and Bailey Moffatt registered two assists.

A night later in Dorchester, a first period goal by the Dolphins stood up until the third period when the home team added two more goals in a 3-0 win over Petrolia. Evan Everaert made 42 saves for the Flyers as the Dolphins outshot Petrolia, 45-24. Lucan visits Greenwood on Thursday at 7:30 and the Flyers visit the Hawks in Exeter on Friday night. Prior to the game against the Trojans last week, Flyers' trainer Bob Bressette was recognized as the PJHL Trainer of the Year for the 2022-23 season.



Bob Bressette (right)

## Sarnia Sting trade Gaudreau in three team deal Monday

Ben Gaudreau is now a member of the Erie Otters. The overage netminder was part of a three-team OHL transaction Monday that also saw goaltender Nolan Lalonde end up

with the Saginaw Spirit and the Sting getting a series of draft choices from 2024-27 in return. Gaudreau, the North Bay-area native taken seventh overall in the 2019 draft,

will not have long to wait to suit up against his former team. The Sting is at Erie Oct. 21 and the teams meet in Sarnia Nov. 5.

SEE MORE SPORTS PG 16

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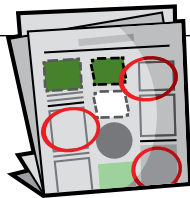






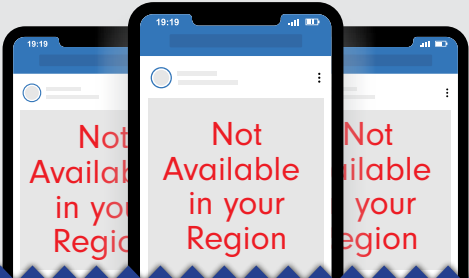
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Tues	7p	Watford	Euchre @ Watford Legion	519-876-2660
Tues	7p	Petrolia	Petrolia Toastmasters @ St. Andrew's Church	519-381-4910
2nd Wed	7p	Petrolia	Bingo @ Petrolia Lion's Hall	519-882-8728
3rd Wed	7p	Sarnia	Monthly Meeting @ Horticultural Society	519-332-5837
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 14	1pm-3pm	Petrolia	<b>THE GREAT PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY</b> - presented by Optimist Club of Lambton Central and Petrolia @ back parking lot at Heidi's where the garden centre was located.
Oct 16 - Oct 20	--	Lambton County	<b>ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK: "LIBRARIES FOR LIFE"</b> - for more info visit <a href="http://www.lclibrary.ca">www.lclibrary.ca</a> or contact: Darlene Coke - Manager, Library Services 519-845-0809 ext. 5238, email: <a href="mailto:darlene.coke@county-lambton.on.ca">darlene.coke@county-lambton.on.ca</a>
Oct 19	11am - 12:30pm	Sarnia	<b>THE GREAT WAR IN COLOUR WITH ANDREW ROBERTSHAW</b> @ Sarnia Library Theatre - For ages 14+ For more info visit; <a href="http://www.lclibrary.ca">www.lclibrary.ca</a> or call: Vanitia Campbell @ 519-845-0809 ext. 5237, email: <a href="mailto:vanitia.campbell@county-lambton.on.ca">vanitia.campbell@county-lambton.on.ca</a>
Oct 21	11am - 2pm	Bright's Grove	<b>CANSCAIP IN THE GROVE: THE ART OF PICTUREBOOKS CONTINUES</b> @ Gallery in the Grove. In partnership with CANSCAIP - For more info visit <a href="http://www.galleryinthegrove.com">www.galleryinthegrove.com</a> or call 519-869-4643.
Oct 27	7pm	Camlachie	<b>SYNERGY 150 CONCERTS PRESENTS: "SOMEWHERE IN "OUR" MEMORIES"</b> @ 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: <a href="mailto:camunitedevents@gmail.com">camunitedevents@gmail.com</a>
Oct 28	9am - 2pm	Wyoming	<b>VENDOR SHOW</b> @ Wyoming Legion 493 Erie St. Wyoming. Over 30 great vendors, Free Admission, Lunch Available from the Ladies Auxiliary. Hosted By the Wyoming Legion Ladies Auxiliary.
Oct 28	2pm	Camlachie	<b>SYNERGY 150 CONCERTS PRESENTS: "SOMEWHERE IN "OUR" MEMORIES"</b> @ 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: <a href="mailto:camunitedevents@gmail.com">camunitedevents@gmail.com</a>
Oct 30	2pm - 3:30pm	Online	<b>DROP-IN &amp; CHAT - ZOOM WEBINAR</b> Presented by Lambton County Branch, Ontario Ancestors. For a link to the meeting visit <a href="http://lambton.ogs.on.ca">lambton.ogs.on.ca</a> or email <a href="mailto:lambton@ogs.on.ca">lambton@ogs.on.ca</a>



# SPORTS

## Vipers take a bite out of Sarnia

The LaSalle Vipers broke a 1-1 game with a pair of goals in two-and-a-half minutes in the second period and went on to beat the Sarnia Legionnaires, 6-1 Thursday at Pat Stapleton Arena.

The visitors iced the contest with three unanswered goals in the final nine minutes of the third period.

Anthony Tudino had the lone goal for Sarnia.

Ex-Mooretown goalie Logan Phillips made 39 stops as the Vipers outshot the Legionnaires, 45-29.

Sarnia hosts St. Thomas Thursday night before taking the Stars in St. Thomas Friday.

## Sting, Knights battle in Sarnia

The Sarnia Sting will take a mini two-game winning streak into OHL home games against the Flint Firebirds and London Knights Friday and Saturday at Progressive Auto Sales Arena.

Sarnia is 3-2 on the season after wins over the Soo and Windsor over the weekend.

Marko Sikic had his first career OHL hat trick in a 7-4 win over the Greyhounds Friday and first round draft choice Ryan Brown notched his first OHL goal in a come from behind, 6-3 win over the Spitfires in Windsor last Saturday.

The upcoming contest against the Knights will be the first regular season game between the two teams since London prevailed against the Sting in the Western Conference championship series last season. The Knights are 3-1-1 on the season.

## BRIEFLY: Helps wins golf title

Jack Helps will fly the LCCVI colours this week at the provincial high school golf championships in Windsor. He carded a 77 to win the boys' title at the SWOSSA event last week in Essex.

Several LCCVI tennis players have qualified for this week's LKSSAA championships in Sarnia. Yarko Zelenchuk and Sam Hayter are competing in the boys' singles event, Elijah Baines and Brynn Blancher qualified for the mixed doubles draw.

Jasmine Huey-Johnson will compete in the girls' singles along with Addy Hodgson of North Lambton.

Alvinston's Sydney Redick of the Durham Lords was chosen a tournament all-star at the Canadian Collegiate Softball Association tournament this past weekend in Langford, BC.

Redick hit .571 over five games with seven RBI as the Lords won silver at the event. For her efforts, she has also been named Durham's female athlete of the week.

Meantime, the Lambton College women's softball team, with a Central Lambton flavour to its roster, kept its playoff hopes alive with a doubleheader sweep at Seneca last Friday.

Central Lambton groups were among recipients of \$265,500 donated by the Sting from its 50/50 ticket sale during the 2022-23 OHL season. Those receiving donations included minor hockey associations in Petrolia, East Lambton, Mooretown and Lambton Shores along with food banks in Petrolia, Oil Springs, Alvinston, Watford and Forest.

Watford's Evan Van Gorp assisted on what proved to be the game-winning goal early in the third period as Strathroy beat St. Thomas, 3-2 in GOJHL action Friday.

It was Van Gorp's first game with the Junior B club after signing last month with the OHL's London Knights.

Team USA topped Team Canada, 4-1 in the gold medal game at the IPH para hockey tournament Sunday in Czechia.

Tyler McGregor had Canada's lone goal.

McGregor also had a goal and an assist in 4-1 Canadian win over the IPH all-stars in the semifinals Saturday.

The Forest product tied for the lead in the tournament scoring race with five goals and eight points in five games.

## Flags dip below .500

The Mooretown Flags kept it close but the team never held the lead in a 5-4 loss to the Amherstburg Admirals in PJHL action Saturday.

Kaleb Edlington led Mooretown with a goal and two assists. Jace Dupuis, Nate Perry and Tristan Konrad had the others.

John Chartrand, right, made 33 stops as the Flags outshot the visitors, 48-38.

Friday in Lakeshore, the Canadiens scored five times in the third period breaking open a close game, beating the Flags, 8-0.

The Flags are now 3-4 on the season.

The schedule does not get any easier for Mooretown this week as they take on the top three teams in the Stobbs Division.

Wednesday, Mooretown play the third-place Sharks in Wheatley. They go up against the division leaders from Essex in Mooretown on Saturday at 7:30 and then travel to Blenheim for a tussle with the second place Blades Sunday.



John Chartrand



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