



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Diane Bergsma stands inside Three Oaks Cabin near Florence. The Bergsma family has poured their grief due to the death of their son, Dalles, by suicide into the cabin which will help farmers and first responders deal with mental health issues.

Respite cabin may take first clients in January

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

A cabin to give first responders and farmers a place to deal with mental health issues is slated to open in January. That’s according to Diane Bergsma whose family opened the doors to the Three Oaks Cabin to neighbours and friends Saturday to see the progress made on the respite facility. Diane and her husband, Al, and their family have been working on the project since the death by suicide of their son, Dalles. The young farmer and volunteer firefighter died in 2020. Dalles’ death stunned the community. But research shows farmers and first responders are particularly vulnerable

to mental health issues. A University of Guelph study conducted in 2022 by Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton shows one in four farmers contemplated suicide over a 12-month period. First responders also have a higher risk of developing post traumatic stress disorder and other mental health challenges which can lead to suicide. The family wanted to do something to help others with the struggles Dalles faced and within a month, Diane and Al had a plan at the township office to build the cabin. “It is purpose in the pain,” said Bergsma during a tour of the cabin. There is much to be done at the 1,400 square foot log cabin tucked in the woods in Dawn-Euphemia before the first person comes to stay. The trim and the floors are still a work in progress. And the three-bedroom facility needs a hydro hookup. But Bergsma expects the first clients will be able to book a stay in January. People staying at the cabin will have access to resources from the National Farmers Mental Health Alliance. Each person will work through mindful exercises set out in the resources and reconnect with nature in the bush. A mental health professional will follow up with the person once they leave the cabin. Bergsma said when individuals reach out for help, they only get one crack at it. She feels the follow-up call is very important to find out what is further needed to help each person.

SEE THREE OAKS PG 2

Petrolia Scotiabank closing as bank cuts 2,700 jobs nationwide

Heather Wright
The Independent

A fixture in Petrolia’s downtown for more than a century will be closing its doors in the next six months. While the company has yet to publicly announce the closure, employees were told last week the branch on Petrolia Line is closing. The news came around the same time Scotiabank announced it would be cutting about three per cent of its global workforce. That works out to about 2,700 staff members across the country. A company news alert says the changes are being made “as a result of the Bank’s end-to-end digitization, automation, and changes in customers’ day-to-day banking preferences, as well as ongoing efforts to streamline operational processes and create capacity to invest in key growth opportunities.” Scotiabank alerted stockholders of the news saying the layoffs would cost about \$247 million in restructuring charges such as severance and about \$63 million in charges “related to the consolidation and exit of certain real estate



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The Scotiabank building in Petrolia was built in 1911 and has been home to the bank for 112 years.

premises and service contracts. We expect the savings on the above items to be achieved throughout fiscal 2024 and anticipate full run-rate benefits in fiscal 2025,” the bank said in a statement. In August, Scotiabank released its third quarter profits; it made \$2.2 billion in the last three months, down from \$2.61 billion the year before. The Independent reached out to Scotiabank to find out when the bank would close, how many people work at the Petrolia branch and whether they would lose their jobs or go on to work at another branch. At press time, Scotiabank had yet to respond to emails and phone calls. Two sources with knowledge of the announcement confirmed the branch would be closed, possibly in the next six months. Customers looking to open accounts were told any new business would soon merge with Scotiabank in Bright’s Grove.

PETROLIA 150 OPENING GALA

Tickets are on sale now!

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 | \$50

Victoria Hall, Petrolia • 7:30 PM

TICKETS:

WWW.THEVPPCA/TICKETS

(519) 882-1221, IN PERSON AT

THE VPP BOX OFFICE

(411 GREENFIELD STREET)

Town of PETROLIA

you'll be surprised!

150

1874 - 2024

Town of PETROLIA

Petrolia 150 th Anniversary – 2024

Petrolia150_2024

Petrolia150_2024

@150Petrolia

Website: www.petrolia150.com

Cyber attack stalls services at Bluewater Health in Sarnia and Petrolia

Heather Wright
The Independent

Bluewater Health sites in Sarnia and Petrolia are among five southwestern Ontario hospitals facing a cyber attack which is disrupting patient services.

TransForm Shared Service Organization is a non-profit which provides IT, supply chain and accounts payable services to hospitals in Windsor, Chatham and Lambton.

Monday afternoon, it said hospitals in Windsor and Essex were experiencing email and

patient record problems.

Late Monday, the media relations office said in a news release “we have determined that our member hospitals (including Bluewater Health in Petrolia and Sarnia) are experiencing a cyber attack.”

TransForm, according to its website, works with five hospitals, 12 community organizations and Ontario Health teams in the area. It has 10,000 electronic devices and handles over 1,000 patient related messages a day.

“Unfortunately, this incident is impacting their provision of care in various ways. For those patients

who have care scheduled in the next few days, the hospitals will contact you directly, if possible, to reschedule or provide alternate arrangements.”

Bluewater Health, in a news release posted on its website added “for those patients who have care scheduled in the next few days, we will contact you directly, if possible, to reschedule or provide alternate arrangements. Unfortunately, we may not be able to reach all patients, and we request your understanding if we are required to reschedule care in person at our facilities.”

It’s not immediately clear what type of patient care is being rescheduled as the hospitals across southwestern Ontario deal with the issue. The Central Lambton Family Health Team shared on social media Monday that Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital was “closed to non urgent outpatient labs and diagnostic services at this time due to technical issues.”

TransForm says it is investigating the cause and scope of the cyber attack “including whether patient information was

compromised.”

The Independent reached out to Bluewater Health Tuesday to find out how long services will be impacted however our calls were not returned.

May 28, 2021, Lambton County officials dealt with a cyber attack. It was four days before county staff could access emails.

In that case, officials said, the hackers were looking for ransom.

The OPP was investigating the breach, however it is not clear at press time whether charges were ever laid.



PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK

Friends and neighbours had a chance to tour Three Oaks Cabin near Florence Saturday during an open house.

Cabin to open in January

CON’T FROM PG 1

The services offered at the cabin will be free, something Bergsma says the support from the community has allowed the Three Oaks Cabin to do.

Bookings for stays at the cabin are not being taken yet, but Bergsma is seeing a lot of demand.

Right now the focus is to help farmers and first responders, but the scope can be expanded in the future, said Bergsma. “The sky is the limit.”

The cabin contains a multi-purpose room which will also be available for meetings or events centred around mental health.

An open house was held on Saturday afternoon where approximately 250 people were in attendance.

Many were supporters and partners who have contributed to the project. Three oaks trees were also planted on the property, in recognition of the facility’s name.

At this point, Bergsma says she is depleted as the construction nears completion. It has been an emotional process for her, but when asked what Dalles would have thought about this facility, Bergsma said, “He would have said don’t make it about me.” He would have wanted it to be about how Three Oaks Cabins will serve the many people in need.

• THE INDEPENDENT



A 16 year-old was injured in an accident involving four vehicles on Mandaumin and Michigan Friday.

Teen injured in Mandaumin crash

A 16 year-old who was driving a motorcycle was airlifted to London hospital and is in critical car after an accident at Mandaumin and Michigan Line Friday.

A GoFundMe page has been launched for the victim, Brayden Campbell, and his family. It said the teen has a broken femur, crushed ankle, internal injuries and was on life support.

Sarnia Police say four vehicles were involved in the crash. No charges have been laid yet and anyone with information about the crash is asked to call Sarnia Police.

RED PLAID PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

canada's celtic Rock Warriors...

MUDMEN

- at -

VICTORIA HALL

411 GREENFIELD STREET, PETROLIA, ONTARIO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

Admission \$30 - www.thevpp.ca - 519.882.1221

DOORS 7:30PM / SHOW 8:00PM

Brought to you by:

GRANDIS

J E W E L L E R S

This is an LLBO Mudmen Inc. Event. Visit: www.mudmen.ca

POLITICAL THEATER



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The students of Ecole Hillcrest and St. Philip’s schools had a front row seat at Victoria Playhouse Petrolia Monday for the Petrolia council meeting. The town moved the regular meeting to the morning and held it in the theater - under the trees of the VPPs Camelot - as part of Local Government Week. The students had a chance to ask councillors questions. Some of the younger students wanted to know if the town would build a skate park. “I want something to do,” said one St. Philip student. Another suggested it be built on the flats. And students from Ecole Hillcrest were interested to know if the town council is doing anything to help young people find work. Clerk Mandi Pearson responded there were student jobs available in the summer and that the postings would be listed in February. And another Hillcrest student suggested the town needed more for teens to do and suggested a bowling alley. “I don’t suppose you remember the bowling alley in town,” said Acting Mayor Joel Field, who said he was an avid bowler as a teen. Councillor Debb Pitel said the students had a lot of great ideas and welcomed them to become a part of the Youth Advisory Committee in the future.

Petrolia day cares inspected

Heather Wright
The Independent

It appears Petrolia’s move to drop home business licensing fees for people providing day care has made some impact. The town, like most communities in Canada, does not have nearly enough licenced day care providers. Parents went to council in the spring saying there are 340 children in the town who are day care age but only 85 licenced spots. A new federal/provincial program will create 67 new spaces in the town, but the advocates say that will only provide licenced day care for a quarter of the children in Petrolia. At the request of the parent group, the town researched setting up its own municipally run day care facility, but found it would be upwards of \$5 million to build. Instead, Deputy Clerk Jessica Smith recommended “council waive the \$250 Home Occupation Business Licence fee and the Petrolia portion of the fire inspection fee for a period of one year. This would apply to applicants interested in obtaining a Home Occupation Business Licence for a home-based child care operation only. It is our hope that this will remove a barrier

and provide incentive to those currently operating without a Home Occupation Business Licence to obtain one,” she wrote noting to obtain the license, operators have to have an inspection by the fire department building officials and public health. Council agreed to the move in April. Monday, Smith said five day care providers have already taken advantage of the offer. Three were existing day cares and two were new operations. Smith says that means that at least 10 new spaces were created since April. She told The Independent each of the new operators said they had a full roster of clients before they opened for business. And she’s pleased five home day cares have now been inspected by the fire department, building officials and public health to “ensure they are safe for the public to occupy.” While the concerns about lack of day care spaces in the community are long standing, the push for more licenced day care came after a young child fell into a pool while at day care in Petrolia. The little boy was revived but still has health problems. His family launched a lawsuit and OPP laid charges against the day care provider. The case is still in court.

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 November 3rd, 2023 by noon. The closing date for the sale of the property is to be negotiated. 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.

Now accepting your perishable & non-perishable items
5 days a week
9am-3pm
at The Independent office,
4156 Petrolia Line

This Month In Lambton
October 2023
f t

Warden Kevin Marriott
@LambtonWarden

Creative County Grant Program application intake now open

Lambton’s Creative County Grant Program is now accepting funding applications for arts, culture and heritage initiatives occurring in Lambton County in 2024. The Creative County Grant Program invests in new and innovative projects that build cultural capacity, strengthen the creative community, and enrich the quality of life of all residents. Applications are accepted online only at lambtononline.ca/creativecounty until Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4 p.m.

OMC holding Holiday Open House

On Friday, November 17, drop-in to the Oil Museum between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and enjoy fun holiday activities. Santa will be there and ready to listen to children’s holiday wishes. There will be candle dipping, holiday-themed crafts, cookies, and warm wassail to drink too! Admission is free with the donation of a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. Learn more at oilmuseum.ca.

LHM presents Holidays @ Heritage

Drop-in to Lambton Heritage Museum on Friday, November 17 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to take part in the festive fun at our PA Day Event: Holidays @ Heritage! Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors (65+), \$3 for children, and children aged three and under are free. Visit heritagemuseum.ca to learn more.

Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., November 1, 2023 – Council Meeting

9 a.m. & 11 a.m., November 15, 2023 – Committee A.M. & P.M. Meetings

9:30 a.m., November 29, 2023 – Council Meeting

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

To read more, go to lambtononline.ca

Office of the County Warden
519-845-0801 | 1-866-324-6912
www.lambtononline.ca

EDITORIAL

Disheartening

The coming closure of the Scotiabank in Petrolia’s downtown is disheartening on many levels.

First, it is disheartening when we think about the employees who serve there. They may find other work when the branch closes in the next six months, even with Scotiabank, but it still causes disruption in their lives and likely some anxiety.

It’s disheartening for scores of businesses which have used the bank for decades. One customer we heard from recently signed on for more services and now worries how inconvenient it will be to travel to another community to do in person banking.

We’re guess the company will lose some of those business customers simply because they won’t have time to travel to Bright’s Grove, Sarnia or Watford to do business during the day.

We’re not sure Scotiabank will even feel that financial loss considering it earned \$2.2 billion in three months this year and that was less than normal.

It’s disheartening for older customers who are less likely to bank online. Petrolia has been encouraging housing developments within walking distance of the downtown specifically so seniors can walk to whatever businesses they need to go to. Again, we’re guessing Scotiabank would lose customers but that would be tougher for elders who don’t always do well with change than it would be for the bank.

It is disheartening for the message it sends about Petrolia, a message which is clearly false. If you examine other bank closures around rural southern Ontario it is usually happens where the business community is already struggling. Clearly the economy is tough but Petrolia has a very healthy downtown.

And it is disheartening because while we’re sure there will be a huge outcry from the public and the politicians, there will be meetings with bank officials, pleas to remain in the community, all of that is most likely to make not one bit of difference.

As all banks shrink so they can preserve their huge profit margins, they’re closing small branches.

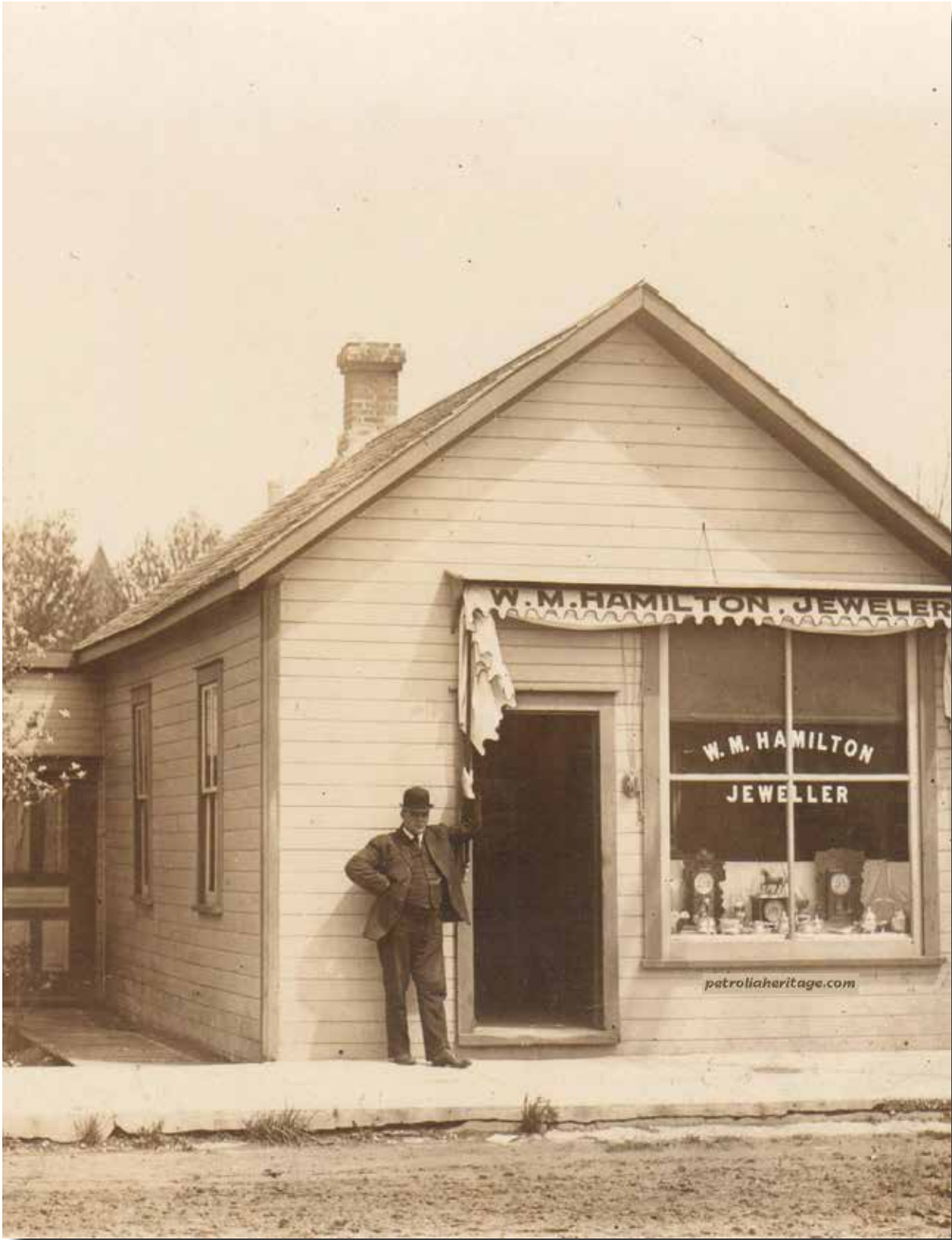
Every community vows to save the bank. Every political leader in those communities tries to stop it. Every time, the bank “listens” to the community. And every time, the bank closes.

Just ask Wyoming. Or Alvinston.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Independent welcomes Letters to the Editor. Our preferred methods to receive letters are via email to news@petrolialambtonindependent.ca (please use Letter in the subject line) or through our website www.petrolialambtonindependent.ca. You can also deliver letters to The Independent at 4156 Petrolia Line, Petrolia or drop them in the mail at The Independent, Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0. The Independent reserves the right to edit letters for brevity and clarity. All letters need to be signed and must have a phone number for verification.


OUR STORY



FROM LOST LAMBTON, FOUND

This photo from the Petrolia Heritage website shows J.M. Hamilton in front of his Jewellery store in Alvinston. J.M Hamilton wasn't the only jeweler in town. An ad in the 1888 Alvinston Free Press bears an ad for WJ Burke who claimed to be “The People’s Jewellery Store.”

THE INDEPENDENT 
SERVING PETROLIA AND CENTRAL LAMBTON

 4156 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0 • 226-738-0728

Subscription Rates: \$55.00/year within 50 kms of Petrolia Post Office
\$65.00/year outside of 50 km radius \$75.00/year other provinces
(HST included on all prices) Subscriptions are non-refundable

 News Media Canada
Médias d'Info Canada

The contents of this newspaper are protected by copyright. No material from this edition may be reproduced without expressed written consent of The Independent of Petrolia & Central Lambton 

Publisher / Editor: **Heather Wright**
news@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

L.J.I. Reporter: **Blake Ellis**

Sales Associate: sales@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

Classifieds / Graphics: **Tyler Viscount / Lauren Wright**
office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

Publications Mail Registration No. 42663514
Proud host of the Local Journalism Initiative

Funded by the Government of Canada
Financé par le gouvernement du Canada



Teen taken to hospital after fight at arena

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton OPP are investigating after an assault at the Greenwood Recreation Centre.

Officials say around 2:30 pm Friday, “youths who cannot be identified” were involved in a fight outside the arena.

One person was taken to hospital in Petrolia and treated for what police said were minor injuries.

Police have yet to lay any charges in the incident.

Petrolia 150 Legacy project costs more than double

Heather Wright
The Independent

A new bandshell in Petrolia’s Victoria Park is going to be a lot more than first expected.

But officials with the Petrolia 150 Committee - which is building the facility which will include a new public accessible washroom as a legacy project - is confident fundraising will bridge the gap between the \$200,000 of tax dollars already set aside for the project and the \$438,000 price tag.

At the Oct. 12 meeting, Laurissa Ellsworth, director of marketing, arts and communications told council while there was interest in the project, only one builder submitted a bid - Wellington Builders out of Forest. And it was over double the cost anticipated.

“It was budgeted based on projects of a similar type list ...when the budget was created. Unfortunately, as mentioned, things have changed at this point,” she told council. Councillor Ross O’Hara suggested the town was “asking for a lot of work from what we budgeted for.”

Ellsworth says the Petrolia 150 committee is confident the extra money can be raised to pay for the project through revenue generated at events and from merchandise sold through the anniversary year.

“I’m confident,” she said when asked if the goal was reasonable. She says the plan for fundraising is strong and “I can sleep at night.”

Two injured in St. Clair Township accident Monday

Two people were taken to hospital after an accident in St. Clair Township.

Around 6 pm Monday, firefighters and the OPP were called to the

GPS and video led police to driver and stolen vehicle

A Sarnia man is facing charges after Chatham-Kent Police tracked a stolen car to Chatham.

Monday, Chatham-Kent Police found a stolen vehicle parked at the local hospital. The vehicle had been reported

DIGGING RIGHT IN



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Five-year-old Ellie Currah got some help from her dad, Ryan, as they both worked at carving a pumpkin at the Family Fun Day on Saturday at the Petrolia YMCA as part of the Fiery Faces event.

Consultant says spend \$125K on sidewalks

Heather Wright
The Independent

There may be a lot more work on your sidewalks in Petrolia in 2024.

This year, Petrolia spent about \$30,000 to fix sidewalks. But 2024 could see the town spend \$125,000 a year to improve the aging infrastructure if council follows the recommendations by an engineer to improve the town’s walkability.

In a number of different town surveys, residents said they were looking for better sidewalks.

Recently, the town hired BM Ross and Associates to create a sidewalk connectivity study. It found that the town needed to spend more than \$4.25 million to fix aging sidewalks, widen those that are narrow, build sidewalks in several subdivisions where they were never planned and possibly provide up to six trail connections including linking Petrolia to the Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area and with a trail north to Wyoming.

Jordan Fohkens of BM Ross said when the report was first presented that about 30 per cent of the town’s sidewalks are undersized including

several along major roads where there isn’t a boulevard to buffer the traffic. He estimated there is about 1.6 kilometres of sidewalks in that category.

Oct. 12, he presented his final report which said the town needs to spend about \$125,000 per year to fix some of the problems.

Fohkens says the sidewalk projects should be done at the same time as some of the roads are rebuilt to save money but priority should be placed on certain areas. For example, he wants to see another sidewalk on Maple Street by Queen Elizabeth II school next year.

Oil Heritage Road north of Derby Street would also get sidewalks in 2024 under the plan and so would Pettibone, when the street is reconstructed.

Fohkens also suggested building sidewalks near Ecole Hillcrest on the east end in 2025. He’s also suggesting the town works to fill the gaps in sidewalks connecting newer subdivisions without sidewalks to the older part of the town with them. He says investing \$125,000 per year would mean about 5.7 km of sidewalks could be built in the next 10 years.

intersection of Brigden Road and Bentpath Line. They found two vehicles had collided.

Lambton OPP say both drivers were

taken to hospital with what they said were minor injuries. A 26 year-old Brigden man is facing a charge of failing to stop at a stop sign.

- **Emery Huszka**
Dealer - Florence ON,
226-373-6244
- **Julie Maw**
Dealer - Courtright ON,
519-384-2281
- **Dave Foulon**
Dealer - Tupperville ON,
519-683-2136
- **Dave Emery**, Territory Manager
South Lambton ON,
519-360-6072
- **Kirk Van Will**, Territory Manager
North Lambton ON,
519-899-3255

www.maizex.com

4488 Mint Line,
RR#2 Tilbury, Ontario
N0P 2L0

MAIZE SEEDS INC.
Canada's Maize

50

YEARS
SINCE 1973

Invisible Fence® Brand

888-537-5137

gwsowinvisiblefence.com

3 Million + Pets Protected.
50 Years Experience.

THE INDEPENDENT ONLINE @
PETROLIALAMBTONINDEPENDENT.CA

Petrolia Dentistry

There’s a home for
healthy, attractive smiles
in your neighbourhood

Looking for a dentist close to home?
Petrolia Dentistry offers dentistry for the whole family, from cleanings and exams to natural looking fillings, crowns, bridges & more.
With convenient hours and a clean modern office, you’ll feel completely comfortable.

Dr. Mike Hoben
Dr. Rudha Al-Rohani
Dr. Rebecca Phillips

519-882-0520

430 Albany Street • petroliadentistry.com

Warwick okays backflow valve subsidy plan

Heather Wright
The Independent

Warwick Township hopes a new grant program will encourage people to install backwater valves in homes will prevent flood damage in the future.

On Aug. 23, between six and eight inches of rain fell in just over six hours. The rain was considered more than a century storm. The township declared a state of emergency as roads flooded and many homeowners in Watford ended up with flood water and in some cases, sewage in their basements. In September, council asked staff to come up with a plan to give grants to homeowners who wanted to install the backup valves, which would stop flood water and sewage from entering homes through the sump pumps.

Andrew Maver, Public Works Manager, also suggested in his report that sump pumps be disconnected from the sanitary sewer to reduce the chance of the sewage system being overwhelmed.

Maver looked at the programs in other municipalities, including Plympton Wyoming for guidelines. Council agreed to set aside \$60,000 a year so homeowners could receive up to \$3,000 to make the switch. Homeowners in Watford who were flooded and have made the changes already, can receive the funding retroactively if they have their receipts.

GETTING CRUNCHY



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Students at Mooretown/Courtright Public School were among hundreds across Lambton County biting into juicy fresh apples Friday. It was part of The Big Crunch, an effort by Lambton Public Health to encourage students to eat healthy snacks.

Timmies owner says \$116k parking not needed

Heather Wright
The Independent

The owner of the Watford Tim Hortons says there is no need for a paved parking spot for transports in front of his business.

Warwick Township has been exploring how to make the intersection at Nauvoo and Confederation Roads - where the restaurant is located - safer. Traffic pylons have been placed in front of the building on Nauvoo on both sides of the road to discourage trucks from parking there while going to get a coffee. There was concern the sight lines for drivers was being impaired by the parked trucks.

But Matthew Hoogenboom said in a letter to council there has never been an accident at the corner that he is aware of due to the trucks.

“We are a 50km hour zone - no different than the intersections in town where shoulder parking is permitted. In fact, there doesn’t seem to be anything more than the standard set back parking rules in town for all corners. Why are sight lines not an issue there, but they are at our corner when traffic should be flowing at the same speed?” he wrote.

“The opportunity for danger should be no greater at our corner than what it is in town since traffic is expected to flow at the same speed.”

Hoogenboom says “under no circumstances has my company



FILE PHOTO

Nauvoo Road looking north showing the gravel shoulders where parking for transport trucks is now prohibited.

ever requested paving or for special treatment be given to or for us. We have simply asked for the construction pylons to be removed since they are an eyesore to both our business and the town.”

Hoogenboom did note the Watford Tim Hortons was one of the first businesses to open up for truckers to stop to use washrooms during the pandemic.

“We think truckers deserve a chance to quickly pull over to the side of the road the same way they could in town and use our washroom and if they choose get a coffee or food. We have a lot of trucks going through town with the dump facilities and I think we need to find a way to make things work for them.”

The restaurant owner said “we would be fine if the gravel shoulder was left and a few gravel spots were given to the truckers and camper trailers to pull over and use the facilities.” as long as the No Parking signs “50 feet back from the corner” be removed to allow the parking.

Mayor Todd Case took note of the letter during the Oct. 12 meeting.

Warwick Township council asked Lambton County to consider putting up traffic lights at Nauvoo and Confederation and creating transport parking on both sides of the road.

At the Aug. 14 council meeting, Steven Taylor, of BT Engineering which was working on the project for the county said the intersection doesn’t meet provincial standards for traffic lights. Taylor added having trucks park on both sides of the street “may result in reduced sight lines” for drivers.

Taylor estimated it would cost \$116,211 to build an oversized parking spot on the west side of Nauvoo and extending the sidewalk to the spot. It would cost \$206,000 to create spots on both sides. Council will look at the recommendation during the 2024 budget.

Thank You

We would like to thank Dan & Barb, Danielle & Paige Lightfoot for their years of great food and management of our Restaurant **Riverstone Pizzeria**.

We wish Dan health and happiness in his retirement.

Ken & Barb Alderman



Under new management.

Riverstone Pizzeria will become **Riverstone 11** and open on Friday November 3 under the management of Glenna Shaw and her daughters. Please come meet and support Glenna in her new adventure.

Open daily at 6 am for breakfast.

TOTAL ROOFING

Over 30 Years Experience

519-541-0434 519-264-2425

— SARNIA & PETROLIA — — STRATHROY —

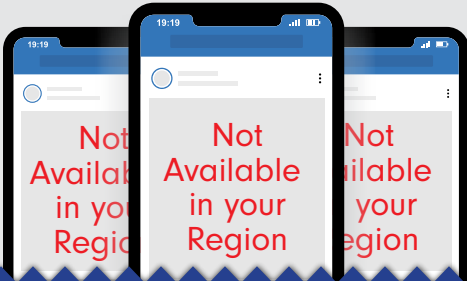
ALSO OFFERING

BLOWN-IN INSULATION

ROOFING • SIDING

FASCIA • SOFFIT

CAN'T FIND YOUR LOCAL NEWS ON FACEBOOK?



JOIN OUR NEW PAGE: FRIENDS OF THE INDEPENDENT

YOU'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THE LATEST NEWS, AND FIND A LINK TO THE STORY!

THE INDEPENDENT
SERVING PETROLIA AND CENTRAL LAMBTON
YOUR SOURCE FOR NEWS IN PETROLIA AND CENTRAL LAMBTON
WWW.PETROLIALAMBTONINDEPENDENT.CA

FALL IN THE AIR



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

The weather was decidedly fall, but the people were still out looking for fresh local produce at the Petrolia Farmers' Market Saturday. Shoppers were picking up fresh vegetables from Devyn Zekveld at the last market of the year.

Corunna street festival returning next year

The Independent

The street festival celebrating the 200th anniversary of the survey of Corunna was so popular, it's coming back next year.

That's according to Tracy Kingston, the spokesperson for the Corunna 200 Committee.

She recently told St. Clair Township council over 1,000 people took part in the one day event in September. "It's kind of hard to tell when people are milling about."

Kingston says the event was well received by the entire community, with the township, groups and local businesses contributing \$22,000 to run the event.

"We felt that it was a good thing to do again," says Kingston.

"We had a lot of positive feedback; the first thing out of people's mouth was 'Are you going to do it next year?' So, we'll have enough to run the festival again and it will be September 21."

There is one more event slated to

mark the 200th anniversary of the Corunna survey. Nov. 1, the group will unveil some new historic sign board at the Clock Tower Square.

Kingston adds the group is also completing its collection for the time capsule. It plans to hold an essay contest with the winner given the honour of opening it in 50 years.

Unlike some time capsules, the one marking Corunna's 200th anniversary won't be buried in the ground. It will find a home at the St. Clair offices for the next half century.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



PHOTO CREDIT

Three post-secondary students from Lambton County were each awarded \$2,000 scholarships from proceeds of the 1991 International Ploughing Match held in Lambton. Rewarded for their community involvement and scholastic ability during the Brigden Fair were (left to right) Emma Oulette, from St. Clair and Tecla Gerrits, from Enniskillen. Absent was Aimee MacKinlay, from Plympton-Wyoming.

Albany Retirement Village

Downtown Retirement Living in a Quaint Victorian Town

Call to Book a Tour:

423 Albany Street
Petrolia, ON

www.albanyretirementvillage.com **519-882-3157**

Enjoy Friends | Enjoy Independence | Enjoy Life

The Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen

The Township of Enniskillen is a rural municipality in central Lambton County with a population of 2,500 people. The Township is seeking a person to fill a position as

DEPOT MONITOR

Reporting to the Administrator the successful applicant will monitor the traffic and waste being disposed at the depot. Duties will include, but will not be limited to:

- requesting identification from residents
- monitoring traffic allowed within the depot site
- monitoring types of wastes and recycling being disposed
- opening and closing of depot during operational hours
- keeping the site clean

The person hired for this position must be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions and must have good communication and conflict resolution skills

This is a part-time position. Hours of work will be split between two positions consisting of

Monday: 7:30 am to Noon
Wednesday: Noon to 5:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am to Noon
Saturday: 7:30 am to Noon

Applications clearly marked as to contents will be received by the undersigned until **November 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Duncan McTavish
dmctavish@enniskillen.ca
Township of Enniskillen
4465 Rokeby Line
Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0
Fax-519-882-3335

The information gathered is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001 and will be used to assist in selecting a candidate. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. The Township of Enniskillen is committed to accommodating individuals with disabilities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

HEY TRICK OR TREATERS

The Petrolia Municipal Office welcomes you on
Tuesday, October 31, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

While treats last!

Please enter upstairs by the terrace (patio) at
411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

Town of PETROLIA
you'll be surprised!

Regional virtual addictions program shelved as funding ended

Heather Wright
The Independent

A virtual program which helped hundreds of people in southwestern Ontario deal with their addictions has been shelved after the provincial government ended the funding which made it possible.

Finding the \$285,000 needed to keep it running each year has been impossible according to Laird Brush.

The executive director of the Westover Treatment center has been on a mission to make people aware that a program which literally saved lives has stopped operating, hoping to find \$285,000 to fund it.

Planning for the program was in the works before anyone heard the word COVID. But during the pandemic, the province offered cash to set up virtual programs. Westover jumped at the chance and started up the virtual program.

“The virtual program was built and designed and implemented to address historical barriers to treatment.”

And it smashed down a number of those barriers which kept people from seeking treatment at Westover’s residential program.

“We’re getting people from all over the

province and even outside the province. We were getting clients that wouldn’t ... necessarily succeed in residential treatment.” That includes people with anxiety who wouldn’t do well away from home, young mothers, and people serving time under house arrest. “So, it basically eliminated any barrier you could think of.”

And people didn’t have to wait for a referral; they could just call and be put on a list for the program. “It had a very short wait list,” said Brush.

The program wouldn’t have been possible without the provincial funding. Brush says Westover didn’t even have WIFI when the pandemic started. The provincial funding allowed the treatment center to get online, buy some Chromebooks to help those who didn’t have computers at home, a smart board for the virtual sessions and hire two counsellors.

“We had over 400 clients access services through their virtual day program (VDP) and we’ve had clients speak here at the center that have celebrated two years of continuous sobriety, just as a result of going through the VDP.”

While Brush had hard data to show the virtual program was helping more people at a lower cost, the province ended the COVID

funding and there was nothing to replace it. Despite visits to the Minister of Addictions and Mental Health and ministry staff, Brush hasn’t been able to secure new funding.

Westover continued running the program until August, using the charity’s reserves to fund it and hoping for some level of government to step up.

“I hesitate to say shut it down - because I’m still advocating and approaching the ministry to try and get funding when it becomes available for us... So far, no luck.”

The end of the program means more people will only have the residential program as an option. And, Brush says, it also led to layoffs. Two counsellors hired specifically to meet the virtual demand had to be let go.

“I managed to recruit two brilliant addiction counselors for that program, and then have to turn around and lay them off....it just doesn’t sit well.”

Particularly when Brush knows the highly-effective program doesn’t need a huge cash infusion to improve hundreds of lives.

“I can reach just as many people through our virtual program for the price of \$285,000.

“I mean, to me, it’s just insane that people don’t see that this is an obvious, worthwhile investment.”



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTOS

There was a whole lot of fun at the Fiery Faces event in Petrolia. Above, Jim Vergunst was busy carving one of the hundreds of pumpkins on display at Petrolia Discovery Thursday. Then Saturday, there was a Family Fun Day at the Y in Petrolia. Isabella Field-Bressette, 3, was dressed as a unicorn while doing crafts and Y Manager Wade Babula took his turn in the dunk tank filled with water and pumpkin guts. The event was a fundraiser for the Petrolia Kiwanis causes including the new splash pad.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO



The Key Tag Service protects your keys and supports essential programs for amputees.



Order key tags online – free.

1 800 250-3030
waramps.ca

FIND THE INDEPENDENT ONLINE @
PETROLIALAMBTONINDEPENDENT.CA



Great West Realty Inc.
Brokerage

Multi-Parcel Farm Real Estate Online Auction
Selling for M. Cook Farms Inc.



Parcel I - 1468 McAuslan Rd, Inwood, ON NON 1K0 - 100 +/- acre farm

100 +/- Total acres farm land
87.7 +/- workable acres (well drained) and 12.3 +/- acres of bush

Please feel free to walk the property at your convenience

Online auction bidding will open Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 8 AM

Auction will begin to close Monday, November 13, 2023 at 8 PM



Parcel II - 1610 Forest Rd, Inwood, ON NON 1K0 - 67.5 +/- acre farm

67.5 +/- Total acres farm land
67.5 +/- workable acres (well drained)

Please feel free to walk the property at your convenience

Online auction bidding will open Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 8 AM

Auction will begin to close Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 8 PM



Buyer's Information Package available on our website
www.GreatWestTeam.com or by calling the office at
519-882-4554

For more information call:
John Stephens, Auctioneer | Broker of Record 519-464-3560

SPORTS

LCCVI’s Zelenchuk going to OFSAA

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

More than a year ago, 15 year-old Yarko Zelenchuk fled war-torn Ukraine with his family. Today, the Grade 10 student at LCCVI is excelling on the tennis court.

Zelenchuk captured second place in the boys’ singles SWOSSAA championships in Chatham Oct. 18, falling to Chimnay Damani of Sarnia’s Northern Collegiate.

The win was a world away from where Zelenchuk was just 17 months ago - living with his family in Lviv, one of the largest cities in Ukraine.

Russia invaded the Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022 and by June 2022, the same month the Zelenchuk family arrived in Canada, Russian forces had occupied 20 percent of the Ukraine. By April 2023, an estimated eight million Ukrainians have been displaced inside Ukraine and more than 8.2 million fled the country.

Zelenchuk arrived in Canada on June 1, 2022, with his mother, Natalia, and younger brother, Darii, a Grade 6 student at St. Philip Catholic School in Petrolia. His father, Adrian, joined the family a short time later. His sister, Myroslava attends the University of Tulsa, where she also plays tennis.

Zelenchuk has relatives in the United States, but the family came to Canada because it was easier to obtain a visa. They came to the Petrolia area because a host family was found near Petrolia on a farm. The Zelenchuks stayed there a few months until they found accommodations in Petrolia.

The Zelenchuks lived in Lviv, a city 70 kilometres from the Polish border. It hasn’t been touched much by the war so far, as the war is mostly on the western part of the country near the Russian border.

Zelenchuk said Lviv is double the size of London, Ontario. You can sometimes hear a bomb burst in the distance, he said.

He still has relatives in the Ukraine, as his uncle and his 19 year-old cousin are in the Ukraine army. His grandmother also remains in the country, not wanting to leave her home or any of her family members who are fighting the Russians.

That means he will be separated from his extended family for some time. Zelenchuk believes the war will drag and even then he doubts he will return since the bombing has devastated much of the country, he said.

For now he is concentrating on tennis.

His father introduced him to the sport when he was a child. His sister Myroslava also helps him to improve when she stays with the family in Petrolia when she is not at university.

Zelenchuk credits Coach Pete Mueller and his son, Matt, with helping him to improve.

Matt, a Western University student who has been playing since he was a teen, made his comeback in tennis this summer by winning the Ontario Tennis Association’s Men’s Open 350 tournament in St. Thomas, after recovering from a car accident.

Mueller met the Zelenchuks when they first arrived.

Myroslava needed someone to hit tennis balls with, so his son, Matt, stepped up.

Zelenchuk was also playing and was getting some coaching. Mueller says Myroslava was translating for him at the time, so Mueller says, the teen has come a long way with his English. He then joined the high school’s tennis program in September.

“I am so proud of Yarko,” said Coach Mueller, saying Zelenchuk is the first

to make it to OFSAA in tennis since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

It is quite difficult to make it to OFSAA, said Mueller as it involves winning a series of tournaments.

In the first two tournaments, you must place in the top four to advance to the next level, with SWOSSAA having only the top two advance.

“I am just trying to prove myself,” he said, as Zelenchuk looks to the upcoming OFSAA championship. He has never competed at this level before, so he is sure he will be nervous heading into competition. He has no expectations about how he will do but can gain experience and use it as a springboard as he looks to return to the provincial competition in later years.

He would love to continue to play tennis at the university level and hopefully play professionally in the future.

But first, to OFSAA after his second place finish at SWOSSAA. And that will take some work, the teen says after losing twice to Damani - including in the final.

“I lost to him mentally,” said Zelenchuk. He was winning early in the final, but it began to rain, which threw him off, he says.

The top two advance to OFSAA in June 2024, which may give Zelenchuk another chance to face Damani.

His mental game is something Zelenchuk says he needs to work on as he prepares over the next few months.

For now, Zelenchuk is enjoying Petrolia saying people are friendly and the community is quiet and clean. And being part of the tennis team has helped him overcome his shyness.

Zelenchuk is also enjoying his time at LCCVI.

“I never thought school could be so enjoyable,” said Zelenchuk.

•THE INDEPENDENT



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

LCCVI's Yarko Zelenchuk practicing Monday in Petrolia.

DELIVERY DRIVER WANTED

Must have own reliable vehicle
Available Wednesdays
From 9 am to 5 pm

Resumés accepted until October 27, 2023.

THE INDEPENDENT 
SERVING PETROLIA AND CENTRAL LAMBTON



**CONTACT HEATHER @
news@petrolialambtonindependent.ca**

Petrolia Squires racking up the goals

Barry Wright
The Independent

For the third time this young season, the Petrolia Squires have hit double figures in Western Ontario Super Hockey League action.

Wyoming’s Adam Arsenault led the way Friday with two goals and three assists as the Squires downed Delhi, 10-3.

Petrolia had period leads of 4-0 and 9-1 on its way to the one-sided victory.

Kyler Keating and Ryan Trottier also each scored twice for the Squires with singles going to Jesse Ferguson, TJ Harris, Brendon Merritt and Brandon Biggers.

Biggers also had two assists. The Ferguson and Merritt markers were both shorthanded.

Ryan Fraser contributed three

helpers.

Brandon Campbell stopped 36 shots between the Petrolia pipes as the visitors outshot the Squires, 39-38.

Petrolia, now 5-1 on the season, are off until they take on the Aeros in Dunnville on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Their next home game is Friday, November 3 against the Tillsonburg Thunder.

McEwan’s six-pack leads Killer Bees to big win

The Independent

Newly-signed James McEwan made an immediate impact with six points in Alvinston’s 10-6 win over Orangeville in Western Ontario Super Hockey League action Saturday.

McEwan, the former OHLer with the Guelph Storm, had three goals and three assists.

Petrolia’s Carson Perry scored twice and added two assists for the Bees and Brennan Feasey had a goal and two helpers.

Caden Faulkner, Rylan Bowers, Ethan Lamoureux and Jacob Chantler

also scored for Alvinston, now 2-2 on the season.

Dane Gubbels made 24 stops for the goaltending win.

The winless Blitz scored twice in the final five minutes to make the score closer.

Friday, Former Sting Franco Sproveiro scored his first goal as a member of the Killer Bees and added an assist but the Bees fell 6-4 in Elora.

The home team erased a 3-1 deficit with four goals in nine-and-a-half minutes in the third period.

Lamoureux, Caden Faulkner and Ethan Nother had the other Alvinston

goals.

The Killer Bees outshot Elora, 43-36. Quinton Duncan took the loss between the pipes.

Alvinston is at home to Strathroy Saturday at 6:30 in its annual Halloween contest. Kids in costume are admitted free and adults in costume get in for half price.

MORE SPORTS ON PG 12



**James
McEwan**



HOW TO STAY IN THE GAME

PART 2 POST GAME STRETCHES

QUAD STRETCH
Stand with back to a wall or the rink boards. Kneel onto right knee (use a pad for cushioning) with right foot flat against a wall. Left knee should be bent in front of you at a 90-degree angle for support. Place hand on left knee for balance and lean back slightly to stretch right quad muscle. Hold the stretch for ten seconds. Switch legs and do three stretches on each side.

GLUTE STRETCH
Sit on the ground with one leg slightly bent behind and one leg slightly bent in front. Lower chest toward knee keeping back straight and holding chin up. Hold the stretch for 10 seconds. Switch legs and repeat three times on each side.

HIP STRETCH
Lay on back with knees bent and feet flat apart on the floor slightly more than shoulder width apart. Lower right knee on the floor and place left ankle on top of it pushing the knee towards the ground. Keep hips on the floor. Hold the stretch for 10 seconds. Switch sides and do three stretches on each side.



Dr. Storzuk



Dr. Martyniuk



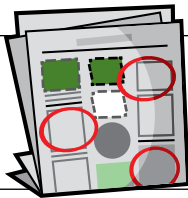
Lambton Chiropractic Centre

www.lambtonchiropractic.ca

431 King St., Petrolia • 519-882-1880

Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 noon

Classifieds



Word Classifieds: \$10 plus tax for up to 40 words
Stop in at the office 9am-3pm – Monday to Friday
4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728
or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

Death Notices

Oct. 17 - Oct. 24, 2023

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

BRESSETTE, Sarah Jenny
Age: 79
Denning's Forest Funeral Home

BULLOCK, Betty Lou Rebecca (Smith)
Age: 87
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

O'HARA, Lois (nee Bradley)
Age: 89
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

RILEY, Ruth (nee: Bayley)
Age: 89
D. J. Robb Funeral Home

MARTIN, David Edmin
Age: 84 of Wabash
Badder Funeral Home

ESSER, Peter Cornelius
Age: 69
Smith Funeral Home

THOMAS, Laura Grace (nee Watson)
Age: 73
Smith Funeral Home

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

McCONNELL, Melinda
Age: 52, of Inwood
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

MILLS, Elsie
Age: 102, formerly of Glencoe
Van Heck Funeral Home Ltd.

VONK, Gertrude "Trudy" Maria
Age: 93
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

BRIGHT, Frances Lucille (nee Arnel)
Age: 88
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

WEBB, Howard Ronald
Age: 93
McCormack Funeral Home

EDDLESTON, Syd
Age: 83
Smith Funeral Home

DEROOS, Wytze
Age: 92
Smith Funeral Home

CAPE, Maurice "Moe"
Age: 79
Smith Funeral Home

BLAKE (O'Donnell), Sylvia Joan Eloise
Age: 90
McKenzie Blundy Funeral Home

MacDONALD, Jennifer Nichole
Age: 30
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

GRAHAM, Marlene Elaine
Age: 86
Smith Funeral Home

DALEY, Joplin Burtie Isabella
Smith Funeral Home

BORLAND, Jessie Patricia "Pat"
Age: 76
Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

BOOTH, Robert John "Pete"
Age: 73
D. J. Robb Funeral Home

GRIGG, John Robert
Age: 55
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

YOUNG, Sarah
Age: 58
Smith Funeral Home

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

Obituary

RUSSELL Charles

In Loving memory of Charles Russell. Born in Donegal, Ireland, July 4, 1933. Retired from Imperial Oil, he began his craft learned in Ireland, of Master Stone Mason. Charles left his mark of excellence in anything made of stone from churches in Forest, Sarnia, Petrolia, and homes all over Ontario. Charles was predeceased by his eldest daughter in 2021, Silvia Elizabeth Patricia Russell. Sadly missed by his wife of 64 years, Silvia, and son Charles James "Timothy" Russell (wife Tina) of Oil Springs, daughter Erin Coleen Russell of Petrolia, five grandchildren, Haley, Tavia, Torin, Katrina, Emma, and 2 great grandchildren, Willow and Adah, who will all miss his great smile and quick wit. **A Celebration of Life will be held at New Life Assembly in Petrolia, on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 2:00 pm.**

Community Event

Hope United Church
Dine-in or Take-out
Turkey Supper

at B.A.I. Community Complex Alvinston
3310 WALNUT STREET • ALVINSTON

November 8th
5-7pm

ONLY 300 ADVANCE TICKETS
Call 519-847-5494

\$25/Meal or \$10 for children 6-12yrs
more info & ticket purchases can be made at
hopeunited1880@gmail.com

For Sale

FOR SALE: Cooper Top Action Air Hockey Table, originally purchased at Sears. Like new - hardly used. 4 pads and 4 discs. Scorekeeping at both ends. Solid construction. Legs are removable for moving. Wanting \$150. Call 226-886-4353 and leave a message. Serious inquiries only. You must be able to pickup - no delivery.

Wanting To Buy

GOLD SILVER

"Locally Owned"
56 Years of
SATISFIED CUSTOMERS"
Please Note: I did not recently send a coloured brochure to your home!
SELLING YOUR GOLD or SILVER JEWELRY?

I BUY ALL COINS, Watches, Military Items, Old Paper Money, Sterling Flatware? Before you sell take the time to get a **SECOND OPINION** (My offer is often Much Much Higher \$\$\$)

Fri., Nov. 3rd
Petrolia Lions Hall
457 Huggard St
Petrolia - 9am-4pm
FREE ESTIMATES NO OBLIGATION.

****Locally Owned****
56 Years of "SATISFIED CUSTOMERS"
House calls available
Call: Dan Jones B.A.B.Ed.
519-818-1805

Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 Noon

Hall Rentals

Wyoming Lions

554 Main Street

Reception Hall Rentals

Weddings
Anniversaries
Funerals
Business Meetings

Up to 150 seating capacity
Fully licensed by AGCO
Bookings and information
call: (519) 466 7806 or 845 3333



Real Estate

409 Simcoe St., Watford

Welcome to your dream family home! This 3 bedroom gem is on an extra-large lot, providing privacy & ample space for children to play. Spacious kitchen with breakfast bar, two 3-pc convenient bathrooms, elegant formal dining room, & main floor laundry. A spacious family room with a gas fireplace for cozy evenings, living room for family visits, updated windows & doors. Huge rear deck with a hot tub, in-floor heated 2-car garage makes fantastic workshop & storage space. Water feature, and storage shed for tools. Watford offers all amenities.

NEW PRICE \$549,000

SHANAHAN REALTY INC. BROKERAGE
177 John Street, P.O. Box 561, Watford, Ontario, N0M 2S0 • www.shanahanrealty.com
Leo Shanahan Sales Representative
Direct: 519-878-5981 • leo@shanahanrealty.com • Office: 226-848-6684

WELCOME TO: 470 Oozloffsky Street, Petrolia

\$679,900 incl. HST

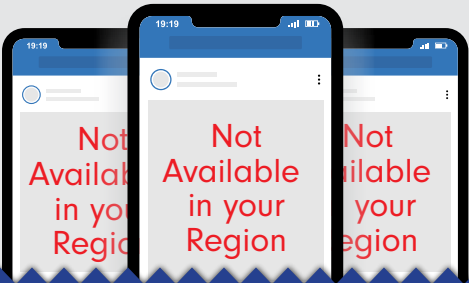
***SAT OCT 28TH 1-3 P.M. OPEN HOUSE**

NEW MODEL HOME, BUNGALOW IN PETROLIA'S NEWEST SUBDIVISION. 3 BEDROOMS UP & 2 BEDROOMS DOWN. 16X11 COVERED BACK DECK. HUGE FINISHED REC ROOM AND BATH FINISHED DOWN. OTHER LOTS & PLANS AVAILABLE. Built by Spectra Construction a local family owned business specializing in quality built custom homes in Petrolia and area for over 35 years.

BOB LEAPER
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
CELL **519-331-1142**
OFFICE **519-882-3242**
bleaper@rivernet.net
petroliaareahomes.ca

COLDWELL BANKER
SOUTHWEST REALTY
BROKERAGE

CAN'T FIND YOUR LOCAL NEWS ON FACEBOOK?



JOIN OUR NEW PAGE:
FRIENDS OF THE
INDEPENDENT

YOU'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THE
LATEST NEWS,
AND FIND A LINK TO THE STORY!

THE INDEPENDENT
SERVING PETROLIA AND CENTRAL LAMBTON

YOUR SOURCE FOR NEWS IN PETROLIA AND CENTRAL LAMBTON
WWW.PETROLIALAMBTONINDEPENDENT.CA

Classified Deadline: Monday @ 12 Noon

Bazaar & Vendor Market

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & VENDOR MARKET
AT THE NAVY CLUB

1420 Lougar Ave., Sarnia
Saturday, November 4th from 9:30am to 3pm

Featuring 25 local vendors, Homemade Baked Goods, Meat Pies, Buns, Frozen Meals (Lasagna & Cabbage Rolls & Pizza). As well our Hot Lunch Café with Homemade Chili, Walking Tacos and Hot Dogs!

Proceeds from this event will support programs at the Navy Club
Hosted by Kiki's Crusaders & Friends

ADVERTISING POLICY

The publisher of this newspaper, reserves the right to clarify or refuse any advertisement based on its sole discretion. The publisher reserves the right to reject, discontinue or omit any advertisement without notice or penalty to either party. Liability for errors or non-insertion is limited to the amount paid for the cost of space occupied by the error. Claims of errors must be made prior to the next publication date.

BE IN THE KNOW
AS NEWS HAPPENS
SIGN UP FOR:

NEWS
ALERTS

Email to:
petroliaindie@gmail.com



Lost And Found



These sunglasses are looking for their owner.

If you had visited The Independent office week of Oct 2nd - 6th you left these behind.

Flyers drop two games, the Flags snap a skid and Richardson gets hat trick

The Independent

The Port Stanley Sailors scored a pair of power play goals and an empty net marker in the final 11 minutes of the third period to break a tie and lift the home team to a 5-2 PJHL win Saturday over the Petrolia Flyers.

Andrew Jaques had both goals for the Flyers, his first two goals of the campaign. Parker Davidson drew an assist on both goals.

Ethan Everaert had 29 saves for Petrolia.

At home Oct. 19, The North Middlesex Stars scored four times with the man advantage in an 8-2 win over the Flyers.

Tanner Hull and Noah Harse scored for the Flyers and Cameron Davidson and Daniel Gibson both recorded a pair of assists.

The Flyers host Dorchester Thursday and visit Lucan on Saturday.

Meantime; John Chartrand blocked 35 shots for his first shutout of the season to backstop the Mooretown Flags to a 6-0 win over the Admirals in Amherstburg Sunday.



Andrew Jaques



John Chartrand

It was Chartrand’s third career PJHL shutout and his second in Amherstburg. He blanked the Admirals last November.

Jace Dupuis led the Flags offensively with two goals and two assists with Dylan Dupuis adding a goal and two helpers.

Alex Simpson, Kaleb Edlington and Wil O’Leary-Dilosa each had a goal and an assist for the winners.

The win snapped a five-game

losing streak by the Flags improving their record to 4-6-1.

Mooretown is at Dresden Friday and then back at home to entertain Wheatley Saturday at the Moore Sports Complex.

And in the GOJHL; Ryan Richardson’s first career GOJHL hat trick led the Sarnia Legionnaires to a 6-3 win over St. Marys Saturday at Pat Stapleton Arena.

The Plympton-Wyoming product is tied for the team leading in scoring with 11 points in 11 games.

Colton Graham, Cam Graham and Ayden Hakkers also scored for Sarnia.

Jace McGrail and Austin Harper both had two assists.

Logan Phillips earned his third win of the season with 35 saves.

Earlier in the week, Sarnia lost 5-1 to the London Nationals on Thursday with Ty Moffatt scoring the lone Legionnaire goal. The Vipers beat the Legionnaires, 4-1 Oct. 18 in LaSalle.

Sarnia is now 5-5-1 on the season and host Chatham Thursday before the Maroons entertain Sarnia Sunday.



Ryan Richardson

Redick, Lords win silver

Sydney Redick and her Durham Lords teammates finished second at the OCAA provincial women’s softball championship.

The Oshawa-based Lords lost 8-3 to Windsor’s St. Clair College in the final Saturday. The Saints had forced the one-game showdown with a 17-3 win over Durham earlier in the day. Durham had beaten St. Clair, 7-4 in the preliminary round and downed Mohawk, 7-2.

Redick ended her collegiate career batting .417 over the four games with a solo home run, two walks, two runs scored and four RBI.



Sydney Redick

BRIEFLY: Duncan comes home

Alvinston’s Hayden Duncan is coming home. The 17-year-old goalie has been acquired by the Strathroy Rockets of the GOJHL from the CCHL’s Ottawa Junior Senators. Duncan, a sixth round pick by the Ottawa 67’s in 2022, played six games as an affiliated player with the Rockets last season.

...

The Petrolia Oilers U18 squad won the Doug Kennedy Classic hockey tournament in Kincardine last weekend. The Oilers went 5-1, including a 3-0 win over Lambton Shores in the final. Listowel outscored Mooretown, 5-3 in the consolation final.

...

Former Petrolia Squire Breydan Belan is the head coach of the Lambton Jr. Sting U13 which won the CCM Motown tournament in suburban Detroit. The Sting defeated the Carolina Jr. Hurricanes, 4-1 in the final. The Lambton roster includes Warwick’s Austin Scott, Forest’s Owen Tremaine and Lynkohn Gavigan and Max Gauvin, both of Corunna.

...

A win to move Oil Springs’ Dale Hunter into second place on the OHL all-time coaching wins list is proving elusive. Hunter and his Knights tied the second place mark with a win in Brantford, but then lost to Erie and Saginaw on the weekend. London will try again hosting the Ottawa 67’s Friday.

...

James Grant of LCCVI and North Lambton’s Wyatt Ferguson won the junior and novice boys’ titles respectively at the LKSSAA cross country championships in Chatham. Michael Belan of the Lancers was second in the senior boys’ race and Ella McCallum had the top female finish among LCCVI athletes. She was sixth in the novice girls’ category.

...

The London Western Track and Field Club, including North Lambton grad Connor Black of Forest, won the men’s team title at the Mayor’s Cup cross country race in Boston on the weekend. Black was fifth just 12 seconds behind the winner in the tightly contested race.

...

LCCVI’s junior boys’ soccer season came to an end Monday, bowing 6-1 to Northern in semi-final action. The Lancer girls hosted Northern in sudden death semi-final Tuesday but the score was not available prior to our press time.

1G Unlimited High Speed Internet

Canquest is now offering 1G Unlimited High Speed Internet at an incredibly low monthly price. Order today and receive 10% off our already low price, limited time only!

84⁹⁵

plus tax per month

Call today or visit us online to learn more!

Fast, Easy Self-serve Installation!

235 St. Clair St., Chatham
1-844-333-2220
Since 1992

*Regular price of \$94.95 after three months. Price based on self-serve installation. Call or visit canquest.com for full details.

CANQUEST
Connecting You to the World
canquest.com

— NO —
CONTRACT!

SAVE
10%