

Patient, staff info stolen in hack

Hospitals, IT company work with OPP, INTERPOL and FBI as hackers demand ransom

Heather Wright
The Independent

Bluewater Health says patient and staff information has been taken in the cyber attack which has crippled hospital IT systems for a week.

Oct. 25, TransForm Shared Service Organization – which runs IT, billing and supply services for five hospitals in Chatham-Kent, Essex and Lambton – including Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia – and other health organizations in the region announced it was having IT problems linked to a cyber attack. Patients were notified that some appointments would be cancelled and staff was registering patients still being seen with pen and paper.

Late Friday, TransForm said police were investigating the hack and that there was no estimate when services at the hospital will return to normal. *The Independent* has reached out to Bluewater Health multiple times since Oct. 26 to determine how many and what type of patient services were cancelled. Our calls have not been returned.

Tuesday, in a joint statement, the hospitals and TransForm said patient data had been compromised. And the organization confirmed some patient and staff data has been stolen.

“Working with leading cyber security experts, we have determined through our investigation that, unfortunately, certain patient, employee and professional staff data has been taken and there is the possibility that the actors responsible for this attack may publish some of the stolen data,” the statement reads. “We continue to investigate to determine the exact data impacted, and any individuals whose data was affected by this cyber attack will be notified in accordance with the law.”

The statement adds “we can confirm that we are victims of a ransomware attack.” Ransomware is designed to deny a user or organization access to files on their computer. The hackers then demand a ransom payment for the decryption key as the easiest and cheapest way to regain access to the files.

“We are working closely with law enforcement – including local police departments, Ontario Provincial Police, INTERPOL and FBI – and we have notified all relevant regulatory organizations including the Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner.”

TransForm says it is “continuing to work around the clock to restore systems” and “expect to have updates” in the coming week.

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SCHOOL OF SCARY



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Mad Scientist Ireland Farr was brewing up a frightful experiment as part of Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute's haunted house on Tuesday put on by the school's drama club. The students pulled out all the stops making sure people got their fill of Halloween with a haunted house filled with ghouls, witches and even a mad scientist, which had many running in fear. Donations were being collected and will be put back into the drama club.

Petrolia politicians want meeting with Scotiabank

Heather Wright
The Independent

Petrolia politicians want a face-to-face meeting with Scotiabank officials after learning the local branch will be closed.

Employees of the Petrolia Line branch were told in mid-October the 112 year-old fixture on Petrolia Line would be closing. Clients were being told the accounts would be “merging” with the Bright’s Grove branch. Sources say

the branch will close in the next six months.

The news came around the same time Scotiabank announced it would be cutting about three per cent of its global workforce - about 2,700 staff members across the country.

Scotiabank said 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.”

The company, which made \$2.2 billion last quarter, says the layoffs and sell off of real estate will cost about \$310 million with the cost savings being realized in 2025.

Acting Mayor Joel Field is disappointed Scotiabank is leaving Petrolia.

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CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT



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Kaitlyn Ellwood and Sarah Land of LCCVI’s Earth Heroes club were out in Victoria Park Friday cleaning up garbage. Ten of the club’s 26 members cleared debris from the school grounds, at the club’s community garden on Glenview Drive and in Victoria Park as part of its Community Service Day. Next week, the club will be doing the first pickup of recyclables at the school. Recently, the school has not had recycling bins in the classrooms, however the environmental club arranged for blue boxes in all the rooms and will be collecting the recyclables.

OPP recover 36 guns near St. Clair River

The Independent

Lambton OPP say 36 handguns were found near Port Lambton thanks to a tip. Early Thursday morning, the OPP Border Enforcement Security Task Force got a tip about a jet ski with two people on board in the St. Clair River in the Port Lambton Area near Old River Road. Old River Road runs from Brander Park to the marina near the north tip of Walpole Island. The OPP, including officers from Corunna, the Canine Unit, the Emergency Response Team and Walpole Island police searched the area and found 36 illegal firearms.

The two people on the jet ski weren’t found. Officers believe the suspects may have fled the area on foot. Investigators are seeking information from the public that may help identify the suspects and locate the missing jet ski. Det. Insp. Lee Fulford of the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau says illegal firearms are used by organized crime. “Any tip from the public, no matter how small, may be the missing piece that officers need to solve this investigation and to prevent future firearms smuggling incidents.”

Field wants bank to hear impact of branch closure

CON’T FROM PG 1

Field has reached out to the bank’s upper management asking for a meeting to discuss the plan. “A lot of times their decisions are made, but I think that it’s important for them to understand the impact on our community and we need to tell them the impact on our community,” Field tells The Independent. “Decisions are made at a very high level and I don’t know if it’s going to make any difference and it hasn’t in other small communities - Wyoming being an example of one - but I feel that we need to know their plans for community.” Field says the loss of Scotiabank not only

leaves people without services, they leave behind 112 years of history in the downtown. “Scotiabank has been in the center of town as a beautiful building and served a lot of people so definitely impacting them.”



Petrolia Scotiabank branch to close

Hackers take patient data, look for ransom

CON’T FROM PG 1

“The hospitals will continue to do their best to contact patients directly in advance if they have a scheduled appointment with one of our hospitals that needs to be rescheduled. “If patients do not need emergency care, we ask that they please attend their primary

care provider or local clinic.” TransForm and Bluewater Health added “due to the fact we have notified and engaged law enforcement as part of a criminal investigation we will not be providing further comment in response to this statement.”

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Campbell House ‘not salvageable’

Conservation authority looks to appeal denial of building permit

Heather Wright
The Independent

Steve Miller doesn’t think the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority should spend anymore time or money on trying to save a historic home at AW Campbell Conservation Area in Alvinston. The St. Clair Township deputy mayor recently expressed his frustration about the ongoing battle between the authority and Brooke-Alvinston and the Friends of Campbell House.

Brooke-Alvinston council turned down a formal request for a demolition permit for the historic home of Archie Campbell who donated the land for the park decades ago. The building is one of the oldest farmhouses in the area. But it has fallen into disrepair over the last 20 years.

In September 2021, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority voted to take down the home. But the board set the matter aside after the Friends of Campbell House was formed, hoping to restore the home for community use.

Oct. 26, Ken Phillips, general manager of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, told the board he had not made any progress getting the group to explain what it was doing and how it would fund any repairs.

A letter had been sent to Brooke-Alvinston asking for a demolition permit for the property, but Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek and other members of council said the municipality should delay the demolition so the Friends of Campbell House had a chance to devise a plan.

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

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

But the SCRCA board is not about to let that happen.

“We have spent a lot of time and money on Campbell House,” Miller said. “If Brooke-Alvinston can spend all the time and money they want on it, but I don’t think our staff should spend any more time. We have an engineer’s report saying basically it is not salvageable, so when does this end?”

“I think it should end now.” Board Member Emery Huzska agreed. “In this case, I think we’ve done our due diligence. I strongly support the position of the board to investigate all options before we finally said goodbye to the building.”

Saying he believes the authority has done all it can, Huzska said the board should authorize staff to appeal the denial of the building permit to the appropriate authority including the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Board member Anne Marie Gilles tried one last time to find a solution. “Can we not gift it to the municipality because really, they’re the ones that are going to be using it, promoting it, helping to bring tourism to the municipality because of it and we are basically we’re partners,” she said.

But Phillips said the municipality would have to secure the building. “The snow fencing installed around the Campbell house has not been effective in keeping visitors from entering the building. More substantial fencing should be considered if the building is to remain (for three years or longer) without significant structural repairs,” he wrote in a report to the board. He suggested that costs would be in the thousands of dollars. And Phillips says the Friends of Campbell House have been unwilling to talk about footing that bill.

And there was concern at Brooke-Alvinston about the potential costs also. Clerk Janet Denkers, in a report to council in September, said the municipality’s insurance agents said since the property belongs to the SCRCA, the conservation authority is liable and hold the insurance costs.

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

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

The board agreed the permit had to be appealed. It’s unclear at this point where that appeal would be sent.

Loosley returned to Petrolia mayor’s chair Wednesday

Heather Wright
The Independent

Petrolia Mayor Brad Loosley will be back on the job Nov. 1.

Loosley, who was re-elected last October, has been on medical leave since April. The mayor had bypass surgery.

When his leave was announced, the Councillor Joel Field stepped up to fill the duties as acting mayor.

“I definitely enjoyed it,” Field told *The Independent* during one of his last official duties as acting mayor – the beginning of the Royal Canadian Legion’s Poppy Campaign. “It wasn’t the way I wanted to step in as first opportunity as a mayor, but it’s definitely given me the knowledge and some experience to understand

if it’s the next step. I definitely enjoyed the opportunity but I’m happy that Mayor Loosley is back healthy again.”

Field says the job was a lot busier than the councillor position. “I had more calls because they wanted to speak to the mayor.”

While Field was serving as acting mayor, council voted to reinstate the position of deputy mayor and appoint Field to the position when the mayor returned. It was a position Field should have held when he was first elected in 2011 as the top vote getter. The new position will be appointed by council at the recommendation of the mayor.

“I’m definitely excited about the new role as deputy mayor and I plan to continue serving the community the best I can and step up whenever needed.”

Council okays hardball mound at Alvinston diamond

The Independent

The head of Alvinston’s Minor Ball Association says a portable pitchers mound won’t draw young people to play hardball.

Jason Migchels spoke to Brooke-Alvinston briefly as it discussed whether to purchase a portable mound instead of turning one of Alvinston’s diamonds into a hardball diamond. Migchels said there are seven hardball teams in Alvinston and he’d like to see a U18 team established. “The

proposal for the mound in the first place was to show that our association was serious about hardball.” But he added a portable mound wouldn’t attract the older players.

Councillor Jenny Redick voiced concern that a permanent mound would mean only hardball could use it and she opposed the move.

But council agreed to move ahead adding the mound would be dirt and could be removed if necessary in the future.

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EDITORIAL

The push to raise rural taxes

If you look at Stephen Ikert’s charts, successive Ontario governments seem to have accomplished what they planned to do all along - despite years of complaints from rural Ontario.

Ikert is the treasurer in Brooke-Alvington. He wrote a report which outlines how the provincial government has over the last 12 years whittled away at the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to the point where the municipality gets about \$1.2 million less in 2024 than it did in 2012.

He estimated about \$8.6 million in provincial funding which would have gone to Brooke-Alvington was redirected to larger cities.

And that left only one thing for municipal councillors to do - as Ikert’s handy chart showed - raise taxes.

As the OMPF money disappeared, municipal taxes in Brooke-Alvington went up to compensate for the lost dollars.

Rural politicians have told us over the years that their municipalities weren’t getting grants because “our taxes are too low” according to provincial bean counters.

Of course, they’re not calculating the services in those communities; Brooke-Alvington - nor any other rural Lambton municipality - doesn’t have transit or big swimming pools, outdoor ice pads for residents to use or professional firefighters - all things you find in a larger city with higher taxes.

In rural Ontario, firefighters are “volunteers” even though they have to meet professional standards. If a community wants an outdoor ice rink, the local service club starts raising cash to make it happen. And in Brooke-Alvington local service clubs raise money to support the existing municipal arena - likely because the municipality has far less provincial funding to support it.

While municipalities have to raise taxes to cover the deficit, they also cut costs; usually roads and bridges are the first projects put off because they’re the most expensive.

We like Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott’s idea that the province provide more grants to repair roads and bridges. It’s a matter of public safety and you’d think governments would see the value in that. But perhaps not since Marriott is still waiting for that to happen.

Maybe he needs a chart or two to convince them.

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OUR STORY



PETROLIA HERITAGE PHOTO


This photo from the Petrolia Heritage sight is of Murray McQueen and Hugh Sharkey. Murray was killed in action in World War I but Hugh survived the war. Enlisted in the 70th & transferred to the 58th Battalion overseas. The Sharkey family owned and operated the Normandy Hotel in Petrolia for 11 years in the early 1900's. The Normandy was destroyed by fire in ca. 1915.

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ZOMBIES INVADE ALVINSTON



Madelyn Schalk and her seven-year-old niece Amelia Schalk-Molson wait for some unsuspecting individuals to walk by as the Alvinston Optimist Club held its annual zombie walk. Zombies were hiding among the trees at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area on Saturday afternoon.

Another year, more funding cuts for rural Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

Another year, another loss. What was decried as unfair over the past decade is now noted and lamented, but without any calls for the provincial government to restore the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to its original purpose - helping rural communities. The grant funding replaced the farm tax credit. But starting with the Ontario Liberals, successive governments have chipped away at the grant, giving small rural municipalities less money and granting to larger cities in a funding model that still has administrators across the province scratching their heads while trying to figure out how the government comes up with the figures.

The 2024 yearly grants came out with little fanfare and in Brooke-Alvinston, the township Treasurer Stephen Ikert noted the province will provide \$56,200 less in 2024 than it did this year. That's a drop of about 12.4 per cent.

Since 2012, Ikert told council, the municipality has lost \$1.2 million in funding. If it had been paid at the same level as 2012, Brooke-Alvinston would have received a total of \$8.6 million more over the last 11 years.

"In 2012 our OMPF funding was equivalent to \$1,537 per household; in 2024 it will be equivalent to \$375 per household in Brooke-Alvinston," he noted in a report to council Oct. 26.

Across the county, particularly in small urban municipalities, everyone is seeing some of the provincial funding disappear.

Dawn-Euphemia's OMPF grant is dropping by just over \$10,000 this year to \$237,600.

Enniskillen loses about \$3,100 with a grant of \$306,500 this year.

Lambton Shores will receive about \$1,759,000, about \$41,000 less than 2023.

Oil Springs, which has the highest per capita OMPF grant at \$585 per household, will receive \$180,000 this year - \$900 less than last year.

St. Clair Township will receive about \$14,000 less on its \$958,000 grant.

And Sarnia will receive a smaller piece of the pie this year with a grant of \$3,567,200 - about \$34,200 less than 2023.

The only municipalities receiving an increase are Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming and Warwick.

Petrolia sees the largest funding jump - it receives \$39,200 more in 2024, taking in \$919,100.

Plympton-Wyoming, one of the fastest growing municipalities in Lambton, will receive \$822,200 in funding in 2024 - about \$13,600 more than 2023.

And Warwick breaks almost even, getting an extra 900 bucks on its \$418,900 grant.

When *The Independent* contacted Lambton County Warden and Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott, he had not yet heard the grants had been released.

"Usually, (Clerk) Duncan (McTavish) tells me when they come in."

Marriott was among dozens of rural leaders who leaned on Doug Ford in the 2018 to restore the funding. When Ford became premier, the cuts kept coming. And the rural leaders kept asking for something to be done.

"I bring it up every time I get a chance," says Marriott of the continuous funding reductions. "I never, ever get an answer."

Marriott seems resigned to the province clawing back the grant. "I've suggested bringing back road and bridge grants instead. But both levels of government don't want to talk about roads and bridges anymore."

NOT SO SURE ABOUT HALLOWEEN



Six-month-old Clementine Williamson did not know what to think as she experiences her first Halloween. Dressed as the cutest organic fruit at the Halloween party at the youth centre in Oil Springs on Saturday. The little one appears to be done with it all, even before prizes were given out.

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Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MP Liane Rood and Warwick Township Mayor Todd Case look out over the ice at the East Lambton Community Complex from an accessible viewing area Friday. Rood was in Watford to formally acknowledge the \$100,000 grant provided by the federal government to make the ELCC accessible. The viewing ramp, a new accessible change room and accessible doors are among the features making the centre user friendly. In all, Warwick offset the \$11.5 million cost of renovating the arena and building the centre with \$3.2 million in community donations and grants from the upper levels of government. The rest is being financed through a loan.

Short term rental rules get legal look next

Heather Wright
The Independent

Rules to govern short term rentals in Plympton-Wyoming are one step closer to reality.

Council got its first look at the proposed bylaw Monday, suggested some changes and clarifications and agreed to have lawyers take a look at the bylaw before holding a public meeting.

The draft bylaw says no one can operate an AirBnB type rental without a \$700 licence. Operating without out one could lead to a \$1,400 fine. Trailers, boats or accessory buildings can't be used. Owners have to respond to any calls from bylaw enforcement investigating problems within an half hour and have someone onsite in an hour.

And there is a whole list of items designed to prevent noise and parking disturbances including no loud indoor music, revving of car engines and fireworks.

The draft bylaw also limits the number

of dogs on the property to three and the number of people to up to 10.

While many councillors question some of the items - including the suggestion every short term rental have a landline telephone - most believed there should be a way to give local residents who live in the rental a break on the licencing fees.

But Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen suggested going another route. She had recently read the municipality of Lakeshore banned all short term rentals. She suggested Plympton-Wyoming "consider not allowing short term rentals in our municipality in residential areas that are not owner operated. It would eliminate a lot of problems," she told council.

The other STR are "commercial operations" and should be taxed that way she added.

McEwen's idea was briefly discussed, but council voted instead to continue preparing a licencing bylaw.

It will go to a public meeting next before any final decision is made.

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Grandson donates WWI uniforms

The Independent

For more than 100 years, the Fairbank family of Petrolia and Oil Springs has preserved the WWI uniforms worn by Maj. C.O. Fairbank.

Now, Charlie Fairbank of Oil Springs, has donated his grandfather's uniforms to the Lambton Heritage Museum in Grand Bend.

The full-length Great Coat of heavy wool, a shorter winter jacket, an officer's uniform with pants and three hats donated recently are in addition to another of his grandfather's uniforms at the Heritage Museum.

"My grandfather's uniforms have become artifacts that tell the larger story of the incredible sacrifices Canadians made during this horrific war," says Fairbank.

"The men were husbands, fathers, sons, brothers and all of Canada was affected."

Lambton Heritage Museum's Curator/Supervisor, Dana Thorne, was pleased when the Fairbank family made this donation.

"Since one of Major C.O. Fairbank's uniforms and his engraved flask are already in our museum collection, this was a great opportunity to collect additional items to tell more of his story," she said.

"There is also archival material relating to his service in the Great War at the Lambton County Archives, including transcriptions of his diary and photographs of Fairbank and his fellow soldiers in uniform. With the addition of these new uniforms and hats, we have a very clear picture of Fairbank's military service during a crucial period of our history."

In 1916, Maj. Fairbank was reeve of Lambton County and had long been known as Dr. Fairbank.

He had oil lands in California and also headed the 70th Battalion.

Initially, he was to recruit but felt compelled to have first-hand knowledge of the war. At the age of 58 he left for overseas, leaving this wife Clara and the Fairbank mansion where the youngest of



Major. C.O. Fairbank



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Maj. C.O. Fairbank poses with his recruits in front of Sunnyside in Petrolia and below is a photo of Fairbank with A.P. Ross in Steenvoorde, France, Aug. 4, 1916.

his four sons was only a year old.

Initially he was stationed in England, then transferred to the 18th Battalion and from the trenches, he witnessed the Battle of the Somme where almost 25,000 soldiers from Canada and Newfoundland died.

He returned home in November 1916 and as the year concluded, he wrote in his journal, "The old year is gone with its scenes of carnage and desolation and misery. May the new year bring victory to the Allies that will assure peace in the future."

The war ended in 1918 at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Maj. Fairbank became Petrolia's mayor in 1919 and he died at the age of 66 in 1925.



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THE FIRST POPPIES



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216 President Robert White pinned Lambton County leaders with the first Poppies in the region. The annual Poppy Campaign leading up to Remembrance Day began with the brief ceremony of providing the marker of Remembrance to community leaders including MPP Bob Bailey, Wyoming Legion Branch President Connor Weed, Lambton County Warden, Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott and Petrolia Acting Mayor Joel Field.

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At the going down of the sun and in the morning ... We Remember; Saturday November 11, 2023

Join your local Royal Canadian Legion to mark Remembrance Day

Alvinston

Nov. 5 - Remembrance Service at Guthrie Presbyterian Church at 10:30 am
Nov. 5 - Honours and Awards Banquet at the Alvinston Legion starting at 5 pm. Tickets \$20.
Nov. 10 - Brooke Central Public School service at 10:30 am
Nov. 11 - Act of Remembrance 10:45 am at the cenotaph at the Alvinston Library on River Street.
Nov. 12 - Remembrance Service at the Inwood United Church at 10 am

Brigden

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph 10:45 am with lunch to follow at the Legion

Corunna

Nov. 4 - Honours and Awards Remembrance Banquet at the Legion - 5 pm
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph at the Corunna Clock Tower - 10:45 am

Florence

Nov 5 - Remembrance Day Service at 1 pm

Oil Springs

Nov 5 - Remembrance Day Service at 11am at the Oil Springs Legion, followed by a short procession to the cenotaph for laying of the wreaths - light lunch to follow back at the Legion

Petrolia

Nov. 5 - 9 am, Remembrance Service at St. Philip's Church
Nov. 5 - 2 pm Wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park
Nov. 11 - Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park—11 a.m.
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Dinner at Branch 216 Legion 4129 Glenview Street, Petrolia at 5:30 pm.

Plympton-Wyoming

Nov. 5 - Camlachie Remembrance Service Community meets at the Camlachie Community Centre at 10:30 to walk to the cenotaph at 10:45 am for service.
The Huron Shores Optimists will be serving Bacon on a Bun for \$3 at the hall after the service.
Nov. 11 - Wyoming Remembrance Day Service at 10:50 am at the Cenotaph. In case of inclement weather the service will be in the Wyoming Legion Hall.

Watford

Nov. 5 - Branch 172 Remembrance Service at Trinity Anglican Church at 9:30 am
Nov. 5 - Branch 172 Levee Brunch at the Legion from 10 am to 1 pm
Nov. 11 - Act of Remembrance at the Watford Cenotaph At 10:50 am; socializing at the Legion afterwards



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216 President Robert White pins the first poppy on Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey Friday morning in Petrolia. The annual Poppy Campaign leading up to Remembrance Day began with the brief ceremony of providing the marker of Remembrance to community leaders including Bailey, Wyoming Legion Branch President Connor Weed, Lambton County Warden, Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott and Petrolia Acting Mayor Joel Field. Poppies can be found in a number of local businesses where a donation can be made to support Canadian veterans.

Why we wear a Poppy

The Poppy is a powerful symbol of Remembrance

From the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day, millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to never forget those who served and sacrificed. The red flower also is the symbol of the Legion's Poppy Campaign, raising funds to support Veterans and their families in need. We invite everyone across the country to show their recognition by proudly wearing this symbol of Remembrance.

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The Two Minutes of Silence is a poignant moment in the Remembrance Day Service that incorporates symbolic association in a brief, non-religious ceremony.

The Last Post

A bugler plays The Last Post, signifying the calling home of the spirits of the Fallen to rest. The Last Post originally was played to signal the camp was secured for the night. It was also played to call out to wounded or separated soldiers at the end of a battle, to guide them home to safety and rest.

Two Minutes of Silence

At the stroke of eleven, Canadians across the country join to collectively pause for two minutes of silence to honour, thank and remember the Fallen. This sacred moment also symbolizes Canada standing sentry in silence as the Fallen rest.

The Lament

At the National Remembrance Day Ceremony, a bagpiper plays The Lament, symbolizing the sounds of spouses and children crying over their dead.

The Rouse

The end of the two minutes of silence is signalled by the bugler playing the Rouse. The Rouse was originally used to wake soldiers. In this ceremony the Rouse wakes the Fallen and rises them above their mortal duties to rest in peace.

The Act of Remembrance

The symbolic ceremony finishes with an officiate reciting of the Act of Remembrance.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

To which all participants respond with
“We will remember them.”





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Isabel Hyatt, 6, above was playing a Halloween version of tic tac toe and Abraham Williamson, 7, takes his best shot at putting in Oil Springs on Saturday at the village's Halloween party. Three-year-old Ara Adekola puts together a craft at the Cackling Cauldrons event held on Saturday at the Oil Museum in Oil Springs. And Maddison, 5, and Liam Best, 8, put frosting on their mini cakes as they attended a Halloween Party at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Sunday afternoon.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Town Of
PLYMPTON-WYOMING

Concerning Proposed
Official Plan Amendment #57 &
Zoning By-law Amendment 121 of 2023

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming will hold a **Public Meeting on Monday, November 27th, 2023, at 6:00p.m. at the Town Council Chambers** to consider proposed Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendments under Sections 22 & 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Note, Council Chambers has a limited capacity for in-person participation. The meeting will be streamed live and recorded for public viewing on the Town's YouTube page using the following link: www.youtube.com/@townofplymptonwyoming/streams Should you wish to participate virtually, you must register in advance to lsmeekens@plympton-wyoming.ca by 12:00 p.m. Monday, November 27th, 2023 to receive instructions on virtual attendance.

The Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments would amend the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Official Plan & Zoning By-law to enable regulation and enforcement of Short-Term Rentals.

No Key Map has been provided as the proposed Official Plan Amendment, and Zoning By-law Amendment apply to all land within the boundaries of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming

The Proposed Amendments and copies of this notice will be available at the public meeting or by visiting or contacting the Municipal Office at the address below during regular office hours after Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023. Note, when considering whether to attend, there is the potential of the amendments not being passed exactly as drafted.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2023

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact:
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Sombra calendar shows historic barns disappearing from the landscape

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

Take a drive in any rural area in southern Ontario, and you will come across an older barn or two in various states of disrepair. But there aren't as many as there once was according to Darrell Randall - a member of the Sombra Museum Board.

Around the turn of the century, a volunteer photographer went throughout the former Sombra Township taking shots of the various barns.

There were 240 barns

documented at the time, and the Sombra Museum created a calendar it sold as a fundraiser. Randall recently gave a presentation about the heritage of the old barns featured in the calendar.

In 2000, the museum created a calendar using the photos of the barns as a fundraiser for the organization. Another calendar was created this year as a fundraiser for the museum, but this time there are less barns to choose from with 80 barns being demolished since the turn of the millennium with another 40 in

poor shape. During that time, Randall was one of those who took down a barn he owned that was not in good shape.

Many of the barns offer some unique architecture and heritage, said Randall, as most were built with materials, which were found right on the farm. He is not a fan of municipalities giving heritage designations to buildings or sites. If these structures are to be preserved, it will be up to the barn owners, Randall said. The only way these older barns will remain in the future is if they are repurposed.

Most of the barns that still remain were constructed in the early 1900s, but the oldest one dates back to the 1880s.

Randall has been renovating and repurposing his own barn, a structure that turned 100 this year being built in 1923 by his great aunt and uncle.

He is using the front of the barn as a shop with the back being used for storage. He held an open house on Oct. 1 to showcase the barn, which is situated on his farm on Lambton Line.

Randall is quite proud of the work he has done and says this is



Darrell Randall's restored barn

definitely his favourite barn in the area, but he might have a bias.

Council urged to take arena training

Heather Wright
The Independent

Terry Piche says municipal governments “learned hard lessons” about arena safety in Canada and he wants municipalities like Brooke-Alvinston to learn from them.

The head of the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association spoke with Brooke-Alvinston Thursday saying the Technical Safety Standards Association regulates arenas as “unattended refrigeration plants.” Municipalities have had “loose compliance to the rules,” he says. But after three arena workers in BC died because of a leak in an ammonia system, the TSSA wants municipal governments to understand the systems and make sure they have emergency plans in place.

Piche says councillors, under the rules are considered the owners of the ‘plant’ so he suggested training for both staff and municipal leaders. Piche says the staff “represents you day by day and has control over the building but council is required to define the response...to set a chain of command when there is an incident.”

Piche says his organization offers free training to municipal councillors and there are paid programs for existing staff. And he urged council to “hire people with the proper skills” including certified arena technicians in the future.

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek questioned the cost of the training and hiring people with specialized training, saying municipal arenas already lose money.

Piche suggested “raise user fees by 30 per cent to get the proper standards.”

When Nemcek objected to the idea, Piche said many municipalities are in the same boat as Brooke-Alvinston, with arenas which are in the red and now are also aging.

“I predict you’ll see the decommissioning and bulldozing of arenas...because municipalities (across Ontario) can’t afford them.

“They don’t want to pay to keep it, but they don’t want it torn down either.”

COVID and flu shots ready

The Independent

You can now receive a flu shot and the most recent COVID-19 vaccine.

The province is making the vaccines available at public health units, primary health care provides and some pharmacies starting today. The new COVID-19 vaccine is specifically designed to target the XBB variant and was approved by Health Canada earlier this fall.

You can receive the next COVID-19 dose if it has been six months since your last vaccine or COVID-19 infection.

Officials add the flu shot and the COVID-19 vaccine can be administered at the same time.

Meantime, Lambton Public Health has switched up its reporting of the COVID-19 virus. It has launched the Seasonal Infectious Diseases Bulletin providing weekly updates on respiratory and enteric disease activity, including COVID-19 and influenza.

“We recognize that there is an overwhelming amount of information online about respiratory virus activity. In response, our aim is to offer Lambton County residents a singular, dependable resource for local data on respiratory and enteric virus activity,” said Epidemiologist Siobhan Churchill in a news release.

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Matteo Lalama made his debut for the Alvinston Killer Bees on Saturday night back stopping a 4-3 victory against the Strathroy Jets. Lalama is a former Barrie Colt and last year played for the St. Mary's Lincolns.

OHL alum help Killer Bees top Strathroy

Barry Wright
The Independent

A pair of former OHL players helped the Alvinston Killer Bees to a 4-3 win over Strathroy before another large and boisterous crowd in Alvinston last Saturday night.
Ex-Barrie Colt Matteo Lalama made 47 stops in his Bees debut while former Guelph Storm James MacEwan had the game-winning goal and added

two assists.
McEwan, the league's first star last week, now has nine points in two games.
Bayly Fryfogle scored his first two goals of the season for Alvinston and Dawson Winchester had the other. Caden Faulkner registered two assists.
Alvinston is now 3-2 on the season. Strathroy is 5-3.
The same teams will play again at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community

Complex this Saturday at 6:30.
Meantime, Brennan Feasey has left the Bees to play professionally in England.
The Glencoe native and graduate of the Lambton Jr. Sting program had eight goals and three assists in just three games with Alvinston, including a four-goal performance in the team's home opener in mid-October.

Eleven-man Squires squad notches fourth straight win

The Independent

Playing with just 11 skaters, the Petrolia Squires gutted out a 3-2 win in overtime against the Aeros in Dunnville last week. The green and gold has now won four consecutive Western Ontario Super Hockey League contests.
The teams split a goal each in both

the second and third period after a scoreless first frame.
It set the stage for Dylan Quale to notch his first goal as a Squire at 1:22 of extra time to give Petrolia the two points and a league-leading 6-1 record overall.
TJ Harris and Zach Van Eyk scored for the winners in regulation time and Brad Biggers had two assists. Brandon

Campbell stopped 42 shots for the win between the pipes and he also registered two assists.
The veteran netminder is now 4-1 on the season with a 2.77 goals-against average and a .919 save percentage.
Petrolia hosts First Responders Night Friday against the Tillsonburg Thunder at Greenwood.
Puck drop is 8:30.

Big third period leads Petrolia Flyers to win at Lucan

The Independent

Four unanswered goals in the third period lifted the Petrolia Flyers to a 7-3 win at Lucan in PJHL action Saturday.
Daniel Gibson's second goal of the contest, early in the final frame, was the game-winner.
Parker Davidson also scored twice for Petrolia with Andrew Jaques contributing a goal and three assists.

Tanner Hull and Nathan Clatworthy also scored for the Flyers and Cameron Davidson had two assists.
It was the Flyers' largest offensive output of the season, eclipsing the six goals against Aylmer in September.
Ethan Everaert blocked 26 shots for the win between the pipes.
The Flyers are now tied for sixth place in the Yeck Division.
Oct. 26, the visiting Dorchester Dolphins scored two late third period

goals to erase a 3-1 deficit and then lit the lamp in overtime to beat the Flyers, 4-3.
Daniel Gibson led the Flyers with a goal and two assists. Noah Harse and Cameron Davidson had the other Petrolia markers.
Petrolia is at home to Mt. Brydges on Thursday at 7:30 before a return match with the Dolphins in Dorchester on Friday night.

Flyers, Flags both represented Saturday in Prospects game

The Independent

Cameron Davidson of the Petrolia Flyers and Mooretown's Dracen Campbell have been named to West Division team for the upcoming

Prospects Game.
It will be held Saturday afternoon in Wingham.
Davidson, from Watford, has two goals and six assists for the Flyers in 12 games and is among the leading

rookie scorers in the division.
Campbell, from Wallaceburg and a graduate of the Lambton Jr. Sting leads the province in scoring by a defenceman with three goals and 13 assists in 13 games.

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Place: Twin Creeks-Office Boardroom

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Death Notices

Oct. 24 - Oct. 31, 2023

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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Age: 89
Gilpin Funeral Chapel

CAMPBELL, Audrey Gail (Newman)
Age: 88 of Thamesville
Badder Funeral Home

JOHNSON, Grant Douglas
Age: 59
Smith Funeral Home

MacKAY, Gloria Elva
Age: 92
Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

TISDALE, Joyce Constance (Lavery)
Age: 94
Denning's Funeral Homes

KOLOTYLO, Vivian Gail
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SMITH, Kim Marie
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Age: 72
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Age: 92
Smith Funeral Home

HONSINGER, Lola May
Age: 67 of Petrolia
Denning's Funeral Homes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

DOWSWELL, Johanna Cornelia Regina (nee Timmermans) (Masschelein)
Age: 88
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

PATTERSON, Olga Mary
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Ruby & Fred Robinson
are celebrating their
50th Anniversary
on November 3rd, 2023.

Please join them at:
Petrolia's Lions Hall
451 Huggard St.
From 2-5pm
November 11, 2023
Please No Gifts!

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Obituary



SHORTT

Leland James

Leland was raised on a farm in Petrolia, Ontario Canada by his late Father and Mother Walter and Velma Shortt. He grew up with two older brothers, Burt, and Clint and one younger sister Carol Shortt Boyd. At the age of 19 Lee left for Colorado for health reasons. He soon met his beloved wife, Sandra K. Schwartzkopf. He then went to school to become a barber.

Not long after their marriage, Leland and wife Sandra decided to have children but due to health issues, decided to adopt. Joining the family first was Stephanie Lynn in 1969 and just a short time after in 1971, Craig Michael. Towards the end of his 52 years at Lee's Barber Shop in Evergreen, Lee was cutting 5 generations of hair. He had people from all over Colorado coming to his shop, sometimes just to chat and catch up. He was an avid golfer and all-around do-it-yourselfer; there was nothing he couldn't fix. He had a very celebratory 85th birthday party, at which many family members and friends came to enjoy his kind and loving spirit one last time. Luckily, many other family and friends got to share his last moments before he left us in good care on October 10th at around 6am. Lee's best furry friend JR, passed the same day. Lee is survived by his Loving wife of 60+ years Sandra, brother Clint, sister Carol Boyd, daughter Stephanie Scott, son Craig Shortt, as well as four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and Canadian nieces and nephews, Lynda MacDougall, Debbie Maw, Brad & Mary Ann Shortt, Michael & Max Boyd. A remembrance Ceremony was held at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary on October 27th at 1:30 PM. All were welcome.

Thank You

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The Family of the late
Murray Hyatt wish to extend
a very special "Thank You!"
for the many acts of kindness
at the time of our loss.

'The Family'

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Community Event



Optimist Club of
Lambton Central - Petrolia

CRAFT & GIFT
SHOW

Saturday, November 4th
9am - 4pm

New Life Assembly Church
421 Oozloffsky St., Petrolia

LOTS OF GREAT VENDORS!
Start your Christmas shopping early
UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS ~ SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

FREE ADMISSION
Toonie Table Raffle ~ Door Prizes
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For more information, please contact:
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Proceeds to benefit the youth of our community!

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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

Community Event

GIFTS OF THE SEASON

A One of a Kind Shopping
Experience. Gallery in the
Grove's annual Gifts of the
Season returns November
4- December 16. This is a
curated event showcasing
15 local artists with a
wide range of beautifully
handmade pieces for sale.
Gallery hours are Monday-
Thursday 2pm-5pm, Friday
& Saturday 11am-2pm. For
more info visit www.galleryinthegrove.com or call
519-869-4643.

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Deadline: Monday
@ 12 Noon

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Pastor Katherine Hawley



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Rev. Carol Ferguson



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Calendar

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DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

of events

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS

DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mon	7p	Watford	Darts @ Watford Legion	519-876-2360
Tues	7p	Watford	Eucre @ 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	Samia	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
Thurs	7p	Brigden	Pool Night @ Brigden Legion	
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
Sat	4:30p	Brigden	Meat Raffle @ Brigden Legion. Nov. 4th, Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 16	
		Brigden	NEW LEGION HOURS: Thurs 6-9p; Fri 6-9p; Raffle Saturdays 4-8p; Non-Raffle Saturdays 6-9p	

Events are listed FREE for non-profit groups in Petrolia and Lambton County (space permitting).
To be included in this listing email the required information to: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca
Subject: FREE EVENT LISTING.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT/ CONTACT INFO
Oct 6 - Mar 16	Gallery Hours	Sarnia	A FAMILY PALETTE: FRANCES-ANNE JOHNSTON, FRANZ JOHNSTON, AND FRANKLIN ARBUCKLE Three artists from the same family. Acting as a purposeful feminist recovery project, the exhibition focuses more deeply on Frances-anne. For info @ www.jnaag.ca .
Nov 3 - Jan 12	Gallery Hours	Sarnia	RE VIEW - EXHIBITION 4 To honour its first decade the gallery is installing a series of exhibitions over the next year and a half titled Re View. For more info on the Re View exhibition series, please visit our 10 Year Anniversary page.
Nov. 4	1pm - 3pm	Sarnia	FAMILY SATURDAY OFFERS ART-INSPIRED FUN AT JNAAG THIS NOVEMBER. Family Saturdays are free and open to everyone, though children must be accompanied by an adult. For info on Family Saturday Studio Drop-Ins, visit the program and events page on the JNAAG website @ www.jnaag.ca .
Nov 4	9am - 4pm	Petrolia	CRAFT & GIFT SHOW Presented by Optimist Club of Lambton Central - Petrolia. New Life Asembly Church, 421 Oozloffsky St., Petrolia. Lots of vendors! Free admission. Visit @ www.lcpetroliaoptimist.org or facebook
Nov 4 - Dec 16	Gallery Hours	Bright's Grove	GALLERY IN THE GROVE'S ANNUAL GIFTS OF THE SEASON November 4- December 16. Showcasing 15 local artists with a wide range of beautifully handmade pieces for sale. Gallery hours Mon-Thurs 2pm-5pm and Fri & Sat 11am-2pm. For more info visit www.galleryinthegrove.com or call 519-869-4643.
Nov 11	7:30pm	Wyoming	REAL DEAL TRIVIA NIGHT @ Wyoming Legion. Hosted by the PW Events Committee. To reserve a table: 519-383-4571. \$5 admission - cash only. Doors open @ 6:45pm.
Nov 14	7:00pm	Online Only	LAMBTON BRANCH, ONTARIO ANCESTORS MEETING. SPEAKER: CORAL HARKIES, QUEBEC RECORDS FROM AFAR: Researching in Quebec can offer some unique challenges. This session will introduce records and websites related to Quebec research. Register for Zoom Meeting at lambton.ogs.on.ca . Meetings are free and open to the public, all welcome. For more info email lambton@ogs.on.ca
Nov 18	10am - 1pm	Port Lambton	SACRED HEART FOOD BANK ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE Non-perishable items needed. Drop Off Opportunity Nov 18 10am-1pm @ Port Lambton Anglican Church basement - rear door. Door to Door Pick Up Nov 19 1-3pm.
Nov 18	6:30pm	Wyoming	Great Canadian Dueling Pianos for Christmas for Everyone @Wyoming Fair Bldg. Tickets \$30: call Bubba 312-3200, Mike 402-1761 or Conner 226-964-1225 or at Wyoming Legion.

SPORTS

Hunter wins 908

Dale Hunter now occupies second place alone on the all-time regular season coaching victory list in the Ontario Hockey League.

His team recorded his 908th win Friday beating the Ottawa 67's, 3-2 in overtime. With the victory, Hunter passes the late Bert Templeton who had 907 victories with major junior teams in Niagara Falls, North Bay, Barrie, and Sudbury. The Oil Springs product is now chasing down the legendary Brian Kilrea who had 1,174 wins behind the bench with the 67's.

Hunter, 63, who has been behind the London bench since 2001, would likely need to coach at least another six or seven seasons to have a chance of catching Kilrea's record.

Mooretown ties Sharks

Trailing 3-1 after two periods, the hometown Mooretown Flags struck twice in the third period to earn a 3-3 tie with the Wheatley Sharks Saturday in PJHL action at the Moore Sports Complex.

It was Mooretown's third overtime contest in its last four games.

Jace Dupuis had the equalizer with just over two minutes to play in regulation time. Dylan Dupuis had the other two goals for Mooretown. All three Flags' tallies were on the power play. John Chartrand made 43 saves in the Mooretown cage as the Sharks outshot the Flags, 46-37.

The win came on the heels of an OT loss; Dresden edged the Flags, 5-4 in extra time. Jace Dupuis scored twice in a losing cause for Mooretown.

Former Petrolia goalie Joseph Malinowski had 38 saves for the Kings.

BRIEFLY: VanGorp nets two

Watford's Evan Gorp scored his first two career goals for the Strathroy Rockets and Alvinston's Hayden Duncan made 28 saves to lead the GOJHL team to a 5-4 home ice win over LaSalle on Saturday.

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The Sarnia Sting are tied for third place in the OHL's Western Conference standings after winning two of three games last weekend. They host Lambton Jr. Sting grad Landon Hookey and the Owen Sound Attack on Friday and welcome home Ben Gaudreau and the Erie Otters Sunday.

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The Sarnia Legionnaires are looking for a reset this week after losing both ends of a GOJHL home-and-home series with the Chatham. The Legionnaires, now 5-7-1 on the season, is home to Komoka Thursday at 7:10 and take on the Lincolns in St. Marys Friday.

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Michael White of Plympton-Wyoming won the provincial boxing title in the 71 kg category with a unanimous victory in his championship bout in Brampton last weekend. He now advances to the nationals.

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LCCVI closes out the high school AA football season with a trip to Wallaceburg on Thursday at 2:10 pm. The Lancers are 1-2 after a 15-7 loss to Great Lakes last week. The Tartans are winless in three games, including a one-point loss to LCCVI earlier this season.

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James Grant of LCCVI and North Lambton's Wyatt Ferguson head to the provincial high school cross country championship Saturday in Etobicoke. Grant punched his ticket with a victory in the junior boys' race at SWOSSA in Chatham. Ferguson was third in the novice boys' race.

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Plympton-Wyoming's Justine Abbott was part of the squad from St. Clair College which won the women's team title at the OCAA cross country championships. Individually, she placed 16th. Two other North Lambton grads placed well in the men's race. Thedford's Owen Peters of Lambton College was 24th and Forest's Cameron Finch of St. Clair was 34th.

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Watford's Kristina Case was the top Canadian in the women's 30-34 category at the recent Free Press marathon in Detroit. She finished 22nd out of 195 competitors.

Local elementary schools win at X country championship

Camlachie's Errol Village Public School and Corunna's Sir John Moore Public School won two team titles each at the recent Lambton Kent Elementary cross country championships at Canatara Park.

Errol Village took the boys' and girls' grade four team banners while Sir John Moore was tops in the boys' and girls' Grade 8 races.

Petrolia's Lambton Centennial won the boys' Grade 7 team title.

Breanne Cooper, Aubrey Larson, Chelsea Norton, and Presley Williams were the Camlachie schools winning girls' team while the boys' squad was made up of Nathan Pavli, Charlie Jolly, and Weston Jacques.

The Sir John Moore team members were Willow Johansen, Claire Ireland, and Lily Vale along with Tucker Ysebaert, Cooper Osborne, and Chase Free.

The Lambton Centennial team

consisted of Rhys Marriott, Lochlan Irwin, Emerson Piggott, and Parker Leckie.

Individual winners from our area included Pavli, Riley Stokes of Mooretown-Courtright Public School and Drew Wilson from Forest's Kinnwood Central.

Harper Oulds of East Lambton placed third and Conner MacKellar, of Brooke Central placed fifth in the Grade 8 boys event.



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