

OIL HERITAGE DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE BULLETIN BOARD

**OHDCC has the cure for March Break boredom**

March Break is one of the high points of the winter for many school kids, so why not make it extra special by signing them up for March Break camp at the OHDCC? They'll play games, make crafts and enjoy swimming each day. They'll need to bring a lunch and snacks that are all peanut free, plus indoor shoes, a bathing suit and appropriate snow suits. **Please note:** Parents must fill out health forms for children to participate and all children must be signed in and out of the centre.

**Boomers Extra program**

The *Boomers Extra* group meets Thursday afternoons to enjoy a light lunch, followed by activities such as music, games, fitness and/or a guest speaker.

Activities for the month of March will include line dancing with Bertha Rose Park on **March 18** and Bonnie Clark speaking about dog sledding on **March 25**.

On **April 1**, enjoy an afternoon with Karen Watson of

Petrolia Mercantile and Tea. Next, on **April 8**, the Blue-water Project keeps things lively with an afternoon of music fit for dancing. On **April 15**, it's Hats, Horses and Wagons. Get ready to have some fun! On **April 22**, how about a day at the horse races OHDCC-style? And on **April 29**, Barbara Fisher of the Canadian Hearing Society drops by. April is a great month of fun and information at the *Boomers Extra* program.

For more information, call the OHDCC at 519-882-2232 for details or just drop in and enjoy a great Thursday afternoon.

**OHDCC hours of operation**

The Oil Heritage District Community Centre is open **Monday to Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.** For more information about the OHDCC, go online to [www.town.petrolia.on.ca](http://www.town.petrolia.on.ca).

**Get ready for a year of special events in Petrolia!**

2010 will be a year of activities from Petrolia residents of all ages. Here are some dates to mark on your family calendar. *Please note: some dates may be subject to change.*

**March**

- 10, 17, 24, 31: Lions and Optimist meat raffle, Streets Eatery
- 18: Fairboard card party, Lions Hall
- 12, 19, 26: Legion euchre and darts, Petrolia Legion
- 13, 20, 27: Legion meat raffle, Petrolia Legion
- 14: Optimist *Go For The Grocery Fun* draw date
- 21: Legion Sunday morning breakfast, Petrolia Legion
- 24 through 28: *Steel Magnolias*, Petrolia Community Theatre at Victoria Hall
- 28: Optimist *Go For The Grocery Fun* event, Heidi's Independent

**April**

- All month: IODE butter tart sales (while they last)
- All month: IODE geraniums sale
- 1, 8, 22: Fairboard card party, Lions Hall
- 2: Lions Easter egg hunt, Lions Hall
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Legion euchre and darts, Petrolia Legion
- 3, 10, 17, 24: Legion meat raffle, Petrolia Legion
- 7, 14, 21, 28: Lions and Optimist meat raffle, Streets Eatery
- 8: Rotary Junior Jazz, VPP
- 17: Optimist Murder Mystery, Lions Hall
- 17: Trails Clean Up Day, Bridgeview Park

- 18: Legion Sunday morning breakfast, Petrolia Legion
- 19: Christ Church Anglican fashion show at the church
- 19 to 23: VPP Young Company play for schools, VPP
- 24, 25: VPP Young Company play for public, VPP
- 26 to 30: Pitch In Petrolia clean up, town wide
- 22: Earth Day, town wide
- 24: Town Wide Garage Sale Day
- 28: LCCVI track meet, LCCVI
- 29: LCCVI Spring Music Fest, VPP

**May**

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Legion meat raffle, Petrolia Legion
- 1: Christ Church Anglican fish fry, church basement
- 5: LCCVI fashion show, LCCVI
- 5, 12, 19, 26: Lions and Optimist meat raffle, Streets Eatery
- 7, 14, 21, 28: Legion euchre and darts, Petrolia Legion
- 7: PA Day Camp, Oil Heritage District Community Centre
- 9: Lions Mother's Day breakfast, Lions Hall
- 16: Legion Sunday morning breakfast, Petrolia Legion
- 21: Lions Car Show and Fish Fry, Lions Hall
- 29: LCCVI prom, LCCVI
- 29: Farmer's Market OPENS
- 29: Community Parks Clean Up Day, all town parks
- 31: LCCVI blood donor clinic, LCCVI

Watch this space in the May issue of *The Petrolia Connection* for more exciting community events!



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**Don't forget to *Spring forward* one hour when Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14!**



**Petrolia's In Bloom group already thinking ahead to summer**

For the past few summers, Petrolia, as a town, has been growing more beautiful.

A dedicated group of volunteers has been lending their gardening talents, skills and energy to this effort, looking after the many public gardens and planters that are stationed throughout the town. Their example has inspired many town residents to pursue their own beautification efforts.

The beautification initiative began with the town's entry into the *Communities In Bloom* competition, which saw Petrolia take top honours all the way up to the national level. Now, the group continues as *Petrolia In Bloom* (PIB), and their plans for 2010 are already well underway.

Ronda Wright, secretary for *Petrolia In Bloom*, says the colour scheme for this year will be blue and yellow to honour of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Guides of Canada. These colours will figure prominently in the town's specialty garden, located between Streets Eatery and the CIBC build-



**Girl Guides of Canada  
Guides du Canada**

ing on Petrolia Line.

The group is currently seeking volunteers to help with the planting and general upkeep of the public gardens and planters that will grace Petrolia streets this summer.

Those who don't possess a green thumb can also volunteer to help with PIB events that take place during the summer, such as home tours and other related events.

Anyone who wants to find out more about the work of *Petrolia In Bloom* or who wishes to participate in this year's gardening efforts is invited to attend PIB meetings, which are held every second Wednesday of each month at the Oil Heritage District Community Centre. The next meeting is slated for Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.



Show off your green thumb by volunteering to help *Petrolia In Bloom* make Petrolia a summer showplace.

**Petrolia Connection changes publishing schedule**

The *Petrolia Connection* will be published every other month leading up to the October, 2010 municipal election. The deadline for submissions will be as follows: Monday, April 26; Monday, June 28; and Monday, August 23.

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**TO CONTACT US**

Schools, service clubs or organizations wishing to publicize a non-profit event can do so free of charge by e-mailing:

[connection@town.petrolia.on.ca](mailto:connection@town.petrolia.on.ca)

or by dropping off information at the Town of Petrolia office at Victoria Hall on Greenfield Street.

**For the deadline for submissions see above notice**



## 2010 property tax payment schedule

The second instalment of interim property taxes are due on April 30. The Town of Petrolia municipal office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day.

The final residential tax notices will be mailed out by June 9, 2010, with the final two property tax instalments due on June 30 and Oct. 29.

The final commercial tax notices will be mailed out by Aug. 10, 2010, and the final two commercial tax instalments will be due on Aug. 31 and Oct. 29.

Tax payments in cheque form only can be made by mail to *Town of Petrolia, 411 Greenfield Street, Box 1270, Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0*, and must be received on or before the applicable due

dates listed above. If a receipt is required, please mail the complete tax bill with your cheque, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Payment can also be made at the municipal office (see address above). Please bring the complete tax bill with instalment stubs attached. Telephone and Internet payment options are also available through your bank.

Penalties and interest will be charged on overdue taxes.

### 2010 dog tags overdue

Every dog in the Town of Petrolia is required to be licensed and dog owners should have acquired their 2010 dog tags by now. The cost of a dog tag for the first dog, as of March 1, is \$45 and the cost for a second dog is \$90. The owner

of any dog not wearing a current dog tag will be subject to a fine as well as the cost of a current tag.

Owners are reminded that a rabies vaccination number is required when purchasing a dog tag. For added convenience, dog tag application forms can be printed from the Town of Petrolia Website: [www.town.petrolia.on.ca](http://www.town.petrolia.on.ca)

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings of the Town of Petrolia council will be held every other Monday at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the town office at 519-882-2350 to be put on the agenda.

## 2010 municipal election nominations being accepted

Nominations for the Town of Petrolia 2010 municipal election, slated for Monday, Oct. 25, will be accepted from Jan. 4 to Sept. 10, 2010. The term of office will run from Dec. 1, 2010 to Nov. 30, 2014.

Nominations will be accepted for the following offices: Mayor/County Councillor - one to be elected; Town Councillor - 6 to be elected; and School Board Trustees.

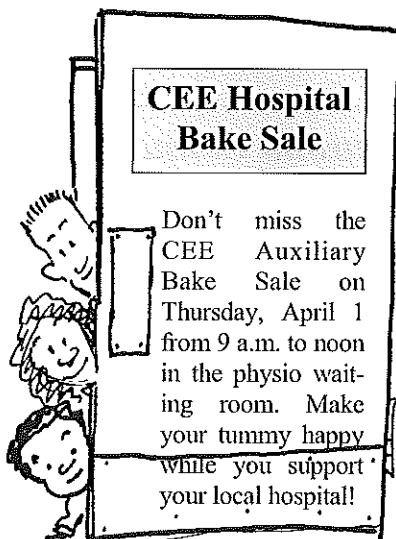
Persons may be nominated as a candidate for any of the above-listed positions in this election by filing a nomination

paper in person or by agent on the prescribed form, along with a \$100 filing fee for Council and School Board positions or \$200 filing fee for the position of Mayor. This can be done any time during office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. On nomination day, Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, nomination papers may be filed between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Nomination papers may be filed the Office of the Clerk in the Petrolia Town Hall. Nomination forms and full particulars of the nomination process can be

obtained from the Office of the Clerk in which nomination papers must be filed, or telephone inquiries may be made to 519-882-2350.

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## Petrolia Rotary Youth Jazz Festival

The 9th annual Petrolia Rotary Youth Jazz Festival will take to the stage at Victoria Hall on Thursday, April 8 at 8 p.m. The event, sponsored by the TD Canada Trust Petrolia branch, will feature the *Blue-water Big Band* with Kelly

Jefferson, with special guests, *The Lambton County Honour Jazz Band*. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at TD Canada Trust branches in Petrolia, Forest, Wyoming and Sarnia, as well as from any Petrolia Rotarian.

## Altar Boyz joins VPP summer line-up

A recent change to the 2010 VPP summer theatre season line-up has created an excited buzz among theatre-goers in the know. VPP Managing and Artistic Director Robert More explained that *Tap Dogs*, scheduled to run from June 29 to July 10, was removed from the line-up when it was determined that the VPP stage was not quite big enough to accommodate the production. In its place, the VPP team was able to bring an equally ambitious and critically-acclaimed production, *Altar Boyz*, to the venue, proving that showbiz miracles really do happen.

*Altar Boyz* is hailed as a show "full of sharp parody, spectacular dancing and irreverent humour." This hysterical musical spoof follows a fictitious boy band while they try to save the world "one screaming fan at a time" with their *Raise The Praise* tour. *Altar Boyz* became an off-Broadway smash hit in 2005 and has gone on to tour the U.S. and countries ranging from Korea to Hungary. In 2007, it hit Chicago and became a crowd-pleasing resident production. So it's only logical that the next

stop for this high-octane production is Petrolia. It's a not-to-be-missed addition to a not-to-be-missed season!

The 2010 VPP summer playbill includes: *Forever Plaid* by Stuart Ross, May 18 to June 5; *39 Steps* by Patrick Barlow, June 8 to 26; *Altar Boyz* with music and lyrics by Gary Adler and Michael Patrick Walker, June 29 to July 10; *Ivanka: The True Story* by Jo-Ann Waytowich, July 13 to 17; *Cowgirls* by Mary Murffitt, July 20 to Aug. 7; *See How They Run* by Phillip King, Aug. 10 to Aug. 28; and *Sweet Dreams: A Tribute to Patsy Cline* created by Leisa Way, Aug. 31 to Sept. 4 and Sept. 9 to 11.

2010 season subscriptions, passes and gift certificates are on sale now. Remember, if you wait until after July 1 to buy your tickets, you'll have to pay the 13 per cent HST (harmonized sales tax) which includes PST, so order early and pay only 5 per cent GST. To order, call the VPP box office at 519-882-1221 or 1-800-717-7694, or order online to [www.thevpp.ca](http://www.thevpp.ca).

### VPP Young Company production features local youth

The VPP Young Company is currently working hard on its sixth new production, *The Last Enchanted Forest* by Nancy Keys.

The play features 20 local and regional young actors and actresses between the ages of 12 and 16, including: Jeremy Bolzon, Colton Brown, Avery Brzobohaty, Evan Campbell, Jonam Campbell, Lily Cardiff, Sara Cecile, Kyle Chamailard, Jamie Charron, Kristen Dawson, Megan Douglas, Elisa Hollingsworth, Brianne Litt, Rebecca Marshall, Tim Mayhead,

Kaitlin McDonald, Kyle Phibbs, Sabrina Redick, Kerrie Shende, and Ian Thomas.

School matinees will be offered April 19 through April 23 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Public shows will be presented on Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for this delightful, family-friendly production are \$8 per adult and \$5 per youth and are available by calling the VPP box office at 519-882-1221.

### Johnny Cash tribute at VPP

Johnny Cash fans are in for a real treat!

*The Legend in Black*, a stunning tribute to the rich musical legacy of Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, will play the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia on Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Adding to the show's authenticity is a three-piece back-up band that duplicates Cash's *Tennessee Trio*. Tickets are \$28 and can be purchased by calling the VPP box office at 519-882-1221 or 1-800-717-7694.

### IODE tart and geranium sales celebrate the coming of Spring

Petrolia's IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter is once again celebrating the coming of Spring with two terrific fundraisers.

The group's popular butter tarts are currently being sold at a cost of \$8 per dozen, and according to chapter president Shirley Banks, they're selling fast. IODE volunteers will make 650 dozen tarts during a five-day baking spree in early April, and over 300 dozen had already been spoken for as of March 2. "We've been highly successful with this," she said. "We may have to

disappoint some people." Orders can be placed with any IODE member or by calling 519-882-0688.

The tarts annually bring in about \$2,500, which Mrs. Banks says is used to support community efforts. "Last year, we bought a fireman's outfit (for the Petrolia station)...and we donated to the Adventure Camp for children who are challenged in some way," she said.

The group is also taking orders until April 12 for geraniums and hanging baskets. To order, contact any IODE member or call 519-882-1684.