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Heat Wave Across The Township

The year started with plenty of cold temperatures and an ample blanket of snow. As spring arrived the area experienced cool, wet conditions, even into June many people found it colder than normal. Summer brought cool temperatures and rain, well into its first week.

In typical Canadian fashion weather changes rapidly, July 1st the heat wave began, making Canada Day celebrations at Oxford Centre torturous for some attendees.

No surprise, with the heat often comes severe weather. July 1st offered up a storm creating havoc with strong winds, uprooting trees and bringing down power line while some utility poles snapped off at the base.

In conditions such as these people must stay hydrated, and make an effort to stay cool. It is also wise to stay alert to changing weather throughout the day. Remember we have a new system of warnings, now using colour coding Yellow Orange and Red to gage severity.

Sun Protection Techniques should be followed whenever possible;

- Wear light coloured (if outside), light weight, loose, and breathable clothing
- Wear a hat with a brim for shade
- If working outdoors, apply UV protection to exposed skin as directed

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- Stay in the shade as much as possible. Use an umbrella or a tent for additional shade
- Take breaks in a cooler area such as in the shade or in an air-conditioned area
- Increase the number of breaks for physically demanding job tasks



Workers under an orange heat alert, continue with the Stover Street bridge construction. Being below the road surface obviously make conditions even worse.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors

Single Vehicle ATV Crash Claims Life

Friday, July 3, OPP received a report of an ATV located in a ditch along Milldale Road near Middle Town Line in the Township of Norwich. The call came in around 8AM. OPP, Otterville Fire Service and Oxford EMS responded. Upon arriving on scene the ATV operator was located, having suffered life threatening injuries. It has been reported the operator succumbed to injuries received during the crash.

Milldale Road was closed for several hours to allow the OPP Traffic Incident Enforcement Team to investigate the collision.

This year has been a bad year for motor vehicle collision deaths across the province and within Norwich Township. Obviously this takes a toll on families as well as first responders.

The victim of this collision, it was reported, is a 42 year old resident of Otterville, the sole occupant of the ATV was ejected from the machine. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Construction Still Underway

The old joke, Canada has four seasons, autumn, winter, spring and constructions is proven by our township improvements. Norwich, Otterville and Burgessville are all feeling the pain of the backhoe.

There is no end in sight as yet. Please remember to patronize the businesses most impacted. Home Hardware, Little Bones Grill and Jordan's in Norwich, and The Village Market in Burgessville all need your support.

Aging *July 8 editorial by Vic Whitcroft*

When a person reaches a certain age, say mid sixties, one gets to thinking about how many years they may have left. This has been my perspective at least. I don't know if others feel this way or perhaps just men.

I suspect the cause of these thoughts is due to the fact that by now, at my age, I have seen many of my friends and acquaintances pass. Some accidentally, most from natural causes.

At this age when one wakes up in the morning he or she has much to be thankful for and many reasons to go about their day happily with a smile on their face.

In my case, I also find that I reflect upon my life with wonder. I have had it pretty good throughout my time here on earth. As a two time cancer survivor I feel extra thankful being alive, many with the same cancers are no longer with us.

A rough count tells me life has no guarantee of longevity. At least ten of my friends or acquaintances have passed. This drives home the point, folks my age are definitely in the later stage of life.

So I try to focus on the good, while not getting too hung up on the small problems that so many people let nag at themselves. Some times you just have to say what the heck, and have a great day despite what others think.

Here's to a great summer full of joy and happiness. A toast to growing old, after all look at the alternative.

Traffic Concerns

Township of Norwich community safety Zones as outlined by the OPP. When you see a sign identifying a community safety zone, be forewarned fines are increased.



Ontario Provincial Police - West Region

Just now · 🌐

#OxfordOPP wants to remind everyone that fines increase in community safety zones. One officer has issued over 80 speed related charges in under 40 hours of enforcement in Springford [Norwich Ontario](#). Speed limits are put in place for everyone's safety. Please obey them. ^rc



Norwich Ontario Trivia

I'm sure I will hear about this if I'm wrong. Norwich apparently was the birthplace of Herbert Hoover's mother. I did not fact check this so, this may be a lie. Museum staff, any thoughts?

The Norwich T'N'T Pull Returns by David Nash optimists Media Coordinator

Feel the thunder this August, get ready to hear the roar of high-horsepower engines and feel the ground shake! The highly anticipated **Norwich T'N'T Pull** presented by TIRECRAFT is officially back on **August 14 and 15, 2026**, bringing two action-packed days of elite truck and tractor pulling to the twin tracks at 365701 Evergreen Street.

Whether you're a lifelong fan of modified farm tractors and roaring semi-trucks, or just looking for an incredible weekend outing with the family, this year's event promises to be the biggest and loudest one yet.

Pulling for a Purpose: Supporting Local Youth

While the extreme machine power is the main attraction, the true heart of the T'N'T Pull is what it does for our community. As the single largest annual fundraiser for the **Optimist Club of Norwich & District**, every ticket purchased, every campsite booked, and every cheer from the grandstands directly fuels positive local change.

Where does the money go? The Norwich Optimists are dedicated "friends of children," directing 100% of event proceeds right back into the community. From funding free community events like the annual Kids' Fishing Derby and Bike Rodeo, to providing critical financial support for local youth sports programs and academic scholarships, your attendance helps local kids thrive.

Brand New for 2026: A Massive Food Truck Lineup!

Great pulling action works up a massive appetite. To match the scale of the trucks and tractors on the track, the T'N'T Pull is shaking things up in the food department this year. The traditional club food booth is making way for a brand-new, premier dining experience right on the grounds.

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For the very first time, we are bringing in a **huge array of professional food trucks** to keep you fueled all weekend long. Spectators can look forward to an incredible selection of street eats spanning everything from rich, savoury dishes to delicious sweet treats. No matter what you're craving, there will be something to hit the spot. It's the perfect addition to a weekend that already features a bustling beer tent, live musical entertainment, and a dedicated kids' zone.

Event Details At-A-Glance

- **When:** Friday, August 14 & Saturday, August 15, 2026
- **Where:** 365701 Evergreen Street, Norwich, ON.
- **What to Expect:** Sanctioned championship pulling classes, an incredible lineup of food trucks, a safe ride home bus service to local hubs, a family-friendly kids' zone Sponsored by TMMC, and weekend camping options.
- **Admission & Schedule:** You can find complete details on daily admission prices, class schedules, gates opening times, and weekend camping registration at <https://norwichtractorpull.com>.

Don't miss out on the ultimate weekend of power, community spirit, and incredible food. Grab your ear protection, round up the family, and come out to support a fantastic cause!

Norwich Community Centre Boilers Need Work

At their latest meeting, council looked at what to do about the aging boiler system needed in the ice making process. A consultant was brought in to advise what was needed to bring the system up to date, while providing some long term service time before it would have to be looked at again.

Options considered were go with a new “on demand” water heater, replace the old boiler system with a new boiler system or repair what is in use now.

The consultant recommended an on demand system.

Councillor Couwenberg was not in agreement with on demand hot water unit. Couwenberg Wants to stick with boiler system using a filtration in front, to protect the boilers from calcium build up. Gear, although vague in his statement, was also against the on demand system.

Councillor Toews questioned repairing the system. CAO Smith indicated several repairs have taken place over the years and the current boiler unit is nearing

the end of its life cycle. Toews “I can tell you I have a concern we haven’t fully considered repairing what’s there which would be much less expensive”.

After much discussion the issue was deferred until the July meeting.

Some residential on demand systems have a flushing system. It is recommended they be flushed yearly. My guess is the commercial grade units have similar flushable maintenance procedures.

Pet Friendly Stores

During heat waves you will find many pet friendly businesses who will welcome your pet. Pet Smart, Canadian Tire Carmens Foto Source, to name just a few. Call ahead to be sure your pet will be allowed in stores.

Please do not leave pets or young and old people unattended in your vehicle.