

LOCALNEWS

POLICE BRIEFS

Unruly man pepper-sprayed

A Chatham-Kent police officer reached for pepper-spray to arrest a man in a public park in Wallaceburg Tuesday night.

Police said the man was intoxicated and causing a disturbance as people were trying to watch a soccer game in Steinhoff Park at about 10:20 p.m.

While being escorted to a cruiser, police said the man became unruly and assaultive towards the officers.

He is also accused of attempting to head-butt police and kicking them as he was being led to a cruiser.

In an effort to gain control of the man, the officers were forced to pepper-spray him, police said.

Edward Shipman, 45, of Walpole Island was charged with assault with intent to resist arrest.

The accused was held in custody until sober and released with conditions pending a future court date.

Domestic violence

Police arrested a man outside his girlfriend's residence following a domestic argument that became physical.

The man visited the woman when he was intoxicated at about 1 a.m., police said.

After he yelled at her and assaulted the woman, she asked him to leave.

Police said she did not require medical attention.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old suspect nearby and charged him with assault.

Through investigation, police discovered the accused was also wanted on outstanding warrants for missing court appearances and drug possession.

The man was held for a bail hearing.

Theft charges

A 20-year-old woman of no fixed address was found sleeping in a stairwell while wearing items stolen from another woman's vehicle.

Police said the woman was wearing a coat and a pair of shoes that didn't belong to her, when the owner spotted her in an apartment complex on St. Clair St. in Chatham Tuesday morning.

The accused was charged with theft under \$5,000 and possession of property obtained by a crime under \$5,000.

The woman was transported to court for a bail hearing.

Outstanding warrant arrests

Police arrested two woman, wanted in separate investigations, Tuesday morning.

A 31-year-old Petrolia woman turned herself in to police.

She was wanted in connection to allegations she transferred \$250 from her ex-boyfriend's bank account without his knowledge in January.

She was released with conditions and another court date in September.

In the incident, an officer on general patrol spotted an 18-year-old woman driving a car on William Street just after midnight.

She was arrested during a traffic stop on Park Avenue for not attending court last month.

The accused was charged in May with fraud under \$5,000 for uttering a forged document and was expected to answer to the charge in court on July 21.

When she failed to make a court appearance, a warrant was issued for her arrest, police said.

The accused was released with a court date.

Stolen SUV

Police are seeking public assistance to locate a grey 2004 Mazda Tribute missing from a residence on Sandy Street overnight Monday.

Inside the vehicle was a Garmin GPS, Sony tablet, fishing equipment and the homeowner's wallet, police said.

The SUV was last seen with Ontario license plates BWWC 202.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Const. Adam VanKesteren at adamv@chatham-kent.ca or 519-436-6600, ext. 87188 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) and may be eligible for a cash reward.

■ **EDUCATION:** Meadow Cress School starting full class in September

Private school gets back to basics

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The Daily News

A former teacher in the mainstream education system is attracting families to a private school that puts the Catholic faith at the core of all it teaches.

Rebecca Evans, who left a 15-year teaching career, locally, is gearing up for her second year of operating Meadow Cress School, located in the former McKeough Public School in Chatham.

When it came to starting a private school, she said, "the thought was always kind of there . . . just to provide an alternative to families."

Evans said there is nothing wrong with the mainstream school system, but noted, "it's not one glove fits all."

Evans took a year off of teaching and during that time was approached by some families to tutor their children.

"A lot of the families were saying, 'We want the grammar, we want the phonics, we want the cursive writing, we want the math drills, the spelling,'" she said.

Evans agrees there are benefits to the strong focus on technology that mainstream education has adopted in recent years, but noted some people prefer a back-to-basics, classical education for their children.

Non-Catholic students are welcome to attend Meadow Cress, but Evans said the Catholic faith permeates all subjects that are taught, adding it is "part of our whole day, not just a class."

She said, "We've just been taking baby steps," adding the first year was mostly focused on tutoring, because it provides revenue and helps establish the school's reputation.

Evans said many inquiries have been made by families, but she doesn't expect to have exact numbers on enrolment until closer to when classes begin in September.

The basics, including reading, writing, grammar, phonics, spelling, math, sci-

ence, history, geography, social studies and religion, will be covered.

Evans said students will have individual education plans, noting, "we place the kids where they're at in each subject."

If someone starts the year in Grade 3 and really catches on, there is nothing preventing the student from moving into the next grade before the year is over, she said.

Or, if a student needs to remain longer at a grade level for a particular subject, they can do that, she added.

Evans is also planning to work with the families of home-schooled children to provide opportunities for specialized classes such as music, drama, dance, art and physical education.

She said by inviting home-schooled children to participate in these types of classes it will make offering them more economically viable for everyone.

Another difference with Meadow Cress is their students are not required to do the EQAO standardized testing that is mandatory for students attending Ministry of Education-funded schools.

But, Evans said they will do a Canadian standardized test that compares students with others their same age across the country.

She said the location in the former McKeough school is also ideal, because there is plenty of room to grow into available space on the second floor without having to relocate.

Evans is happy with how things are progressing with the school.

"I think we're right on track," she said, adding, "it's nice to grow slowly, because you build that solid foundation."

For more information, go to www.meadowcress.com or find the school on Facebook.

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■ **FLAG FLAP:** Municipality cites flag protocol and maintenance issue

Empty flag poles puzzle Mitchell's Bay residents

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A Mitchell's Bay woman is dismayed that two of the five flag poles at the Mitchell's Bay Wharf Park are not flying flags.

Yvette Pinsonneault, who spends a lot of her free time making the park look good by gardening and tending to the flower beds, said the municipality told her the flag poles are broken, but she believes that the poles are fine.

The poles usually fly the Canadian flag, Chatham-Kent's flag, the American flag, the provincial flag and the Union Jack. The Ontario and Union Jack flags aren't flying.

Pinsonneault said the park is her pride and joy. She said she's spent many hours over the past 14 years to make the Mitchell's Bay Wharf a nice spot for both locals and tourists.

"I've been trying to get flags on those two posts since July," said Pinsonneault, noting she is getting opposition from Chatham-Kent officials.

Pinsonneault is convinced the flag poles are fine. She put a flag up a few weeks ago, but the municipality took it down.

"One truck, two men, came to Mitchell's Bay to take down the flag,"

With two empty poles, Pinsonneault

said something is missing from the park.

"It doesn't finish the picture for the tourists that come here... It's just missing and people questioning me on it. I have not been able to supply a reasonable reason."

With the Mitchell's Bay Association and the Dover Kinsmen on board to help with costs, Pinsonneault said there are funds available to make sure all flag poles have flags.

Pinsonneault said the municipality has been adamant there will not be flags on two of the posts because they are not needed.

Deb Vecchia, supervisor of parks and horticulture, said there are some issues with the flags. She said municipality's flag protocol is to fly three flags only (Canadian, American and municipal flags).

"I don't know if we're going to be replacing the Union Jack and the provincial (flag)."

Vecchia said there is also concerns about two of the flag poles.

"There is some concern about the internal workings of the flag poles. There are concerns from a maintenance perspective," Vecchia said, adding when there is a heavy wind there is a lot of difficulty with the internal workings of the flag poles.



Mitchell's Bay residents are wondering why two of the five flag poles at Mitchell's Bay Wharf Park are not flying flags this summer. Chatham-Kent officials have said the flag poles are broken, but residents said the poles are fine.

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ELLWOOD SHREVE/THE DAILY NEWS

Rebecca Evans has seen growing interest in the private Catholic faith-based school she began about a year ago. She is pictured here in the school, which operates out of the former McKeough Public School on Forest Street in Chatham.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED
Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.
Learn more. Have your say.
Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.
THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING
The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.
We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.
The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.
BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY
You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE
Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.
ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS
There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.
PRIVACY
If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.
This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

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