

# The doctor's turn to rest

## After years of helping others, GP gets ready for family time

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After a 37-year career as a family physician in Sarnia, Dr. William Muir is retiring.

Muir began practicing in 1968 and worked at a variety of private practices but most recently he moved to the Sarnia-Lambton Care Centre when it opened in January of this year.

He said the move allowed him to get closer to retirement while at the same time ensuring his patients would have a place to go after he left.

### Second choice

But caring for patients wasn't always what Muir was focused on doing. When he initially went to school he had other plans.

"Earlier on I was in engineering

because that's what you did when you lived in Sarnia," he said.

Three years later he changed his mind and enrolled in pre-med.

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lot of changes in the way family doctors practice, primarily in the gynecology and obstetrics area.

### Times change

"When I first started to practice as a general practitioner I did many of the deliveries," he said.

"That has changed considerably and fairly rapidly over the past 10 years."

Today doctors concentrate more on preventative medicine and there are more pediatric and gynecology specialists.

### Getting involved

In retirement, Muir plans to spend time with his family and he will remain involved with the community.

"It's my hope to catch up on all the things I missed along the way," he said.

"I need some time to go visit my grandchildren and I will probably become involved with local things in the community."

For now the challenge will be sorting through all of the things Muir has accumulated in his many years of practice.



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Dr. William Muir is seen here holding a handprint painting his eldest grandchild created for him. Muir recently announced his retirement from family medicine in Sarnia and is looking forward to spending more time with his children and grandchildren.

## Generating smarts

### Western students learn at Lambton station

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Lambton Generating Station is a place of learning for engineering students from The University of Western Ontario, who have recently toured the facility as part of an introduction course.

The students visited the station last week, made possible by a team effort from UWO chemical engineering professor Lauren Briens and Don Hewson, managing director and industrial liaison for Western Research Park Sarnia-Lambton Campus.

Briens takes second-year stu-

dents on the tours as part of her Introduction to chemical engineering class.

The goal of the tour is to allow students to see how the units fit together and it gives them a chance to speak with chemical engineers. It also allows them to see what they can do at the end of their schooling.

The students have been on three other tours this year at Labatt's in London, and Petro Canada and Xerox in Mississauga.

"Most of them thought (Lambton Generating Station) was the best," Briens said. "It even beat out Labatt's and that is saying

a lot for this age group."

On the tour, students saw engineering principles at work in a number of different engineering disciplines.

Hewson said he was pleased students could see the generating station as more than just a place for mechanical and electrical engineers.

It is now a place for chemical engineers as well, he said.

"All of the comments came back very favourably. I don't think any of those students will flip a light switch without thinking about the Lambton generating station," Hewson said.



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Lambton Generating managing director Don Hewson (left) and thermal station engineer Michael Caravaggio pose with professor Lauren Briens and engineering students Federica Berruti and Aidan Leach. The group recently toured the research facility as part of an introductory university course.

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