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THE RETURN OF THE SNOW FENCE



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Drivers in Lambton County may be noticing a few more snow fences along county roads, like this one on Oil Heritage Road near Aberfeldy Line. It's part of a concerted effort to improve roads in the area. See story on pg 2.

Petrolia teacher facing sex charges

Heather Wright The Independent

A Petrolia teacher is facing four sex charges.

The Independent has learned three charges of sexual exploitation and one charge of sexual assault have been laid in incidents which took place during the summer. Sources say alleged incidents were not connected to any school activities.

A publication ban has been placed on the name of the victim and anything which might identify him.

Sexual exploitation charges are laid when a person is a position of trust or authority to a minor according to the Criminal Code.

Gillian Boere's case was in court Monday. Her next appearance is scheduled for March. She has not yet entered a plea.

The Lambton-Kent District School Board declined to comment on the charges however the website of Ecole Hillcrest shows Boere is on leave from her teaching duties.

Marriott hopeful province will end funding cut to rural communities

Heather Wright The Independent

Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott is hopeful the era of provincial cuts to rural grants is over.

Marriott was one of hundreds of municipal politicians at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference this weekend.

One of the big subjects on Marriott's mind - and many other municipal politicians - is the province's cuts to a grant which was designed to replace the Farm Tax Credit.

For the past five years, the Liberal and then Conservative governments have been cutting \$50 million from the \$500 million Ontario Municipal Partnership grant.

Municipalities in rural Lambton have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years, and many had to increase taxes to make up for the lost revenue.

In 2018, the provincial Conservatives promised rural leaders they would stop the downward spiral but when it was time to give out the grants in both 2019 and for 2020, municipal governments found themselves on the short end of the stick again. In Dawn-Euphemia for example, \$58,000 was lost. That's equivalent to a two per cent tax increase.

Marriott - who was critical of the last round of funding cuts - left the ROMA meeting optimistic.

Finance Minister Rod Phillips

told the group the province is committed to OMPF grants worth \$500 million in 2021. "Municipalities told us how vital the OMPF is to their communities and they need information sooner to plan their budgets," say Phillips. "That's why we announced allocations for 2020 earlier than ever before, and why we're committing today to maintain the funding envelope for next year."

Philips added the province will be consulting with municipalities on how to change the focus of the grant to help small, northern and rural municipalities better.

Marriott is pleased the government will be "looking at rural concerns about the funding formula." And he says local politicians may be able to have direct input to the finance minister. "Monte McNaughton (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP and the Minister of Labour) says the minister of finance will be in our area in March and he's trying to get a meeting with him for some of the municipal politicians who have had concerns about the cuts," says Marriott. "They're committed to looking at those concerns."

Marriott adds while the funding cuts have been driving up local tax rates, the province would not have to spend a lot of money to improve the grants.

"\$100 million across rural and norther municipalities would probably shut people up," he says.

"Really, that's less than that one per cent wage increase (above the provincially mandated one per cent increase) the teachers want...The



Kevin Marriott

government wastes more than that."

He adds even though there have already been cuts by the Ford government, a change now is welcome.



Lambton needs won't slip during leadership bid says MP Gladu

Heather Wright

The Independent

Marilyn Gladu is gaining national attention in her bid to be the next leader of the Conservative Party of Canada.

But the Sarnia-Lambton MP says her leadership bid won't stop her from representing her constituents.

Gladu has represented Sarnia-Lambton since 2015 and has held various positions in the Conservative's shadow cabinet. She's known on Parliament Hill as someone who works with other parties to get things done, including the passage of her private members bill on access to palliative care. Gladu handily defeated her opponents in the 2019 election with 49.1 per cent of the votes.

When Leader Andrew Scheer announced he would be stepping aside in December, Gladu stepped up.

"Conservatives need to win the next election. To do that, we need to expand the base. And to do that, we need a better balance of fiscal responsibility and social compassion. Canadians care about having a good economy with job creation and lower taxes, but they are also looking for a credible plan for climate change and the environment, support for our struggling Health care system and compassion for people like seniors who can't afford to live, veterans who are homeless, and people who can't afford their medications," she said in a news release.

"We can't win on the same playbook that



PHOTO VIA YOUTUBE

Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu was the first person to announce they would run for the leadership of the Conservative Party and that peaked enough interest to land her a spot on the CBC's satirical program This Hour Has 22 Minutes.

we've had in the last two elections."

Gladu tells *The Independent* she considered how a leadership bid would affect her work in Sarnia-Lambton saying when she becomes leader she would have a larger staff to help take care of local concerns.

Gladu has assembled her campaign team which is headed by Georganne Burke who has deep roots in the Conservative Party. She's worked for Tim Hudek and Jason Kenny in the past. She started out in the 2019 campaign with PPC Leader Maxime Bernier and then flipped to Scheer's campaign.

The Conservatives will hold a leadership race in Toronto in June. Former Conservative Leader Peter McKay is the only other declared candidate.

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More snow fence protects Lambton roads

Heather Wright

The Independent

Lambton County is investing in more snow fences to control drifting on local roads.

Jason Cole, the manager of infrastructure and development says Lambton bought about 1,900 m of snow fencing this year to add to the 4,000 meters already in stock.

"The county uses snow fence installations on our roads to help reduce or control areas that are prone to snow drifts and improve ongoing winter maintenance response," he says.

This year, drivers will notice fencing in three places along Oil Heritage Road' at

Courtright Line, at Aberfeldy Line and near Rutherford. There is also snow fencing on Inwood Road near Courtright Line.

The county also uses living snow fences, partnering with local farmers to leave several rows of corn stalks in place to act as a snow fence.

Some of the living snow fence is on Nauvoo Road north of Rokeby.

Cole says the county has also begun planting tree rows on public and private property to help cut down on the drifting.

During the first snow of 2020, the fencing seemed to be working. Snowplows could be seen going down Oil Heritage Road near Aberfeldy with their blades up in the area protected by snow fencing.

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TO:

- 1. Receive, consider and approve the Annual Statements and Auditors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2019.
- 2. Elect two directors for a three-year term in accordance with Company By-laws. The terms of Clare Moffatt (Director at Large) and Randy Gilliard (Lambton County Director) will expire at this meeting. Both directors whose terms expire are eligible for re-election.
- 3. Appoint auditors.
- 4. Transact such further business as may rightly come before the meeting.

NOTE: The Annual Statements for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2019 may be viewed on the Company's website at www.lambtonmutual.com. A Member may obtain a copy of the Annual Statements by sending a written notice to the Company's head office at least 14 days before the Meeting.

Transport plan looks at better rail service

The Independent

The province is looking at ways to improve transportation in southwestern Ontario and it could include more rail service.

Friday, Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey joined four cabinet ministers in London to unveil the southwestern Ontario draft transportation plan. Transport Minister Caroline Mulroney touted the province's investments in intercommunity bus service between Strathroy and Sarnia as ways the province is improving transport links.

She also talked about the province's hope to increase rail service. In the Connecting the Southwest document, the province says it will continue"positive discussions with freight rail companies and regional stakeholders toward passenger rail service

enhancements and the achievement of two-way, all-day GO passenger rail service between Kitchener and Toronto, which will help connect southwestern Ontario travellers with other regions."

The plan also says the province wants to "explore opportunities to increase passenger rail service to southwestern Ontario, working with freight partners on track access and with VIA Rail on the potential for integrated service offerings with GO Transit. These services could increase options and convenience for passengers travelling between London and Toronto."

And it suggests the province is looking at changing the speeds of existing trains to get passengers to their destinations quicker, however there is no mention of a high speed rail service which was touted by the Liberal government.

GOING, GOING, GONE



The final remnants of a historic block of Watford is now being carted away. Schouten Excavating took a little over a week to bring four buildings down. This photo was taken on Jan. 15 as the old Watford Hotel came down. Brick and debris is no being cleared out to make was for new buildings, including a new municipal office.

Cannabis concerns grow in Lambton County

Heather Wright The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming is going to take a look at what it can do to protect residents from some of the adverse affects - especially smell - of cannabis production.

At the Jan. 9 meeting, councillors asked staff to take a look at the approaches other municipalities are taking when a cannabis operation comes to town.

"We have nothing in place now," says Planner Sarah Baldwin, "and I have been talking with the county about bring bylaws forward but there has been no direction from the province on it...Municipalities are trying to tread carefully on it because it is a federal issue.'

Some municipalities, says Baldwin, have put in interim control bylaws to stop de-

velopment until some rules are in place. Councillor Tim Wilkins asked staff to come back with a report on what might be

Councillor Netty McEwen agreed. "If we don't want the stinking factories in her, I think we should do something.'

Lambton County politicians are also concerned about the issue.

On Jan. 15, a committee of council agreed there should be minimum distance standards for cannabis operations, similar to livestock

operations.
"This is an emerging issue across the province. It's a wise thing to do. We have all sorts of minimum standards in planning...to keep all standards the same across the province," says Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley.

County council will look at the issue at the Feb. 5 meeting.



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Oversized load costs up \$5 million

Heather Wright

The Independent

Concern is mounting about the rising cost of the Oversized Load Corridor.

In a report to council, Jason Cole, general manager of infrastructure and development, says the cost estimate for the project which makes it easier to move large modular equipment from local fabricators

to the Sarnia Harbour to ship around the world, has jumped from \$12 million to \$17 million.

That means Lambton County's share of the project will increase from \$1.2 million to \$2.7 million.

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradlev is concerned the costs will rise further when work begins on improving Sarnia Harbour.

nia council in a real bind.

Cole suggested a number of things could be done to keep costs down including upgrading bridges on the route later and delay one leg of the route which serves only one fabricator.

Lambton County council will look at the issue again when the first contract for the work is ready to be approved.

He says that could put Sar-

St. Clair brine use on roads questioned

A St. Clair Township man is worried about the amount of brine going onto the roads.

Owen Anthony brought pictures to St. Clair Township Council Jan. 6 which showed the liquid salt running into the storm sewers.

Brine is used before bad weather to keep ice from forming on the roads. Anthony says most municipalities apply a small amount of brine in fine lines, often only on bridges.

Anthony is concerned what the salt is doing to the environment since

storm water returns to local rivers. He added when he questioned staff about the application, they didn't seem to know how much was being applied.

Council asked staff to bring a report back on the issue for the meeting in February.

Editorial

Growing cannabis concerns

Municipal politicians, many of whom jumped on the cannabis bandwagon when it rolled into town, are becoming wary of the possibilities of the operations moving into rural areas.

When the federal government hurriedly brought recreational marijuana use into the main stream, many politicians were more concerned what a storefront operation would mean to their downtown. As it turns out, that's may be the least of the problems.

As we've seen in Enniskillen, the federal government failed to think about what impact a growing operation might have on its rural neighbours. There have been concerns about excess light, extra traffic but mostly strong odours coming from the Lasalle Line greenhouse. Try as they might, and High Park Farms has installed equipment to mute the smell, the smell still wafts through the air - a minor annoyance to someone in Petrolia, but a major problem for those next door.

Recently both Plympton-Wyoming politicians and Lambton County councillors voiced the need for some form of regulations, particularly when it comes to

Plympton-Wyoming is going to figure out what it can do with its own planning guidelines to make sure any operation setting up shop has tight controls. And they hope to have the rules in place before a cannabis operation comes to town.

County councillors are interested in seeing minimum distance setbacks, like livestock farming. It is an idea being promoted by Enniskillen council.

But while this sound simple and reasonable, it doesn't seem like it will happen very easily. As we reported last week, the provincial agriculture minister in a letter to Enniskillen council, says it has no plans at this time to regulate the cannabis growing industry.

But the calls to do something are growing. Enniskillen joined a group of municipalities who host cannabis operations this weekend. They hope to share best practices and give the government advice. Municipal politicians hear about the problems from the people next to the cannabis producers and they know something has to be done for the good of their communities.

Letters to the Editor

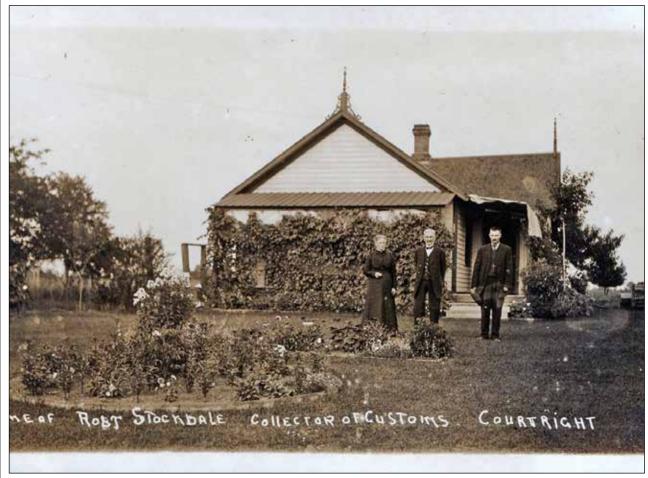
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A lovely garden at Robert Stockdale's home greeted people coming to Canada from the United States at Courtright. It seems unlikely today that the "Collector of Customs" would have such a picturesque place to work.

Wishing for a taste of a Newfoundland winter

Canadians like to talk about the weather - 'Geez, we're going to get a big snowstorm eh?' I'm one of those people who can talk about the weather at the check-out.

This winter had been different. For months, we stared at a brown landscape around us, punctuated with the occasional puddle and then torrential downpour.

It did not seem like winter.

So, when I heard the east coast was about to get walloped, I admit, I was a bit envious.

I watched as reporters braved the winds on Newfoundland's coast the night before the blizzard wrapped up in a hurricane arrived and went to sleep in my cozy bed wondering if the storm predicted for us would actually materialize this time.

When I woke, the world outside my

window was white. I couldn't help but smile.

By the time I was frying the bacon for breakfast, the rain had started and the smile slipped away from my face. The snow would melt away and we'd be left with brown again, I thought.

So, I went back to the Internet and watched in wonder as picture after picture of Newfoundlands recordbreaking snowstorm moved across my

There were drifts as high as a house, a time lapse of a car being covered in snow, doors opening to giant walls of snow and of course some crafty Newfoundlanders making a cooler for their beer there.

We went to bed wondering what it would be like to have that much snow - what would you do with it all. By Sunday, we had a small taste of

Newfoundland's snow. Of course around here, it's enough to close schools.

In Newfoundland - with nearly a meter of snow and gale force winds - women are driving themselves to the hospital on a snowmobile while in labour. We could use a Newfoundland winter to toughen



Heather Wright

us up.

And it might help us learn some survival skills. If nothing else, it would give me something to talk about at the checkout.



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YUKKING IT UP



Brian Chalupka, left, and Jim Annett, right, had the crowd at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre laughing as they performed a comedy sketch based on the old TV program Hee Haw. The pair were among the entertainers at a Talent Show hosted by Hope United Church. It was a fundraiser for the church's summer camps.

Plympton-Wyoming swallows 38.75 per cent insurance jump

Heather Wright The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming Councillor Tim Wilkins is worried about the rising cost of insurance and he says the town

should ask the province for help.

At the Jan. 9 meeting councillors heard Plympton-Wyoming's 2020 insurance bill surged 38.75 per cent. That's an increase of over \$106,000, even after the town increased its deductible and took a second look at the value of the properties insured to get

the best deal.

Treasurer Norma Roddick-Preece says municipalities across the province are facing on average a 25 per cent increase. In Lambton, communities are seeing insurance rates climb at least 20 per cent.

Roddick-Preece says the town's history of insurance claims is a big factor. In the last five years, three fire trucks were written off. There was also a fire at the Mandaumin Library.

The town accepted the proposal for a 38.75 per cent increase because there

are few options for municipalities.

Wilkins says small businesses are also facing rising insurance premiums. He says the snow removal and landscape business recently had a meeting to talk about the rising costs due mostly to legal claims.

He says the province is considering what it can do, including changing legislation to help municipalities with rising rates. Wilkins suggested councillors should read the proposed legislation and then enlist the local MPPs help to keep insurance costs down.

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Petrolia investigates cost of BIA and minimum building standards

Heather Wright

The Independent

Petrolia council is going to take a closer look at how owners of vacant buildings can be forced to get them ready to rent.

Recently, town staff outlined a number of ideas which would enforce

a minimum maintenance standard for buildings, give grants to people who want to improve their buildings and a way to put a Business Improvement Association for the downtown. They were ideas floated by administration in

2017 but were never acted on. Councillor Don Welton walked the downtown streets with town staff to get a better understanding of the issue.

The former building inspector believes something needs to be done and he's asked council to look at the potential costs of set up standards and

The report is expected in early 2020.

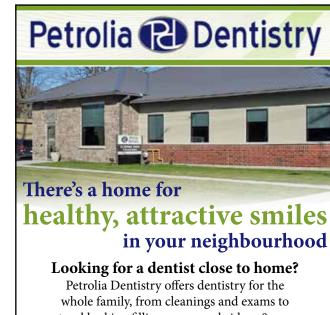
OPP stops driver doing 170 km/h on the 402 in Plympton-Wyoming

A Mississauga man is facing racing charges after Lambton OPP clocked a vehicle going 170 km/h on the 402 in Plympton Wyoming.

A 22 year-old man was stopped Jan. 18 and charged with racing. His licence was suspended f seven days and the vehicle was towed

and impounded for seven days. If he's found guilty of racing, the man will face a fine of at least and up to six months in jail.





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Honouring a giant in agriculture: McNeil in Hall of Fame

Heather Wright

The Independent

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture is honouring a giant in agriculture.

At the LFA's annual meeting Friday, the late Leonard McNeil - who was instantly recognizable because he was so tall and outgoing - was inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

McNeil, who died suddenly in 2002, was a politician, an auctioneer and a farmer. And he was part of almost every group you could imagine. McNeil devoted a lot of time to the community as part of the Lambton Plowman's Association, Lambton Cattleman's Association, Lambton Soil and Crop Association, the Masonic Lodge, he was a bass drum player with the Petrolia Highland Band, he was a councillor of Brooke Township and became Brooke-Alvinston's first mayor. He also served as Lambton County's warden. His daughter, Barbara recalls there was very few evenings her dad was not out working in the community.

It was his time as the chair of the 1991 International Plowing Match in Lambton County which he was admired for Friday.

McNeil's wife, Margaret, says he led a group of people for nearly a decade trying to secure the event which drew thousands of people to Lambton. Then, when the bid was successful, he and the group went to work - all volunteering five years of the time - to make the event happen.

It was McNeil's idea that the profits from the plowing match would be



Margaret MacNeil and her daughter, Barbara, accept the plaque which marked the induction of the late Leonard McNeil into the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Hall of Fame Friday night.

turned into scholarships. The plowing match was very profitable and the scholarship fund flourished. Over 100 students have received about \$150,000 in scholarships over the years.

The honour was overwhelming for McNeil's family. "I don't know what to say except this is a great honour for our family," Margaret said she accepted the plaque.

Margaret told The Independent McNeil was a natural at community events, talking to everyone and enjoying being in the middle of the action. 'It was easy for him to express himself," she says.

"He loved to give back to the community, he was a very social person," added Barbara. It was something he learned from his mother, who was also active in the community.

But what would McNeil think of the honour. "He probably would ask 'Why me?' He would think there should be others ahead of him. He was just living life and it came naturally to him."

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Methamphetamine and knife seized in Wyoming

A traffic stop in Wyoming led to the seizure of drugs and a knife.

OPP were called to Broadway St. Jan. 19 after someone spotted a disqualified driver behind the wheel. Around 4 pm, police found the

vehicle and made the stop.

They found a bag of methamphetamine and a knife inside.

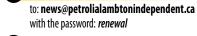
The driver also didn't have an insurance card for the car.

40 year-old Michael Dennis has been charged with two counts of driving while prohibited, two counts of failing to comply with bail hearings, possession of methamphetamine, operating a vehicle without insurance, two counts of driving while under suspension and using an unauthorized licence plate. He was held in custody for a bail hearing.



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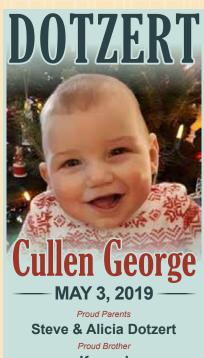






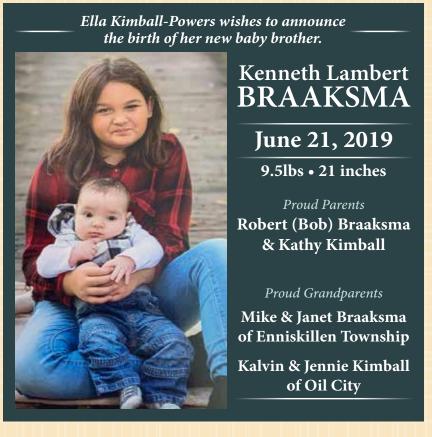






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There was a collision at mid-ice as LCCVI fell to 2-2-1 on the Lambton Kent girls hockey season bowing 2-1 to Northern on home ice last week. J. Jackson had the lone goal for the Lancers. LCCVI closes our the regular season against St. Pat's at Greenwood on Feb. 13. Game time is 3 pm. Northern Lambton will bring the curtain down on its regular season at Clearwater Arena on Feb. 10 vs. Northern at 2:30. The Lady Eagles fell to 0-5 with loss to Northern and St. Pat's last week.

Radars best Squires in Clinton

The hometown Clinton Radars scored five times in the first period and went to a 10-4 win over the Petrolia Squires in Clinton.

Ryan Fraser had a goal and two assists for the Squires. Kole and Kyler Keating and Ethan Dupont also scored for Petrolia.

Ex-Squire Brad Burton had three assists for Clinton.

The home team outshot the Squires, 56-28 with Petrolia dressing only nine skaters for the contest. Petrolia finished the regular season with a mark of 6-16.

The Squires will compete in the "A" playoffs, but will not know a first round opponent until the rest of the teams complete their regular schedule by early next month.

Petrolia can not place any higher than 12th place, but could finish lower. If they retain their 12th place position, the team says the first home game of the playoffs will likely be Feb. 7.

Squire Alumni suit up for 50th anniversary

Some familiar faces are returning to the Greenwood Recreation Centre to help the Petrolia Squires celebrate 50 years of

On Jan. 31, the Squires are hosting 30 alumni during Allan Cup Night. The regular squad – on a break until playoffs begin – will take on an Alumni team.

Some of the familiar faces taking to the ice include, Steve Barraclough, Brad Hull, Todd Bidner, Jeff Gould, Scott Hull, Brayden Belan, Mike Gardner, Scott Mcphail, as well as goalies Chris Houle and Kevin Luckhurst.

There will be displays of the Allan Cup and Squire history.

There will be some 50th anniversary jerseys available in a silent auction and there will be memorabilia to purchase as well.

The puck drops at 8 pm.

Flyers clinch playoff berth with weekend win

Jakob Knowles turned aside 17 shots to lead the Petrolia Flyers to a 2-0 win at Wallaceburg officially clinching a PJHL playoff spot for the Flyers Dresden and Blenheim and eliminating the Thunderhawks from postseason competition.

Eric Marsh and Zach Bressette scored for Petrolia against the Hawks.

Marsh and Michael Vanek had two goals each last Thursday as the Flyers doubled Blenheim, 6-3 at Greenwood.

The Flyers are now 12-19-3 on the season and continue to battle with the Blades and Junior Kings for positions six through eight in the Stobbs Division standings.

It's the fourth straight season the Flyers have qualified for the postseason in Petrolia and the 11th season in a row dating back to when the squad was based in Alvinston.

Petrolia at home to Essex Thursday at

They visit the Admirals in Amherstburg

Peer scores in Legionnaire's loss to St. Thomas

Oil City's Carson Peer notched his fourth goal of the season in the Sarnia Legionnaires' 4-3 loss to St. Thomas in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League.

The 16-year old rookie now has ten points in 37 games this season.

Sarnia has lost five straight contests and is only five points up on St. Thomas for the

final playoff spot in the Western Conference. The Legionnaires are at home to St. Marys Thursday before taking on the Rockets in Strathroy Saturday.

Petrolia minor hockey grad Bayly Fryfogle had three assists last week for the Rockets in a 6-1 triumph over Komoka. Fryfogle has eight assists in his last six games.

TOWN OF PETROLIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING **CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia will hold a Public Meeting on February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers at 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment under Sections 17 & 21 of the Planning Act.

THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT will affect all lands within the Town of Petrolia. The proposed Amendment would add policies requiring the provision of sidewalks, walkways and bike lanes in Petrolia, including within new residential subdivisions and commercial areas. The Amendment would add policies that encourage new streets to be designed in a grid pattern and would add policies to discourage cul-de-sacs and long curving streets. The Amendment would also add a policy that encourages new residential developments to consider a mix of housing types for low, medium and upper income households.

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IF YOU WISH to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia at the address below.

THE PROPOSED AMEMDMENT will be available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices (address below) and at the public

Dated at the Town of Petrolia this 9 Day of January, 2020.

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Wyoming teen in global game LEIGHTON DROPS THE PUCK

Julia Boelens is heading to the east coast to take part in the 2020 IIHF Global Girls' Game at the Mile One Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland early next month.

The Wyoming teen will represent the Ontario Women's Hockey Association at the fifth annual event from Feb. 7-9. It includes off-ice sessions, speakers and the game scheduled for Feb. 8.

The event is to empower young female hockey players from around the globe, notes a joint news release issued from Hockey Newfoundland & Labrador and Hockey Canada.

The competitors were chosen as a result of their positive attitude,

teamwork and leadership qualities.

Boelens submitted an essay as part of the contest.

She is a member of the Watfordbased Girls Hockey Association and has played for the Lambton Attack for about eight years.



Boelens says she loves the family atmosphere of hockey and the competitiveness of the sport.

High school sports: Lancers 4-1 in boys hockey

The Northern Vikings won the battle of the unbeaten clubs in boys high school hockey in Petrolia.

The Vikings skated into Greenwood and came away with a 2-0 victory. The Vikings are now 4-0 on the season. LCCVI drops to 4-1.

Meantime, North Lambton fell to 1-5 on the season, bowing 6-2 to St. Pat's In Senior Boys Basketball; Trevor Syer had 20 points to lead LCCVI to a 62-25 win over the John McGregor Panthers. The Lancers are tied with Great Lakes with the top records among "AA" schools in the standings.

Both squads are 5-4. In junior action, LCCV dropped to 0-9 on the season losing 57-34 to John McGregor. Tristen Nemcek led the

Lancers with eight points.

In girls volleyball, the Lancers are tied for second place in the AA standings after splitting two sets each with John McGregor and Wallaceburg, but lost twice each to Chatham Kent Secondary and Ursuline. Meantime, the juniors are tied with John McGregor for first place in the AA standing after beating Wallaceburg, 2-0 and splitting two games with John McGregor.

LCCVI finished second to St. Pat's in the overall girls standings and third overall in the combined standings at the Lambton Kent Swimming Championships.Laura Potter and Ellen Sawyer were three-time winners, while Drake Landon won twice for LCCVI.



Petrolia's Michael Leighton (middle) dropped the puck at the Sarnia Sting contest Friday as part of the opening ceremonies for the annual North American Silver Stick Finals in Sarnia. Leighton retired last October after an 18-year pro career split mainly between the National Hockey League and the American Hockey League.

Mooretown has francise record 28 wins this season

The Mooretown Flags set a franchise record for wins in single season with a 13-6 victory over Wheatley.

The Flags are now 29-6 on the season breaking the previous mark of 28 victories set during the 1973-74 season when the schedule was 42 games. The current schedule is 40 games. Cameron Rannie and Brock Perry led the Flags

with three goals and two assists each while Colby Ramsdale made 25 saves to improve to 9-0 on the season.

The team also has a chance to break franchise records for fewest losses in a season and fewest goals against. The Flags tied the wins record with a 7-2 win at Dresden. Mooretown is home to Amherstburg Saturday at 7:30.

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TOWN OF PETROLIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia will hold a **Public Meeting on Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Town Council Chambers at 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would amend the Town's Zoning By-law 63 of 2017 as it applies to a property described as Part Lots 7 and 8, Plan 14. The subject property has a municipal address of 4110 Petrolia Line, and it is located on the north side of Petrolia Line, between Kerby Street and Eureka Street. The intent of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to add a veterinary establishment as a permitted use on the property.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to Mandi Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia.

IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the By-law Amendment is passed the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Petrolia to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal.

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IF YOU WISH to be notified of the passing of the proposed Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia at the address below.

THE KEY MAP shows more particularly the lands affected.

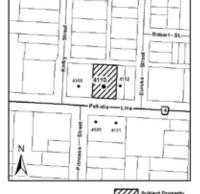
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT will be available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices at 411 Greenfield Street. Petrolia and at the public meeting.

DATED at the TOWN OF PETROLIA this 9th DAY of JANUARY 2020.

Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk Town of Petrolia 411 Greenfield Street Petrolia, ON, NON 1R0 Telephone: 882-2350

Fax: 882-3373





Obituary



MCEWEN

Nellie

Died peacefully at Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia on **Thursday, January 16, 2020**. Born in New Brunswick, NELL McEWEN (nee Cunningham) of Petrolia and formerly of London, was in her **100th year**. Nell was predeceased by her husband George (1995) and her son Robert. She will be missed by her children Lorne (Terry) McEwen, Chris (Adora) McEwen, and Susan (Jeff) McEwen, her grandchildren David (Michelle) McEwen, Ashley (Ray) McEwen, Simon McEwen-Harvev, and Emma McEwen-Harvey, and her great grandchildren William and Rowan. Nell is also survived by her sister Louise Laskey. She was predeceased by her parents Laura and William Cunningham, her sister Margaret Sparks. and her brother Jerry Cunningham. Cremation has taken place. Entombment will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery, London. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Mission Services of (www.missionservices. London ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online www.needhamjay.com.



Card of Thanks

Keith Dawson

We would like to personally thank everyone for their phone calls, flowers, donations to St. Joseph's hospice and cards of support over the past month since Keith passed away. Your thoughts and kind words were very appreciated during this difficult time.

> Thank You, Helena, Pete,John Dawson, Maria and Tom Moore and family.

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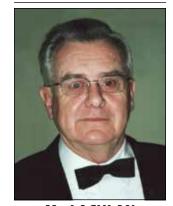


DOBBINWilliam Murray "Bill"

Peacefully, surrounded by his family on Saturday, January **18, 2020** at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia. **WILLIAM MURRAY** Petrolia. "Bill" DOBBIN, of Petrolia, was 89 years. Beloved husband of the late Donna (nee Simpson) (2004). Proud father of Gary and Millie Dobbin, Vaughn Dobbin, Ruth and Dave White, and Mark and Stacey Dobbin. Loved papa and grandpa to Nicole (Dave) Connors, Bill (Melinda) Dobbin, Melissa Green, Curtis (Rebecca) White, Brittany Dobbin, Brandy (Derek) Grainger, Kelsey (Jamie) Dobbin, Karly (Julia) Dobbin, and great grandfather to Danielle, Hannah, Morgan, Olivia, Emily, Abbigale, Jaxxon, Hailey, Liam, and Oliver. He was predeceased by his parents Ollie and Annie Dobbin, his brother Jack Dobbin and sister Jean (Lyle) Poland. He is survived by a sister-in-law Johanna "Ena" Dobbin. A private funeral service and reception was held, with interment in Hillsdale Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Sarnia Humane Society (www.sarniahumanesociety.com) or C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com. Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home.

When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go. ~ Carol Burnett

Obituary



MACLACHLAN

John Stuart
John Stuart MacLachlan passed

away Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 83 years of age. Born in Petrolia, Ontario, he grew up on a farm outside of Oil Springs with loving parents, two brothers, and his sister. Stu joined the RCMP and came to Saskatchewan in 1959. While stationed in Melfort he met his wife of 41 years, Gloria, who predeceased him by 16 years. We take comfort knowing they are together now. During his career with the RCMP he was stationed in Blaine Lake, Melfort, Wakaw, Saskatoon, Assiniboia, and Regina. He was a devoted community member, an active Mason and Shriner, and supporter of the Eastern Star. He enjoyed playing golf and spending time at his cabin at Christopher Lake. Stu is survived by his daughters, Dawn (Murray) and Adrienne (Camille); four grandchildren, Victoria (Mitchell), Erin, Connor, and Sydney; sister, Anne (Donald); and brothers Donald and Angus (Connie); He was predeceased by his parents, Gordon and Beatrice and his wife, Gloria. He passed away in the arms of his loved ones. There will be family prayers and a Masonic Service at Speers Funeral Chapel, 2136 College Avenue, Regina, SK, on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Memorial Service will be held at the RCMP Chapel, 11th Avenue, Regina, SK, on Tuesday, January, 21, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Interment in the RCMP Cemetery and reception to follow. Family and friends so wishing, may make memorial donations in Stu's name, to the Shrine Wa-Wa-Travel Fund for Children, 2065 Hamilton Street, Regina, SK, S4P 2E1 or the Masonic Leadership Camp for Youth, C/O Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, 1930 Lorne Street, Regina, SK, S4P



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We also want to thank those who couldn't make it but sent cards and/or best wishes. Also, a special thank you to our surprise guest and original best man,

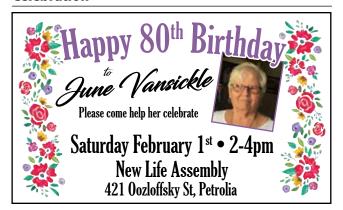
Mike, Dave and Sarah, we love you and thank you and your families for making it all possible. It meant the world to us. Mike & Sylvia Edgar **Classified Deadline:** Monday @ 12 noon



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DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE Events are listed FREE for non-profit

groups in Petrolia and Lambton County (space permitting).

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UPCOMING EVENTS				
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
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Jan 24	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle/Catch the Ace	519-876-2360
Jan 24	7pm	Petrolia	St.Philips Parish Card Parties	519-882-4840
Jan 25	3-5p	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle • Catch the Ace • 50/5	0 519-786-5357
Jan 25	3:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion Meat Raffle in Support of Brooke Program with Catch the Ace at 6pm	Central Snack 519-898-2100
Jan 25	4-6pm	Oil Springs	Oil Springs Legion Meat Raffle . Everyone Welcome \$20 for 3 Chances at 10 Draws or \$2 per Draw	• 10 Meat Draws 519-834-2537
Jan 25	7pm	Petrolia	Oral Heath Care with Inuit People at First Bapti Speaker: Cheryl Sinclair. Free. Light Refreshments.	
Jan 28	7pm	Sarnia	Bluewater Chordsmen Guest Nights at All Saints Anglican Church, corner of Charlotte &	226-402-3060 Vidal
Jan 29	1:30- 2:30pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Library is offering a free workshop for leging Privacy Rights for residential landlord and ten	
Jan 31	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle/Catch the Ace	519-876-2360
Jan 31	8pm	Wyoming	Pickin' n Fiddlin' at Wyoming Legion Door donations Auxiliary.	to Legion Ladies 519-845-0072
Feb 1	12 Noon	Alvinston		Catch the Ace at (519) 898-2100
Feb 2	9-12	Oil Springs	Groundhog Day Breakfast at the Youth Centre. A Children \$5 • Pre-school children Free. Sausage, Pea	
Feb 2	2pm	Wyoming	The Big Game Party at The Wyoming Legion. \$5/prizes/raffles/food	person. Doore 519-845-0072
Feb 4	9:30am	Camlachie	Coffee & Conversation at the Camlachie United C thoughts and needs during your grief journey	hurch. Topic: Your 519-869-2102





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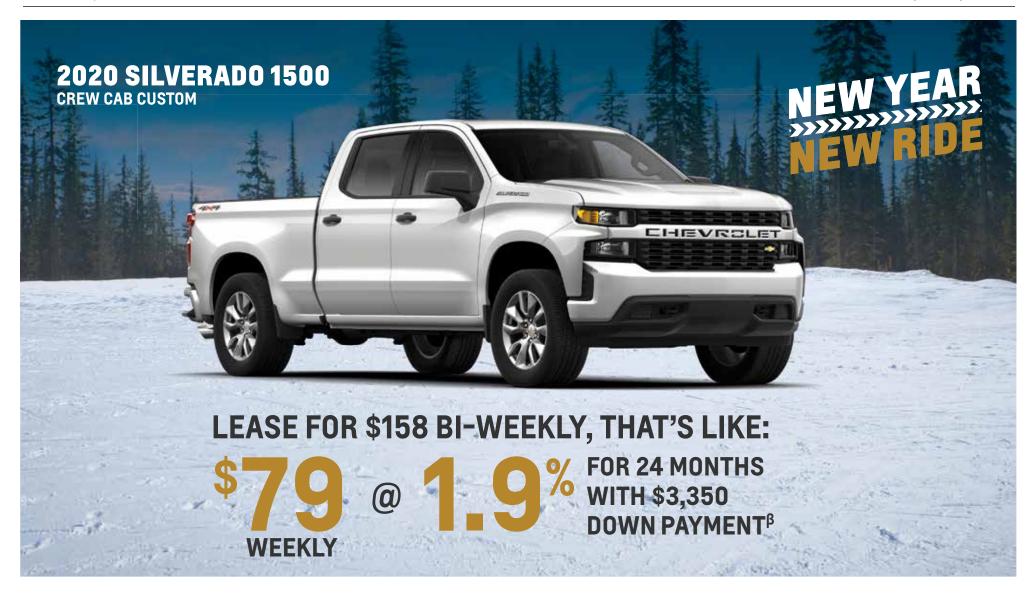


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