

## COVID-19 uncertainty leads to Petrolia Fair cancellation

Heather Wright  
The Independent

This year's Petrolia Enniskillen Fall Fair has been cancelled.

Ironically, it comes the same day as the largest fair in Ontario – the Canadian National Exhibition – announced it wouldn't have an event this year either.

Demi Krall, president of the Petrolia Enniskillen Agricultural Society, says it was the only decision the board could make since it isn't clear how long the restrictions for public gatherings to stop the spread of COVID-19 will remain in place.

"It just doesn't leave us a lot of time if the government decides in the end of August that we can have it or we can't," she says.

"And it is hard to come up with the sponsorship money that we need to run the fair when all the businesses are hurting... We don't want to go to them when we know they are hurting financially."

Justin Richards, the past president of the Petrolia Enniskillen Agricultural Society, says it was a tough decision, but the right one.

"You could see (during the video conference Monday where the event was cancelled) that some of us were disappointed, but we have to look out for the health of our volunteers and the health of our community."

Krall says the financial fall out from cancelling now won't be as bad as if they had waited until late summer to stop the show.

She says many of the businesses and entertainers the board is dealing with are being "really good and working with us, giving us our deposits back and letting us reschedule for 2021."

Krall says the fair board will likely hold some fundraisers this winter to help cover the costs of upkeep on the grounds and building it owns.

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## DANCING IN COURTRIGHT'S STREETS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Cassandra Graham leads a dance party at 2 pm Tuesday from the front porch of her Courtright home. Friends in the neighbourhood have come out to join the ritual during the pandemic. The dancing, which started with a Sock Hop, is clearing raising some spirits. See story on pg 6.

## Loosley says it's a good time to rebuild Greenfield St.

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Petrolia's mayor says it may be the perfect time to rebuild Greenfield Street.

Brad Loosley made the comments Monday as council discussed the reconstruction of Wingfield Street during a video conference.

Councillors awarded the contract for the job to Cope Construction. The project includes fixing the water and sewer services and rebuilding the road which runs parallel to Greenfield. The town had expected the work to cost about \$1.24 million; Cope's bid came in at \$944,911. Even with factoring in about \$150,000 in engineering

and project management costs, that puts the project about \$150,000 under budget.

CAO and Treasurer, Rick Charlebois says any surplus funding will go into the town's working capital reserves for other projects..

Loosley believes that could be Greenfield Street. It's been up for discussion for years. The street was part of a \$5 million plan submitted to the province last year which would have seen all the streets in the theatre district renewed. It didn't receive funding.

Loosley believes the time is right to work on Greenfield. "With no theatre going on right now, it would certainly be ideal...it would be the ideal time to get into a mess

and not to affect the theatre.

But the mayor says he'd only be in favour of getting started if contractors would wait until 2021 to be paid, since the cash for the project isn't in this year's budget.

Councillor Ross O'Hara wasn't as keen on the idea. "There are so many unknowns right now...I wouldn't want to commit to anything until we know what else comes down the road," he says.

Councillors asked for a report on the idea. Councillor Joel Field suggested it might be best to only move ahead on the engineering work so the project would be ready should the federal and provincial government start an infrastructure program to kick start the economy.

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## Pizzafest a go, Art in the Park not

Petrolia’s Pizzafest is a go – but Victoria Park won’t be full.

The Town of Petrolia says the popular event will go virtual this year.

Instead of pizza slice sales, each of the participating pizzerias will offer a Pizzafest pecial on June 5 and June 6 during their regular hours. The “Virtual Petrolia Pizzafest 2020” Facebook event will have performances by some of our favourite local artists throughout the weekend. The entertainment available on YouTube.

Organizers of Petrolia’s Art in the Park meantime have cancelled this year’s event due to restrictions on crowd sizes.

The show brings thousands of people to Petrolia’s Victoria Park each year to listen to music and buy from artisans and artists from across the region.

## Fairs cancel due to COVID-19

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The Petrolia Fair regularly meets with other fair boards in their districts and she says many are struggling with the decision, particularly those with fairs later in the fall. The Parkhill, Shedden and Dresden fairs have also been cancelled in the last week.

But Krall says when she heard the CNE wouldn’t open this year, she knew Petrolia had done the right thing. “If the biggest one is cancelled, it would be silly for us to have ours,” she says.

But that doesn’t make it any easier.

“We look forward to this every year and we plan for it all year. It’s hard to say it is cancelled.”

Gary Atkinson, the president of the Plympton-Wyoming Agriculture Society says the board will meet next week to talk about whether to cancel the 174th event.

Public Health Canada advised that all public events where people would gather should be cancelled. Tuesday, Ontario’s premier suggested they were now considering increasing the number of people can gather in a group to just 10.

## NEW WARWICK DIGS



DRAWINGS VIA WARWICK TOWNSHIP

Warwick councillors got their first look at the design of the municipal offices. Watford Developments recently tore down a block of buildings in Watford’s downtown. Warwick Township will be the anchor tenant on the new building. There is expected to be at least four other retail stores. Councillors liked the look, but Colin Mitchell was most anxious to find out when construction would begin. Developer Frank Callipari says all the municipal approvals have to be in place and they’re close. Chief Administrative Officer Amanda Gubbels says they’re working out the final details and the site plan may come to council in June. After that, they have to wait to see if the province will allow construction. Right now, the province won’t allow the township to issue commercial building permits. “It will depend on the provincial orders...but that does not mean we can’t have everything ready to go,” says Gubbels.

## Petrolia’s Farmers’ Market could reopen in mid-June

The Independent

It may be mid to late June before Petrolia’s Farmers’ Market opens. The popular gathering spot in the downtown was slated to open May 14 but concerns over the spread of COVID-19 have delayed its opening. Under the provincial orders, farmers markets can be open since it is a source of food for many. But there are still concerns about how much traffic

there will be and whether patrons can follow physical distancing rules while they shop.

Dave Menzies, the director of facilities for Petrolia, has been working with Farmers’ Markets Ontario on what should be done including one way movement through the market, spaces between stalls and a layout that public health officials have approved.

Councillor Ross O’Hara says it will

be a challenge to keep people from visiting while at the market when it opens. “As much as it is a market, it seems to be a meeting place where people congregate and talk.”

Menzies doesn’t expect a bylaw officer will be on hand to move people along but he says extra staff may be there to make sure patrons maintain physical distance while they shop for their food.

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# Conservation authority to voice its concerns about biosolid fertilizers

**Heather Wright**  
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St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is voicing its concerns about piles of commercial fertilizer made from human waste in Lambton County.

Warwick, Brooke-Alvinston and Dawn-Euphemia are all facing a legal hearing brought by Lasalle Agri to the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board. The action challenges zoning bylaw which all three municipalities have passed limiting the amount of fertilizer stored on a farm property. Farmers can only store as much as they need for their field.

Dawn-Euphemia and Brooke-Alvinston both asked the company to move piles of the product saying they were too large. Neighbours in Dawn-Euphemia also voiced

concern that the biosolids pile on Hale School Road was too close to Longs Creek and could cause problems with the water.

Lasalle Agri has always contended the commercial fertilizer which comes from human waste will be used on their property and not sold commercially.

Conservation authority staff has examined the fertilizer piles in question and General Manager Brian McDougall says had the company asked for a permit to put the fertilizer there, it would likely have been granted under the current rules. But McDougall is still concerned about the biomass fertilizer.

“We have significant concerns especially looking at run off and water quality downstream.”

But McDougall says the upper levels of government regulate that.

If the fertilizer would run off into a stream and kill wildlife, McDougall says it would be the Ontario Ministry of the Environment’s job to deal with it. The federal ministry of agriculture also regulates the fertilizer.

“We’re dealing with two different ministries here and we are not getting a full answer,” he says.

But Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad says municipal leaders and the conservation authority should be trying to have the biomass fertilizer delisted as a commercial product so it would face more stringent guidelines.

“Everyone is trying to wash their hands of it,” says Broad. “Until we get the commercial fertilizer designation off of it, we have a problem.”

The conservation authority will write to the federal and provincial

authorities outlining their concerns about the product.

Meantime, Roger Buurma, one of the principals of LaSalle Agri is taking issue with the characterization of what the company is doing.

Buurma pointed to a recent article in *The Independent* about the Normal Farm Practices hearing which said the land near Watford’s two cemeteries could be used to store biomass fertilizer. Drawings of the field were included in the package to the board which appeared on the public agenda of Warwick Council. Mayor Jackie Rombouts voiced concern about the possibility the company would place the fertilizer, which can have a very strong odour, near a cemetery.

Buurma called *The Independent* saying the article gave the impression there would be a storage area

on the land when the family and the company only wanted to store biosolid fertilizer there temporarily.

He added Lasalle Agri’s product would not be placed on the field this year. It is normally used after wheat is harvested in July or August however the wheat on that field, he said, is dead.

Buurma accused *The Independent* of “drumming up” anger in the community against the company and unfairly characterizing what the hearing was about. When asked several times if Buurma had read the articles he was referring to, which clearly outlined the company’s objections, he did not answer.

“People will find out that you have reported inaccurately because you are misleading them,” says Buurma.

# Teachers say at home learning has been an ‘steep uphill climb’ for everyone

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The Independent

It’s 10:30 and little faces are still popping up on the screen.

The Grade 5/6 class from Lambton Centennial School is getting together virtually to hear from local hockey star Kaden Fulcher. It’s just one of the guests teachers Steve McGrail and Nicole Urbanowicz have lined up to engage their students as they learn at home. Engaging the kids seems to be a tough task. Some students are ready to listen others are texting friends through the video conferencing program. Some are still in pyjamas.

McGrail says the at-home learning forced upon them by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging.

“It’s been a steep uphill climb, not only for teachers but parents and the kids at home.”

McGrail says there are internet issues which mean some students have good

service and others have problems dialing in. Everyone is using different devices - from phones to iPads - making it difficult to give tech help when needed. “It’s a huge learning curve for everyone to get around.”

McGrail and Urbanowicz says it took most people a month to get the hang of the online platforms.

“This has been basically brand new,” says Urbanowicz. And for teachers, it has been labour intensive. “I’m normally half time; now I;m working all day, talking to the kids, marking their work; it is definitely different.”

McGrail agrees. “It never stops; you have to tell yourself; ‘Okay, I’m done for the day.”

Often teachers work into the evening because that’s when the students can be online. With some parents working from home, their classroom work has to be done after parent’s paid work is complete.

“Some kids can’t make it because they

can’t get connected because mom is on the computer,” Urbanowicz says. Often, students with poor internet link in only to be “booted off” again.

Aside from the technology and timing issues, McGrail says students simply aren’t as engaged when class is online. “The first week the kids weren’t very talkative - you would say something and it would be crickets.”

That’s why the teaching duo has been bringing in guests to capture the student’s attention.

McGrail says some students have been excelling with the at home learning, completing all the tasks set out for them. Others, the kids who like school because they can be with their friends, are having a tough time. “A lot of kids are social and they need that face-to-face and one-on-one,” he says.

“Certain kids you know are struggling; they will just hang around to chat when the class ends,” says Urbanowicz. “They’re

having a tough time being home every day, all day.”


And others are home alone while parents work which means McGrail and Urbanowicz are sometimes calling to see if they’ll be joining the class.

Before COVID-19 moved learning online, the education minister was pushing the idea during contract negotiations. McGrail and Urbanowicz says the at-home learning is showing there are real weaknesses. But both feel it could benefit some students.

“There is a place for it,” says McGrail “and there is a certain type of student that could handle it, but it doesn’t replace in class instruction. It’s not nearly as good as what we can provide in the classroom.”

“The social aspect is still so key for those kids as they’re growing up,” says Urbanowicz noting even when it is done in other jurisdictions, online is only part of the class.

“Full online learning is not good for anyone.”



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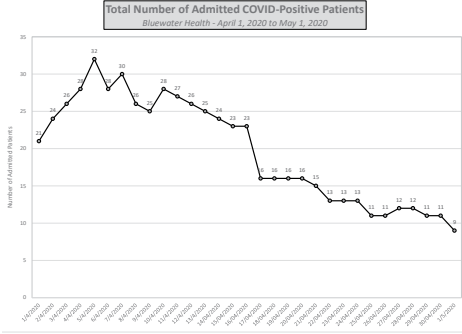
### The Light at the End of the Tunnel

*An important message from the Medical Director of Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital of Bluewater Health, Dr. Charles Winegard*

What a difference six weeks makes! On April 1, Bluewater Health was days away from our peak number of confirmed COVID-19 patients. Thankfully the number stayed within our capacity, and has declined steadily since - although we're saddened by the friends and neighbours we've lost. As of early May, new cases have slowed, recoveries are up, and hospitalizations down.

At Charlotte Eleanor Engelhard Hospital (CEEH) of Bluewater Health, procedures, tests and clinics continue for urgent/emergencies cases only, and no visitors are permitted. Emergency and life-threatening surgeries are performed at the Sarnia hospital, and the Pat Mailloux Eye Centre is closed.

*The Assessment Centre at Central Lambton Family Health team opened on April 16, completing a daily average of 17 tests. If you feel you need a test, please contact your primary care provider or Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000). You can also use the online self-assessment tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.*



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April 3	34
April 4	42
April 5	52
April 6	48
April 7	52
April 8	42
April 9	48
April 10	52
April 11	48
April 12	42
April 13	38
April 14	34
April 15	30
April 16	26
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April 18	18
April 19	14
April 20	10
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April 22	6
April 23	4
April 24	3
April 25	2
April 26	1
April 27	1
April 28	1
April 29	1
April 30	1
May 1	1
May 2	1
May 3	1

At this time, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter, although physical distancing and other responses to the pandemic remain. As we stay the course to flatten the curve, we must also continue to help each other. Please support local organizations, including take-out restaurants and the food bank. Request a virtual visit with a patient in hospital at: <https://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/form/virtual-visit-request-form>, or help a neighbour with their groceries. Try these boredom-busters: start a new hobby, take an online course, or get outside to exercise or garden.

*In the words of Helen Keller, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”*

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# Editorial

## Time to figure out a way to live with COVID-19

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the summer of 2020 will be noteworthy not for summer festivals and long lazy days at the beach but instead for the indelible mark COVID-19 has made on all our lives.

Consider what has transpired in the last two weeks in the region. Victoria Playhouse Petrolia - a source for entertainment for people in Lambton and across Ontario - cancelled its season. It was in good company as most theatre companies - including the Stratford Festival - had already cancelled their productions.

The popular Art in the Park in Petrolia was shelved for the year. The chance of the province allowing the large crowds that roamed through Victoria Park to do so by July seemed unlikely.

And then the Petrolia Enniskillen Agricultural Society announced its fall fair classic would also take a one year hiatus - the uncertainty around what might happen this summer and into the fall forced the group's hand.

All this is on top of the fact the traditional kick off to summer will be a whimper instead of a bang for most, as the provincial parks and conservation areas remain closed to campers who might have taken advantage of the May long weekend.

It is all very depressing.

But there is some silver lining. There are still groups looking for ways to make things work.

In Petrolia for example, Pizzafest will be a virtual event, with music online and pizza specials eaten around your kitchen table.

And the town is working through a plan to reopen the Farmers' Market - a popular spot to share Saturday morning gossip. It will be different, with one way traffic and likely fewer vendors to provide more space, but officials hope to open in mid or late June.

It should be encouraging to see people trying to find a way through the new COVID-19 world. In fact, we believe it is something we will all have to figure out.

We can bemoan the loss of some of the traditional live with COVID-19.

It seems like an impossible task, but we think it can and must be done.

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A photo of the Royal Bank in Inwood. It was first Northern Crown then Royal Bank then Bank of Montreal on Main Street and was a branch of the Alvinston Royal Bank.

## WANTED: A pandemic playbook to keep track of the rules

I think I need a playbook or at very least a set of rules.

I'm confused about the constant changes taking place in Ontario as we work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since March 13, the province has laid out a number of measures through the Emergency Act restricting which businesses can open, restricting who we can see, where we can go and when. It is a bit frustrating even though we know it is all important to keep the respiratory virus at bay.

My problem is I don't believe those rules are very clear. Sure the biggies - stay six feet apart and stay home if you're sick are self explanatory - but others? Not so much.

Some people stay in their house almost all the time, only venturing out with a mask on to get groceries. Others see no harm in taking a drive down the highway to break the monotony of

being sequestered.

There are debates about whether we can go for a walk, if walking through a public park or if we should feel guilty for pulling through the drive thru to get our coffee. Different health officials even gave different advice on whether to visit family - at a distance - for Mother's Day/

Even the premier seems to have the same problem. Doug Ford told reporters he'd been to his Muskoka cottage to "check on the pipes." They'd busted the last couple of years and he was only there for a short time, spoke to no one and stopped nowhere.

He appeared to get a pass from the public, although there was some mumbling about the premier bending the rules.

Then he admitted his daughters, who don't live with him, visited on Mother's Day.

Online, Ontario residents who had

been staying at home for weeks, were angry. They didn't feel "we are all in it together."

I understand the feeling, but I also understand how the Premier did seemingly harmless things; there have been so many rules and changes over the past two months - every part of our world has changed - and it is hard to keep track.

Perhaps the next pandemic - hopefully 100 years from now - we should make the rules and write them down some where. It would make all our lives a little easier.



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# ‘What would they do without us:’ a PSW perspective

*Editor’s Note: The name of the PSW and her place of employment is being withheld at her request to protect her job.*

**Heather Wright**  
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It had been a long day, but Macey was still angry.

The Lambton County personal support worker had been at work as fears about the COVID-19 pandemic in long term care homes ramped up. The 20-year veteran was still steaming after being disciplined for changing her mask. So, she sat down at her computer and typed out an email.

“I had to clean up a resident whom was covered head to toe with vomit, which is part of my duties. Not pleasant, but has to be done...

“We are allowed one mask per shift. So, after exiting the room, after cleaning this person up, I took off my personal protective equipment at the door including my mask; my one mask. I had to get a new mask. The regular masks were not readily available to me at the time without having to walk through the entire home either with the infected mask on or with no mask at all. So, I had to take a mask that was available... It was the same kind of mask but it had a clear eye protector on it.

“I got disciplined for putting a new mask on. I got centered out in front of residents and co-workers for changing my mask.

“I got disciplined for trying to protect myself, other residents, my family,” she wrote.

Her anger was still at the surface when she talked to *The Independent* a few days later.

Macey started working in long term care when she was only 16. After a decade of taking care of the elderly, she was told she needed to be a certified PSW, so she went back to school.

She got her degree, but not much changed. Macey is classified as part time but could work every day of the week if she wanted to because of staff shortages.

PSWs are typically not paid that well but do a lot of the personal care for residents many of whom lash out because they suffer from dementia or Alzheimers. She’s been bitten and punched and regularly has to deal with bodily fluids like vomit.

When COVID-19 became a reality, Macey and her PSW coworkers watched as nurses in the for-profit home where she works received N95 masks to protect themselves from the virus “but we had to take care of them without one.

“It makes you worried and it makes you feel not valued. It’s okay if we got sick but protect the nurses,” she says.

Macey’s experience in the early days of COVID-19 could have happened anywhere in the province according to union leaders, health care advocates and politicians.

Trish Douma is the regional director of the Christian Labour Association of Canada. It represents PSWs in a number of homes in Ontario, including in Petrolia and Sarnia.

She says being a PSW has “never been easy before and it is downright near impossible right now.”

Long before COVID-19, the CLAC and other unions had been pushing the provincial government to improve the standard of care for residents. Right now, they get less than three hours of hands-on-care a day. The unions believe it should be at least four.

But Douma says money always seems to drive the process, something that has been clearly demonstrated as health care workers fight to get personal protective equipment in long term care.

“I understand that previous to this, homes only needed three days of PPE in the case of a pandemic,” she says adding “I would have assumed there was a big warehouse where there was more.”

But it soon became clear there was not. “The pandemic was called March 11, the questions in long term care came quite quickly after that. Within days, the concerns were raised,” says Douma.

Premier Doug Ford during his daily news conferences in the earliest days of the crisis stressed how they were scrambling to find the right amount of protective equipment for hospitals. It was only later, when people heard about Pinecrest Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon, that the need became evident in long term care.

The home had its first cases March 20. Two days later 20 residents and eight staff had the virus. Twenty nine residents died of the virus and 32 staff members were infected.

Pinecrest would be the first of 180 long term care homes with a COVID-19 outbreak. As of Tuesday, 1,239 elderly residents have died and 1,677 staff have tested positive. Media reports now list five PSW among the province’s 1,725 deaths from the novel coronavirus.

The grim death toll of both the elderly and staff has led for calls of a public inquiry to the entire system.

The Ontario Health Coalition is one group which believes the problems with long term care started in the 1990s when the then-Conservative government allowed for-profit companies to build and run long term care homes, receiving public money to do so and making a profit from their work.

Shirley Roebuck, the head of the Sarnia-Lambton Coalition, says its one of the main reasons there are major cracks in the long-term care system.

The coalition, working with data collected by journalists, compared how many COVID-19 deaths there were in for-profit, not-for-profit and government run homes.

The study looked at a two week period and found that for-profit homes had more outbreaks resulting in deaths (50) and saw the a death rate increase 28.52 compared to municipally run homes, which over the two week period saw their death rates drop over 18 per cent.

Officials say the rate of death is “significantly higher in for-profit homes.”

Roebuck is one of the people who wants a full public inquiry to examine long term care and whether there is a place for making a profit off of the care of the elderly.

“They (the Conservative government) should not be allowed to sweep under the carpet the dirty laundry of the long-term care industry any longer.”

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath also

wants to see a public inquiry saying the crisis in long term care is not new but has been brought clearly into the public eye as story after story emerges about “horrific” conditions in some of the homes.

“We need not only to look to the future, how do we fix it for the future,” she tells *The Independent*.

“We’re in a crisis at this very minute.”

Horwath says the “iron ring” the premier says was put around nursing home has chinks in it. And she says when a home is in crisis, like has been seen time and time again during COVID-19, the province should step in immediately. “There shouldn’t be a choice, if it is in crisis, it should be taken over.”

In fact Horwath advocates the complete takeover of long term care by government. The NDP wants to see long term care regulated under the Canada Health Act, like hospitals so there are higher standards to protect workers and residents.

“I don’t think people should be profiting off the care of our vulnerable loved ones...in their last year to have the only goal as their comfort and their care, not profit.

And Horwath says the provincial government needs to improve conditions especially for personal support workers like Macey. “It’s a hard job and it’s not respected.”

Horwath says PSW should have full-time hours and a job that feeds a family. That would attract more people to an industry which is in high demand as the population ages.

The NDP leader couldn’t say how much that would cost. “But we know what the cost is when we don’t do it; people are dying...There is no number you can put to that.”

The for-profit long term care industry believes they are providing a valuable service. And it doesn’t think further regulation is needed. Recently the Ontario Long Term Care Association called on the province to “remove regulatory and policy impediments to optimize the current long term care system capacity” and provide more money to build more beds.

While politicians and pundits talk about what is wrong with the system, Macey considers her options. She used to enjoy helping seniors but that feeling has faded. “Honestly, it feels like an assembly line at some times. You go from one room to the next. There are residents who appreciate you, who can voice their needs and can voice their appreciation and if you have five seconds to spare you can talk to them.”

That, she says, is rare.

And in a time when walking into work is dangerous, those fleeting moments with appreciative residents don’t go very far. Neither does the applause from the public who have dubbed people working in long term care as health care heroes.

“We didn’t mean anything before this and now suddenly we’re heroes?”

But for now she continues her work taking as many shifts as she wants with no benefits or hope of holidays.

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# There is dancing in the streets in Courtright

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

It may be tough to keep track of time when you’re stuck at home all day, but residents of Thompson St. in Courtright always know when 2 o’clock rolls around. It is precisely when the music starts from the front porch of Cassandra and Will Graham’s home and dancing up and down the street begins. It is a scene that would make David Bowie and Mick Jagger proud. People line the road, (social distance style of course), and proceed to cut loose and rock away to the day’s song. Leading the way are the Graham’s, Cassandra dancing while Will live streams in a costume to match the tune. “It was a beautiful day, and I thought you know what, I’m in my pyjamas, my hair hasn’t been washed in two days – I’m going outside and dancing, and I don’t care who sees me,” Cassandra says on how the activity got started back in April. “So I went outside, I played a song on my little speaker, and just danced.” To highlight her defiant mood, the first song Cassandra chose was appropriately Survivor’s ‘Eye Of The Tiger’.

The mood was infectious, and before long neighbors were joining in for the daily event. Some participate from their driveways. Others are up and down the street. Many have an accompanying drink in their hand. Cassandra says it’s been great for bringing people together. “During all this, we’ve gotten to know like every house here. I’m just happy everybody’s having a good time. “Every day they’re messaging our conversation asking what song is it today or are we doing it today,” Cassandra says. While Cassandra is the star of the show, her husband William leaves his mark entertainment wise as well. His outfits are chosen to match the song in a creative way, either donning an iconic look from the artist, or pieces relating to the theme. For a recent performance of Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars’ ‘Uptown Funk’, William sported a hat and jacket straight out of the music video. There are some stipulations for the dancing to take place. It needs to be at least 12 degrees outside, and no rain. As long as those conditions are in place, Cassandra says she has no plans to halt the afternoon performances.



Neighbours dance along as Cassandra Graham leads her Courtright street in a jive to ABBA’s Mamma Mia Tuesday afternoon.

“We’ve had requests online from Sarnia and from London. We’ve had people drive here from Sarnia and London. It’s fun, and I’m happy that people look forward to it as a moment to get out of their house and say hi to the neighbors while trying to keep their distance,” she says.

## Petition launched for Petrolia Line roundabout

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Jolene DeGurse-MacDonald can still see the vivid details of the accidents she has seen at the corner of Petrolia Line and the Kimball Road. Her family has owned homes on the corner for generations and she can recall the details of horrific accidents at the corner which claimed lives from the time she was five. So, when a gravel truck and an SUV collided at the corner Monday, killing the driver of the transport, John George, 66, of Glencoe, and severely injuring the driver of the SUV, DeGurse-MacDonald could hold back no longer. Something had to change. “To this day I continue to have nightmares about accidents. Mangled bodies. Excruciating screams. Agonizing moans. Death,” the high school English teacher wrote in a letter to Lambton County and St. Clair Township councillors Tuesday. “Yesterday my nightmares were once again a reality.” DeGurse-MacDonald says over the years there have been safety improvements at the corner. In the 1970s, her mother, who still lives at the corner, convinced the local government to install an amber light, a larger stop sign and lower the speed limit to 70 km/h on Petrolia Line. In the 1990’s, rumble strips were added, she says. “The accidents continued. The fatalities mounted.” DeGurse-MacDonald says she has talked with county road officials in the past who say the intersection has not been a priority in the past. DeGurse-MacDonald says it should be. Her family watches as cars “blow through the stop sign” constantly.

And she’s worried about her family and friends who live on the corner. DeGurse-MacDonald’s mother and nephew were picking up sticks there the day before the most recent accident. Her friend was supposed to be cutting the lawn where the transport came to rest that day. DeGurse-MacDonald says the county should immediately reduce the speed limit to 50 km/h on Petrolia Line and install an electronic sign to show how fast drivers are going. And she says there should be a roundabout at the intersection. St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold gave notice that next month, he would ask Lambton County councillors to ask staff to include the cost of a roundabout at Petrolia Line and Kimball Road in the 2021 budget. DeGurse-MacDonald has launched an online petition to back the idea. At press time 410 people had signed it. DeGurse-MacDonald is hopeful something will be done so other families will be spared the agony of losing a loved one in a car accident at the corner. And so that her family and friends don’t have to deal with any more memories of people dying. “It has a psychological impact on you and you carry that with you... You carry so much guilt... You feel like you want to do something and there is nothing you can do. There is nothing you can do. “And guilt, it’s horrible to say but... hearing people dying and just wishing people had been killed instantly because that would have been more merciful or at the other end thinking maybe this person has hope and just going to them and telling them to hold on, help is coming and trying to keep people with you.”

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# Alvinston teachers collect foods, see students

*Porch food drive set for Saturday at noon*

The Independent

The staff of Brooke Central School is helping the community and getting a glimpse of their students with a door-to-door food drive.

Principal Chad Brown heard about Chatham-Kent’s May 16th Miracle –

a food drive across the municipality to take place on one day – and was inspired to do the same in Alvinston.

So, on Saturday, Brown is asking community members to put some non-perishable food items on their porch and teachers dressed in their best Bronco colours will pick up the items without contact to the homeowners. There will also be a community drop-off point at the Alvinston Library.

Brown says the teachers hope this is a way to connect with their students whom they have only seen through online portals since the shutdown for COVID-19 began in March.

Brown says they miss their students “tremendously... That was the excitement from staff, they really looking forward to seeing students through their windows.”

The teachers will begin their door-to-door collection starting at noon. All the items will go to the Alvinston Food Bank.

# Krall will be missed for passion for community

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Kevin Marriott says Enniskillen will miss Rudy Krall’s passion for his community.

Krall died Wednesday at the age of 86.

He moved to Enniskillen as a young boy from Essex after his father bought a farm. He spent his life as an egg farmer.

But the mayor of Enniskillen says he remembers Krall as being “anywhere and everywhere” helping out the community.

Marriott says his earliest memories of Krall were at the ball park where he not only coached teams, but cared for the diamond, cut the grass, opened and closed the park and even looked after the concession stand. The park was renamed for the Krall family in large part because of his efforts at the diamond. “It may have fallen by the wayside if it hadn’t been for their work,” says Marriott.

Krall – who was a member of the parks and recreation board in Enniskillen – was also known as one of the people behind the annual Canada Day Chicken BBQ. He could be found at the concrete pit built just for the event at the park every Canada Day, either working the grills or in later years, telling others exactly what had to be done.

Krall was one of the first members of the Petrolia Lion’s Club and was still an active member.

He was on the Petrolia Enniskillen Fair Board, and spent hours helping to organize Petrolia Silver Stick.



FILE PHOTO

Rudy Krall, seen here working at the 2017 Canada Day Chicken Barbecue, died Wednesday at the age of 86.

In 2002, Krall was inducted in the Sarnia-Lambton Sports Hall of Fame as a builder.

Marriott says Krall’s love of the community and efforts to make it better were “priceless. Every municipality, every community needs these types of people.”

“He was very kind, quiet and thoughtful. He was passionate about the community. He had a very laid back and kind demeanor. I can’t say enough good about his personality and demeanor. He was the perfect gentleman.”

The family is planning a memorial service once restrictions due to COVID-19 are lifted.

# Teeing up for post COVID-19 golf

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Golf is set to return to the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course soon, but those seeking to hit the links will be paying a bit extra to ensure a safe round.

Players will be looking at \$5 increases in power cart and pull cart rentals, along with a \$200 pull cart membership. The new fees are being set to reflect extra charges for the course as a result of increased cleaning, organization needed to move and disinfect carts between each round, and extra fuel since only one golfer will be allowed to a cart.

“Once the golfer is on the golf course that’s the safest place for them, they practice social distancing,” says golf course superintendent Kendall Lindsay. “It’s from the parking lot to the first tee that’s the issue.” Lindsay said that the course is still looking



FILE PHOTO

St. Clair Township is preparing to reopen golf courses as the province opens more businesses.

for a safe solution to the washroom situation, both in the clubhouse and along the course. He said that obtaining enough cleaning supplies to keep up with demand may also be an issue.

The province gave golf courses the okay to begin to get ready for opening, but has not said when people will be able to hit the links.



## NOTICE

### To All Property Owners Long Grass & Weed Control

All property owners in the Village of Oil Springs are responsible for the control of the long grass and weeds on their properties from the 15th day of May, 2020, and continuing through the growing season. If the long grass and weeds on the properties are not kept under control, then the Village may order the grass and weeds cut and charge the costs thereof to the owners.

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Erkki Pohjolainen, Clerk  
Village of Oil Springs



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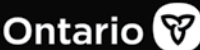
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# Spring Home & Garden

## Griegne is latest exterior home colour to improve your home’s appearance

If you feel that your home would lend itself well to an updated neutral in the springtime, painting your house exterior greige can be a safe yet

contemporary option. While some homeowners are opting for dark browns to update their look, greige is making its mark on the home reno scene.

While some gray or beige hues may look cold or drab, greige can help solve these issues while keeping up with your neutral color palette.

Simply put, greige paint is a blend of gray and beige that offers a richer color than gray or beige alone. When blended perfectly, these

two hues can complement both cool or warm neutral color schemes while looking both stylish and inviting.

## Tips to bring pollinators to your garden

Pollinators, including bees, butterflies, beetles, birds and bats, play an essential role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. They provide the service of pollinating our crops and plants, which in turn increases crop yield and biodiversity in the natural environment.

Pollinators are responsible for pollinating over 30 per cent of the foods we eat.

Pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, require a constant source of food from when they emerge in the spring, right through to the fall. Be sure to have a continuing sequence of

flowers in bloom to provide pollen throughout the growing season.

Native plants have co-evolved with pollinator species, and are well adapted to the climate, soil, and growing season. It is okay to plant non-native plants as long as they are not invasive, and are planted according to the label.

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## Great lawns are green

While home lawns help create a serene and beautiful landscape, turf grass provides a great deal more than a lush outdoor carpet for your property. Believe it or not, turf is North America’s largest agricultural crop. Because it is so commonplace in the landscape, it is easy to overlook the many benefits of turf. Here are some reasons why turf is so important:

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# Sports

## Hunter bypassed for Coach of the Year

The Independent

Despite leading the London Knights to a coronavirus-shortened Western Conference title, Oil Springs’ Dale Hunter was not named OHL Coach of the Year this season. The award goes to Ottawa 67’s head coach Andre Tourigny who led the

67’s to a league-best 50 wins over the course of the 2019-20 campaign. Hunter, and the Knights, registered 46 victories. The OHL does not release overall voting results of its awards, so it’s not known where Hunter finished in the voting. Tourigny was an assistant coach to

Hunter with the gold-medal winning Canadian entry at the World Junior Hockey Championships earlier this year in the Czech Republic. Hunter is a three-time winner of the OHL Coach of the Year; the latest coming 11 years ago. He was also named CHL Coach of the Year following the 2003-04 season.



Dale Hunter with OHL Coach of the Year Andre Tourigny.

## COVID-19 delays Wammes chance of representing Canada at the Olympics

The Independent

Had it not been for widespread travel restrictions over the COVID-19 global pandemic, Nick Wammes would be in Europe working on specific cycling skills with an eye to representing Canada at the Summer Olympics in Japan in July. “We were actually scheduled to be in Spain right now doing

a training camp until the whole travel ban got put in place,” he said during a recent interview with The Herald. “But now we are doing more general work, both in the gym and on the bike, since we now have a greater window to focus on.” The additional preparation time comes as a result of the Olympics being postponed for at least a year because of the novel coronavirus.

Although the veteran rider had not yet been officially named to the national Olympic cycling squad before the world was turned upside down two months ago, he was upbeat about his chances of wearing Canadian colours had the Olympics proceeded as originally scheduled this summer. “That whole selection process was never completed,” he says. “But there was a pretty good

chance that I would have been named to the team,” he commented. The 20 year-old Bothwell rider has won several medals at national events, both at the senior and junior levels, as well as representing Canada last year at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru. Wammes, who was home on a recovery week when the economy

was shuttered in March, freely admits on social media that training in relative isolation has been a challenge. But he says training with his girlfriend, also a member of the national team, has been helpful. “Having her here has been good motivation for me,” he said. The pair is riding up to three hours per day and working out at neighbours home gym.

## Granfondo cancelled

The latest event axed by the coronavirus pandemic is the Bluewater International Granfondo cycling event. “We are uncertain whether such a large gathering would be permitted in early August and whether it would be possible to carry out the event while ensuring the safety of our cyclists, volunteers, and our community,” said the organizing committee in a release announcing the cancellation of the fifth annual event. “This was a difficult decision and we know this will come as a disappointment to our stakeholders and the many cyclists looking forward to this world-class event.” The 2021 event is scheduled for Sunday, August 1. Those who had already registered for this year’s event can have their registration fee automatically transferred to next year, can donate their registration to St. Joseph’s Hospice or Bluewater Health Foundation or can request a refund. Decisions on registration fees must be made by May 31.

## No Hall of Fame in 2020

The Sarnia-Lambton Sports Hall of Fame has cancelled its 2020 induction banquet due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The 38th annual dinner was slated to take place in October. However, Hall of Fame president Pete Coenjarts said it isn’t clear whether large gatherings will be permitted by that time. Even if large crowds are permitted by then, many people may be hesitant to attend the event, which often attracts 400 people or more, Coenjarts said. There was talk of inducting people into the Hall and simply presenting them with a plaque. But the board of directors decided it did not want to name a class of 2020 without a celebratory dinner. Directors are accepting nominations for the class of 2021 throughout the remainder of this year.

## Riley Jr. Sting’s top coach

Brad Riley of the Lambton Jr. Sting Minor Midgets has won the organization’s Coach of the Year for the 2019-20 season. The minor midgets took the top rated team in the Alliance League, the Elgin Middlesex Chiefs, to the limit in the playoffs as well as having four players drafted in the OHL Priority Selection last month. “It’s an honor to be chosen for this award, especially when there are so many great coaches in the Lambton organization who are deserving of this award as well,” said Riley in a statement.



Brad Riley

He went on to thank his wife Dawn and his coaching staff Paul Hurtubise, Craig Musico, Mark Phillips, Bastien Dufour, Jason Hoover, Scotty Gray and Johnny Maniuk and the league executive for their unwavering support.



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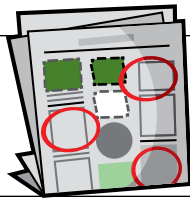
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## Obituary

### KRALL Rudy

Rudy died suddenly at his home near Petrolia on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020.** Rudy Krall was in his **86th** year. Rudy was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Donna (nee Swan) in 2017. He will be missed by his children Doug (Judy) Krall, Cathy (Dale) Acton, Jim (Sandra) Krall, Sharon (Mike) Stevenson, Lori (Roy) Chapple, and Mike (Dawn) Krall, his grandchildren Anne Krall, Mathew Krall, Jonathan Krall, Stephen Krall, Melissa (Jason) Hughes, Jeff (Carly) Brooker, Erica (Rob) Acton, Brad (Karli) Brooker, Jordan Krall, Spencer Krall, Tyson Krall, Christopher (Alice) Stevenson, Sarah (Jamie) Sidenberg, Jennifer Stevenson, Ryan Chapple, Crystal Chapple, Demi Krall, Stephanie Krall, and Dylan Krall, and his great grandchildren Kohl and Garrison Krall, Jaxon Krall, Ethan and Lexi Brooker, Cole, Mackinley, and Kennedy Hughes, and Elliott Sidenberg. He is also survived by brother John (Margaret) Krall. He was predeceased by an infant son Rudy (1955) and his parents Rudy (1989) and Alvina (2003) Krall. Loved brother-in-law to Janice (Leonard) Weed, Kevin (Liz) Swan (the late Dianne 1992), Marilyn (2015) and Owen Byers, and Cap (Nancy & Doug Coleman) Swan (1999). Rudy spent his life as an egg farmer and business owner of Krall Poultry Farms. He was a faithful member of Shiloh-Inwood United Church and gave generously of his time volunteering in his community. He has been an active member




of the Petrolia Lions Club since 1973 and spent endless hours volunteering with Petrolia Minor Hockey, Petrolia Enniskillen Fair Board, Silver Stick and the Ontario Rural Softball Association. The 6th Line Ball Park was dedicated and renamed Krall Park in honour of the families efforts. Rudy was inducted into the Sarnia Lambton Sports Hall of Fame, Builders Award, 2002. Rudy will be remembered for his love of family, the Detroit Red Wings and selling tickets for the latest fundraiser. **A service remembering Rudy will be held at a time when it is safe to so. Interment will be in Hillsdale Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Lion's Club of Petrolia, Parent's for Park's Petrolia ([www.sarniacommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.sarniacommunityfoundation.ca)), Petrolia Foodbank, and C.E.E. Hospital Foundation ([www.ccehf.ca](http://www.ccehf.ca)) and can be arranged by contacting the Needham-Jay Funeral Home at (519)882-0100. Memories may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).

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### GIBSON Marilyn

On **Thursday, May 7, 2020** at her home in Petrolia, Marilyn Louise "Mern" Gibson (nee Stephenson) passed away at the age of **79.** Beloved wife to the late Don (2017). Marilyn was the loving mother to Lynn and Mike Villalta and Lyse Gibson and Ryan DeBattista, grandmother to James Stotts and Karlee Bailey, and great grandmother Leila Michelle Stotts. She was predeceased by two grandchildren, Stuart Michael Villalta (2006) and Michelle Lee-Ann Stotts (1999). Dear sister to the late June James (Donald), Walter (Elaine) Stephenson, the late Donna (late Henry) Gaudet, and Robin (John) Skerratt. A special aunt to Denise, Darlene and Dawn, Michael, Jennifer and Christine and the late Michelyn. Marilyn was also a special second mom to Louise Ayres and her boys and best friends with June Luker, Marilyn Smith and the Wendsday Lunch Bunch. Marilyn spent time volunteering with the C.E.E. Auxiliary, St. Paul's UCW and the Petrolia Police Board for many years. **A service, celebrating the life of Marilyn will take place at a time when we are all safe to gather once more. She will later join Don at Hillsdale Cemetery.** Cremation has taken place. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Auxiliary. Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com)

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# Death Notices

May 3 to May 10, 2020

This information is provided as a community service.  
For detailed information, please refer to the funeral home website listing.

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 3</b> <b>MacADAM, James</b> Age 8 months, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home <b>HUEHN, Donald</b> Age 51, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home <b>FARR, Theresa "Terri"</b> Age 59, of Ipperwash Gilpin Funeral Home <b>McVICAR, Robert</b> Age 69, of Watford Denning's of Watford <b>SCOTT, Grant</b> Age 78, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home <b>BRESSETTE, Florence Betty</b> Age 80, of Oneida Denning's of Forest <b>LALONDE, Margaret</b> Age 89, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home	<b>MONDAY, MAY 4</b> <b>FORGUES, Roma</b> Age 87, of Sarnia McCormack Funeral Home <b>TUESDAY, MAY 5</b> <b>FRACALANZE, Anthony</b> Age 31, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home <b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 6</b> <b>LATAWIEC, Kevin</b> Age 39, of Stoney Creek McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home <b>McKELLAR, Margaret</b> Age 56, of Brigden Steadman Brothers Funeral Home <b>SMITH, Moreen</b> Age 83, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home <b>KRALL, Rudy</b> Age 86, of Petrolia Needham-Jay Funeral Home	<b>SAUVE, Raymond</b> Age 88, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home <b>THURSDAY, MAY 7</b> <b>GIBSON, Marilyn</b> Age 79, of Petrolia Needham-Jay Funeral Home <b>STIPEC, Anne</b> Age 91, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home <b>DIXON, James</b> Age 98, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home <b>FRIDAY, MAY 8</b> <b>GILBERT, June Marie</b> Age 76, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home <b>SATURDAY, MAY 9</b> <b>VANHOOFT, Corry</b> Age 87, of Wyoming Needham-Jay Funeral Home	<b>JOHNSTON, Wilda</b> Age 89, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home <b>SUNDAY, MAY 10</b> <b>HAVILL, Christopher</b> Age 48, of Sarnia Denning's of Forest <b>SHAWNOO, George Allen</b> Age 58, of Kettle Point D.J. Robb Funeral Home <b>WILES, Carol Ann</b> Age 73, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home <b>JEFFERY, Helen</b> Age 86, of Sombra Steadman Brothers Funeral Home
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# COVID-19 IN LAMBTON

Local events that have been cancelled or postponed because of the coronavirus outbreak. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CANCELLED EVENTS			
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
May 14	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Club Meat Raffle @ Haywoods	
May 14	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion Fun Darts	
May 14	Petrolia	Petrolia Optimist Meat Raffle @ Crabby Joe's	
May 16	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion Meat Raffle	
May 17	Moore-town	Victorian Tea at The Moore Museum	
May 17	Sarnia	Vintage and Fries under the Bluewater Bridges	
May 17	Sarnia	Lambton Outdoor Club North Sydenham River Paddle Trip	
May 18	Watford Alvinston	Watford Alvinston Road Race - full refunds will be given to those who pre-registered	
May 19	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Dabber Meat Bingo	
May 20	Camlachie	Bible Study Group at the Camlachie United Church.	
May 20	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion Euchre	
May 27	Petrolia	Petrolia Library's free workshop for legal advise regrading Landlord & Tenant Board	
May 29	Sarnia	ARLANXEO Retiree Dinner Committee	
May 30	Corunna	Corunna Legion Open Jam Session	
May 30	Sarnia	Sarnia 3 on 3 Street Hockey Challenge	
May 30	Sarnia	Bluewater Anglers "Kids Training Day"	
Jun 5	Petrolia	Victoria Playhouse Petrolia 2020 Theater Season	
Jun 12	Alvinston	Alvinston & District Optimist Youth Dance	
Jun 21	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Fathers Day Breakfast &	
Jun 21	Petrolia	Petrolia Discovery Car Show	
Jun 21	Watford	Watford Annual Yard Sale Day	
Jul 9-10	Petrolia	Art in The Park Petrolia	
Jul 10	Florence	Florence Truck & Tractor Pull	
Aug 7-8	Bothwell	Bothwell Car Show & Optifest	
Sept 4-6	Petrolia	Petrolia Enniskillen Fall Fair	
POSTPONED EVENTS			
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	DATE
Mar 16	Petrolia	St. Paul's United Church Irish Dinner & Concert	TBD
Mar 26	Wyoming	Wyoming Wee Ones Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	TBD
Mar 29	Petrolia	Petrolia Optimist Run for the Groceries Draw/Event	TBD
Apr 8	Petrolia	Petrolia Community Theatre production of "Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses" NOW Postpoined until 2021	
Apr 11	Alvinston	Alvinston & District Optimist Club Triva Night	TBD
Apr 18	Alvinston	The Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Large Item Day – Moved to Fall	
Apr 17	Petrolia	Town of Petrolia Large Item Collection	TBD
May 1	Petrolia	Town of Petrolia Large Item Collection	TBD
May 1	Wyoming	Plympton & Wyoming Agricultural Society Annual Salad Luncheon New Date TBD 519-845-3161	
May 2	Sarnia	Sarnia School of Irish Dance presents "A Celtic Eveing"	TBD
May 2	Oil Springs	Oil Springs Rabies Vaccination Pet Clinic	TBD
May 6	Sarnia	Sarnia The Stampeders - Celebrating 50 Years	Oct 26, 2020
May 22-30	Sarnia	Theatre Sarnia Presents "Grease"	TBD
May 23	Enniskillen	Enniskille Rabies Vaccination Pet Clinic	TBD
Jun 17	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions FREE Senior Picnic BBQ	TBD
Jun 19	Sarnia	LIUNA "Do it for Sarnia" Block Party	Sept 11 & 12, 2020
Jun 19-21	Alvinston	Alvinston Pro Rodeo has been moved to August 28, 29 & 30, 2020 www.alvinstonprorodeo.com	
Jun 21	Alvinston	Alvinston & District Optimist Club's Cowboy Breakfast has been moved tio August 30, 2020	
Jun 21	Oil Springs	Oil City Cemetery Decoration Day Service	TBD

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4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728  
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## Church DIRECTORY

### Christ Church Anglican

414 Oil Street, Petrolia

All worship services in the Anglican Diocese of Huron are suspended until further notice. Please continue to hold one another and our communities in your prayers.

Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee  
Church Office 519-882-1430  
christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

### St. Andrew's Prebyterian Church

416 Queen Street, Petrolia  
(Behind the Post Office)

In this time of Social distancing we invite you to join a virtual congregation and watch the Sunday morning worship at Knox Presbyterian Church in Thedford.  
9:30am Service - Live  
www.kpcthedford.com  
www.standrews-petrolia.ca

### St. Paul's United Church

4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

We will be closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus. Please Stay Safe!  
Rev. Susan Cameron  
10:30am Service  
Church Office: 519-882-1390  
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### First Baptist Church

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

SERVICE SUSPENDED until further notice in compliance with Ontario Corona Virus meeting guidelines  
Pastor: Alex Craig  
Church Office 519-882-2480  
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Find us on Facebook!  
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### Wyoming United Church

730 Second Street, Wyoming

Due to the COVID-19 virus will be closed until further notice. We will keep you updated about any changes.

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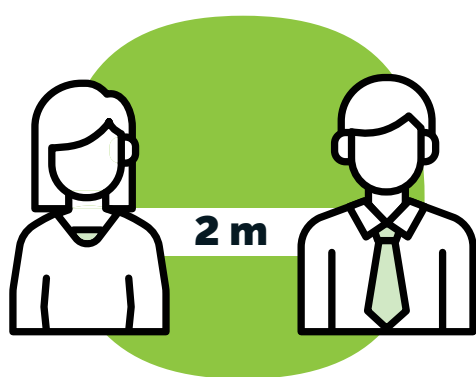
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