

Saying goodbye to a brother: Brooke firefighter dies in collision

Heather Wright
The Independent

Tanner Redick was doing what he loved.

The 20 year-old Brooke Fire Rescue firefighter was home from his first career job at Six Nation Fire and Emergency Friday. He had been to Petrolia to see the fire department's new ladder truck. Redick had worked there one summer and wanted to touch base with Chief Jay Arns and get a look at the bucket and ladder.

He was heading home back down Petrolia Line when his black pickup truck collided with a combine heading to a field near Old Walnut Road to finish the corn.

The call went out to the Alvinston station. Redick's uncle, Deputy Chief Kris Redick, was in charge of the call. "We had firefighters on the scene already," he says. They had been working nearby. They heard Redick's voice over the radio and met him at the truck when he arrived to tell him his nephew was behind the wheel and he was dead. Another firefighter took charge of the scene momentarily. "It took me about five or seven minutes to square my head to what just happened," says Redick. "I was sick to my stomach

because I wasn't helping." So, he went back to work, doing what he could, because that's what he had been trained to do. That's what he'd trained Tanner to do.

The deputy chief says his nephew was like most kids in Alvinston, he played a lot of sports and hung out with friends. At about 16, Tanner mentioned to Redick he was thinking about being a firefighter.

Redick told him; "If you want to do it, you have to change your philosophy of what's important and what's not." Tanner took him seriously and soon he was part of the team at the Alvinston station as a student firefighter. When he was 18, he became a probationary firefighter and as soon as he received all his training, Brooke Fire Rescue gave him his yellow helmet - Number 2.

"When the page went off, Tanner always wanted to be on the action truck," says Redick. "That's the mental attitude a firefighter needs. We say the work is the reward."

The deputy chief says he was hard on his nephew, at the station and at the Lambton Fire School where he is an adjunct professor because there was something special about the young man.

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Ten fire trucks paid tribute to Tanner Redick - a member of the Brooke Fire Service and the Six Nations Fire and Emergency Service - at the Alvinston Santa Claus Parade. Redick's helmets were placed on the lead truck in tribute to his service.

Neighbours in the dark as Wyoming area farmland becomes residential

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Plympton-Wyoming council is under fire after Confederation Line residents found out a farm field west of town may become a subdivision.

It's part of a settlement between JN Ventures - a company headed by Developer Brad Zantingh - and Lambton County as they work through issues around the Official Plan at the Local Planning Authority Tribunal.

JN Ventures and the county took their issues about the use of land in the Lakeshore Road area to the

tribunal in January. Zantingh long has maintained the plan, which limits residential development to specific areas, has devalued his land. He contends the farmland is within the Lakeshore Development area and should be residential.

In October, both the county and Plympton-Wyoming ratified an agreement which could end the dispute. Part of that agreement will see construction of a small estate subdivision in the Lakeshore Road and Townsend Line area.

But Mike Hanki, who lives on Confederation Line, was surprised to learn the farmland around his Wyoming area property was also

part of the deal. It had never been contested in the years of Official Plan wrangling.

Hanki only found out that JN Ventures would be able to develop a subdivision there when the county's manager of planning called to tell him about the LPAT hearing.

"It's hard to believe the County of Lambton could include this small parcel of land...I'm in the middle of it and at no point was I approached about it," he says. "If I build a garage...the neighbours are advised. This piece here has been bypassed."

When Hanki approached

Plympton-Wyoming council Dec. 11, he was told little of the deal would turn 10-acres on Confederation Line into a subdivision. Chief Administrative Officer Carolyn Tripp said the information was part of a legal process and could not be discussed publicly.

Other councillors suggested they were not really aware the Confederation Line property was part of the proposed settlement.

"Our motion did not include this property, it only included the lake-shore, not this property," Deputy Mayor Muriel Wright told Hanki during the meeting. "We had our hands strapped. The county had

us under the hammer. If we didn't approve their plan, we were taken to court and we were going to be sued."

But Councillor Netty McEwen disputed Wright's claim saying they discussed "the Wyoming lands" in closed door sessions as early as September. "I still don't understand to this day how that was thrown in to an appeal process on the Lakeshore area."

"I'm really frustrated with the way this came down. We should have been informed," she says.

Councillor Tim Wilkins agreed.

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That after Clerk Administrator Janet Denkers told councillors Dec. 12 she had not received a reply to council's request for a one-year lease of one bay at the

The municipality and the association have been at odds over a lease for months now. The current lease expires Dec. 31 and without a deal on the horizon to continue using the hall, council agreed to start making plans to house the equipment somewhere else. They're also setting up mutual

Denkers and McArthur were at

After the meeting, Inwood

Kris Redick, deputy chief of the Alvinston station, agreed. "It's all one service...It doesn't matter if you are in Inwood or Alvinston were here to do the job."

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Tile Yard sidewalks costly: report

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There is no inexpensive or easy way to make Tile Yard Road pedestrian friendly.

In February, Sean Pachett came to Petrolia Town council saying there would soon be 70 students travelling from the Glenview subdivision to LCCVI. Most use Tile Yard Road because it is the most direct route. But there are no sidewalks along the busy road, and there is only a two-foot strip of concrete on the bridge over Bear Creek which pedestrians walk on.

The issue has been raised in the past with administrators saying a solution would be costly, particularly considering would be no easy solution to giving pedestrians access at the bridge.

Pachett says there are options, including attaching a pedestrian bridge to the current structure.

Council agreed to look at possible solutions and hired BM Ross to evaluate the road.

Curt Bladon says there are no quick solutions and the cost could reach \$750,000.

Bladon looked at three solution; putting a concrete sidewalk on the west side of the road for about \$180,000, paving the shoulders of the road - about \$315,000 - or building a multi-use paved path for about \$238,500.

“And that doesn’t include the environmental costs,” Bladon told council on Dec. 9.

“If a plan was approved, you would have to pay for the cost to clear that vegetation out.” Trees hang over Tile Yard Road obscuring what lights shine on the road.

“You could add 50 per cent to that (the cost of the sidewalks) maybe.”

He says there could be additional costs for environmental studies, approvals or any engineering costs.

Officials with the St. Clair Conservation Authority have expressed concern about clearing out some of the trees in the flood plain.

And while the cost of the sidewalk is high, Bladon says “the biggie is the bridge.

“We can’t be funnelling people from the road to that bridge.”

Bladon says there is no way to put a sidewalk on the narrow bridge and the county has no plans to do any work on the span for the next 10 or 15 years.

That leaves Petrolia with the option of a stand alone bridge beside the crossing. Bladon says that could cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000. “That ends up being quite expensive.”

Councillor Wade Deighton, who runs along the road every day and says something needs to be done, says the cost of a sidewalk is very high. He suggests for the time being, Petrolia look at cutting back some of the trees.

“The trees are encroaching into the road-way and the should be cut back. They’re overgrown to the point where I’ve seen trucks clip them.”

Deighton suggested if the trees were trimmed the lights that are there would provide better coverage for anyone walking in the pre-dawn hours.

Mayor Brad Loosley agreed. “Some of the simple things, like trimming trees and putting in lights, we could. But it is unfortunate not a simple sale.”

Funeral with full honours for Brooke firefighter

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Other instructors saw it, too. “One instructor at Lambton came to me and said ‘He’s going to be good, but he’s got to get his ego under control.’ His parents got a good laugh out of that,” says Redick.

Shawn Redick and Jenny Rate, he says, are devastated by their loss. Rate is having a hard time going into her son’s bedroom the hurt is so deep.

And his Six Nations brothers are also devastated by the loss. Redick had only one week of probation left before his realized dream of becoming a full-fledged career firefighter at Six Nations came true says Chief Matthew Miller.

“During his academy training, Tanner exemplified in every way exactly what was needed to be an incredibly strong, dedicated and committed firefighter,” wrote Miller in a Facebook post. “We are eternally grateful for the time which we had with Tanner; his presence made us a better service and better people for knowing him.”

And while he was fulfilling his dream in Six Nations, Redick says Tanner struggled

at times and wanted to come home. He’d always planned to live in Alvinston and commute for work, but didn’t want to pass up the chance at this career position. “I told him he could get his ass kicked there or he could come home and get his ass kicked by me.” Tanner stayed.

Wednesday, firefighters from Six Nations and Lambton County will march from the station to the funeral home to pay tribute to the young firefighter with so much promise.

Friday, the community centre is expected to be filled for the service which will include full firefighter honours.

The Six Nations department will be his honour guard and his crew from Brooke Fire will accompany his body to the cemetery.

But the deputy chief says what may be the most moving tribute to Tanner happened the day of the accident.

Watford firefighters, who had been called to the scene to help, got into their trucks and escorted the ambulance with Tanner’s body on board to Petrolia.

Redick says that was a “once-in-a-lifetime tribute.”

Subdivision plans near Wyoming questioned

CON’T FROM PG 1

“I feel council did have said, we could have said no, let’s go to court. We did have say,” says Wilkins.

Minutes show both Wilkins and McEwen voted against the settlement deal in the private meeting. Details of the package are not public yet since the LPAT hearing is still ongoing.

Jason Cole, the general manager of planning and infrastructure at Lambton County, says county staff called Hanki to make sure he knew what was going on and had the op-

portunity to go to the hearings.

“There is a way for them to deal with this...they can go to LPAT. There is an opportunity for those impacted property owners to voice their concerns to LPAT. It is up to the tribunal to decide on the validity of their concerns and how they will be dealt with.”


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The \$7,500 donation from Enbridge will help fund the purchase of new CPR training mannequins and other program equipment. Event dates, times, locations and details will be announced in the New Year.

Vacancy Tax Rebate Ending

At its meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019, Lambton County Council eliminated the vacancy rebate for commercial and industrial property classes, effective the 2020 taxation year.

Property owners who cannot lease vacant premises will still be able to obtain relief through MPAC’s reassessment processes. Notification has been given to all local area municipalities that are impacted by this change. Eligible property owners will be able to apply for the vacancy rebate for the 2019 taxation year. The rebate will be eliminated effective the 2020 tax year.

Live-Streaming Council & Committee Meetings

In 2020, the County will be live-streaming Committee meetings in addition to Council meetings. You can access these live-streams through the County website, lambtononline.ca. The first live-streamed Committee meeting will be taking place Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020.

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Editorial

Take time to say thanks to a firefighter

We ask a lot of our volunteer firefighters. That, as Newsman Peter Newman used to say, is not news, it is reality.

There is the obvious - they agree to walk into burning buildings to save their neighbours; they are called at all hours and have to be awake and ready for action at a moments notice; and they have to know what they're doing, so they spend hours on end training to be the best they can be - all for our benefit.

The costs are huge. They lose sleep. They see things no person should have to see. And, often, their mental health takes a beating. A recent study showed about two per cent of Canadians suffer from post traumatic stress disorder. First responders experience PTSD at twice the rate of the rest of the population. It's estimated across the country 70,000 first responders have suffered from PTSD in their lifetimes.

All that is daunting. But now consider the service of a volunteer firefighter in a small town. Not only do they serve their community - they know their community. It's not just a rare occasion that they arrive at the scene of a fire or a car accident and they know the person in distress. When *The Independent* talked to the deputy chief of the Alvinston station, he named a half dozen times he arrived on the scene to find a friend or relative in trouble. That is brutal.

And yet, in Brooke-Alvinston, those volunteers, even in their grief over the loss of one of their own, continue on. When the pager goes off, even as they wait for Tanner Redick's funeral, they're responding. That is admirable.

Not everyone could be a firefighter and not everyone could give so selflessly to their community like that.

Volunteer firefighters are truly a unique brand of people and sometimes we forget that, until there is a tragedy. So, when you see one this Christmas, take their hand, look into their eyes and really thank them for all they give up for their community.

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Our Story



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For years, Bill and Gladys Lawrence of Dawn Township erected a nativity scene at their property. People would come from miles around to see the depiction of Jesus birth at Christmas. As the couple aged, the Christmas display moved to Bethel Pentecostal Church in Wallaceburg.

So many things to do at Christmas; so many hands to do them

Every year, at Christmas it is the same thing. I hustle from place to place to catch the latest Christmas thing going on.

It could be a parade. It could be kids decorating a tree. It could be a Christmas dinner for an entire school.

And of course, Santa is always there, greeting old and young alike.

It can be exhausting and frankly, by the time I'm done, I've just about had it with Santa.

By the time Dec. 25 rolls around, I estimate I've gone to at least six parades, six Christmas craft shows of different kinds, between six and eight different Christmas-themed fundraisers. It's no wonder every time I see someone wearing red I pull out my camera.

And while Christmas and all its celebrations can become a lot for a community newspaper reporter, it

also lifts my spirits because during Christmas, the very best of people can be seen.

Very often, there is an element of charity involved in all those events I attend. Almost all of these events in some way remember people for whom Christmas is not all that merry.

In Petrolia and Central Lambton this week, volunteers will spend time figuring out just how to make sure everyone has a Merry Christmas.

For months now, people have been working with Christmas For Everyone, collecting toys, delivering food, taking applications for people who need help.

At parades, craft shows, hockey games and Christmas dinners people collect cash and toys and cans of food.

Come the end of this week, volunteer firefighters from across the region will load up their own pickup trucks and start bringing the boxes of food and

toys to families across the region. It is a massive effort and it is really something to be seen.

And while we feel good about the contribution we made, be it cash, a can of food or a toy, my hat really goes off to all the people who take our donations and turn them into Christmas for people.

These volunteers have families of their own and likely would like to sit down over the holidays, too. But they're compelled to make sure everyone has a very Merry Christmas. They deserve our thanks.



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LIGHTING UP OIL SPRINGS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Christmas came to Oil Springs Friday as the village held its annual Jingle Bell Walk. Families walked to the fire hall where the Christmas tree was lit and then returned to the Youth Centre to meet with Santa and play Bingo. About 150 people filled the hall for the event.

Brooke-Alvinston neighbours assured no biosolids allowed

Heather Wright
The Independent

Buurma Farms will be able to rezone some of its property on Lasalle Line to rural commercial, but the family won't be able to bring fertilizer made from biosolids onto the property.

Roger Buurma has come to Brooke-Alvinston council a number of times this fall to have a small parcel of land merged with another property and to have it zoned rural commercial.

But neighbours voiced concern the family may bring biosolid fertilizer to the property. The Buurmas own Lasalle Agri and the company has faced problems in Warwick Township after accumulating a large amount of the fertilizer at Nauvoo Road and

Highway 401. The municipality there ended up charging the company under the zoning bylaw for running a commercial operation on agricultural land.

Neighbours told council they couldn't spend time outside because of the smell.

Lambton County Planner Rob Nesbitt says the site plan agreement for the Brooke-Alvinston property strictly prohibits what can go on the property which will have a drive shed.

"The applicant is now asking for a limited amount of fertilizer to be stored in the shed," Nesbitt told council Dec. 12. "It must be prepackaged, non-organic fertilizer meaning no human or animal based fertilizer." Only 10 per cent of the drive shed can hold

fertilizer according to the site plan.

Buurma says he's satisfied with the agreement saying it gives him the flexibility to bring fertilizer in for the business.

"We have no intent (to bring in biosolid fertilizer) and likely never will, just gives us the freedom to do so."

But Nesbitt stressed, no biosolids would be on the property without council's permission and that should satisfy neighbours who wrote to council to voice their concerns again.

"In a legally binding agreement, the stipulated material they are worried about can't be stored on site," says Nesbitt. "If there were a contravention of that agreement the municipality could take action."

LCCVI teachers join second walk-out to back contract demands

The Independent

Students at Lambton and Chatham-Kent high schools were at home again as the high school teachers union continues to put pressure on the Ontario government during contract

talks.

The Lambton-Kent District School Board was selected one of 10 public school boards affected by a second one-day walk out Wednesday. Teachers were expected to set up information picket lines at the schools

and their local member of provincial parliament's office.

The teachers say the dispute is about cuts to education, including larger class sizes and mandatory e-learning while the province says teachers are only concerned about wages.

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Conservation authority budget up 16 per cent

Heather Wright
The Independent

There will be a trickle down effect from the cuts to conservation authorities by the provincial government.

The board of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has passed the \$8.5 million budget at a meeting Monday. The 17 member municipalities will see on average a 16 per cent increase.

Conservation authority officials say \$150,000 of the \$156,175 increase is a direct result of the funding cuts from the province. They add most homeowners in the watershed pay less than \$5 per \$100,000 of assessment for conservation services. The average is \$3.61. That’s the lowest levy of all 36 conservation authorities across the province, even though St. Clair is one of the ten largest landholders in the province.

The proposed 2020 will spend \$120,000 less on Flood Control Operations and Maintenance. But there will be some big capital projects this year, including stabilizing the Lake Huron shoreline in Sarnia at a cost of about \$750,000. The authority will draw on reserves for most of those projects.

Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad was one of two people voting against the budget. He says the township has a 22.9 per cent increase in its levy.

“It passed easily,” he told councillors Monday. Petrolia was the only other municipality to vote against it. Both Plympton-Wyoming and Brooke-Alvinston had voice opposition to the budget but the representatives were not at the meeting.

“At \$8.5 million, I thought we could find at least one penny of savings,” says Broad.

The budget will be presented at the annual meeting in January.

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FOOD LINE



PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK

Students at LCCVI delivered this year’s donation to Christmas for Everyone in an unusual way. Friday, they created a Canned Food Brigade. A line of students stretched from LCCVI on Dufferin Ave. to Hogan’s Pharmacy on Albany and over 2,000 cans were sent by hand down the line. The teens also raised \$1660.70 for the cause.

Frustration as Plympton-Wyoming delays again
‘Don’t come back, we’re incompetent’ says councillor

Heather Wright
The Independent

Frustration boiled over after Plympton-Wyoming council again delayed a decision on a site plan for a new business at the former Bonnie Doon Golf Course.

Matthew Ferguson runs Ferguson Estates - an event venue - on the property. He also plans to put in a driving range and a corn maze. That means he won’t have to rezone the property but he does need a site plan and that has taken months to work out.

Neighbours questioned whether if the property is properly zoned as an open space, even with a driving range, since the golf course isn’t operating any more.

They’re also concerned about the noise coming from the venue. Elizabeth Bellavance and Keith Douglas have told council they could clearly hear the parties when two weddings and a family gathering were held earlier this year.

Lambton County Planner, Sarah Baldwin, says it is properly zoned and she devised a noise monitoring plan which would have required the owners to keep the noise below 50 decibels at all times. Ferguson told council Dec. 11 that’s a concern since an idling tractor creates 80 decibels of noise.

Mayor Lonny Napper says Ferguson Estates should not be the only business subject to noise regulation. He believes there should be a town-wide noise bylaw and a bylaw enforcement officer to deal with complaints.

Brian Duxbury, the lawyer for Bellavance

and Douglas, wasn’t sure the monitoring system would work either saying there plan isn’t based on any kind of science.

“This approach isn’t even workable,” he says. “I urge you to stop to get the noise science right and even get an outside opinion.”

And Duxbury added he believes the zoning on the property isn’t right because the driving range isn’t the same as a golf course and the event venue appears to be the main business. Ferguson Estates had been marketing itself as a wedding venue since June without talking about the proposed driving range.

Deputy Mayor Muriel Wright was concerned enough about the zoning, she asked for the matter to be deferred for the third time so the town’s lawyer could be consulted on the issue.

“I want to get this right I don’t want any lawsuits, there are conflicts of different reports...I would like to get our own lawyers opinion,” she says. Wright, Councillors Netty McEwen, Bob Woolvett and Gary Atkinson all agreed to wait for the lawyer’s decision.

That angered Councillor Tim Wilkins who had argued the restrictions on the company were setting them up for failure. After the vote, he turned to Ferguson and said: “Don’t even come back to us - we’re incompetent.” He was interrupted by other council members objecting. But Wilkins went on: “This has been to us four frick’n times and now you want a legal opinion? This is ridiculous.”

The Ferguson Estates site plan will return to council possibly as early as Jan. 7. Council has also asked staff to bring back a Noise Bylaw for possible use in Plympton-Wyoming as well as the costs of hiring a bylaw enforcement officer.



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Friday, December 27, 2019				
MA	1	8:30 AM	Mt Brydges Cougars	Strathroy Jr. Rockets
MA	2	10:00 AM	Dorchester Dragons	St. Thomas Stars
MC	3	11:30 AM	North Middlesex Jr. Stars	Dresden Jr. Kings
MC	4	1:00 PM	West Lorne Comets	Belmont Rangers
MB	5	2:30 PM	BCH Ice Dogs	Lambeth Lancers
MA	6	4:00 PM	Strathroy Jr. Rockets	Dorchester Dragons
MC	7	5:30 PM	Belmont Rangers	North Middlesex Jr. Stars
MC	8	7:00 PM	East Lambton Eagles	Petrolia Oilers AE
MB	9	8:30 PM	Wallaceburg Lakers	Petrolia Oilers

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Saturday, December 28, 2019				
MC	10	8:00 AM	West Lorne Comets	East Lambton Eagles
MB	11	9:30 AM	Paris Wolfpack	BCH Ice Dogs
MC	12	11:00 AM	West Grey Warriors	Hagersville Hawks
MC	13	12:30 PM	Six Nations Black Hawks	Dresden Jr. Kings
MA	14	2:00 AM	Greater Fort Erie Jr. Meteors	Mt. Brydges Cougars
MB	15	3:30 PM	Lambeth Lancers	Wallaceburg Lakers
MC	16	5:00 PM	Petrolia Oilers AE	West Frey Warriors
MC	17	6:30 PM	Hagersville Hawks	Six Nations Black Hawks
MB	18	8:00 PM	Petrolia Oilers	Paris Wolfpack
MA	19	9:30 PM	St. Thomas Stars	Greater Fort Erie Jr. Meteors

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Sunday, December 29, 2019				
MC Elim	20	8:00 AM	Seed #9	Seed #8
MCQF	21	10:00 AM	Seed #7	Seed #2
MCQF	22	11:30 AM	Seed #6	Seed #3
MCQF	23	1:00 PM	Seed #5	Seed #4
MCQF	24	2:30 PM	Winner GM 20	Seed #1
MB Elim	25	4:00 PM	Seed #5	Seed #4
MA Elim	26	5:30 PM	Seed #5	Seed #4
MCSF	27	7:00 PM	Seed #4	Seed #1
MCSF	28	8:30 PM	Seed #3	Seed #2

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Monday, December 30, 2019				
MASF	29	8:30 AM	Winner GM 26	Seed #1
MASF	30	10:00 AM	Seed #3	Seed #2
MASF	31	11:30 AM	Winner GM 25	Seed #1
MASF	32	1:00 PM	Seed #3	Seed #2
MAFinal	33	3:00 PM	Seed #2	Seed #1
MAFinal	34	5:00 PM	Seed #2	Seed #1
MB Final	35	7:00 PM	Seed #2	Seed #1

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Friday, December 27, 2019				
B Group 1	1	9:00 AM	South Huron Sabres	South Kent Lightning
A Round Ro	2	10:05 AM	Mt Brydges Cougars	Sarnia Sting
C Group 2	3	11:10 AM	Southwest Bullets	Lucan Irish
B Group 2	4	12:15 PM	Mooretown Jr. Flags	Lambeth Lancers
B Group 2	5	1:20 PM	Ilderton Jets	South Huron Sabres
B Group 2	6	2:25 PM	South Kent Lightning	Petrolia Oilers
C Group 1	7	4:00 PM	North Middlesex Jr. Stars	East Lambton Eagles
C Group 2	8	5:05 PM	Aylmer Flames	Lambton Shores Predators
A Round Ro	9	6:10 PM	Sarnia Sting	London Jr. Mustangs Purple
C Group 1	10	7:15 PM	Pt. Stanley Jr. Sailors	Wallaceburg Lakers

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Saturday, December 28, 2019				
B Group 2	11	9:00 AM	Mooretown Jr. Flags	Petrolia Oilers
B Group 2	12	10:05 AM	Ilderton Jets	Lambeth Lancers
C Group 1	13	11:10 AM	Pt. Stanley Jr. Sailors	Belmont Rangers
C Group 2	14	12:15 PM	Wallaceburg Lakers	Dresden Jr. Kings
A Round Ro	15	1:20 PM	Mt. Brydges Cougars	London Jr. Mustangs Purple
A Round Ro	16	2:25 PM	Erie North Shore Storm	Sarnia Sting
C Group 1	17	3:30 PM	Belmont Rangers	East Lambton Eagles
C Group 2	18	4:35 PM	Lambton Shores Predators	Dresden Jr. Kings
A Round Ro	19	5:40 PM	Erie North Shore Storm	Mt. Brydges Cougars
B Group 1	20	6:45 PM	Petrolia Oilers	Ilderton Jets

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Sunday, December 29, 2019				
C Group 2	21	9:00 AM	Dresden Jr. Kings	Southwest Bullets
C Group 2	22	10:05 AM	Lucan Irish	Aylmer Flames
C Group 1	23	11:10 AM	Belmont Rangers	North Middlesex Jr. Stars
A Round Ro	24	12:15 PM	London Jr. Mustangs Purple	Erie North Shore Storm
B Group 1	25	1:20 PM	Lambeth Lancers	South Kent Lightning
B Group 1	26	2:25 PM	South Huron Sabres	Mooretown Jr. Flags
C Group 2	27	3:30 PM	Southwest Bullets	Aylmer Flames
C Group 2	28	4:35 PM	Lucan Irish	Lambton Shores Predators
C Group 1	29	5:40 PM	North Middlesex Jr. Stars	Pt. Stanley Jr. Sailors
C Group 1	30	6:45 PM	East Lambton Eagles	Wallaceburg Lakers

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Monday, December 30, 2019				
A Semi-Fin	31	9:00 AM	4th Seed	1st Seed
A Semi-Fin	32	10:05 AM	3rd Seed	2nd Seed
B Semi-Fin	33	11:10 AM	2nd in Group 1	1st in Group 1
B Semi-Fin	34	12:15 PM	2nd in Group 2	1st in Group 2
C Semi-Fin	35	1:20 PM	2nd in Group 1	1st in Group 2
C Semi-Fin	36	2:25 PM	2nd in Group 2	1st in Group 1
A Finals	37	3:30 PM	Winner GM 31/32	Winner GM 31/32
B Finals	38	4:45 PM	Winner GM 33/34	Winner Game 33/34
C Finals	39	6:00PM	Winner GM 35/36	Winner GM 35/36

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Thursday, December 19, 2019				
Peewee B	1	5:00 PM	Petrolia Oilers	Ilderton Jets
Peewee C	2	6:10 PM	Aylmer Flames	Dresden Jr. Kings
Peewee C	3	7:20 PM	Lucan Irish	East Lambton Eagles
Peewee B	4	8:30 PM	Lambeth Lancers	South Huron Sabres

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Friday, December 20, 2019				
Peewee B	5	9:00 AM	Wallaceburg Lakers	Mooretown Flags
Peewee C	6	10:10 AM	Burford Coyotes	North Middlesex Jr Stars
Peewee B	7	11:20 AM	Ingersoll Express	Petrolia Oilers
Peewee C	8	12:30 PM	Dresden Jr. Kings	Ohsweken-Six Nations Black Hawks
Peewee B	9	1:40 PM	Ilderton Jets	Lambeth Lancers
Peewee C	10	2:50 PM	Lucan Irish	Aylmer Flames
Peewee B	11	4:00 PM	South Huron Sabres	Wallaceburg lakers
Peewee B	12	5:10 PM	Mooretown Flags	Ingersoll Express
Peewee C	13	6:20 PM	East Lambton Eagles	Burford Coyotes
Peewee C	14	7:30 PM	Ohsweken-Six Nations Black Hawks	North Middlesex Jr. Stars

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Saturday, December 21, 2019				
Peewee A	15	8:30 AM	London Jr. Purples	Strathroy Rockets
Peewee A	16	9:40 AM	St. Mary's Rock	Mt. Brydges Cougars
Peewee B	17	10:50 AM	Seed #7	Seed #2
Peewee B	18	12:00 PM	Seed #6	Seed #3
Peewee B	19	1:10 PM	Seed #5	Seed #4
Peewee A	20	2:20 PM	Essex Ravens	St. Mary's Rock
Peewee C	21	3:30 PM	Seed #7	Seed #2
Peewee C	22	4:40 PM	Seed #6	Seed #3
Peewee A	23	5:50 PM	Mt. Brydges Cougars	London Jr. Purples
Peewee A	24	7:00 PM	Strathroy Rockets	Essex Ravens
Peewee C	25	8:10 PM	Seed #5	Seed #4

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Sunday, December 22, 2019				
Peewee A	26	9:00 AM	Seed #5	Seed #4
Peewee C	27	10:10 AM	Winner GM 25	Seed #1
Peewee C	28	11:20 AM	Winner GM 22	Winner GM 21
Peewee B	29	12:30 PM	Winner GM 19	Seed #1
Peewee B	30	1:40 PM	Winner GM 18	Winner GM 17
Peewee A	31	2:50 PM	Winner GM 26	Seed #1
Peewee A	32	4:00 PM	Seed #3	Seed #2
Peewee C	33	5:10 PM	Winner GM 28	Winner GM 27
Peewee B	34	6:30 PM	Winner GM 30	Winner GM 29
Peewee A	35	7:50 PM	Winner GM 32	Winner GM 31



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Friday, December 27, 2019				
Bantam C	36	9:00 AM	Dresden Jr. Kings	North Middlesex Jr. Stars
Bantam C	37	10:15 AM	West Lorne Comets	Aylmer Flames
Bantam C	38	11:30 AM	Hagersville Hawks	East Lambton Eagles
Bantam B	39	12:45 PM	Petrolia Oilers	South Huron Sabres
Bantam B	40	2:00 PM	Mooretown Flags	Mitchell Meteors
Bantam B	41	3:15 PM	Wallaceburg Lakers	Ingersoll Express
Bantam C	42	4:30 PM	Aylmer Flames	Dresden Jr. Kings
Bantam C	43	5:45 PM	North Middlesex Jr. Stars	Hagersville Hawks
Bantam C	44	7:00 PM	East Lambton Eagles	West Lorne Comets

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Saturday, December 28, 2019				
Bantam A	45	9:00 AM	Sarnia Jr. Sting	Strathroy Rockets
Bantam B	46	10:15 AM	Mitchell Meteors	Petrolia Oilers
Bantam B	47	11:30 AM	South Huron Sabres	Wallaceburg Lakers
Bantam B	48	12:45 PM	Ingersoll Express	Mooretown Flags
Bantam A	49	2:00 PM	Essex Ravens	Sarnia Jr. Sting
Bantam C	50	3:15 PM	Seed #6	Seed #3
Bantam C	51	4:30 PM	Seed #5	Seed #4
Bantam B	52	5:45 PM	Seed #6	Seed #3
Bantam A	53	7:00 PM	Strathroy Rockets	Essex Ravens
Bantam B	54	8:15PM	Seed #5	Seed #4

DIV	#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
Saturday, December 28, 2019				
Bantam A	55	10:00 AM	Seed #3	Seed #2
Bantam C	56	11:15 AM	Winner GM 51	Seed #1
Bantam C	57	12:30 PM	Winner GM 50	Seed #2
Bantam B	58	1:45 PM	Winner GM 54	Seed #1
Bantam B	59	3:00 PM	Winner GM 52	Seed #2
Bantam A	60	4:15 PM	Winner GM 55	Seed #1
Bantam C	61	5:45 PM	Winner GM 57	Winner GM 56
Bantam B	62	7:15 PM	Winner GM 59	Winner GM 58



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The Earl Travall Memorial Midget Silver Stick Tournament Committee is pleased to have the opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Reverend Canon George Menzies through the offering of this Scholarship, named in his memory



EATING AND GREETING



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The Grade 2/3 students at Brooke Central School were enjoying a turkey dinner Thursday, thanks to the Alvinston and District Optimist. The club busses all the students to the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre, gives them a full turkey dinner and hosts skating every year.

Dawn-Euphemia’s insurance jumps 20 per cent

Heather Wright
The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia is facing a near 20 per cent increase in insurance rates and a fire at the Florence Library is partly to blame.

Clerk-Administrator Donna Clermont told councillors Monday the current insurance adjustor - Frank Cowan - will renew the township’s current policy for \$113,181 - \$18,473 more than last year or 19.5 per cent. “It’s a bitter pill to swallow,” she says.

Clermont says the township has had five claims in the past 10 years, and

the fire at the Florence Library this summer. County officials have said the bill for the fire is likely to exceed \$45,000 although the final bill hasn’t been tabulated.

Clermont says because there have been a number of significant claims, the premiums are rising. One of the accidents occurred in 2010 and will not be a factor in insurance rates by September.

And while councillors first inclination might be to look for a new insurance policy, Clermont says that might not be a good idea. She says Sarnia went out for a proposal on insurance and found its rates went up 42 per cent. Brant County recently had an 88 per cent increase in insurance rates.

When North Bruce had a 44 per cent insurance increase, it opted to go out to look for a new policy - it ended up paying 66 per cent more.

Clermont added over the past five years the cost of the township’s insurance has gone up about 7.5 per cent a year.

“As much as we regret the increase, Cowan has done a good job,” says Broad “and we don’t have a whole lot of options.”

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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sports



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Kyler Keating avoids the stick of the Tillsonburg Thunder as he breaks to the net in the Squires 9-6 Turkey Night loss.

Tavistock returns to take on Squires

The Independent

The curtain comes down on the pre-Christmas portion of the Petrolia Squires’ senior schedule this Friday when they entertain the Tavistock Royals at Greenwood at 8:30. The Squires are 5-11 after losing

two of three contests last weekend. Tavistock has lost four of its last five games and is 6-6-2.

Tillsonburg topped the Squires 9-6 in a tough Turkey Night loss, they bounced back to beat Lambeth 4-2 on the road Saturday and fell 6-1 to

Minto in Palmerston Sunday afternoon.

After this weekend, the Squires only have five regular season games remaining, all in January.

They play home games on January 3 and 10 before playing its final three games on the road.

Kings come to P-town to take on Flyers

The Independent

The Petrolia Flyers look to move into a tie for sixth place in the PJHL’s Stobbs Division when they entertain the Dresden Junior Kings Thursday at Greenwood at 7:30.

The Flyers are 7-16-3

and are two points back of Dresden and Blenheim in the standings.

Petrolia is at Wallaceburg Saturday before a 12-day break to celebrate the holidays.

The Flyers lost 7-1 at home to Mooretown and 4-1 to the Canadiens in

Lakeshore. Matt Hunt scored the lone goal in both games for Petrolia. The Flyers have now scored two or fewer goals in 18 of its 26 games so far this season. Jakob Knowles made 39 saves in the loss in Lakeshore as the hometown outshot the Flyers, 43-14.

ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONS



DAWSON CURRIE PHOTOS

The Queen Elizabeth II Girls brought home the banner after beating Brigden 2-1 in the volleyball championships Thursday at LCCVI. But the Brigden boys avenged for their school, topping Centennial 2-1. The final sets in both championships were decided by just two points.

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MONDAY/TUESDAY	AS SCHEDULED	AS SCHEDULED
WEDNESDAY	NO COLLECTION	NO COLLECTION
THURSDAY	Friday, Dec. 27, 2019	Friday, Jan. 3, 2020
FRIDAY	Saturday, Dec.28, 2019	Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020

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A WIN AND A LOSS



BRUCE SMITH PHOTO

Logan Kuchta denies Nick Peckhams shot during the LCCVI Senior Boys 73-69 win over St. Pats. LCCVI had a chance to remain unbeaten last week, but fell to 3-1 losing 55-39 to Chatham-Kent. The Lancers took a one-point lead into the second half against the Chatham school, but were outscored 31-17 down the stretch. The Lancers had improved to 3-0 earlier in the week with a 73-69 win over St. Pat’s in triple overtime. The Lancers play a junior-senior doubleheader at Great Lakes Thursday, beginning at 4:30. The junior fell to 0-4 with losses to the Irish and CKSS last week.

Silver Stick tournaments begin Friday in Watford

A flurry of regional and North American Silver Stick hockey tournaments open this weekend with the 60th annual Roy Caley Memorial Pee Wee Tournament in Watford. The Petrolia Oilers open against Ilderton Friday evening at 5, followed later in

the evening by the host East Lambton Eagles taking on Lucan at 7:20. Mooretown’s opener is against Wallaceburg, Friday morning at 9. The tournament continues through the weekend with the three divisional finals set for

Sunday evening. The Bantam tournament takes over Watford next weekend, while the Midgets and Atoms play in Petrolia and Alvinston respectively. The latter three tournaments all begin Friday, Dec. 27.

Peer registers points in split by Legionnaires

Carson Peer has now registered points in six of his last nine GOJHL games after a goal and an assist for the Sarnia Legionnaires last week. The Oil City product assisted on the opening goal last Thursday as Sarnia beat St. Marys, 5-3 and he scored the equalizer in the third period

Saturday at home only to see the visiting Leamington Flyers scored twice later to skate away with a 5-3 victory. The rookie now has three goals and six assists in 29 games this season. Sarnia, 10-16-3 on the campaign, hosts LaSalle Thursday before traveling to Komoka

and Leamington for road games on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon respectively. Meantime, the Strathroy Rockets, with locals Blake Hull, Carson Perry and Bayly Fryfogle in its lineup, are at St. Thomas Friday and host the Chatham Maroons Saturday night at the Gemini Sportsplex.

Lancer Girls improve to 2-1 on the ice after win in Forest

LCCVI improved to 2-1 in Lambton Kent girls high school hockey with a 6-1 win over North Lambton last Friday in Forest. The Eagles fell to 0-3, losing 6-1 to St. Pat’s at home as well. In boys action, Northern upended North Lambton, 7-1. Evan Morningstar had

the lone goal for the Eagles. North Lambton is 1-2 on the campaign. Meantime, the North Lambton junior girls volleyball squad beat Dresden and split two sets each with Tilbury and Blenheim last week, while the North Lambton seniors lost two sets each to Lambton Kent,

Ridgetown and Pain Court. Following action Thursday, all high school sports in Lambton Kent will take a break until January 7.



Wilkins sets Flags record

The Independent

Jake Wilkins is now the winningest goaltender in the history of the Mooretown Flags. He made 29 saves for his 52nd career victory for the Flags in a 5-2 win over Dresden to set the franchise record Saturday at the Moore Sports Complex. Ironically, Wilkins originally signed with the Junior Kings in 2015 before playing the next four seasons in Mooretown. The record-setting game was his 100th regular season game split between the PJHL and its forerunner, the Great Lakes Junior “C” Hockey League. Wilkins in second in the province with 15 wins this season and is among the leaders in goals against average at 2.21 and save percentage at .932. Brody Genyn scored twice for Mooretown on a night when the Flags outshot the visitors by a whopping 69-31. Dawson Winchester, Cameron Rannie and Nolan Farr also scored for the winners. Mooretown has now won nine of its last ten games and is 21-5 overall. The Flags entertain Blenheim Saturday and travel to Amherstburg to take on the Admirals Sunday to end the pre-Christmas portion of the PJHL schedule.



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Thursdays	7:00p	Watford	Watford Legion - Cribbage	519-876-2360
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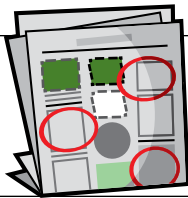
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DUQUETTE
Jeannette (n. Dupuis)

Died peacefully with her family by her side on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** at C.E.E. Hospital of Bluewater Health, Petrolia. **JEANNETTE DUQUETTE** (nee Dupuis), of Petrolia, was in her **93rd year**. Jeannette was the loving wife of the late Tony (2011). She was the loved mother of Anne Marie (Randy) Houdyshell, Barbara (John) Racher, Carol (John) Ruth, Michael (Judy) Duquette, Judith Anne (Derek) Kerrigan-Dick, and David (Melissa) Duquette. She is predeceased by sons-in-law Kevin Kerrigan and Mike Noyle. She will be missed by her seventeen grandchildren and twenty three great grandchildren. Jeannette is survived by her sisters Madeline Reaume, Rita Lobzun, and Dean Jardine and brothers Richard (Marlene) Dupuis and Marc (Bonnie) Dupuis and was predeceased by her sister Margaret LaPorte and brothers Roy, Maurice, Bernard, Eli, Leo, and Abel Dupuis. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Lois, Norma, Joan, Mary, and Lillian. **Visitors were received on Sunday at the Needham-Jay Funeral Home, Petrolia and a funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Philip's Parish, Petrolia. Interment was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wyoming.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca) or Lambton Meadowview Villa Auxiliary (www.lambtoncares.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com

In Memory

In loving memory of

JOHN KLAPAK

A dear husband, father and grandfather.

December 18, 2018, he went away without farewell
He said goodbye to none
But Heaven's gate was open wide
And a loving voice said "Come"
Beside his grave we often stand
Our hearts are tired and sad
But through the gloom
There comes the words,
"We know we'll meet again."

Forever in our thoughts
and always in our hearts
Donna & family

Obituary



STOCKKLAUSNER
Fran (Frauke)

On Saturday, **December 14, 2019** at C.E.E. Hospital of Bluewater Health, Petrolia, Frauke "Fran" Stockklausner (nee Timmermann) passed away at the age of **91**. Beloved wife to the late Fritz (1986). Loving mother to Sonya Stockklausner (the late Ron Zittel), Butch (Wendy) Stockklausner, Karen Barton, Peter Stockklausner and Diane Weiler. Proud Oma to Kate, Jason (Tessa), Jacob (Candice), Julie (Colin), Lisa (Mike), Tyler (Gwendolyn) and their children Aubrey, Selah, Mason and Harper; Paul (Jodi), Melissa. Dear sister to Uwe Timmermann and Doerte Uecker all of Germany. Predeceased by her parents, Richard and Martha Timmermann and her siblings Magret, Richard and Ute. Fran was a very active member of the Petrolia community who was also a dedicated member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. She will be missed by many. **Visitors were received prior to the service by the family from 1-2:45 on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at the Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, where a service took place at 3:00 p.m.. Cremation to follow. A private family interment will take place in Hillsdale Cemetery.** In lieu of flowers, as an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation ([ceehf.ca](http://www.ceehf.ca)). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com

Obituary



LEAPER
Clare Russell

LEAPER, Clare Russell - Age 49 of London, passed away **Monday, December 9, 2019** at London Health Sciences – Victoria Campus after a 6 month battle with cancer. Dear son of Gord and Barb (Keith) Leaper. Loved brother of Beth Leaper, Bob and his wife Cathy (Park) Leaper. Cherished uncle of Daniel and Anna. Nephew to Donna (Leaper) Longley and Lorne. Survived by many cousins and friends. Clare attended LCCVI, Western University for his BA, Wilfred Laurier for honours in History then to London Teachers College. He taught for 14 years in the secondary school for the Thames Valley District School Board and worked for Canada Trust. He was an avid history buff, loved reading, cats, Led Zeppelin and David Bowie. He enjoyed playing football, darts, fishing with his buddies and loved Wortley Village, London. **Family and friends were received at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, Brigden on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 2-5pm. Cremation has taken place. A private family burial was held at Bear Creek Cemetery.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to Canadian Cancer Society or Humane Society London and Middlesex for cats (www.hslm.ca). Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca Steadman Brothers 519-864-1193

In Memory

In Loving Memory of

RON STRANGWAY

Dear husband, father and papa,
who passed away on
December 17, 2018.

As time goes by without you,
And the days turn into years.
They hold a million memories
And a thousand silent tears.
To us you were so special,
What more is there to say,
Except to wish with all our hearts
That you were here today.

Sadly missed and
lovingly remembered by
Bonnie and Family

Obituary



REGNIER
Tim

As a result of a motor vehicle accident on **Friday, December 13, 2019** Tim Regnier of Lambeth at the age of **36 years**. Cherished husband for 11 years of Lindsay Regnier of Lambeth. Loving father of Cooper. Beloved son of Dennis (Heidi Soudant) and Jane Regnier. Dear brother of Suzanne (Joel) McCallum, all of Petrolia. Loving uncle of Aria and Palmer. Proud grandson of Iris and the late Ray Regnier (2006). Loving son-in-law of Owen and Jo Ann Reed of Lambeth. Loved by his brother-in-law from another mother" Chad (Niki) Young and many, many other family and friends. **Friends may visit at the McFarlane & Roberts Funeral Home, 2240 Wharnccliffe Road, South, Lambeth 519-652-2020 on Wednesday, from 2-4 & 7-9 pm where the celebration of Tim's life will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.** Donations to the Alzheimer Society, 435 Windermere Rd, London, ON N5X 2T1 gratefully acknowledged. On-line condolences are available through www.mcfarlane-roberts.ca.



Obituary



HARDMAN
Francis Leonard

Peacefully at C.E.E. Hospital of Bluewater Health in Petrolia, on **Wednesday December 11, 2019, Francis Leonard Hardman** passed away at the **age of 95**. Beloved husband to the late Kathleen (nee Dowling). Loving father to Maureen (the late George) Cribb, and Frank (Sheila) Hardman. Grandad to Andrew (Kate) Cribb, Jenny Cribb, Sarah (Adam) Arseneault, Garren (Alicia) Hardman, and Nicholas (Taylor) Hardman. Great Grandad to Ava, Molly, Isabella, Eli, Sofia, and Bentley. Dear brother to Ronnie Hardman. Predeceased by his parents Francis and Margaret Hardman and his brother Eric Hardman. Frank served in England during WWII with the Royal Marines. The family would like to thank Dr. Angela Wang, Dr. Tavar Amend, the nurses and all of the support staff at C.E.E. Hospital for their compassionate care. **Cremation has taken place and a private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca) or Prostate Cancer Canada (www.prostatecancer.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com

Obituary



REDICK

Tanner Douglas James

Suddenly in Brooke-Alvinston Twp., on **Friday, December 13, 2019**, Tanner Douglas James Redick of Alvinston passed away in his **21st year**. Beloved son of Jenny (John) and Shawn (Samantha). Dear brother to Sydney. Tanner will be lovingly remembered by his grandmothers Lynn Shaw (late Jim) and Pat Redick (late Doug) and his stepsiblings Khena (Stewart), Jasmine (Alex), Mitch (Shea), Laiya and Noah, aunt Martha (Mike) and uncle Kris (Stephanie) his cousins Malcolm, Jalen, Blake and Dylan, niece Olivia and his special friend Angela. **Visitation at Van Heck Funeral Home, 3232 River Street, Alvinston, Firefighter walk through Wednesday at 7 p.m. with visitation following until 9 p.m. and Thursday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service Friday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the Brooke Alvinston Inwood Community Centre Complex. Interment to follow at the Alvinston Cemetery.** Memorial donations may be made to Alvinston Firefighter Association. www.vanheckfuneralhome.ca



Obituary



BRYDGES

Keith Burton

Peacefully during the early morning of **December 14, 2019** at C.E.E. Hospital of Bluewater Health in Petrolia, **KEITH BURTON BRYDGES** passed away at the **age of 87**. Loving husband to June Vansickle (nee Robbins). Loving father to Linda (Jim) Thomas, Eugene (Rosa) Brydges, Richard (Karen) Brydges, Larry (Karen) Brydges, and Donna (Andrew) Graham and the late Brian Brydges (1969). Keith was very proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and they, along with his nieces and nephews, will miss him dearly. **Cremation has taken place. A private family interment in Wyoming Cemetery will take place in the Spring of 2020.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (ceehf.ca) or the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia Lambton (<https://alzheimersarnialambton.ca/en/sarnialambton>). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com



In Memory

In Memory of

Betty Snyder

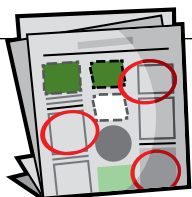
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