



## ROLLING AGAIN



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The big wheel at Petrolia Discovery is rolling again. Volunteers, led by Neil Armstrong, Doug Clark and Luc Tetreault, put thousands of hours into rebuilding the large wheel's bearings and wooden parts. The Fitzgerald Rig is one of the keys to the historic site and Petrolia Discovery board members had been trying for years to raise enough cash to fix the big rig. For more on this story, see page 5.

## Blindsided: The story of three fired firefighters

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Carrie Ann Wilson had hoped the truth would prevail and changes would be made at the Wyoming fire department. Instead, the former volunteer firefighter and two of her coworkers were fired in what lawyers say was a case of wrongful dismissal.

Feb. 12, Fire Chief Steve Clemens confirmed to *The Independent* three veteran firefighters, Wilson - a lieutenant, Sr. Firefighter Jason Lyon and District Chief Jeff Scott were dismissed after two investigations into what at the time he called workplace health and safety issues.

The dismissals ignited anger within the department. Four firefighters resigned and retired immediately after the dismissals. Since then, 16 firefighters have left the Wyoming station at least eight because of this incident.

Wilson, Lyon and Scott have never spoke publicly about their firing, until this week when their lawyers issued a news release.

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## Historic Blanche House at Petrolia Discovery to be dismantled for salvage

Heather Wright  
The Independent

One of Petrolia's most recognizable historic house, is coming down.

Monday, Petrolia council agreed with a request from the Petrolia Heritage Committee and Petrolia Discovery to take Blanche House - also known as The Blue House - which sits on the grounds of Petrolia Discovery off the municipal heritage registry.

Discovery has a contractor will-

ing to take down the building and salvage some of the materials.

Liz Welsh, chair of the Petrolia Heritage Committee, says the home is in disrepair and has become too expensive to fix.

"It is in quite a state of disrepair and hazards," says Welsh. "Sometime in 2015, it was estimated it would take \$100,000 plus to bring it up to code and to make it safe."

"Currently, we're not sitting in a situation to do any of those repairs and probably won't be for a good long time."

Welsh says Discovery and Heritage Committee asked council to begin the repeal of designation process to take the building off the municipal heritage registry.

"We have an opportunity for a salvage company to come in and perhaps...realize some revenues," she says.

The Blue House was built in 1887 according the registry. It was moved 2002, when Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital wanted to expand its parking.

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Blanche House moves through Petrolia's downtown in 2002 to Petrolia Discovery.

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# Firefighters claim wrongful dismissal

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The lawyers, Matthew Chapman and William Fawcett say in August, Wilson was physically assaulted by another firefighter who the lawyers name as Pete Moraal.

Moraal, who is also lieutenant with the department, is a long-time volunteer firefighter, teaches at Lambton College’s Fire School and in 2014 was awarded the Governor General’s Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal given to firefighters for 20 years service.

Wilson alleges Moraal was questioning some of her decisions at the scene while she was incident commander. During the exchange, she told him to take his complaints to the district fire chief, who was already on scene. Wilson says “he walked right through me” shoving her out of the way with his shoulder.

Wilson says she wasn’t injured and didn’t say anything about it at the time.

Then in September, Wilson was the incident commander near Reece’s Corners, when a stolen truck caught fire in a field. On the way to the burning vehicle, the pumper slid into a creek beside a laneway.

“It was extremely traumatic. My window was down. Those windows are very large. And I knew I didn’t have my seat belt on,” she told *The Independent* Tuesday.

“And all I had going through my head was I had to stay in the truck or I would be killed,” she said her voice breaking with emotion.

“I somehow managed to stay in that truck without falling out or being pinned underneath it.”

Wilson did a quick check to see how everyone was - the driver was “dangling above me.” No one was critically injured.

She says she tried to call 9-1-1, but the radio wasn’t working.

“I had to find my phone, which was floating in the ditch, to call 911 to explain what had happened.”

OPP officers on the scene helped free the firefighters.

“We got down on the ground and there was some pretty big bumps and bruises and made sure that my men were okay.”

Wilson says Moraal arrived on the scene and was angry to see the pumper in the ditch saying it was an expensive piece of equipment. Wilson told him he should be more concerned about the firefighters.

“We were both face-to-face by that point. He was then yelling about the truck that was on fire and why we weren’t putting that out. I explained that it was just going to burn out. He yelled at me about who was IC and who was in charge of this. And I screamed, I was very agitated at that point, and yelled that it was my call. I was in charge. I was IC and I was leaving it to burn. And it was at that point that other firefighters stepped in to physically pull him back. And I left the situation.”

Lyon, who was on the scene and took command at Wilson’s request, says he also had to ask Moraal to step away from the scene several times.

And he says, he told the chief about the incident minutes after it happened.

The two incidents became the subject of an investigation by Darcy Michaud of HRprimed in December at an officers meeting where Capt. Mike McGrail made a comment about the two confrontations.

The lawyers say the investigator had “an appearance of being coopted toward scrutinizing members of the fire department who had clashed with Chief Steve Clemens since his hiring in late 2016.”

The three all spoke up about a webcam

found in the radio room of the Wyoming station in 2017.

Wilson was one of the people who had initially discovered it. Wilson says she was uncomfortable with it being there and would move it or put a post-it note over top of the camera whenever she was in the room.

Wilson thought the webcam had been taken down, but when she moved the computer, she could see video of herself. She found the camera behind a printer and raised her concerns with the fire executive suggesting what was done may have violated Canada’s Criminal Code.

District Chief Jeff Scott also raised the red flag with the town’s CAO. “I found out about it one evening and then I got ahold of the CAO the following morning. And she initiated the investigation into this camera that following morning.”

Clemens was placed on leave, but exonerated by the report on the incident. When he returned to work, both Wilson and Lyon say they had lost trust in his leadership.

Scott, on the other hand, says he was willing to work with Clemens, although he would frequently voice his opinions about some of the chief’s plans. Scott says Clemens did a “marvellous job” on the administrative end of amalgamating Camlachie and Wyoming into one department, but wanted to start programs without guidelines or instructions to firefighters.

“If I disagreed with him, I was certainly going to tell him and I would, and back it up with sound reasoning in my own mind about why I disagreed with him. But at the same time, he is the chief; if that’s what he wants done, that’s what gets done.”

All three firefighters were interviewed in 2019-2020 in one of the two investigations which flowed from Wilson’s allegations of verbal and physical abuse. Wilson was interviewed for the second investigation as well.

The three were asked about their relationship to the former Wyoming chief, Mike Vasey, something Lyon says raised a red flag.

On Feb. 11, Lyon was called into the department by Clemens. The human resources director from the County of Lambton slid an envelop across the table with his termination papers.

“I regret to inform you the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and the Plympton-Wyoming Fire Department doesn’t see you as a good fit going forward. Your employment will be terminated effective immediately,” the letter said. Lyon pressed for an answer.

““How am I not a good fit?”” asked Lyon who is a paramedic. “I demanded an answer from Steve Clemens who did not keep eye contact. He put his head to the ground and not once during this would make eye contact; this after 26 years. You owe me an explanation. HR official says ‘No we don’t. We don’t have to give you a reason, this meeting is done.’” Lyon left, giving Wilson a heads up to what was coming.

“Prior to Jason’s phone call, I guess I still had a flicker of hope that the right things were being done in my opinion...So when I showed up, it was the chief and human resource (officer) from the county. And I knew instantly that I was being fired. They had an envelope sitting there and they pushed it across the desk. And I knew I knew instantly in my gut that this was the end.”

Scott, a truck driver, was on the road when Clemens called him in for an interview. He told Scott at the time two people had been fired. Scott asked if he was being fired and the chief told him no.

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## Construction starts to turn bank to wellness centre

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Wyoming's TD Bank is now officially in the hands of Plympton-Wyoming and Mayor Lonny Napper says they have big plans for it.

The Broadway Street building was donated by the bank and is set to be transformed into a health and wellness centre. A variety of programs will be offered with the future goal of bringing a doctor or nurse practitioner back to the town.

"It's a real plus for the town, I think it's something that will get used a lot. We're very pleased to get it, we're hoping that we can maybe lure some doctors in," says Napier. "We're grateful to the bank for doing this for us."

“To be able to have our own people go and access a lot of these outreach programs that different agencies are offering is a big help

# Blanche house beyond repair says Discovery

**CON'T FROM PG 1**

Town council suggested the building be moved to Petrolia Discovery.

It was used as office space for the historic site and a welcome centre for the site in its heyday.

But the building had fallen into disrepair, along with the rest of the site. The foundation needed repairs as did the roof. And it needed to be brought up to the building code according to County of Lambton inspectors who were on site in 2015 at the request of the town, which had become partners with the Discovery board as the historic site struggled.

# Wyoming firefighters blindsided by firing

**CON'T FROM PG 2**

When he arrived at the station Feb. 11 at 8:30 pm, he too, had a termination letter waiting for him. And he says he was blindsided.

“I had seen screenshots where he (Clemens) had been googling things like upward bullying and upward harassment, you know, in a power struggle between the chief and the deputy. And so I was aware that he was maybe looking into things like this, but I was not aware that this was the route that was going to be taken.”

After the firings, more senior officers and firefighters left, some after being disciplined as a result of the report.

Lawyers say in March, 27 members of the service submitted a letter to Mayor Lonny Napper and council raising concerns about Clemens' leadership, the poisonous environment created in the department and their concerns the fire department would not be able to function well in the current situation.

That letter has never been dealt with publicly.

Fawcett says there no wrongful dismissal claim is filed but it is pending. None of the firefighters statements have been tested in court.

*The Independent* did request a statement from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. CAO Carolyn Tripp says the town doesn't comment on human resource issues.

Tuesday, *The Independent* tried to contact Lt. Pete Moraal. He was not immediately available for comment.

In an interview with *The Sarnia Observer* Friday, he suggested the incidents raised by Wilson and Lyon did not occur as they suggested.

Meantime, Wilson, Lyon and Scott are still dealing with the fallout.

Scott says his family still gets asked why he was fired by complete strangers. And he

for us.”

The mayor says right now, residents drive to Sarnia just to get services such as a smoking cessation.

Napper envisions all sorts of programs in the building, including treatment for diabetes, mental health, dyslexia and even cooking classes.

Napper says the building will be a big boon for the babies of the town - and of course their parents. "Wyoming's got lots of babies! You look at everybody out walking in the evening and there's a lot of strollers with little ones," says the mayor. Napper says there should be programs geared toward seniors' health as well.

The mayor says renovations will begin on the building right away. He hopes by the fall there will be at least a meeting room up and running. Council will be discussing more detailed plans for the space in coming meetings.

New leadership has taken over the site and is slowly refurbishing some of the buildings and the Fitzgerald Rig. But The Blue House, they say, is beyond repair now.

When it was originally designated, officials pointed to the tall vertical windows including some with stained glass as a unique feature of the building. It also noted the classical columns on the porch and the salt box roof with a decorative frieze.

Councillors agreed to the move, removing the building from the municipal heritage register.

Anyone with concerns can appeal the decision in the next 30 days.

says, the dismissal may put an end to his dream of being a fire chief some day.

Lyon is angry and sad since he's been ordered not to set foot on fire department property. It used to be a place where his family volunteered together.

He finds it even harder to square his dismissal with the history of his family in the service. His grandfather was a firefighter for 27 years. He says it was hard to explain “especially ... to my dad, like, you know, you always want to do right by the father, right. And I got to tell them this? It did not sit well. And the more I thought about it, the more I’m like, ‘No, this is not right. I’m not taking this lying down’ and hence we are now.”

Both Lyon and Scott were willing to tell their stories earlier, but the dismissal has shaken Wilson deeply. She says she felt like a role model for young girls in the community and took that seriously.

“This has broken me and it’s taken a lot to be able to have the strength to sit here and do this - to tell the facts and the truth.

"It wasn't something I was capable of doing in the beginning," she says as tears roll down her face.

"In my heart, I had hoped that the truth would prevail, and there would be changes made. But I guess in my gut, I kind of always really questioned all of it."

And the trio miss the bond of being part of the fire family. Lyon felt he had many more years to give the Wyoming department as their medical trainer. Scott hoped one day to be chief. And Wilson simply misses helping the community.

"I miss the men, I miss being able to help, I miss being able to be there for people on their darkest days and know that I was a glimmer of hope...I felt that I was able to help and I take honor in being able to have been able to do that for so many people."



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No through traffic will be permitted for the duration of the project. Motorists are advised to follow all traffic control signage and to drive in a manner that respects the health and safety of road crews.

Please visit **Municipal511.ca** for additional road closure information.

## Reopening Strategy for Childcare Centres

The Social Services division is working closely with Lambton Public Health and local childcare operators to review Provincial guidelines and develop a reopening strategy for childcare centres in Lambton County.

Childcare centres will only reopen when they are prepared to operate within the new guidelines, including having enhanced health and safety measures in place.

As the reopening strategy is finalized, childcare operators will begin to reopen with restrictions in place. Capacity will be limited to 10 people per room and enhanced screening and cleaning protocols will be in place.

## Library Curbside Pickup Service

Lambton County Library is now offering contactless curbside pickup service at 13 of its locations.

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# Editorial

## Have PW councillors got the whole story?

It has long been a legal precedent that discussions about human resources matters are simply not talked about publicly.

It's one of the few reasons governments can legally give for shielding information about government business from the public.

So, it is really not surprising that Plympton-Wyoming officials have steadfastly remained silent on the firing of three senior officers in the Wyoming department. That's aside from some statements made by administration to taxpayers about how this paper was lying about everything surrounding the usual case.

Council and administration considered the firings over and done with and frankly, no one's business but council's.

That was until the three firefighters involved spoke this week. Their stories have not been proven in court but they all say they were called to the fire hall and handed a letter saying they no longer fit the needs of the department. All had been top officers, all had long records and all had leadership qualities that made them speak out when they saw something suspect. That may have been their downfall.

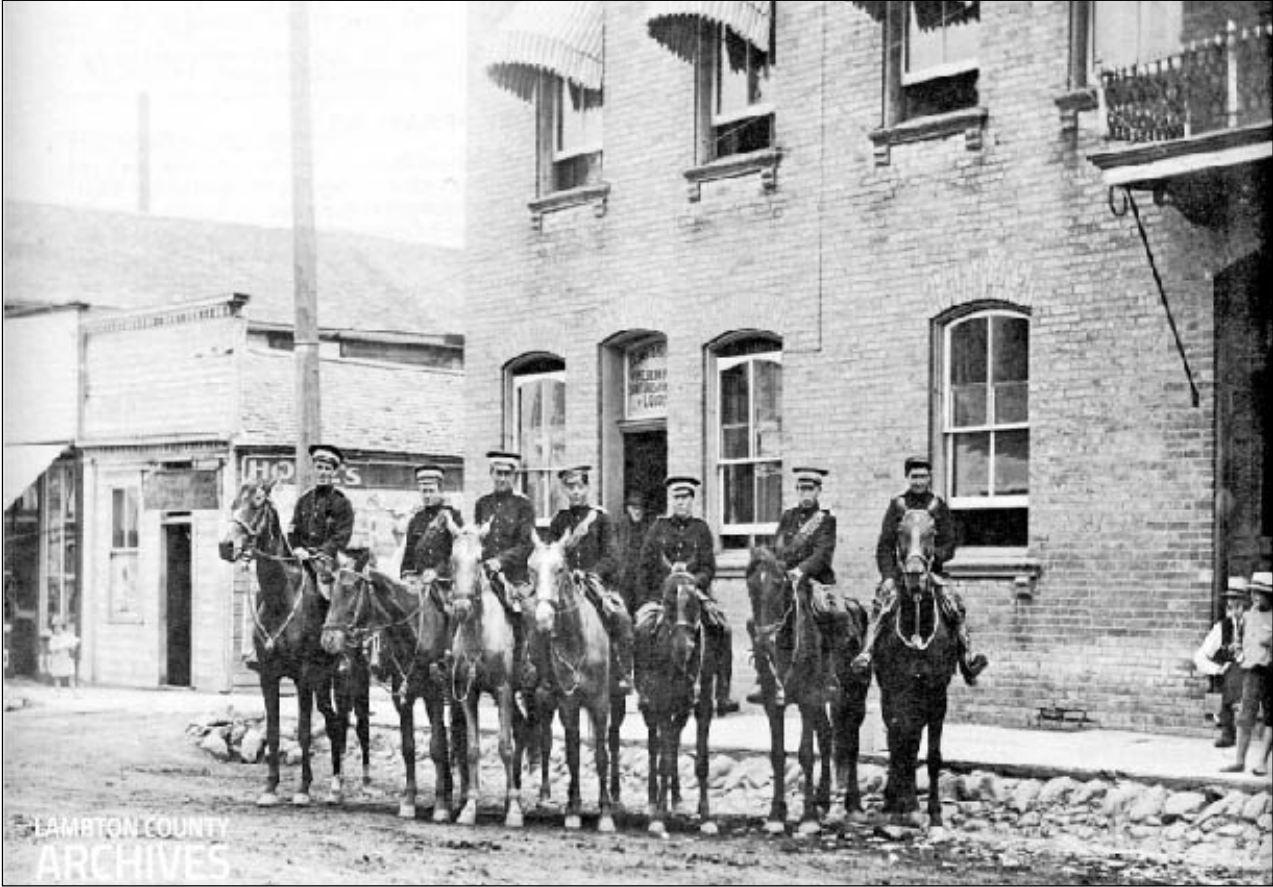
The investigations that followed the revelations that Carrie Ann Wilson had been the target of abusive verbal assaults by another lieutenant not only looked at what might of happened, but seemed, according to the trio, to be concerned about the loyalty of the officers to the chief - particularly in the wake of an incident where the three had complained about the use of a webcam in the fire hall. The chief was suspended and then cleared by an investigation led by a lawyer in 2017.

Normally, personnel issues - except for the top job - are managed by administrators. However councillors are elected to make sure the administration runs smoothly. So far, while they have talked a lot privately with staff about the issue - including three in camera meetings this month - we wonder if any have cared to ask the firefighters what they think happened. If they did, we would expect there would be more questions to follow and this case would be far from over.

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## Our Story



FROM THE LAMBTON COUNTY ARCHIVES  
In 1866 Canada was organized into 18 military districts. Lambton county was responsible for the 27th Lambton Battalion of Infantry, called the St. Clair Borderers. The 27th regiment was not a standing army; they were volunteers who came out regularly to practice and train, and they had a good reputation.

## I'm not masking my feelings, what are you doing?

I have a few words to say about masks - mostly 'what the heck are you thinking?'

So, Canadians, in an effort to resume a somewhat normal life without fear of catching COVID-19 have embraced the use of masks.

Transportation services like airlines and VIA rail are requiring people wear a mask, which I agree with since planes and trains are big hermetically sealed petri dishes of germs. If I used a transit system in a large city, I would wear a mask as well.

There is plenty of research to show that by wearing a mask, you stop your sneezes and coughs from infecting other people - especially in close quarters - IF, and it is a big if, you use it correctly.

And after 10 plus weeks of people watching, I can say perhaps 60 to 80 per cent of you are not.

Some are not even close.

As an essential worker, I have been

out and about for my work through the lock down phase of the pandemic. By the time people started emerging from their homes, I was comfortable being just about everywhere. I rarely wear a mask, but I do keep six feet from the people around me and frequently use hand sanitizer - upwards of 20 times a day on newspaper delivery day - just to be safe.

Most places I go, even places like grocery stores, there really is no need for a mask.

In small town Ontario, it's pretty easy to stay six feet apart from someone while you go through the corn flake isle.

But many wear the mask - some genuinely feeling their helping others - others, I'm quite sure, out of fear.

I've seen people driving alone in their car with a mask which is completely unnecessary.

I've seen people in fast food restaurants with their nose exposed,

rendering the mask completely useless if you have a giant sneeze.

And I've seen people take off their masks, roll it up in a ball and tuck it in their purse only to take it out a little later, transferring their germs everywhere.

It's quite simple folks.

Wear a mask when you can't be six feet apart.

Make sure it covers you mouth and your nose and remove it carefully without handling the cloth part, then throw it out or wash it.

You'll feel safe and you and the people around you will actually be safe.



Heather Wright

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# Opinion

## Lt. Governor is celebrating the promise of Canada

**EDITOR:**  
Happy Canada Day, Ontario!  
It is a day worthy of celebration, even as, in common with citizens around the globe, we continue to face a crisis virtually unknown to living generations. The world has been turned on its head.  
My first thoughts are with those who have succumbed to COVID-19, and their families.  
The stories of the last few months tell of hardship and inequality. They have exposed weaknesses in the economic and social systems upon which we rely, and have confirmed our interdependence with those beyond our neighbourhoods and our country. We grieve collectively.  
But in equal measure, we are witnessing empathy, collaboration, creativity, and courage.  
Deserving of special gratitude are the many front line workers who are bravely leading us through this crisis, and also the millions of people across Ontario, especially seniors, who are,

at great personal cost, doing the right thing and staying home to prevent the spread of the virus.  
We see all orders of government working in common cause, making evidence-based decisions; businesses and industries demonstrating ingenuity as they retool; civil society empowered by digital tools to nurture cohesive communities; scientists and researchers racing with single focus to develop a vaccine; and arts and cultural organizations, in solidarity and kindness, bringing moments of awe and wonder into our homes.  
There is an unmistakable hunger for normalcy.  
As we all do our part in the coming months to envision what a “better normal” could be, let us dare to dream of a world that works for everyone.  
Perhaps the first step is to listen to those who are hurting and to engage in thoughtful and respectful conversations about what we have learned and what needs to change.  
As Her Majesty The Queen’s representative in Ontario, I pay tribute to Indigenous people who have stewarded these lands for thousands of years and countless generations. There is inspiration in the special relationship between First Peoples and the Crown. May we also pay attention to people from all walks of life, including those marginalized and impoverished, who continue to raise their voices in support of social and economic justice. We all deserve to live with dignity.  
Throughout this journey, I have been reassured and inspired by you, the people of Ontario. Together you have demonstrated uncommon generosity of spirit and an exceptional drive for resilience.  
Ours is a caring nation. It is together that we will save lives and livelihoods. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. And that is why, in the midst of adversity, we celebrate the promise of Canada.  
**The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell,**  
**Lieutenant Governor of Ontario**

## Congratulations to the Lancers graduating in this unusual year

**EDITOR:**  
I want to commend and congratulate all the people responsible for the recent section of *The Independent* newspaper, (June 18, 2020) of The Lancer Ledger.  
In the new normal (under COVID-19 restrictions), it was very thoughtful to highlight our young people who are graduating from LCCVI.  
To all the graduates, good luck in all your future endeavours. As the co-presidents stated; “Once a Lancer, always a Lancer.”  
**Dave Tetreault**  
**Class of ‘74**

## Fitzgerald Rig restored by volunteers

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative  
The Fitzgerald Rig at Petrolia Discovery has returned to service.  
Volunteers spent 16 months working at the site, in the last few months paying special attention to the 118 year-old machinery used to propel oil wells drilling throughout the site.  
The Fitzgerald Rig’s stability had been a subject of concern for a number of years, with the board trying to raise money on line in 2016 to repair it. But that didn’t happen.  
“Back in February 2019 we had an issue with the main bearing of the wheel, so it needed to be repaired,” says Richard Poore. The team noticed there was actually a lot more that needed to be done on the rig.  
“The most immediate problem on the big wheel was the main shaft bearing,” said Doug Clark, who works as a volunteer at the site. He explained that a bearing had completely given away on one side of the wheel.  
“So we lift the whole wheel up out of the housing, clean it up completely, and re-pour the (bearing).”  
No small task for a wheel with a circumference of 22 feet that drops 14 feet under the ground.  
“Using entirely volunteer work, we went about restoring the wheel,” Poore says noting Clark, Neil Armstrong and Luc Tetreault led the effort.  
“A totally brand new outer rim of red cedar, as well we needed to replace about a third of the spokes.”



ALEX KURIAL/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Volunteers spent thousands of hours rebuilding the bearings and the wheel of the Fitzgerald Rig which powers the oil wells at Petrolia Discovery.  
The work was far from over though. “While we had it stopped to make that repair....we took the time to take a look at the entire rig and realize it was in need of a great deal more restoration,” Poore says.  
The team set about rebuilding the intermediate wheel, which had suffered from wood deterioration and dry rot. In addition, the inside and outside field wheels had both broken out of their housing.  
Poore says – things are just about ready to go. Final touch-ups to the intermediate wheel are taking place this week, and Poore thinks by next week the rig will be able to run around the clock. He mentioned that going forward the rig may be shut down during some of the more frigid winter months for preservation.  
As for public viewing of the rig, Poore is hoping that Petrolia Discovery will still be able to conduct a few tours this year, including their annual Canada Day open house.  
“We’ll obviously have to honor the restrictions in regard to physical distancing and so on, but yes we hope to be having some open house days, or by appointment to come and view the rig and view the site,” Poore says.

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# Odour complaints at landfill skyrocket

Heather Wright  
The Independent

There has been a 600 per cent increase in complaints about the smell coming from Twin Creeks Landfill. That from Peter Pickfield, the lawyer who heads Warwick Township’s technical review group on the landfill. For 11 years, it has monitored everything from the smell, air quality, how much waste is going into the Watford area landfill and how well the property is maintained.

Monday, Pickfield told Warwick councillors issues around the odours coming from the site are a big problem.

“We’ve had 600 per cent increase in noticeable odor complaints in 2019 over the previous year,” he says. Pickfield says some of that could have been related to a biosolid’s depot run by Lasalle Agri which has since closed. Councillors say residents were able to distinguish between the two smells.

Pickfield says Waste Management, which owns the landfill, doesn’t follow up on the complaints or even register them at times.

“The problem with WMs tracking is they can’t distinguish between the two (odours) because they don’t do proper tracking and monitoring themselves,” he says. “The have the odour issue and don’t do proper follow up either.”

Pickfield is recommending the township press for action.

“The township itself should continue to track its own complaints, as they’ve been doing, and report these to WM,” he says.

“We’re showing that because we get landfill complaints, and they should know about them.

“They owe us a response on a number of issues and see if we can resolve those issues,” says Pickfield.

He’s recommending a meeting with Waste Management and Pickfield suggests it time again to ask the Ministry of the Environment to provide daily

inspections of the site.

Pickfield says since the MOE scaled back to weekly inspections, the company has doubled the amount of waste coming in.

“With a landfill of this size and scale and activity, we need daily ministry inspections to ramp up the quality of the work that’s being done here. And we’ve said this for a number of years since it was taken away from us about six or seven years ago by the ministry.

“They’re now up to weekly inspections but we think there’s no reason they shouldn’t be going to daily and we’re suggesting the township set up a meeting at a high level and try to convince the ministry that they should move to those daily inspections.

“It is the probably the busiest landfill in Ontario, if not Canada, in terms of the volume of truck traffic, the volume of loads of waste that come into the facility, and the general construction and other activity on the site. Right now it’s operating at almost twice its original approved capacity, because it obtained that substantial expansion.”

Councillor also voiced concerns about the landscaping around the landfill. Mayor Jackie Rombouts noted the long grass is only cut occasionally and then looks messy because everything is brown.

Councillor Todd White suggested instead of talking to the company about the problem which has been festering for years, the municipality should simply deal with it like a bylaw complaint to any other resident - give them 30 days to fix the problem or the township will do it for them and give them the bill.

Pickfield says he will investigate a way to “bring it more dramatically to the attention” of the company.

Meantime, council agreed to set up a meeting with Waste Management to talk about the odour issues.

They’ll also try to meet with senior officials with the MOE about daily inspections.

# Surgery to return to pre COVID levels soon

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The chief of staff at Bluewater Health hopes to be back to regular operating room and diagnostic test standards by mid-July.

Dr. Michael Haddad made the comments in a video released by the hospital Monday.

Haddad says because there are no COVID-19 patients in the hospital, officials are able to “continue to ramp up clinical services.”

“We’re hoping to be back to almost pre-COVID levels by mid July provided there is no other issues,” he says. That might include problems getting personal protective equipment or an uptick in the number of people who are hospitalized with COVID-19.

Haddad says Canada is bucking the world-wide trend of increasing cases of the virus and he urges people to continue to wash their hands frequently, keep six feet apart from others and wear a mask when that is not possible.

There have been four people test positive with COVID-19 since Thursday – including one more

Bluewater Health worker. The hospital’s COVID-19 unit has an outbreak after three health care workers who had worked with the residents of Vision Nursing home tested positive.

Oosterman says officials are searching for the source of the virus although she says it was “not a failure” of the use of personal protective equipment.

Oosterman adds members of the COVID-19 unit will all be tested and public health is now working to find out who might have been in contact with the three health care workers.

“I think this is kind of stark reminder that COVID still here,” says Oosterman. “You even see it in your own personal life or even walking people having play dates and people are wearing masks at the grocery store. But you know, we have to remember that COVID is still very much present in our community.”

In all, there were 1,496 people tested for COVID-19 last week, bringing the total number of people in the region tested to 10,945 as of Monday. There have been 285 people test positive, 15 are currently ill with the virus.

# Petrolia market reopens Saturday

The Independent

Saturday marks the return of the Farmers’ Market to Petrolia.

The market was originally supposed to open six weeks ago just before the May long weekend, but a need to adjust the layout and operations to keep everybody safe and follow COVID-19 protocols caused the lengthy delay.

New measures in place include a limit of eight vendors for the season along with a specific layout and footpath for shoppers to follow. People are encouraged to wear masks and point out their selections to vendors rather than handle items themselves.

The Kerr Cafe will also be closed for the time being.

“The social gathering at the Petrolia Farmers’ Market will be quite limited this year,” says Dave Menzies, director of community services. “Our new traffic patterns encourage patrons to wait to visit a vendor at an appropriate distance.”

The market will be open from 7:30 am to noon June 27.



FILE PHOTO

Art Vrolyk of Vrolyk’s Farm Produce shakes a carrot while making a point to a friend at the Petrolia Farmers’ Market in 2018.

There won’t be a grand opening, but the town is still hoping this can take place at a future date.

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# Four new Nicol scholars named

Scholars excel in community work and academics

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Four LCCVI graduates have been named this year’s Nicol Scholars

Mercedes Greer, Matt Mueller, Madelaine Nemcek and Caitlin Wilson were announced as the winners June 18.

Greer, from Watford, had applied, but says she didn’t expect to win.

“I knew a bunch of my friends had been applying. I figured I had absolutely no chance at getting the scholarship... Because I’m not one of the top academics,” she says.

Greer keeps a honours level grad average, but not to the level of some of her peers.

“I have good grades, but there’s a lot of people ...that are like 95 average students.”

Greer believes she was chosen not just for academics but the work she does in her community, with Hope United Church and as a figure skating coach.

Mueller is also known for his work in the community. The Petrolia teen raised money to fix the local tennis court and is currently hoping to raise enough case to start an indoor facility in Central Lambton.

Mueller, like the others, was waiting for the call from the scholarship committee Thursday.

His mother, Krista - a teacher at the school - asked him several times if he’d heard whether he was one of the Nicol Scholars that afternoon.

“My mom came outside and was like interrogating me. ...did you get a call?

“And at first I kind of said like, No, I was kidding. I wanted to see her reaction.

“And then she came out three times within like five minutes span.

“And then when I told her I got it, she got excited.”

Mueller will be heading to Huron College at Western University in London next year to study business administration and will eventually go to the Ivey School of Business.

He also has been promised a spot on the schools tennis team.

Wilson and Nemcek are happy to be receiving the Nicol Scholarship together.

Nemcek says they have been friends since they were four.

“It’s an incredible honour. Honestly, it’s such a huge and prestigious scholarship and it has a great name to it - to be able to call yourself, a Nicol scholar is a pretty high honour,” she says.

“It’s only incredible kids who are able to do that. So it’s really a cool thing to think about.

And it’s got such an incredible background to it. So it’s just really cool to be able to keep that legacy going”

Nemcek has enrolled at Kings College at Western University. She’ll be taking Child and Social Services and Disability Studies.

So she says the financial support, about \$7,000 Canadian this year, is also welcome.

“It’s a massive support and it feels like a little bit of a weight off your chest.

“There’s definitely not so much stress when it comes to working out financial pieces.”

Her friend Wilson, agrees saying she has looked up to Nicol Scholars in the past.

“It’s an honour really. I watched a lot of my friends and older grades who I looked up to win this award.

“To be up there with them and the other people at the top of my classes is really, really amazing,” she told *The Independent* after winning the award.

Wilson maintained a 95 average this year while participating in hockey, and basketball with plans to be on the track team before sports were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

She’s also been very active in sports outside of the high school, playing Midget hockey with the Sarnia Lady Sting.

She was also an active member of the Enniskillen Express girls softball teams.

Wilson plans to expand her love of sports taking a kinesiology course at Western University with an eye to figuring out what career path to take.

The Nicol Scholarship is awarded to the top academic students who participate in community and school life. It is awarded by a panel of judges which includes local ministers, politicians and school representatives.

For the first time in recent memory, the scholarship winners were not recognized in a public ceremony at the school because of the restrictions on the number of people gathered in one place.

Most, like Wilson, told their family at home when everyone was free from work and school online.

The scholarship fund was set up by Harold Robert Madden Nicol who went to LCCVI in 1914, before entering the military to join the troops in the First World War when he was just 14.

When he returned, he took a college business course and worked with Western Electric which later became AT&T in Chicago.

Without a wife or children, Nicol had amassed a fortune of over \$2 million. “That’s when he came up with the idea of a scholarship for the high school he had never attended,” says Doug Inglis, who wrote a book about Nicol.



On behalf of Mr.Nemcek, Mr.Watson and the entire Lancer Staff we would like to congratulate all of the 2019/2020 graduating class. Best of luck where ever your future path takes you.

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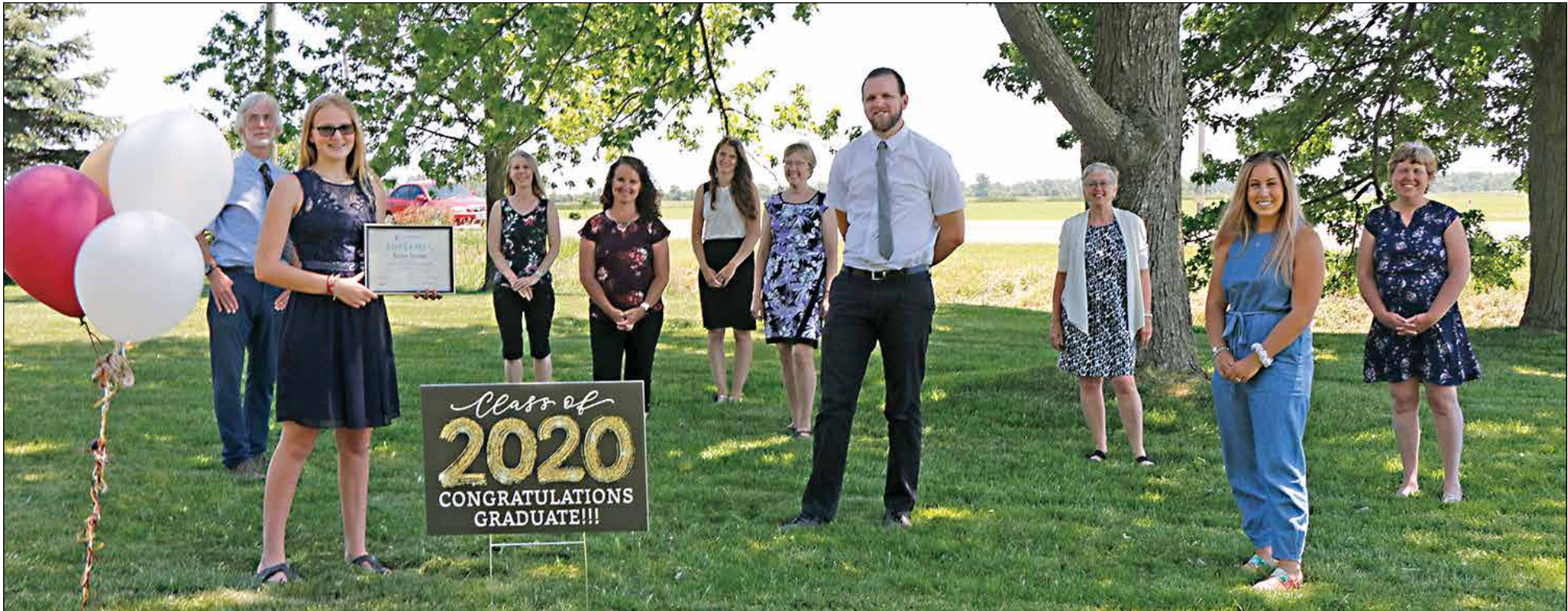


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Wyoming’s Christian School took graduation on the road. The staff of John Knox Christian School formed a vehicle parade and made their way to the homes of the graduates to ensure that the Grade 8 students were recognized for their achievement – despite the circumstances in which their year was completed. Families like were told when the caravan would arrive, and many dressed up as they would for the usual ceremony. Principal Ymko Boersma was on hand to offer congratulations to the students and reminisce on their time at the school. He also handed them the all-important diploma, while staff delivered small personal gifts. Staff members also shared their own memories with students and family before posing for a socially distanced group photo. Here Karissa Huizinga poses for a graduation picture on the front lawn of her Petrolia Line home with the staff of John Knox.

Y may take time to reopen, PW opening pool in July

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Pools may be opening across the province, but in Petrolia the wait will continue till the final stage of reopening.

“We have to wait until the Ontario government gives us a date for Phase 3 reopen,” says YMCA general manager Tracey Taylor. She explained that facilities like the Y are not eligible for reopening until that final stage, so opening just the pool would not be feasible.

Taylor says that once the pool does reopen the hardest part of keeping

people safe won’t be in the water itself. “It really isn’t an issue with the actual physical swimming pool. It’s the change rooms. It’s having people change in close quarters with each other, that’s the issue with the pool.”

“There are some challenges with the swimming pool as well, with keeping people six feet apart and social distancing and all that kind of stuff,” Taylor says. Preparations are currently underway at the Y for the eventual reopening. Taylor says after the announcement for Phase 3, the facility should be able to open in about a week.

The water is flowing again in

Plympton-Wyoming though, at least at the splash pad. Pool-goers will not have to wait long either for their chance to take a dip.

Chief Administrative Officer Carolyn Tripp says that they are hoping to reopen the pool for Canada Day, with a number of restrictions to enforce physical distancing and cleanliness. Classes are also targeted for mid-July, but will look much different than normal.

Swimming classes will be half the size of regular classes and will require parent participation for younger kids, as instructors cannot provide physical instruction to the students.

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Municipal government in Lambton start to reopen to public

The Independent

Another sign of normalcy returned to Plympton-Wyoming on Monday as town council was able to hold their first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic started.

While it was a brief planning council meeting, the milestone was a

significant one. “It was great to have council back in the council chambers,” chief administrative officer Carolyn Tripp says.

It will still be a little while before the public is able to return to meetings however due to the current provincial 10-person gathering limit. Until that number is expanded they’ll have to

continue attending by audio or video.

The Town of Petrolia has reopened the municipal office. But they’re asking residents to schedule their visits. You’ll be asked to wear a mask and follow physical distancing rules.

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# Woman who said Trump was in her car won't be returning to US

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

A Michigan woman thought Donald Trump was among several people in her car as she led Lambton OPP on a high speed chase earlier this year.

In reality she was alone and suffering from psychosis. And a Lambton County Justice has ruled she must remain in Canada to receive help for mental health issues instead of returning to the US.

Thuy Nguyen, 40, crossed into Canada at the Bluewater Bridge April 8. She told a toll-booth worker she had COVID-19 and sped across the bridge and into a restricted area on the Canadian side.

Canadian border guards attempted to stop Nguyen, but she accelerated and knocked over a CBSA officer before escaping and beginning the high speed chase.

Nguyen hit speeds of 200 km/h as she tore down the 402 in her SUV, passing transport trucks on the right shoulder while evading

police on the night of April 8 court heard.

Police finally brought Nguyen to a halt when they deployed a spike strip and she crashed into the median ditch.

Nguyen underwent a medical assessment after being arrested. Her conversation with a psychiatrist court heard, revealed a number of concerning and conflicting statements, many regarding individuals in the car who did not actually exist.

She claimed US President Donald Trump was among them, and that he “told her not to worry and not to stop for the police, and drive as fast as you can.”

Nguyen said she could not stop the car because she was protecting the president’s life from an unspecified threat.

Nguyen said she didn’t think she’d actually entered Canada, and also believed that at least three other people were in the car who wanted her to crash so they could steal a winning lottery ticket.

Judge Krista Leszczynski found Nguyen not criminally responsible

by reason of mental disorder on May 8.

This did not mean Nguyen was ready to be set free however, despite a joint submission from the Crown and defence that called for a conditional discharge allowing Nguyen to return to the States pending a deportation trial to Vietnam.

Leszczynski pointed out that conditional discharges must be monitored by the Ontario Review Board, which would be impossible if she left the country.

The judge also found fault with the joint submission’s claim that Nguyen did not pose a significant threat to the public, which was in contrast to the opinion of the psychiatrist working with Nguyen.

Leszczynski added that the broader public must also be factored into this decision; while Nguyen could receive treatment in Canada to address her issues, there was no way to enforce any plan if Nguyen ended up in the United States or Vietnam.

“It is not just sufficient that the Canadian public be considered.

Rather it is the safety of the public generally, especially in a situation where a person will be transferred to another country, the public in that country is also of a proper concern,” says the judge.

“What was presented was a vague outline of a plan, far from one that is developed or could be enforced or that this court could confidently rely on to conclude that your risk to the public safety could be successfully mitigated by it,” Leszczynski says.

“Ms. Nguyen... would be returned to the United States in an active state of psychosis without any plan to address serious mental health conditions that in the view of a well-respected psychiatrist indicate she represents a threat to the safety of the public.

“It is contrary to the public

interest, and it... fails to protect the public from a serious risk that she poses, does not adequately address her mental health needs, and does not provide a safe or appropriate reintegration plan.

I find that such a disposition would bring the administration of justice into disrepute... the very terms of the conditional discharge serve to undermine the intent of the legislation to have the ORB maintain jurisdiction and a supervisory role over the person until they’re no longer assessed to be a risk to public safety, and can be absolutely discharged.

Judge Leszczynski decided that the safest decision was to keep Nguyen in Canada for treatment of her psychosis. The Ontario Review Board will now decide where the best placement for Nguyen will be.

## Transient campers can use local parks again

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

You will be able to camp close to home starting June 29.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority says transient camping will start at AW Campbell, Lorne C Henderson and Warwick Conservation Areas in time for the Canada Day weekend.

But officials say there will be limited to make sure campers are physical distancing.

No group camping will be

permitted this year.

If you had a site booked and it had been cancelled due to the pandemic, the conservation authority will contact you to re-book or offer a refund.

Swimming pools, canoe and kayak rentals and pavilion reservations have been cancelled for the duration of the 2020 season.

Additional restrictions include the cancellation of upcoming camper events and the closure of play structures and basketball/

volleyball courts.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority will reassess the risk as the season goes on and may lift some of the restrictions if the province allows it.

The bathrooms will be opened the July long weekend with increased cleaning .

Officials want campers to use washroom facilities in their trailers to help decrease the risk of spreading the virus.

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# happy Canada day

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**Thank you to everyone who continues to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19; hopefully, it won't be long until we are back to life as we knew it.**

**This July 1st, call loved ones you can't be with right now, hug the ones you can, enjoy every moment, and have a very Happy Canada Day!**

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# Canada Day goes virtual including fireworks

*Petrolia hosts a number of socially distant events and all of Central Lambton can see virtual fireworks*

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Canada Day is going virtual in Petrolia this year - but there will still be plenty of in-person events to take part in both at home and around town.

The Royal Canadian Legion will start things off at 9 am with a pancake breakfast, which also includes sausage and bacon. Orders will be for takeaway and can be made before Canada Day by calling 519-882-1201, or on Canada Day at 519-882-1557.

The traditional flag raising at Victoria Hall will take place at 10 am. People are welcome to gather in their cars or groups of 10 or less and join in the O Canada sing-a-long.

Anyone up for some exploring can check out the “Tour de

Petrolia” rally. Participants can deck out their cars and bicycles in their best red and white and travel to five locations around town to receive surprise items and stamp in their rally passport. Anyone who makes it to all five stops will be entered in the draw to win \$100 in Petrolia Bucks to spend at businesses in town.

An extra ballot in the draw is available to anyone who brings a homemade birdhouse to Bridgeview Park during the day.

A number of contests give people plenty to do at home in anticipation of Canada Day. Contests are being held for best decorated house, vehicle, bicycle, wagon, and top family photo. Tech savvy participants are invited to send in their best Canada Day themed TikTok videos to win Petrolia Bucks. Town currency is also available for the lucky grill master who sends in the video with the top technique on the BBQ.

Anyone musically inclined can send in a song about Canada that will make up Petrolia’s “Great Canadian Playlist” to be streamed in town throughout the day.

The celebrations will even include virtual fireworks.

With the cancellation of all

Canada Day Fireworks festivities due to COVID-19, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton is partnering with all 11 municipalities in Lambton County of the virtual display.

Utilizing snapd’s Augmented Reality platform, the community can expect local content and a virtual fireworks experience.

“We have been working with municipalities throughout Lambton County to bring this experience to our residents and visitors and are excited to be able to offer this platform which will allow everyone in our community to Celebrate Canada Day even if we have to be apart.” said Mark Perrin, Executive Director, for Tourism Sarnia Lambton.

“It was a natural extension for us to do our part by connecting local neighbourhoods for the holiday and setting the stage for engagement through augmented reality as our communities reopen,” commented Daniel Ramlogan, Chief Strategy Officer of snapd.

Canadian astronaut, Chris Hadfield will lead the final countdown at 9:30pm EST. People can access the Canada Day experience by downloading the snapd HUB app on their mobile device.



You might not hear as many oohs and ahhs as you normally do, but virtual fireworks will celebrate Canada Day in Lambton County.

All family members will love this hot-weather treat. Strawberries and frozen yogurt combine with caramel corn rice cakes to make a great make-ahead dessert.

## Berry Caramel Frozen Yogurt Cake

**Preparation Time: 15 minutes**  
**Freezing Time: 4 hours**  
**Bars: 12**

**Ingredients**

- 6 caramel corn rice cakes
- 1 container (2 L) frozen vanilla yogurt, softened
- 2 cups (500 mL) puréed Ontario Strawberries
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) orange-flavoured liqueur (optional)
- 6 Ontario Strawberries, halved
- 3 cups (750 mL) sliced Ontario

Strawberries

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) orange-flavoured liqueur (optional)
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) granulated sugar

**Directions**

Chop rice cakes and set 1 cup (250 mL) aside.

In large bowl, combine yogurt, puréed strawberries, orange liqueur (if using) and chopped rice cakes. Spoon into 9-inch (23 cm) springform

pan, smoothing top; sprinkle with remaining rice cakes. Cover and freeze until firm, about 4 hours. (Make-ahead: Overwrap in heavy-duty foil and freeze for up to 3 days.)

To serve, remove side of pan; slice cake into wedges. Garnish each with strawberry half and drizzle with strawberry sauce.

In medium bowl, combine strawberries, liqueur (if using) and sugar. Transfer half to blender or

food processor; purée until smooth. Return to remaining berries and mix to blend. Let stand at room temperature for 20 minutes. (Make-ahead: Can be refrigerated in airtight container for up to 24 hours.)

**Tip**

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# Enniskillen mom warns parents to do everything to safeguard pools

Kelly Currie wants parents to think twice about leaving their above ground pool without a fence.

Currie, then 20, had just moved home with her children. She and Kiersten spent lots of time in the family pool. "We swam pretty much every day," she says.

Kiersten and her brother were downstairs, when Currie's dad came home from work. Kiersten bounded up the stairs to greet him, but he slipped in the bathroom first.

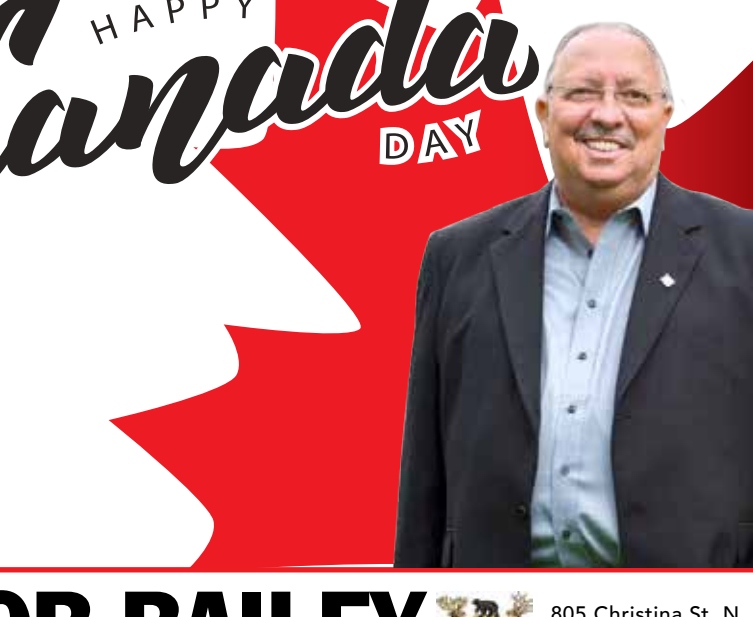
Currie's dad tried to revive her while they waited for help to arrive. Kiersten didn't survive.

"There's never been any blame whatsoever. Like, it's what they would feel about it. Absolutely.


"It's unbelievable. You can't explain it either. It's like a hole, it really is. It's there all the time, ... if you even think about her, it's like, you just feel like it's like an emptiness or something, right? You can't, can't fix it or fill in. I mean, it's just there."

They had very strict rules about going outside and keeping the doors to the pool locked. And she would tell other parents they can “never do too much” to keep children are safe around water. “Make sure the fence is there, make sure there is a lock,” she says.

"People are like, 'we have an above ground pool, why do we need a fence?' And we made the mistake of not having a gate on the stairs. That's how she got there. We thought we were keeping her inside and safe. I think children are little ninjas. They can get into or out of anything."




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# Threat to parent nets Kettle Point man jail

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

“I’m going to get you,” the court heard Troy Shawnoo yelled at his parents as he plead guilty on June 19.

This will be Shawnoo’s sixth conviction of uttering threats.

Police were called to Shawnoo’s parents home on Kettle Point on April 4 this year, where he was staying while out on bail. Shawnoo’s father told the officers that Shawnoo had approached his mother with clenched fists.

When the father stood himself between the two, Shawnoo began running around the house and threatening them.

When police arrived they had placed Shawnoo in the back of a cruiser to calm down.

After hearing this account from the father,

officers told Shawnoo he was being charged. He became irate and kick the divider in the cruiser.

Shawnoo claimed to be Tecumseh - the storied First Nations leader in the War of 1812 - and said the man and woman were not his parents.

Shawnoo also plead guilty to missing a probation meeting and skipping a court date. The Crown asked for a total of 120 days in jail along with an 18 month probation order.

Defense countered with a 72-day suggested sentence.

Judge Krista Leszczynski sided closer to the Crown by imposing a 105-day sentence. Shawnoo will serve just more than a month after using his 70 days of pre-sentence custody.

Terms of Shawnoo’s probation will include a weapons ban, DNA order and lengthy list of people he may not contact.

# Smuggler caught with more drugs waiting to be sentenced

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

A Sarnia man waiting to be sentenced for trying to smuggle drugs into jail, has plead guilty possessing cocaine.

Lee Smith, sentenced to three years in prison just this month, received an extra 90 days after pleading guilty to a breach of bail and cocaine possession.

The 31-year-old Sarnia man was handed the original multi-year sentence for attempting to smuggle fentanyl into the Sarnia Jail in March. While awaiting sentencing on those charges, Smith was found breaking his curfew order after police discovered him in a bank parking lot. After being arrested, court heard, a search of Smith turned up cocaine.

Defence layer Terry Brandon says Smith has

been to multiple residential treatment centers over the past several years to try and deal with addiction issues.

However he has not been able to shake his substance problems.

Justice Anne McFadyen agreed with the joint submission of three additional months for Smith.

“I understand that you have a long-standing addictions issue, and I certainly hope that you take steps to address that issue while you are serving your sentences,” Judge McFadyen said to Smith at the end of the brief 10 minute court session.

“Upon your release from custody I certainly hope that you’re able to return to the community in a sober fashion, and that you may be able to renew your relationship with your child.”

“I just want to apologize for my actions,” was Smith’s lone comment during sentencing.

# Fawn Island residents use docks, but don’t own them

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Just who owns the Sombra docks at Fawn Island has been questioned.

St. Clair Township council recently hear two of the docks were recently removed, with plans for replacement.

The move sparked discussion over who actually owns the docks. They are currently located on St. Clair Township property. The municipality acquiring them following the disbanding of the

Parkway Commission.

Many residents of Fawn Island say they had negotiated ownership of the docks with either the former Sombra Township nor the parkway commission, however council found that they have no records of any agreements.

Fawn Island residents have not produced any agreement either.

Council decided that they will allow Fawn Island residents to continue using the docks, but said as owners of the docks they will look into options to address safety issues.

# St Clair restaurants given okay for larger patios for now

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

St. Clair Township bars and restaurants can expand their patios now that Lambton has moved to stage two of the reopening of Ontario.

Restaurants and bars, who until now could only serve takeout food, will be able to seat customers at outdoor patios - as long as they are physically distanced.

The decision will allow temporary expansion of outdoor seating areas since the inside of all

restaurants must remain closed for the foreseeable future. In addition to obtaining the permission of council, any establishment wishing to expand their patio must also ensure it still connects to the existing building, they can maintain control over a larger area, and they are licensed to serve liquor on a patio in the first place.

Restaurants and bars will have to return to their regular patio sizes once indoor dining is allowed again, unless they want to undergo the planning process to make their larger patios permanent.

# Highway 40 to get upgrade near Sombra next year

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Highway 40 will be getting a makeover next year to address pavement issues on the road.

The work will start west of Wallaceburg, and continue up to the Stanley Line between Sombra and Courtright.

In addition to pavement resurfacing, electrical

work, culvert rehabilitation and work on ditches will also take place.

Lane closures will be necessary to complete the work along the heavily travelled route.

“It will be nice if it’s done properly this time,” said Mayor Steve Arnold, adding the road has been repaired a number of times in the past only to return to poor condition.

It’s not clear how long construction will last.

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Mosquito Larviciding set to begin in Lambton County

Catch basin larviciding is set to begin late June and will continue until September 2020. Lambton Public Health will be monitoring and larviciding catch basins on public property, under the authority of the local Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, to control vector mosquito larvae that have the ability to transmit West Nile virus.

Larvicide will be applied by the St. Clair Conservation Authority, a Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change licensed operator with licensed pesticide exterminators and qualified pesticide technicians, contracted by Lambton Public Health.

Within this time period three separate applications of the pellet formula of the larvicide Methoprene, Altosid, Pest Control Products Act (PCP) # 21809 will be applied at 21 day intervals. It will be placed in up to 16,500 catch basins in urban settings in Lambton County.

The Larvicide B.t.i (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis), VectoBac 200G (granular formula), PCP # 18158, will be used in affected stagnant water on public lands in Urban areas in Lambton County where there is ample evidence of vector mosquito larvae present.

Please Prepare to Stop

The public is encouraged to take precautions when driving this summer in consideration of employees who will be treating catch basins across the county. Please look out for vehicles equipped with a roof top yellow flashing light, West Nile virus signs, and a caution signs reading "Makes Frequent Stops."

Prevention - Reduce Mosquito Breeding Sites

- Reduce the amount of stagnant water on your property
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# Sports

## Perry and Hull sign for another season in Strathroy

For the third straight campaign, the Strathroy Rockets of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League will have a definite local flavour on its roster.

Former Petrolia Oilers Carson Perry and Blake Hull have re-signed with the Rockets.

Perry had 12 goals and 17 assists in 39 games last season. He added an assist in a five-game first round playoff loss to St. Marys.

Hull contributed two goals and 21 assists in 43 games from the blue line. He also had an assist in four postseason contests.

The Rockets finished sixth in the league's Western Conference during the 2019-20 campaign with a record of 19-26-5 before losing to the Lincolns in the playoffs.

Both Perry and Hull played a handful of games each with the PJHL's Petrolia Flyers during the 2017-18 season.

## Corunna's Dupuis named Minor Bantam Stings MVP

The Lambton Jr. Sting put a bow on its COVID-shortened season by recently announcing its Most Valuable Players on social media.

Jace Dupuis was handed the honour in the Minor Bantam division.

"In Jace's first year playing at the AAA level, he has excelled and

dominated in almost every part of the game," says coach Rob Lave is making the choice.

"Jace's strong physical presence on the ice elevated the game of all players around him and was noticed by both players and coaches across the league. Jace's quiet leadership in the

dressing room and ability to mentally prepare for on ice activities made him a leader on the team and one of the most consistent players on the ice."

Lave says Dupuis' team-first mentality allowed the coaching staff to have full confidence in him to play key minutes critical points of any game.

## Sting add Stanley Cup champion to its scouting staff

Chad LaRose is the new Director of US Scouting for the Sarnia Sting.

The team made the announcement Tuesday morning.

"I am extremely excited to have the chance to work with Dylan and the entire Sarnia Sting organization. Ever since I have retired, I wanted to get back into the Ontario Hockey League. This is an opportunity for me to work with some of the best players in the world and our ultimate goal is to have

the best talent playing in Sarnia, in front of our fans. I cannot wait to get start and look forward to meeting everyone," says LaRose.

LaRose joins the Sting staff after a twelve-year professional hockey career that included 508 National Hockey League games with the Carolina Hurricanes, as well as a Stanley Cup Championship in 2005. The Fraser, Michigan product was a standout junior player for the Plymouth

Whalers between 2000-03 that saw him record an impressive 111 goals and 201 points in 152 games. His total included a 61-goal campaign with the Whalers in 2002-03.

"He is another excellent hockey mind, who again has the experience at many levels of junior and professional hockey," says Seca He is very connected at all levels and has played in both the USHL and Ontario Hockey League."

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO STOP UP AND CLOSE A PORTION  
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Public Notice


Take Notice that the Council of The Corporation of the  
Town of Petrolia proposes to enact a By-Law subject to  
Section 9 and 35 (as applicable) of the Municipal Act, 2001  
as amended to:

(a) Stop up and close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic that  
portion of Valentina Street shown on Registered Plan  
74, Town of Petrolia, South of Petrolia Line commencing  
in the approximate location of the South limit of Lot 31,  
Registered Plan 60, Town of Petrolia extending southerly  
to the northern limit of the intersection of Edward Street  
and Valentina Street as more particularly described on  
Schedule "A" hereto.

(b) Terminating access to the stopped up and closed portion  
of Valentina Street by the adjoining owners of the Lots  
shown on Registered Plan 60, Town of Petrolia.

The proposed By-Law will come before Council for  
consideration at its regular council meeting to be held in Council  
Chambers, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON on the 13th day  
of July, 2020, at 7:00 PM.


Written comments may be provided up to and before 4:30 p.m.  
the date of the council meeting, addressed to the Clerk of the  
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Mandi Pearson  
Clerk  
Town of Petrolia  
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Dated this 22nd day of June, 2020.

Mandi Pearson  
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Schedule "A"



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MONDAY, JUNE 15

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**HARVEY, James Carr**  
Age 93, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

**SAULNIER, Glen Howard**  
Age 58, of London  
Denning's of Forest

**TSIAPRAILIS, Paul**  
Age 82, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**LOBODZINSKI, Viktor**  
Age 70, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

**OGILVIE, Emily Pauline**  
Age 91, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**HARVEY, James Carr**  
Age 93, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

**KORSTANJE, William Richard "Bill"**  
Age 62, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**BEAUVAIS, Ronald "Ron" Joseph**  
Age 65, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**GOODHAND, Rick George**  
Age 67, of Forest  
Denning's of Forest

**MURRAY, Bob**  
Age 82, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**MURRAY, Vera Rosemarie**  
Age 83, of London  
Denning's of Forest

**RIOPEL, Yolande Rachel**  
Age 85, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

**IRAGGI, Antonio**  
Age 90, of Sarnia  
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**COLEMAN, Doug**  
Age 91, of Alvinston  
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**BEGG, Margaret Jean**  
Age 93, of Wyoming  
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**PHILLIPS, Major Langford**  
Age 82, of Wallaceburg  
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**McINTYRE, Donald**  
Age 90, of Sarnia  
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**LENZO, Joyce**  
Age 94, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

**MARCY, Albert Peter Stephen**  
Age 98, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

**GIBBS, Steve**  
Age 51, of Glencoe formerly Alvinston  
Van Heck Funeral Home

**LOBODZINSKI, Viktor**  
Age 70, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

**BROUWER, George Auke**  
Age 83, of Watford  
Denning's of Watford

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

**CHANYI, John**  
Age 80, of Alvinston  
Van Heck Funeral Home

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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Graduate

**EKATERINA HUSZKA**






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Graduate



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Obituary



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With dignity and grace, which truly defined her **94 years**, Joyce Hope (nee Simpson) Lenzo, passed peacefully at Fiddick's Nursing Home, on **Thursday, June 18, 2020**. Predeceased by her husband, Reginald (Reg) Lenzo (1984), she is survived and forever loved by daughters, Carolyn (Lonny) Napper of Wyoming and Ginny (Don) McMurray of Sarnia. Cherished sweet grandmother of Don Jr. (Lisa) McMurray of London, David (Carla) McMurray of London, and Vicki (Mike) Maxel of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Treasured great grandmother of Erin McMurray, Josh McMurray and MacKenzie McMurray, Brooklyn McMurray, all of London. Born on the family farm on Egremont Rd., Plympton Twp. September 19, 1925, she was predeceased by parents John and Kate Simpson and sister, Faye Gibb of Nova Scotia. Raised in a very musical family, she inherited the ability to play many instruments and with her exceptional singing voice, our home was always filled with music, laughter and people. For many years, she joined her husband, Reg, playing in a country western band. A genuinely kind and gentle soul, she was however, fiercely independent. She taught us that hard work, honesty and dedication were non negotiable and she lived her life with patience, proving to us by example, that sincerity, respect and putting all others ahead of herself, was always, unquestionably, the thing to do. Mom was a beautiful person inside and out and we are so grateful that her never ending positivity, cheerful sparkle and fabulous sense of humor remained with her until the end. We were all so blessed to have had her in our lives and give thanks to God that we were chosen to have been her family. Our family wishes to express their deep appreciation to Anne, Jane and all the nurses of Barclay Lane and staff at Fiddick's Nursing Home for their exceptional care, sincere compassion and friendship shown to Mom, during her two years with them. We also want to express our gratitude to Mom's dear friends, Norma Piggott and Helen Ahrens and members of the Starlight Rebekah Lodge, for their constant kindness and visitations. It meant so much. **Respecting Mom's wishes, she will be cremated and there will not be any visitation. A private family graveside service will follow in a few weeks Wyoming Cemetery.** In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the MS Society ([www.mssociety.ca](http://www.mssociety.ca)) or Canadian Cancer Society ([www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).



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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
Jul 1	Alvinston	Brooke-Alvinston Canada Day Celebration and Fireworks
Jul 1	Watford	2020 Township of Warwick in person Canada Day Celebrations
Jul 4	Sarnia	The Tragically Hits at Imperial Theatre
Jul 5	Mooretown	Model Train Event at The Moore Museum
Jul 9-10	Petrolia	Art in The Park Petrolia
Jul 10	Sarnia	Sarnia Braves - Stan Slack Baseball Tournament at Errol Russell park & Blackwell Park
Jul 10	Florence	Florence Truck & Tractor Pull
Jul 18	Port Lambton	St. Clair River Run
Jul 24	Dresden	Southwest Ontario Tractor Pullers Association Dresden Pull
Aug 7-8	Bothwell	Bothwell Car Show & Optifest
Aug 14-16	Forest	2020 Annual Western Ontario Steam Thresher Reunion
Aug 22	Alvinston	Alvinston Arts & Music Fest
Aug 22	Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming Truck and Tractor Pull
Sept 4-6	Petrolia	Petrolia Enniskillen Fall Fair
Sept 5	Lambton	Annual Lambton County Plowing Match
Sept 11	Petrolia	Southwest Ontario Tractor Pullers Association Petrolia Pull
Sept 18-20	Wyoming	2020 Plympton Wyoming Fall Fair
Sept 25-27	Forest	150th Forest Fall Fair

### POSTPONED EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	DATE
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 Postponed until 2021	
Apr 11	Alvinston	Alvinston & District Optimist Club Trivia 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	Camlachie	The Plympton-Wyoming Museum's 2020 Season Opening 6745 Camlachie Rd	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 <a href="http://www.alvinstonprorodeo.com">www.alvinstonprorodeo.com</a>	
Jun 21	Alvinston	Alvinston & District Optimist Club's Cowboy Breakfast has been moved to August 30, 2020	
Jun 21	Oil Springs	Oil City Cemetery Decoration Day Service	TBD
Jun 22	Petrolia	LCDS Annual General Meeting	Sept 8, 2020
Jun 24-26	Sarnia	Sarnia-Lambton Bluewater Borderfest Music Festival	Jun 24-26, 2021
Jul 18	Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society Broasted Chicken Diner	TBD

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Church Office 519-882-1430  
[christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com)

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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](http://www.kpcthedford.com)  
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**St. Paul's United Church**  
4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street  
We invite you to join a virtual congregation and watch the Sunday morning worship on our Facebook Page & Website. Please Stay Safe!  
Rev. Susan Cameron  
10:30am Service  
Church Office: 519-882-1390  
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**First Baptist Church**  
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**Wyoming United Church**  
730 Second Street, Wyoming  
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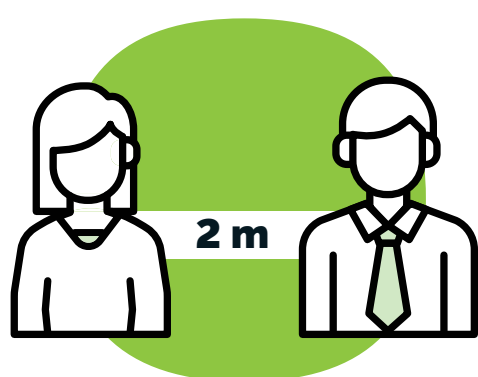
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