

Former Wyoming fire chief new P-W councillor

Heather Wright
The Independent

Mike Vasey will fill the council seat left vacant by the death of long-time Plympton-Wyoming Councillor Ron Schenk. Schenk died in mid-May after a long battle with cancer.

Wednesday night, during an in camera meeting of council, Vasey was chosen as his replacement. The former fire chief in Wyoming ran for a councillor's position in 2018 and had the highest number of votes among those who did not win a seat.

Vasey says he was very surprised to receive the call and says he's humbled to get a chance to serve. But it will be tough to live up to Schenk's legacy. "To follow in the shoes of Mr. Schenk – they're big shoes to fill, so yeah, I'm a little nervous, excited, scared, the whole thing and I'm starting from behind so there will be a lot of catch up to do, for sure."

Vasey is appointed as town council will deal with some thorny issues at the department he used to lead in Wyoming. Three senior firefighters were fired in February sparking a run of resignations and retirements in the department. Recently, lawyers for the three say a wrongful dismissal suit is pending. They allege concerns about physical and verbal abuse of a lieutenant against the departments sole female lieutenant, led to the complainant, and two others who voiced concerns about the operation of the department, being fired.

Vasey admits that is going to be a difficult issue for him, however he believes he may be able to provide insight into the situation for council. "I'll go in with an open mind and do the best I can. Hopefully, the knowledge I have got working at the fire hall will benefit both sides, because I know the struggles that go on with the firemen and I also see the side of the council and the almighty dollar. There are issues on both sides and hopefully, I can be the one to help bridge that."

Vasey adds he hopes he can live up to the expectations of the people who voted for him in 2018.



FARMERS' MARKET OPENS



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The Farmers' Market in downtown Petrolia re-opens, however things look a little different. This photograph paints a picture of how many people were on hand at the market enforcing the new social distancing rules.

Local restaurants turn to outdoor dining

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It's patio season in Petrolia and local restaurants are busier than normal expanding their outdoor eating areas.

The moves comes as the shutdowns of indoor dining due to COVID-19. The effects on the food and beverage industry have been substantial, especially for businesses with limited or no patio space.

One of these businesses is Athena's Diner. "Takeouts were strong, but now with everything else opening up and the weather getting better, the takeout's not as strong," says owner Tom Stoukas.

With the business in trouble Stoukas appealed to town council for help. "Due to COVID-19 restrictions over the last three months we are in need of permanent outdoor seating to remain as a viable business," Stoukas wrote in a letter to town council.

Stoukas requested a waiving of the traditional fees required to build a permanent patio, which amounted to \$1,265. The town approved the request. He also doesn't have to go

through the traditional approval process which can take extra weeks.

"If you have to do the regular processes it would have been over the summer, and then we'd have just shelved it for next year. So (councillors) being on top of things and showing that they care about businesses and the town, I think they're doing a great job."

Stoukas also credited local company Petrolia Concrete Solutions for moving quickly to help. "Monday, council made its decision, Tuesday and Wednesday he was here. That's the town coming together. Bart (Sybenga)said 'You need this now, I'm going to do it now.'"

Stoukas is planning to have around six tables on the patio with a capacity of around 24 people. He estimates an opening date shortly after Canada Day at the latest.

"It's been a rough past few months, and it can give people something to look forward to," says Stoukas.

Athena's isn't the only Petrolia restaurant with new outdoor plans. "We've got plans to do a nice big patio in the back of the parking lot,"

says Crabby's general manager Jenna Gorzeman. She says they're aiming to create room for about 130 people in the space.

"What we're doing is a big change for the servers and for the staff - serving all the way in the back parking lot instead of serving inside," Gorzeman says. "We're going to work through it, do a bit of a soft opening and hopefully have things really rocking by the end of the week."

"We're basically going to put our entire restaurant outside until we're allowed to bring it back inside, and if we can only bring half back inside maybe we'll leave it outside," says Gorzeman.

Like Stoukas, Gorzeman also said she was pleased with the town's response including the loan of dozens of picnic tables normally used for big town events.

"They've gone above and beyond to make sure we've got what we need," Gorzeman said of the town. "We're super excited that it's happening and that we get to see all of our familiar faces again."



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An Inwood fire hall not first priority says consultant

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A consultant’s report says while the people of Inwood may want a fire hall in their community, it’s not necessary.

But Firehouse 33 Consulting is recommending Brooke-Alvinston set up an Emergency Medical Responder team made up of firefighters and auxiliary members from Inwood to stabilize patients during medical emergencies or accidents.

In May 2019, sixteen Inwood firefighters resigned from the department as Inwood and Alvinston merged into Brooke-Fire Service. They were upset with the amount of training which would have to be done.

In 2019, the municipality had to renegotiate a lease agreement with the Inwood Firemen’s Association for the local hall. That didn’t happen and all of the equipment was moved out of the community as the calendar rolled over to 2020.

Recently, council set aside \$200,000 to add a fire building to the Inwood Library and then hired a consulting firm to take a look at the organization of the department.

The report says over the last year, Brooke Fire Rescue, based out of Alvinston, has answered all the calls for service in the community within the 14 minute standard set out by the province.

“When a majority of the firefighters from the former Inwood Fire Department resigned the disappearance of a local fire department may have seemed to occur. ... While it may have occurred visually, the result is that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston now has a stronger and ready to respond fire department with Brooke Fire

Rescue,” say the consultants in their draft report to council which was made public Thursday.

Statistics cited by the consultant showed that by 2018, Alvinston was handling about 80 per cent of the calls for service in the community.

After the resignation of the Inwood firefighters, Brooke Fire Rescue would have between 10 and 26 people answer calls for service.

The consultants say to keep the communities safe, more public education on fire prevention is needed first, not another building. They say it takes an average of three minutes for a home to become fully engulfed in flames now because modern building materials are highly flammable.

“Residents must not depend on the fire service to rescue them, they must have their own plan on how to escape from fire conditions and how to mitigate a fire from starting.

“There is a strong inclination to have a fire department presence in the Inwood area and that desire cannot not be diminished...The issue is how to maintain that presence in a manner that serves the area residents and is both cost effective and efficient.”

The report says the municipality should create a fire prevention public education team and focus its work first on Inwood.

It also suggests an Emergency Medical Responder Team, made up of Inwood firefighters and auxiliary firefighters to respond to accidents and medical emergencies to stabilize patients in the former Inwood department’s area.

The consults suggest recruiting more firefighters from Inwood as many as 12 in the

next five years.

And it wants defibrillator machines outside public buildings so they can be used any-time.

Firehouse 33 says those four things could be done by September.

Then, the consultants say, the municipality should start saving for a new fire station “if and when development and growth occur to substantiate a fire station.

“The construction of a fire station takes considerable planning and research. A fire station must according to the Ontario Building Code, be built to post disaster requirements. It must as well contain the necessary amenities such as showers and washrooms to ensure that cross contamination does not occur, storage facilities for bunker gear, engineered exhaust systems, automatic garage

doors and at minimum a small office space.

“The position of the fire station on the property must be established so that there is sufficient space for the largest fire apparatus to be parked safely outdoors and to ensure that it may cautiously exit onto the roadway. The property should also contain sufficient parking for firefighters responding.”

Council had planned what some had described as a “lean-to” on the library, without many of the requirements recommended by the consultants.

Municipal councillors accepted the draft report but didn’t take immediate action. They are expecting a full report July 15 and will hold an open meeting about the report. It is likely it will take place over video conferencing.

COVID-19 outbreak at hospital over – no new cases for more than a week

There are a lot of positive signs in Lambton County according to the latest report from Lambton Public Health.

The outbreak at Bluewater Health’s COVID-19 unit is now over. It was declared June 17 when three staff of the unit which had cared for the Vision Nursing Home residents with the illness. One other employee tested positive for COVID-19 the next day.

It has been 14 days since the last staff member began self-isolation and there have been no new cases so, now the outbreak is over.

Also, no one in Lambton County has

test positive for more than a full week. Four people tested positive last Saturday.

In all 285 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Lambton – only six people are sick at press time and the COVID-19 unit at the hospital is empty.

While the signs are positive, Lambton Public Health officials are still urging caution. In a social media post, officials reminded residents who were headed to the beach to keep six feet from the nearest beachgoer noting other communities, like Sauble Beach, have closed off their beach after one week where there were too many people on the beach.



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Devyn Zekveld at the Zekveld’s Farm Market booth says opening day was a success.

Farmers’ Market finally sprouts for the season

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Enhanced social distancing measures were the theme at the season opening of the Petrolia Farmers’ Market.

The old train station behind the library lacked the bustle of previous opening days, but still managed to draw people in spurts in their quest for fresh fruits and veggies Saturday.

Volunteers were on hand to guide people through the market and observe social distancing. One group at a time was allowed up to the stands, where they pointed out their choices to vendors before proceeding to the next stand.

The market was only at half capacity with four vendors, but that number is expected to reach the maximum eight on coming Saturdays.

Devyn Zekveld’s stand was the first point of contact for many market goers. He felt open-

ing day was a success. “It’s actually been pretty busy. We’re still getting used to the different way of doing things, but so far it’s been pretty nice. You always get the people you recognize, it’s nice to be able to see them again and get them their fresh produce” says Zekveld.

“Everybody’s keeping their distance. They’re not in a rush and they’re understanding of the time it takes to help everyone,” Zekveld says of the social distance measures.

Dave Naus brought his two children Eleanor and Ezra to the market. While he felt some of the measures went a bit far, Naus says it’s better to make everyone feel comfortable.

“You want the most concerned people to be able to still come. If you took no measures there’s some people who would come, but if you take all the measures than everybody can come,” says Naus.

The market will run every Saturday until Oct. 10.



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Alvinston Pro Rodeo event still up in the air

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Brooke-Alvinston council has given the okay for a liquor licence for the Alvinston Pro Rodeo but it is still not clear whether there will be anyone busting broncos in the community this year.

The third annual rodeo was originally planned for the Father’s Day weekend, but it was delayed because of the restrictions on the size of crowds due to COVID-19. Rawhide Rodeo - the organization which works with the local committee - offered to change the timing to the end of August.

But Councillor Jamie Armstrong, who is also part of the rodeo committee, says it’s not clear they will be able to move ahead. “Exeter just cancelled its rodeo,” said Armstrong Thursday. Public Health officials there wouldn’t sign off on the event which would draw large crowds, even with extra precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19. Right now, the province’s emergency orders - which have now been extended until July 15 - don’t allow more than 50 people in one place. “So everybody knows that this event will not be going on unless the health unit has declared it is

safe to do so,” he says. The rodeo committee meets again July 22 and Armstrong says “that’s probably when there will be a yay or nay indication” of if the Alvinston rodeo can run. He asked council to approve the liquor licence despite the uncertainty. It did.

“No place like home” say scholarship winners

The two winners of the Township of Enniskillen’s post secondary scholarship say they hope to live and work in their community. Matthew Hoven and Bailey Shannon were awarded the \$1,000 scholarship earlier this month.

Hoven has just graduated from LCCVI and plans to attend Lambton College in the fall to take the Instrumentation and Control Engineering Technology program. The avid hockey player says he plans to stay in Lambton, work in the petrochemical industry and help his family farm in the future. “I love living in



Bailey Shannon



Matthew Hoven

Enniskillen Township,” Hoven told councillors after being announced as one of the winners June 7. “Everybody is nice; like you go to the grocery store and you run into everybody you know and everybody welcomes you. It just feels like a community. And I love living here.”

Shannon agrees. The second year Confederation College student is taking medical radiation technology in Thunder Bay and hopes to work in Lambton County in the medical field. And she has no plans of leaving the community her family has lived in for generations. “It’s where I’ve always grown up and I’m never going to leave,” she tells *The Independent*. “It is just a close community and... everyone knows everyone and you help each other out when they’re in need. “I hope that with my job, I can come back to Lambton County so that I can serve the people here.”

Petrolia woman gets 75 days for a number of charges

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A Petrolia woman who tried to rob a donation bin near the Lambton OPP station has been sentenced to 75 days in jail for a number of charges.

Caylie White, 38, plead guilty to nine charges in Sarnia court on June 25 from three incidents that Justice Deborah Austin said were clearly linked to drug addiction.

The court heard how she was arrested in March for possession of methamphetamine, hydromorphone and cocaine, only to be re-arrested just three days later while out on bail while breaking into a donation bin at Shell 21 gas bar.

White’s problems started in December. She was found by officers driving in St. Clair Township with unvalidated plates. A search of the car found 25 grams of marijuana.

White was later arrested in the early hours of March 27 after being spotted by police driving along Confederation St. in Sarnia. She was on a curfew order in connection to outstanding charges of drug trafficking, and arrested for violating it.

An initial search revealed 1.7 grams of methamphetamine.

While in detention a female officer conducted a search of White, finding a baggie in her bra that contained a further 7.7 grams of meth, 39 mg of hydromorphone, and .5 grams of crack cocaine. The value of the drugs was estimated at just more than \$1,100. The officer also found \$280 in cash.

White was released on bail but was back in jail just three days later following a break in to a donation bin. White and two other men were at the Shell 21 station March 30, when one of the men grabbed two donation bags and placed them in the trunk of White’s car as police officer from the Lambton OPP office across the road was watching.

The officer crossed the street and arrested

White and the two men. All three had drugs on them. White had 2.64 grams of meth in her purse, while a search of her trunk turned up a further one pound bag of marijuana and stolen power tools.

The Crown had asked for a 90 day sentence based on the large quantity of drugs she was found with and the frequency of the offenses. “It’s an appropriate message to send to Ms. White that she cannot continue to behave in this fashion. She needs to get her problem associated with methamphetamine under control,” says federal Crown attorney Michael Robb.

White’s lawyer asked for a 60-day sentence saying she was in counselling and wants to find rehab services when she is out of jail.

Defense lawyer Sarah Donohue also pointed out that White will already face a stiff sentence in the likely loss of her employment as a personal support worker.

In the end Judge Austin sentenced her to 75 days. White will have 30 days left to serve with her credit for pre-sentence custody.

“The escalation and repetition are what is clearly aggravating,” the judge says. “What is most encouraging to me... is to hear about the steps that you have begun to take with a treatment plan.”

“The fact that you are making those efforts and participating while you’re in custody to the extent that you can is... mitigating and should be given credit because your motivation to overcome this and leave this lifestyle behind is the most important predictor of a better outcome and a change away from this criminal lifestyle that you became embroiled in.”

“This is a sad sentencing because you come before the court as someone without a criminal record,” says Justice Austin. “I’ve heard... many positive attributes and steps that you’ve made in your life that now have been set back very dramatically and undermined by the drug addiction that overtook you.”

Petrolia hands out its last vacancy tax rebate

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Petrolia councillors are saying good riddance to a program which gave commercial and industrial landlords with a vacant building a big break on their taxes.

On June 22, council approved the payment of vacancy tax rebates to five property owners totalling \$6,358.97 about half of which comes from the town.

“I would be totally remiss if I did not mention that I totally disagree with this program and am quite happy to see it is the last year for the program,” says Councillor Joel Field. The councillor and others have long said cutting taxes for vacant buildings encourages land owners to leave them vacant instead of fixing them up to be rented.

The Vacancy Rebate is a program which dates back several decades. Any commercial or industrial landowner whose building had

not been used for 90 days, could ask for the rebate of 30 to 35 per cent.

But over the years, the Municipal Property Tax Assessment Corporation also started giving rebates for buildings which were vacant meaning the landowners were getting a double tax break.

In 2018, county council and the municipalities in Lambton agreed to scrap the tax after 2019. The rebate approved in Petrolia June 22 is the last one.

Field wasn’t the only person happy to see the end of it.

Councillor Ross O’Hara had a message for landowners who had been taking advantage of the double tax break which he says encouraged them to leave the buildings empty.

“It’s time for you people that own buildings to get out, fix them up and rent them out,” O’Hara said. “There are lots of businesses that can locate in downtown Petrolia and the time is now because the gravy train is coming to an end.”

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Editorial

Democracy is a wonderful thing

As Canadians, every four years we vote for our federal, provincial and municipal leaders. It is an open process. While your vote is secret, the debates, the discussion about policy and politics, the dissection of who has the moral character to lead, all takes place in the public forum.

But that all seems to change when it is time to fill a vacancy on municipal council.

Take the recent actions in Plympton-Wyoming for example. Last Wednesday, behind closed doors, council appointed Mike Vasey to fill the vacancy left by the death of Ron Schenk.

In our reading of the agendas from the municipality, the only hint that council was dealing with the issue on June 24 was under the Closed Meeting Session part of the agenda which reads “Item A - Personal Matters Section 239 (2) (b) - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Of course, that’s not much of a hint considering all of the agendas from June - including two meetings which had no public business at all, just a closed session - had the exact same declaration. Could it have been about filling the vacancy on council? Was it about the ongoing personnel issues at the fire department? Was it about an issue with a staff member? We don’t know.

And most people would not think this would be about a political appointment since politicians are not staff of the municipality.

While it would be nice if all municipalities spelled out what they were talking about in closed session - we would argue the appointment of a municipal councillor should never be done behind closed doors. And it certainly should be done a whole lot differently than Plympton-Wyoming did it this time around.

Under the Municipal Act, there really are no rules to proceed by. Councils can choose someone or have an election. Traditionally, councils choose not to spend a lot of money on a by-election and appoint someone who has already run.

But, should council not clearly have stated before an appointment was made that they were going to make a decision and what criteria they were going to base it on?

We believe council should step in where the province has left a void and set its own vacancy policy. If there is a vacant seat, it should be filled by the candidate for the position who just missed the cut during the last election. If they don’t want to serve, the next person is given the job. Only if all the candidates say no would there be an election. No discussion needed.

Then, choosing a new councillor would be a simple process and wouldn’t have to be done behind closed doors.

Our gut feeling is this went to an in camera meeting because council was talking about the people they were going to choose. Councillors shouldn’t be talking about personalities or who would be the best fit for the job. Voters already did that. It’s called an election.

Our Story



Long before there were settlers, Wilkesport was mostly inaccessible for land travel due to a large amount of forestry and wildlife. Aboriginal peoples hunted and fished in the area along the river but moved inland in the colder seasons. The first settlers to arrive were Paul Sturdevant and Heiram Sails in 1830 and were involved in logging, shipping and agriculture. As they arrived, the aboriginal people taught them how to live off the land. They also used the water ways for transportation in and out of the village before the roads were built. In 1840 John Aston Wilkes traveled from Brantford and started a saw mill. This mill made the new found settlement a place of business. The Wilkes family was also involved in limber and shipping. With the Wilkes' business booming, people called the settlement 'Wilkes Mills' then 'Wilkesburg'. Eventually, as then Wilkesburg became the only inland port in Lambton County its name soon became 'Wilkesport'.

Watching the world go by from the front porch

I’m a big believer in the idea that you can understand our world by sitting on your front porch and watching people go by.

I’ve had more time to do that than normal because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the weather became warmer, my family sits out on the porch most nights for dinner. As we juggle our plates and utensils on our lap, we watch as the cars and our neighbours go by before us.

We’ve done this for years. This year is different.

In the last few years, traffic was the sound track for our meals. Often dinner would be punctuated by someone throwing up their hands and yelling ‘Hey, slow down’ as some teenager in dad’s car blew by the porch.

Until last week, when the reconstruc-

tion of a nearby street diverted traffic in front of our house, there were a lot fewer cars. It was more likely to hear the bark of a dog or a dog owner urging some old pup to get moving and do their business, then to yell at a speeder.

Today, we watch as family members walk side-by-side past our supper table. Some we see almost every night. There are friends, some walking six feet apart, others not. There are dads with kids on bikes or pushing strollers. People are moving. And they are together talking.

After a long cold spring of uncertainty, people want to be doing something with people they love.

As a society we put a lot of value on organized things - sports, choirs, theatre, more sports - but there is value too, in the doing of things unorganized.

A leisurely walk with a daughter can be great not just for the body but for the soul in times when our kids and - let’s face it most of the adults - are questioning what has happened to the world.

While we all miss “normal” we shouldn’t be afraid to embrace this time of abnormal. We can reconnect during it. We can grow from its lessons.

We can learn from it, even from watching the world go by from your front porch.



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Drinking to good health

It took three Beer Store trucks to haul away the donations from a bottle drive in Petrolia. And officials with the Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Department - which organized the event - are blown away after more than \$9,500 was raised through a town-wide bottle drive for Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital Foundation. Bottles and other returnable containers were collected during two evenings in May. Volunteers included town staff, the community services committee, and other community volunteers. Fire Chief Jay Arns says he is blown away by how the community stepped

up - or rather drank up - for the cause. "When this idea was first discussed, we were thinking that even if we could raise \$1,500 for the Petrolia hospital, we would be doing a good deed. At no time did the team of volunteers expect this kind of response from Petrolia and bordering neighbours in Enniskillen Township," Arns says. It took 52 pallets and three Beer Store trucks to collect everything. A combined 84,844 units of alcohol were gathered, which included 45,984 beers cans, 30,064 beer and cooler bottles, 8,675 wine bottles, 115 wine bags, three kegs and three growlers. The official tally was \$9,527.80

raised. "Petrolia has never been a community to step down from a challenge and it's plain to see that this is another example!" says Mark Braet from the CEE Hospital Foundation. "Thank you for sharing your bottle returns with us, and we look forward to putting the dollars to good use for our renovations project." The fire department held a contest as part of the bottle drive to see who could guess the final amount raised. Jim Snyder, Yvette Blomberg and Lauren MacNeil were the winners, all guessing near perfect at \$9,500. They will each receive \$25 in Petrolia Bucks.

Enniskillen residents frustrated with increase motocross bike use

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Enniskillen Township is considering extending a by-law which limits motocross bike use. The move comes after a number of residents complained about hearing the motorbikes running for hours on end, particularly in the Kettle Lane area. The township already has an Off-Road Vehicle bylaw which limits riders from using their motor bikes to from 10 am to 8 pm Monday through Saturday.

No riding at personal tracks is allowed Sunday. But the bylaw is specific to two areas of the municipality and councillors wonder if it should be enforced for the entire community. Clerk Duncan McTavish says there have been more complaints lately because the personal tracks have seen heavy use during the pandemic because "the normal competitive...racing associated with motocross is not happening at this point in time." Mayor Kevin Marriott has been "spending a few hours

on the phone all together" dealing with residents tired of hearing the motocross races for hours on end. They've suggested council isn't doing enough and should regulate the size of the engine and it exhaust system to keep the noise down. Councillor Judy Krall questioned whether it was time for a township-wide noise bylaw to deal with the problem. That has long been discouraged because it might be difficult for the farm community to meet the stan-

dards of any noise bylaw. Councillor Wally VanDun suggested the hours for riding could be reduced. "That would stop anybody having meets or having a bunch of people over for the whole day. Having 25 or 30 bikes and running around for eight hours just their friends." McTavish is looking at the options for council but added; "as long as the motocross bikes are operating, there are some people in our community that are upset and they will continue to be upset."

Lambton's migrant farm workers being tested for COVID-19

Heather Wright
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Migrant farm workers in Sarnia-Lambton are being tested for COVID-19. Bluewater Health says a mobile unit manned by people from Lambton Public Health, the hospital, Lambton paramedics and the Central Lambton Family Health Team, started going to local farms which use migrant farm labourers Monday to

provide testing. There will be someone with them who speaks Spanish. Deacon Tony Hogervorst - Migrant Worker Ministry Specialist, with the Diocese of London says there are normally between 200 and 300 migrant workers in Lambton. This year, its far less. The timing of the lock down of most of Canada coincided with the arrival of 60,000 migrant workers

to the nation. As many of the workers were preparing their final travel plans, the federal government closed the border. It reversed the decision days later, but the damage was done. The system which smoothly brought migrant workers from Mexico, Jamaica and Haiti, ground to a halt and took many weeks to recover. Hogervorst says right now, he believes there are about 144 migrant workers in Lambton. Normally, the deacon travels around southern Ontario providing Catholic mass for workers and he has a pretty good handle on how people are doing. This year is different. "Because of the restrictions that we all face with COVID, we haven't been able to visit them on the farm. We haven't been able to hold any services. We can't encounter them in

SEE TESTING, PG 13

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Alexis Haywood


Jack Helps


Ava Horwood


Alexa Jaques


Ryfee Kerr


Ethan Letourneau


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Congratulations

On behalf of council and staff for the Township of Warwick it is my great honour to congratulate all of the graduates in the 2020 grade 8 lambton County graduating classes and to wish you all the very best in next 4 years at Secondary School.

As you move into this new chapter in your life remember to embrace the challenges, learn from your mistakes, allow them to help you grow into the people you are meant to be and through it all, do it with kindness for yourself and for those around you. You will remeber these years for the rest of your lives so make the most of them and have fun!

Jackie Rombouts - Mayor
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To the Grade 8 Graduates of Petrolia & Central Lambton County:


On behalf of the Province of Ontario, I would like to personally congratulate each and every one of you on being a 2019-20 Grade 8 graduate. This is truly a time for celebration as you make the transition from your elementary years to your future high school career.

As you look forward to what lies ahead, I hope you will also continue to look back on your formative years and appreciate not just the education you've received, but also the social interaction with classmates that you've enjoyed during that time. Although life has changed a great deal over the past few months, it's important to remember how your own strength and resilience have already helped you achieve so much in your life - and will continue to do so as you enter Grade 9 in September.


In the meantime, take a moment right now to celebrate this important life transition with your extended family and close friends in a safe and thoughtful way. Although the ceremonies may be different this year, they should be no less meaningful. You have already accomplished so much during your elementary years - and the life experience will continue to be even more exciting and meaningful as you enter high school.

Be proud of your accomplishments. Hold your head high. Celebrate your victories. The best is definitely yet to come. So savour every minute of it!


With sincere best wishes,



Bob Bailey, MPP
Sarnia-Lambton



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Whipp inducted into Ontario Community Newspaper Hall of Fame



Charlie Whipp

Heather Wright
The Independent

The former owner of the Petrolia Topic is one of the first inductees into the Ontario Community Newspaper Hall of Fame. The association launched the Hall of Fame Awards earlier this year and inducted nine people to be celebrated and remembered for their tremendous contributions to community journalism. Charlie Whipp was named as one of nine inductees Monday. A long-time newspaper-

man, Charlie was most recognized for his weekly editorials. He usually wrote three per issue. They explored all topics and included everything from municipal matters to medieval engineering. Often, they prompted local councillors to change their minds about issues of the day. He worked for the London Free Press and the Windsor Star for several years in the early 1950s. He then moved on to editor and publisher of the Advertiser-Topic in Petrolia, taking on the role as owner from 1962 until 1979. According to Heather Wright, Publisher of the Independent Serving Petrolia and Central Lambton, “his influence on the newspaper’s pages was immediate when he purchased the paper; the reporting included investigative pieces and feature stories, presented in a fresh and appealing new design.” “He had become an icon in the business... his editorials provided a voice widely-heard and widely-respected by readers, community leaders and local, federal and provincial politicians alike,” said his son, Ted, on his passing. The Petrolia paper was not only one of the few community newspapers with its own press, but it was the first weekly to move from hot type into the new field of cold typesetting, a precursor to computerized newspapering. Whipp was always interested in new ideas and enjoyed pursuing innovation and improvements in the newspaper industry. He was not only enthusiastic about the reporting and writing side, he had a keen mind for the technical side as well.

He sold the Advertiser-Topic in 1979, and for a few years in the early 1980s, he operated Lambton Editorial Services from Petrolia, a freelance venture in which he continued to report and write stories for newspapers such as the Observer and the London Free Press. Charlie moved to BC later in life but managed to remain connected with his hometown. He passed away in 2018. Whipp will be honoured at a future OCNA event when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

A bit of history to be preserved



FILE PHOTO

A mural of the original Alvinston Arena - the Crystal Palace - is one of paintings to be replicated for removable photos as Brooke-Alvinston renovates the community centre.

Heather Wright
The Independent

Murals of Brooke-Alvinston’s past in the community centre will be painted over – but they won’t disappear. The murals show the agricultural history of the area as well as local landmarks and have been a fixture in the hall for decades. The municipality is renovating the hall and wants to remove the murals. Councillor Jamie Armstrong, says its time for a fresh look saying it sometimes “interferes with the ability for people to come in for weddings.” But the move has prompted concern from some people. “All these pictures mean something to them,” said Councillor Frank Nemcek at the June 11 meeting. Staff recommended taking digital photos of the murals and then having them mounted to be hung in the hall and then removed if the renters don’t want them there. Originally, staff suggested the replicas could be the same size as the current murals, however councillors worried they would be too large to move. Council agreed to have a professional to come in and take high quality pictures of the murals and council could decide later what size they should be. Reproducing the murals will cost \$3,500. The municipality has set aside \$75,000 to renovate the hall which will include new paint, insulation and refinishing the wood floor. Mayor Dave Ferguson is pleased the murals will be saved. “Doing this preserves history and refreshes one of the largest licenced halls in the area,” says Ferguson. Work on the renovation will begin soon, since the building is closed at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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- (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.

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Mandi Pearson
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Dated this 22nd day of June, 2020.

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk
Town of Petrolia



Schedule “A”

Testing of migrant workers set to take place in S-L

CON’T FROM PG 5
town because most of them are... avoiding the risk of getting out of public,” he says. “There’s just no opportunity to have firsthand face-to-face contact this year.” Hogervorst says the diocese has ramped up its online presence to help reach the people coming to Ontario to work. Migrant farm workers have lately been a focus in the fight against COVID-19. In April, a greenhouse in Chatham-Kent had the first outbreak of the virus. Over 100 workers were ill. Public health officials believe the virus came to the

greenhouse from contract workers out of Essex. It is now the epicenter of southern Ontario’s COVID-19 cases with over 1,000 migrant workers testing positive. The provincial government has mandated mass testing of migrants, hoping to stem the tide of illness. Lambton’s roll out of the mobile clinic is part of that effort. Lambton Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, told reporters Friday morning, he had not heard of any migrant workers in Lambton testing positive for the virus nor has there been any outbreaks in lo-

cal farm workplaces. Hogervorst believes most farmers are keeping the migrant workers informed about COVID-19 and following the health protocols. And he says for the farm community, COVID-19 is only one problem they face right now. Many are having a hard time getting the labourers they need, even now. “I think that in most cases, they’re getting the workers but on the late side,” he says. “And of course, there’s a 14-day isolation. There is some concern about whether there will be enough workers for harvest.”

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BRADLEY, Dorothy
Age 73, of Sarnia
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HILLMAN, Benjamin Robert
Age 97, of Sarnia
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TUESDAY, JUNE 23

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WALKER, Muriel Joan
Age 80, of Sarnia
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BERNARDO, Gerry
Age 82, of Sarnia
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VERHOEVEN, Francisca
Age 96, of Plympton-Wyoming
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THURSDAY, JUNE 25

BOOTH, J.D.
Age 67, of Sarnia
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HODOWANSKI, Cornel
Age 82, of Sarnia
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Age 89, of Sarnia
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WEIR, James “Jim”
Age 66, of Sarnia
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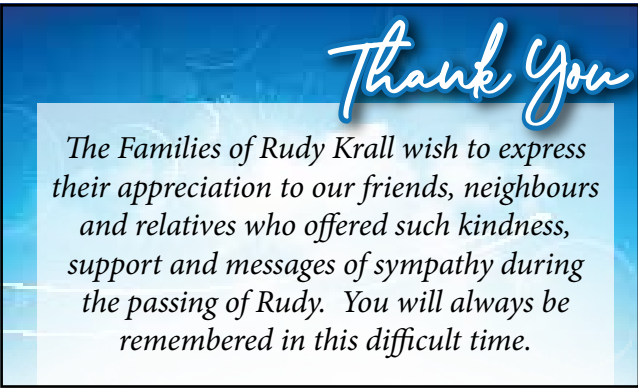
-Stella Sheffer



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Thank You

The Families of Rudy Krall wish to express their appreciation to our friends, neighbours and relatives who offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy during the passing of Rudy. You will always be remembered in this difficult time.




Card of Thanks

THANK YOU

The family of the late Donald Minielly would like express their thanks for the many kindnesses received during this difficult time. We send our appreciation to the paramedics, Plympton -Wyoming Fire and the local OPP for their prompt response and compassion. Thanks also to friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and support.

Marie Minielly and Family



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LENZO
Joyce

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) or Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer.ca). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home www.needhamjay.com.



Announcement

Cheers to
80 Years
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Have a good one


Love your family!

July 4



Graduation

Congratulations!
to
Riley Clarke
Graduate with honors from
Northlands Parkway Collegiate
Winkler, Manitoba
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Dale & Donna Robinson
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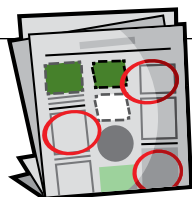


For Sale

PLANT SALE - Perennial plants, Rose of Sharon Bushes. 458 Ignatfina St., Petrolia. Self Serve.



Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 noon



Classifieds

Word Classifieds: \$10 plus tax for up to 40 words
Stop in at the office 9a-5p Mon-Fri
4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728
or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

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 4	Sarnia	The Tragically Hits at Imperial Theatre
Jul 5	Mooretown	Model Train Event at The Moore Museum
Jul 5	Sarnia	Sarnia Vegfest 2020
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
Jul 31-Aug 2	Sarnia	14th Annual Greekfest at Christina Street
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

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	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 23	Enniskillen	Enniskillen Rabies Vaccination Pet Clinic	TBD
Jun 19	Sarnia	LiUNA "Do it for Sarnia" Block Party	Sept 11 & 12, 2020
Jun 19-21	Alvinston	Alvinston Pro Rodeo has been moved to August 28, 29 & 30, 2020 www.alvinstonprodeco.com	
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
Jul 18	Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society Broasted Chicken Diner	TBD

Church DIRECTORY

Christ Church Anglican
414 Oil Street, Petrolia
All worship services in the Anglican Diocese of Huron are suspended until further notice. Please continue to hold one another and our communities in your prayers.
Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee
Church Office 519-882-1430
christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
416 Queen Street, Petrolia (Behind the Post Office)
In this time of Social distancing we invite you to join a virtual congregation and watch the Sunday morning worship at Knox Presbyterian Church in Thedford.
9:30am Service - Live
www.kpcthedford.com
www.standrews-petrolia.ca

St. Paul's United Church
4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street
We 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
stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

First Baptist Church
418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia
SERVICE SUSPENDED until further notice in compliance with Ontario Corona Virus meeting guidelines
Pastor: Alex Craig
Church Office 519-882-2480
email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com
www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca
Find us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia

Wyoming United Church
730 Second Street, Wyoming
Due to the COVID-19 virus will be closed until further notice. We will keep you updated about any changes.
Join Us for Worship - All are Welcome
Church Office 519-845-3963
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NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Any items not listed are accepted, if you use it in your home – our clients will use it in theirs.

Juice Boxes • Side Kicks • Jello • Family Snacks • Rice Cakes • Crispers • Popcorn • Canned Fruit



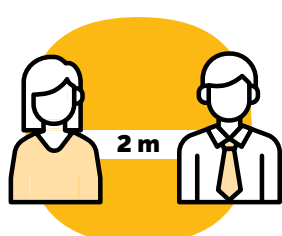
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As more businesses and services reopen, and with social gatherings increased to 10 people, we all must continue our efforts to protect each other.



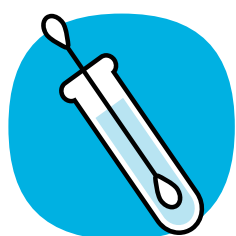
Practice physical distancing, stay two metres apart.



Wear a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge.



Continue to **wash hands frequently.**



Get tested if you are worried you may have COVID-19, or have been exposed to the virus.

Inside or out, stay safe. Save lives.

Visit ontario.ca/coronavirus

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