

## PRACTICE FIRE



Two Petrolia/North Enniskillen firefighters watch as flames consume the inside of a house Sunday. The department used a home on Petrolia Line between Wanstead and Oakdale Road for training exercises. While they expected to be on the scene for some time, the practice was shorter than normal due to the high heat and humidity.

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## Petrolia masks up

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

People in Petrolia will have to wear a mask in public spaces including businesses starting Friday.

Petrolia Council passed a bylaw making masks mandatory for everyone over the age of nine. The move is to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Medical exemptions will be allowed.

The bylaw includes a fine of up to \$1,000 for those who don't comply, however the town plans to use education before issuing charges.

Only Councillor Ross O'Hara was opposed to the idea. He wears his mask constantly, but the town should not be putting a bylaw in place that they have no intention of enforcing.

He says the town should invest in public education to convince people to wear a mask.

"If we're not going to enforce it...money could be better spent on education," says O'Hara.

"We should put signs on every corner...there are better ways that we can do this, especially when we're not going to enforce the bylaw. Bylaws that are not enforced should not be there."

O'Hara added forcing people to wear masks reinforces the idea that Canadians are over regulated.

Dr. Charles Winegard spoke to council before the debate. He's the vice president of rural medicine at Bluewater Health and part of the Central Lambton Family Health Team. Winegard doesn't know of any physician in Lambton who doesn't support the use of masks. And he says it is best to mandate the use of them. "There is 82 per cent compliance when mandated, which is much different when it was just a suggestion."

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## Silos to be Dawn-Euphemia WiFi towers

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

The legendary Internet woes of Dawn-Euphemia could be over as early as this month.

And silos scattered across the under serviced area are the key to the plan to bring high speed internet to 90 per cent of the municipality.

The township has been selected to be part of the Rural Ontario Residential Broadband program. The province put up \$63 million to help communities with poor internet find solutions to their problems.

Dawn-Euphemia's internet access has been a constant problem. Residents either pay hundreds of dollars a month for data plans - which still don't allow for streaming video - or have no access at all.

The problem has been magnified during the pandemic. As the province locked down, it

became next to impossible for students and parents to complete their work online in the area. Local school boards compiled notebooks of work for some students in Dawn-Euphemia because they simply didn't have access to the internet.

Mayor Al Broad says township council couldn't hold Zoom meetings because they didn't have the internet to support video conferencing. Instead, they used the phone.

But a new plan by CENG, a group that helps small Internet companies get their technologies off the ground, and MPV wifi based out of Thamesville, is about to change all that.

Broad says by October, 90 per cent of the township will have internet speeds of up to 100 megabytes.

Right now, a survey shows most residents have speeds of two or three megabytes.

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## Mandatory Mask Use in Petrolia's Indoor Public Spaces Effective Friday, August 14, 2020

Starting Friday, the Town of Petrolia requires everyone over the age of nine to wear a mask in indoor public spaces.

*Thank you for doing your part!*



# Five ill in workplace outbreak

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Lambton Public Health is investigating a COVID-19 outbreak at a workplace.

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade would not say what kind of business the five cases identified in the outbreak were in. It is public health’s policy not to provide information that might identify individuals unless there is a broader public health concern.

“One of the things we try to do is not to unintentionally identify people,” he says.

Ranade says two people came in from the same workplace and public

health was trying to rule out “other potential exposures.”

As three more people tested positive from the same workplace, Ranade says it became likely the spread was inside the business.

He added public health has to be “reasonably confident the workplace is the likely place of exposure” before declaring an outbreak. Ranade says at least two people have to be ill.

He says none of the people who tested positive in this case have been hospitalized.

As of Tuesday, 327 people have tested positive, up nine cases in one week. There are still 12 people who are ill with COVID-19, 290 have recovered.

# Hockey returns to Petrolia in September

Heather Wright  
The Independent

There will be hockey in Petrolia this winter but it will look a lot different than in 2019.

The Greenwood Recreation Centre has been closed since mid-March when the COVID-19 pandemic shut-down Canada. Hockey playoffs were cancelled, figure skaters were kept off the ice and the arena stood empty.

And there was a question about whether the arena would be used in 2020 at all.

But Dave Menzies, facilities director in Petrolia, says the town has worked with minor hockey, various hockey leagues and figure skating to come up with a plan to safely return to the ice this year.

The plan compiled by the town and approved by Lambton Public Health says there will never be more than 50 people in the arena at one time.

The change rooms will be closed and players and skaters are expected to come dressed for play.

There will be at least 30 to 45 minutes between ice uses so town staff can clean the arena.

There will be one way entrances and exits, hand sanitizing stations and signage everywhere to make sure people are aware of the rules.

And the plan does away with virtually all socializing - no standing in the lobby after games, only one parent or caregiver per team member in the arena.

The town’s policy says spectators “will be discouraged from cheering, yelling, and singing as it presents an

increased risk of spreading droplets.”

Teams will also have to have action plans prepared for the town everything from how first aid is handled to what happens when a player is sick.

They’ll also have to register each person coming into the arena - either before the game or as they come in, so the town can have a list of names and numbers for contact tracing should there be a case of COVID-19.

Menzies says minor hockey, figure skating and the other hockey leagues have agreed to the plan.

“There has been a detailed procedure produced and approved by Lambton Public Health and we’ve had meetings with the user groups,” says Menzies.

“It’s going to take a lot of work, but we’re really positive and committed to getting the arena up to a very clean and safe standard.”

While the plan will allow kids back on the ice, it will be tough on the municipality’s pocketbook.

“We’re expecting a reduction in revenue for the last quarter (at the arena) due to COVID-19,” says Menzies. Some of that money is expected to be recovered from a grant for municipalities from the federal and provincial governments to cover any COVID-19 related costs.

Menzies says so far, the Petrolia Flyers have committed to using the same amount of ice time for practice now and perhaps for games should the Junior C league begin play.

Menzies isn’t sure whether the Petrolia Squires will need time, since the Senior League has yet to layout a return to play plan.

# Top doc wants families back in nursing homes

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health says he’s asked the government to allow families more access to their loved ones in long term care, but so far, that hasn’t happened.

In July, the province increased visiting access to residents of long term care homes for family members. Up to two people could visit outdoors or indoors. Those going inside would have to have a COVID-19 test every two weeks. Family members can visit for up to an hour - if the homes can accommodate that - but may not touch or give any physical comfort to the senior.

Long-term care advocates have

argued the isolation seniors face is now far worse for their health than the risk of COVID-19.

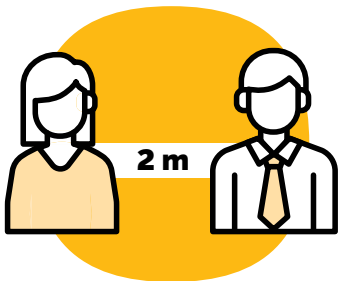
Dr. David Williams agrees but says the province’s partners in care are being very cautious not to reintroduce it back into the homes. As of Monday, there were only four residents across the province who had COVID-19.

Williams says he’s asked the minister to update the rules. “I do feel the emotional issue and the family issues are important and need to be addressed as well.

“I keep asking them to say when is the next time for consideration.”

Williams says the ministry and the private care operators are “leery” to open the doors to family, and possibly COVID-19.

As more businesses and services reopen, we must all continue our efforts to protect each other.



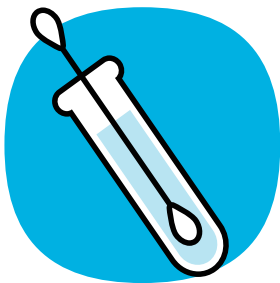
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# Five years for Petrolia armed home invasion

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One of the three men involved in a brazen armed home invasion and robbery in Petrolia will spend five years in prison for his part in the harrowing event.

Joshawa Clements, 30, received a five-year prison term for his role in the June 2017 armed robbery at a home on the Petrolia Line.

Clements was found guilty in January. The London man appeared in Sarnia July 31 to learn his fate as the Superior Court held a rare in-person session.

Just 11 people were in the courtroom, most of which was taped off to ensure physical distancing.

The court heard Clements, along with two other men, had driven from London in the middle of the night with the intent of stealing prescription medication from the house. The trio arrived in Petrolia at 3 am.

Two of the men busted into the Petrolia Line house and held the two residents – an elderly woman and her daughter – at knife-point while they searched for the prescription medication they were taking.

After finding it, the three men left and drove back to London.

Clements’ two alleged accomplices – Taylor Evans, 27 from Strathroy, and Thomas Hudson, 29 from London – were later arrested. It took OPP longer to bring in Clements, but he was eventually found and charged.

Evans was sentenced to four years and four months for his role in the crime.

Friday, Clements’ defense lawyer, Luigi Perzia, tried to introduce new evidence that would reopen the trial and see Clements’ guilty verdict thrown out. Perzia claimed that there was a height discrepancy between Clements and what

the victims described, who were wearing masks during the robbery.

Justice Russell Raikes – who presided over Clements case – said the height difference was negligible, and there had been plenty of chances to raise the issue.

“I’m satisfied that there is no doubt on the evidence that I heard and that I saw that Mr. Clements was one of the two intruders who went into... the home and committed the robbery,” says Raikes.

Justice Raikes outlined a long history of personal struggles for Clements, including domestic violence and drug use in his home and a criminal record that began at age 13.

While Justice Raikes says Clements has held down a job and taken drug rehab programs since the crime, the event itself was extremely serious and obviously pre-planned.

Most concerning was the effect on the victims. “The incident involved vulnerable victims in their home at three o’clock in the morning with weapons and masks. It was a truly terrifying experience for the victims and has left them with long-lasting fear and anxiety as a result.”

Justice Raikes sentenced the man to five years in federal prison. Generally, the sentence for home invasions is between four and 12 years.

“The incident was of short duration, no violence was inflicted, and the damage done to the home was very modest,” says Raikes.

Clements was credited with 284 days of pre-sentence custody, leaving him four years and almost three months left to serve.

Before Clements was led away, Justice Raikes told him, “You’re a young guy. What happened... but where you go from here in the future is entirely up to you,” says Raikes.

“I see in you enormous potential. When you get out I urge you to get on the path that you know you should be on.”

# OPP look for clues to storage theft

Lambton OPP is looking for the public’s help to find people who may have broken into a storage unit business in Warwick.

Police say around 1:30 am July 29, three people broke into the property on Jariott Street and stole over \$5,000 in property. The owners discovered the break in about nine hours later.

The OPP has released this photo of people seen in the area at the time an ask anyone who may have information about the crime to call the OPP or Crime Stoppers.



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# Enniskillen asks feds for cannabis controls

Alex Kurial  
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Enniskillen is looking for a way to settle disputes between municipalities and big cannabis producers.

The township wants to use the current minimum distance separation rules normally used in agriculture for large-scale cannabis facilities.

Right now, municipalities are trying to set distance standards between the facilities and residential or sensitive areas, such as churches or parks. But these can be quickly challenged by the cannabis companies. In Pelham, Leviathan Cannabis Group sued the town after a bylaw stopped any new cannabis greenhouses from opening.

“Some of these companies have big bucks to take on the municipal governments,” says Enniskillen Deputy Mayor Judy Krall.

Krall authored the township’s letter that was sent to federal Minister of Agriculture Marie-Claude Bibeau about the setbacks.

Krall has received complaints – often smell related, but also dealing with light and noise – from residents about the High Park facility just north of Petrolia. The cannabis farm sits about 100 meters from the nearest home.

These complaints are common in communities where cannabis plants have popped up, she says.

Krall described a scene at an Ontario Federation of Agriculture meeting last November. “There was a farmer there from the Leamington area and he was up in arms over the cannabis. He had one across the road from him; he said the lights were so bad in his son’s bedroom it was like it was daylight for 24 hours,” Krall says.

Krall says the town met with provincial Minister of Agriculture, Ernie Hardeman, but received no help.

“He basically said he couldn’t do anything for us. They washed their hands of it,” Krall says.

“I don’t understand why all three levels [of government] don’t work together to come up with some framework. Because to me this is a waste of taxpayer dollars when we have to go to court to fight them,” says Krall.

The issue, she says, is especially pressing now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Imagine living across from a cannabis operation, and during self-isolation, you wanted to open the windows of your house to get some fresh air. The air would not be fresh, as it would smell of cannabis. These individuals have already been living in self-isolation from the odour, noise and light from these operations. We can do better for the health and well-being of our citizens,” read the end of the letter to Bibeau.

Krall says after making little headway with Conservative politicians they are now reaching out to members of the Liberal party, such as Bibeau. The township is also hoping to secure a meeting with Kate Young, Liberal MP in the London West riding.

“Hopefully someone will listen to our concerns and help all municipalities come up with bylaws that aren’t going to be challenged,” says Krall.



Judy Krall

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# Editorial

## Masking bylaw is problematic

Petrolians will be wearing masks starting Friday in public spaces. Social media has been swirling with angry comments about the plan.

We have nothing against wearing a face mask as an additional measure of protection against COVID-19. To us, it makes sense that people using public transit, students in busy hall ways and perhaps even at a concert or hockey game - if the province ever allows large gatherings again - is a good idea. You can't be six feet away from anyone in those situations so, it makes sense to have that added layer of protection.

It also makes sense, in our opinion, to have food handlers - everyone from chefs to Timmies drive thru workers - wearing masks. The idea of someone sneezing on our food is not only gross - it could be deadly now.

But in many ways, the mandatory use of masks simply doesn't make sense.

Take our office for example. If you walk into *The Independent*, you would find at the maximum three people in three separate offices. The front door is about 12 feet away from the main desk and it is easy to maintain the six feet distance. And there is rarely more than one customer at a time. Yet, you will have to wear a mask.

But once you are done, you could head over to your favourite watering hole, wearing your mask, enter the building, sit down in the bar - hopefully six feet away from others - take off your mask and stay for hours drinking with your friends. How does that make sense?

How do you get people to wear masks properly? A covering over your mouth only still allows you to sneeze your COVID-y germs everywhere.

The other concern is how long will masks be mandatory? Council says it will review the policy in three months - which in our opinion is far to long. And it certainly didn't set out the conditions for when it would be "safe" to stop forcing people to mask up in indoor public spaces.

That's probably because they don't know.

It is unfortunate council didn't look into that before passing the mandatory masking bylaw.

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## Our Story



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POST CARD COLLECTION

A beautiful photo of downtown Petrolia. In the foreground is the building which is how Helen's Hideaway and Heywood's Bar along with some wooden buildings on the main street which are now long gone. To the left of the photo, you can see the building which was torn down to be replaced by the current Farmers' Market building.

## Human safety not political agendas should be first

There he was, the premier of Ontario, in a moving SUV, eating a bag of chips. It wasn't a meme made by someone mocking Doug Ford, it was produced by his team as the premier headed to the Frito Lay company to visit the factory.

After four months of holding news conferences from a sanitary studio, the premier needed to get out and meet some real people and visit (mostly) businesses to bolster his Made in Ontario campaign.

The idea of shopping for Ontario-made items is a good. And that the premier is trying to have more of the goods - mainly medical goods - we need produced right here at home.

But, the sight of the premier with a big grin, eating a potato chip to support Made in Ontario sits uncomfortably with me. That simple video, and a lot of the announcements the premier is making right now, go more to advancing his political agenda than mending the many problems caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While some of the things he's advancing may be helpful, there are

bigger fish to fry.

Take the announcements of rapid builds of long term care homes in Toronto. More nursing home beds is a good thing - but we seem to gloss over the fact the Conservatives promised 15,000 in the 2018 election and these are literally the first shovels in the ground.

And new buildings don't solve the problem of inadequate staffing in long term care homes. It's a well established fact residents do not get enough one-on-one help each day. It's also well established there aren't enough personal support workers in Ontario to meet the demands of our growing senior population. Ford could immediately improve conditions for seniors already in homes by beginning to increase the hours of care residents receive each day - research suggests they need at least 25 per cent more care. The government could start with a 10 per cent increase and it would make a world of difference - I'm guessing the photo ops wouldn't be as good.

There are also big issues with the

province's back-to-school plan. Parents worry there will be too many kids in the same classroom - a recipe the rapid spread of COVID-19. The solution is not rocket science - we need smaller class sizes to reduce the risk. But again, that would require hiring more people - and that seems to be something the premier is shying away from. That idea is central to the Conservative mantra of smaller government. But COVID-19 has shown us less is not better. If we need more people either in schools or nursing homes to make our kids and seniors safe, why aren't we doing it?

This isn't the time for potato chips and politics, human safety should come first.



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# High speed internet in Dawn-Euphemia by October

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Broad says the project will see one internet tower built and antennas placed on six grain elevators around the municipality to bounce signals through the usually hard to serve area. MPV specializes in using existing structures, like grain elevators, to bring internet access to rural areas.

Broad says the project is expected to cost about \$800,000, with MPV footing half the bill and the rest of the money coming from the province. “We appreciate the provincial government recognizing the need for broadband services in rural Ontario,”

says Broad. “The digital divide is real and magnified during this COVID-19 global pandemic,” said Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott in a news release. “We are moving as fast as we can to get people the services that they need.” Broad says MPV is aiming to have the system up and running by October. Work is already underway in Florence, where fibre optics will go in the ground and where the highest speeds can be expected. Shetland will also benefit from the highest speeds, however the signal

there will be wireless. A series of antennas will be placed on grain elevators to give service to rural areas. Broad says that will be about 10 megabyte service - three times faster than most people have now. “People who are heavily surrounded by trees still could have some issues,” he says. “As much as the technology has improved, it’s not fool proof.” Packages will range in cost from \$50 to \$150 per month. CENGN’s Rick Penwarden hopes the Dawn-Euphemia project will be a solution to other small communities facing the same obstacles in the future.

# Three times a charm? Bradley asks for another mask vote

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley will ask Lambton county councillors once again to consider a county-wide mandatory mask bylaw. The mayor, who is also a member of county council, brought the idea forward in July. It was defeated by a vote of 13-4 with many municipal leaders saying the issue should be decided by a province-wide decree or by the individual municipality. Sarnia council passed a mandatory mask bylaw and it went into effect July

31. Monday, Petrolia passed a similar bylaw which goes into effect Friday. In an email to councillors, which was also circulated to local media, Bradley says “that leaves the only option, regrettably, under the Rules of Order is to bring a Notice of Reconsideration on the Mandatory Masking Bylaw to the Regular County Council meeting on September 2, which unfortunately is weeks away. “Lambton County now is the only region/county in the province without a mandatory masking bylaw,” he added. Bradley hopes to have enough

support to deal with the issue at the Sept. 2 county council meeting. It’s also possible for the warden to call a special meeting on the issue. A county-wide bylaw would likely cover mostly the rural communities, such as Alvinston, Brigidon and Florence. By the time September rolls around, Plympton-Wyoming may already have its own mandatory mask bylaw. Council there deals with the issue Wednesday. St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold says his community will also look at the idea.

# Masks mandatory in indoor public spaces in Petrolia Friday

CON'T FROM PG 1

Mayor Brad Loosley was disappointed the province didn’t make a blanket order across the province. The mayor says local doctors are in favour of the move. “I feel these are the experts and they all recommend masks...if this bylaw helps one individual, it is worth it. And I hope it is temporary.” Councillor Grant Purdy asked the bylaw be reviewed in three months. He was in favour of a mandatory bylaw

saying it would be “catastrophic” if there were a second wave and worried some of the businesses now just hanging on wouldn’t survive it. He also likened the mandatory order to no smoking bylaws and seat belt use. Councillor Wade Deighton says he went back and forth on the issue, and wished people would mask up voluntarily. “People should put on a mask in order to protect their neighbours...but we need to really sort

of do something here.” Petrolia becomes the second Lambton community to enact a mandatory mask bylaw. Sarnia enacted a bylaw last Friday. Lambton County councillors turned the idea down in July saying it should be up to individual municipalities. Plympton-Wyoming will look at the issue Wednesday. Chatham-Kent also passed a mandatory mask bylaw Monday night. It also goes into effect Friday.

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# Charlotte’s Corner

## Summertime Fun

After so many months cooped up inside, there’s nothing better than getting outside to enjoy the summer weather. Outdoor activities, however, can put children at greater risk of injury. It’s good to know when to see your primary care provider and when you may want to seek care in the Emergency Department. The number one concern for children in the summer is heat and sun exposure. Make sure your child is wearing – and reapplying – sunscreen when outside, even on cloudy days. Children are also at a high risk of heat cramps and heat

exhaustion. If they exhibit symptoms such as muscle cramps, increased thirst, dizziness, or headache, cool them down. Bug bites and bee stings are almost unavoidable in the summer, even when using bug spray. If your child does get bit/stung, the bite will run its course in three to four days and they shouldn’t need medication aside from possibly an antihistamine for itchiness. If your child is still experiencing redness, swelling, or any discharge after four days, pay a visit to your primary care provider or the Emergency Department. And remember to thoroughly check your child everywhere for ticks following an outdoor activity. This includes their armpits, scalp, behind their ears/knees, etc. Ticks are smart and know where to hide!

Cycling is one of the most enjoyable activities in the summer, and there are ways to make sure your children are safe when riding their bikes: following the rules of the road and wearing a helmet.

When swimming, always remember to be with a buddy and ensure appropriate supervision.




Although the weather is heating up and you may be inclined to participate in regular summer activities like barbecues and bonfires, it is still important to practice physical distancing. When physical distancing is not possible, wearing a mask is the best solution for safety and is mandated in indoor public spaces in many communities.

At Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital (CEEH) of Bluewater Health, clinics, the lab, diagnostic imaging, and the Emergency Department are all running smoothly. We are continuing to monitor the local case numbers and are looking at all possible options if cases begin to rise again.

*The summertime provides tons of fun activities outside, so be safe and enjoy!*

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# Minister drops tourism cash in Lambton

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Local Journalism Initiative

Sarnia-Lambton’s arts and culture sectors received some welcome relief on Tuesday thanks to a \$538,000 funding package from the provincial government.

Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture, announced the investment at the Sarnia Bay Marina. The amount includes nearly \$100,000 in festival money, close to \$50,000 to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and more than \$40,000 for museums.

“There’s a lot of people that would say, you’re funding a museum or a library or a festival that didn’t continue. And I could receive a bit of criticism for that. So, I’m going to flip it back and say what kind of Ontario do you want in 18 months,” says MacLeod. “And I would be amazed if not 100 per cent of the people here would say that their Ontario in 18 months still has a library, still has a community museum, and still has the festival that they love and enjoy every year.”

MacLeod says the \$75 billion industry has already lost around \$20 billion this year due to COVID-19.

The Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia was the largest recipient in the Celebrate Ontario 2020 festival category receiving \$59,813 - grant which had already been announced.

The Fairbank Oil Fields want to be known for a different type of resource – trees and wildlife.

This is thanks to a new project aimed at increasing nature cover at the historic site. Over the next three years 6,650 trees will be planted over eight acres of field. In 20 years, this will turn into thousands of mature trees.

Fairbank Oil partnered with the St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority and the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on the project. Environment Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service recommend that counties have 30 per cent nature cover, but Lambton currently sits at only about nine per cent.

“Because Lambton is farmland largely, much has been cleared over the last 150 years.

“Farmland is very expensive and so farmers want to use as much space as possible for crops that will give them an income,” says Pat McGee of Fairbank Oil.

McGee says in addition to working with the ministry and conservation authority,



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Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Lisa MacLeod announced more than \$500,000 in funding for Sarnia-Lambton arts and tourism sectors on Aug. 11 at the Sarnia Bay Marina. She was joined by Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, former Sarnia Mayor Andy Brandt, and Lambton County Warden Bill Weber.

The Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs received the top museum donation with \$22,074.

The Township of St. Clair will see a boost to their museum scene as well. The Moore Museum was awarded \$17,340, and the Sombra Township Museum \$2,946.

The remaining \$350,000 will be spent on destination marketing to encourage Ontarians to explore their local communities while COVID travel restrictions remain in place.

“Go out and support your local restaurant, consider staying in a local hotel, get out to your local farmer’s market. If you have a local brewery or cidery or distillery then please consider supporting them. Take in local tourist attractions,” MacLeod says of ways people can help their local economy.

“When you do that and put your efforts into the local recovery, you’re going to make sure that Ontario is going to be competitive on the world stage when it is time to start welcoming back visitors from around the world.”

Fairbank Oil turned to naturalist Larry Cornelis for advice.

“We’ve learned a great deal about forests and wildlife and having enlarged areas,” McGee says of Cornelis’ input. “And he has done a wildlife survey for us because we have lots of rare species here and also lots of rare trees for Lambton.”

The 6,650 trees were selected carefully by the conservation authority. “There’s a real mix and they’re designed to enhance each other. There’s different kinds of oak, different kinds of hickory, and there are some other trees as well,” says McGee. These include oak, sycamore, black walnut and silver maples trees. “We wanted a mix of trees, and they are all native to Ontario and native to Lambton. We’re not bringing in any kind of ornamental trees.”

McGee pointed out that despite the common association with oil, the Fairbank lands already play host to a wide range of nature. “We already have about 100 acres of woodland forest. We have a lot on our major trail, and we have a lot of wildlife here. We have deer, beaver, possums, raccoons,” McGee says.

“Because Black Creek winds through our property that



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Charles Fairbank waters some of the trees he recently planted. In the next three years, 6,650 trees will be planted in eight acres of the oil property.

brings a lot of biodiversity because you get crayfish and all the different frogs and fish and insects and reptiles,” says McGee.

The conservation will continue working with Fairbank Oil after all the trees are planted to ensure the 20-year nature cover plan is a success.



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Written resumes will be received until 12 noon on **Friday, August 21, 2020**. Resumes can be in by email to [tklachan@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:tklachan@warwicktownship.ca), in person at 6332 Nauvoo Road, Watford, Ontario N0M 2S0 or by fax to (519) 849-6136.

For further information on this position, please contact:  
Theresa Klachan, Manager Parks and Recreation, Township of Warwick  
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For a copy of the draft job description email: [tklachan@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:tklachan@warwicktownship.ca).

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## VASEY TAKES OFFICE



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Like all things in the age of COVID-19, the swearing in of former Wyoming Fire Chief Mike Vasey as the new councillor for Plympton-Wyoming was unusual. Vasey took the oath of office July 29, with just members of council and a few relatives in the room. Normally, the meeting would be open to all public and media but due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the number of people allowed in the room was capped to permit proper social distancing. He fills the vacancy left by the death of long-time councillor Ron Schenk.

## Sarnia man charged with arson in Duststop fire

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Lambton OPP have arrested a man in connection with a fire at the Duststop Air Filters factory at the end of July. The cause of the July 24 fire was not initially known. Firefighters worked until dark to put out the blaze. Damage was done to the

building and its equipment, including air filters. Employees had to leave the building during the incident. Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Chief Jay Arns did not rule out arson at the time. He asked anyone with knowledge of the fire to call police. Wednesday, OPP said they had arrested and charged Jacob Bondy, 40 from Sarnia, he was arrested on July

27. Bondy is facing two counts of arson – causing both property damage and a disregard for human life. Officials from Duststop would not say exactly how much damage was done, nor how long it took to repair the building and equipment. Staff inside were forced to leave when the fire occurred but no one was injured.

## Protesters want answers on firing of Wyoming firefighter

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Angela Lyon and about 14 other people wanted to get some answers from Plympton-Wyoming councillors about the firing of a firefighter who filed a sexual harassment claim. Instead, they sat in the shade of a tree outside town hall while councillors met inside. Lyons and several others tried to be heard as a delegation at the July 29 meeting, however the town administration turned down the request. Mayor Lonny Napper instead issued a statement hours before the meeting. It says in part: “The town reviews and investigates all reports of any reported contraventions of the policy. Any individual found to have perpetrated or threatened Workplace Violence or engaged in Workplace Harassment or Workplace Sexual Harassment is, without limitation, subject to remedial, disciplinary and/or legal

action up to and including, dismissal for cause/discharge for just cause. “All complaints of workplace violence, harassment or sexual harassment are dealt with in as sensitive and confidential manner as possible, as are all human resources issues touching upon individual employees of the town. Therefore, the town is not at liberty to discuss the specifics of any particular situation ... in a public forum, and we will not be making any further comment on the allegations that are now circulating.” Lyon, whose husband was one of three firefighters dismissed earlier this year, wanted to talk about Carrie Ann Wilson’s dismissal. “We’re just trying to support Carrie Ann and figure out why she was fired. We need to know why,” says Lyon. “She reported sexual harassment on the fire department in the workplace, and as a result there was an investigation and she was the one who ended up fired. The firefighters that defended her

were either reprimanded or fired. The person that was harassing is still on the fire department. The town needs to address sexual harassment.” And Lyon is frustrated they aren’t able to speak to council. “I understand with COVID issues that we can’t have anyone in the chambers, but it does concern me that they did not want anyone to speak in front of council. They repeatedly use this HR (human resources) excuse to not address the issue, and I don’t feel that they can hide behind that.” Lyon was hoping new councillor, Mike Vasey, would be able to address the issue. The former Wyoming Fire Chief was sworn in July 29 to the cheers of the protesters listening to an audio feed on their phones outside. Vasey said he would be unable to speak about the issue saying after speaking to the lawyers for the three firefighters who had been fired by the town, he was in a conflict of interest.

## Dawn-Euphemia a good deal on taxes, but not as good as Middlesex

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

It appears people in Dawn-Euphemia get a good deal on taxes. A report prepared by Southwest Middlesex treasurer Kristen McGill, compares property taxes on a \$250,000

home across 18 municipalities. Dawn-Euphemia had the lowest tax rate in all of Lambton County among those compared at \$12.57 of taxes per \$1,000 of tax assessment. This works out to a payment of \$3,141.59 per year on a \$250,000 home. The best tax rate in the survey can

be found east of London in Thames Centre at just \$10 per \$1,000 or \$2,499.58 a year. The highest tax rate is in the lakeside municipality of Dutton-Dunwich where residents pay \$15.76 per \$1,000 of property assessment or \$3,939.70 a year on a \$250,000 home.

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Members of the Wyoming Wranglers take to the field at Canton Park to practice during one of the most unusual baseball seasons ever. Six-feet apart, the teams do drills but there will be no official games in 2020, the year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## A little slice of normal at Canton Park

**Alex Kurial**  
*Local Journalism Initiative*

The boys are back on the field in Wyoming as minor baseball makes its long-awaited summer debut.

The scene is a bit different this year though.

It's still perfect baseball weather as the Wyoming Wranglers take to the field on an August evening. But there's no opposing team, the usually full bleachers at Harry Canton Memorial Park are empty.

Even the 15 year-olds that make up the team have to remain six feet apart from each other.

This is youth baseball in the time of COVID-19. As dialed back as things are though, it has still come a long way even in just the past few weeks.

"Normally around now we're getting ready for our end-of-year tournaments and our provincial tournaments," says Wranglers Coach Craig Steadman.

The Ontario Baseball Association cancelled the season several months ago after physical distancing rules were put in place. Not wanting to impact their development, the team had to get creative to work around the restrictions.

Like many connections made during the pandemic, the team turned to video calls. "We got them together and we looked at simulations of major league games and mechanics to break down all that kind of stuff," says Steadman. "And we got in some trivia and stuff there. I think at that time the biggest thing was to keep the boys in touch they weren't really doing anything together. So, that gave us some time to chat."

As restrictions eased during the summer the possibility of returning to the diamond began to arise.

There wouldn't be a season, but the boost from just being able to take the field was huge for the team.

"It feels great," says Wrangler player Tristan Nemcek on being back at practice. "The first couple of months that we were in quarantine was getting kind of boring. Being in the house all day was tough, so it's great to be out doing active stuff with the other kids."

Steadman, who teaches Grade 8 students, says these interactions are especially

important in a time of isolation. "Kids don't see each other on a regular basis, they've been out of school since March. So just getting out and seeing each other and putting in the work," Steadman says are key for both physical and mental health.

Practice is of course different. Distancing is ensured during all drills to comply with current rules. While baseball is not typically a contact sport, this can still be a tough ask for kids.

"It's a lot harder staying six feet apart," says Nemcek. "In baseball there's a lot of times where we're doing drills altogether in a big group, and now we have to space that out and do some stuff on our own."

For most of July – while outdoor gatherings were capped at 10 people – Steadman and the Wranglers held several different practice sessions to make sure all team members had time on the field. Now in stage three of the province's reopening plan, the entire team can practice at once. It also means the possibility of competitive games this year may not be completely lost.

Steadman is hopeful the team can participate in fall ball starting in September. The league now allows for 50 people in a modified league, which equals two or three teams. Steadman is hoping to be able to schedule games with nearby teams who have also begun practicing.

Whether any games take place this year or not, being able to retake the field in any capacity has been huge for the Wyoming squad both athletically and emotionally.

"The best part about this group is they've been together since they were in rookie ball at eight and nine years old," says Steadman. "They've lived in the same area, they grew up playing together, so they know each other pretty well. They're friends at baseball, they're friends at other sports like hockey and basketball, and then they're buddies at school, too. It's a close-knit group of players and parents, so it's good that way."

Steadman says everyone gets involved; parents, coaches, maintenance crews, and even sponsors to help transition back to baseball. Local collegiate athletes such as Noah Myers and Ty Barclay have even come out to lend expertise to the kids.

"To see all this community involvement, that's what minor ball represents."



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Coach Craig Steadman supervises the reloading of the batting machine during a Sunday night practice for the Wyoming Wranglers as his son plays near the dugout. The ball players gather about once a week for a socially distant practice to hone their skills and build team spirit.





# Sports

## Mooretown falls short for Hockeyville

Mooretown did not make the grade when the Final Four for the 2020 Kraft Hockeyville contest were announced late last week.

The finalists for the \$250,000 grand prize and the right to host a future NHL pre-season contest are from Saskatchewan, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

“Although we were not selected as one of the top four in the Kraft Hockeyville contest, we are very proud of how our community rallied together,” said a statement on the Moore Sports Complex Renewal Facebook page.

“We are dedicated in our campaign for the arena renewal and with you behind us we are confident that we will accomplish our goals.”

The renewal group is seeking to raise \$35 million for substantial upgrades to the aging facility.

## Dupuis signs with Flags, when will season start?

Dylan Dupuis is going home. The Corunna product and alumni of the Mooretown Minor Hockey system has signed with the Mooretown Flags of the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

The 16-year-old winger had 19 goals and 10 assists in 35 regular season and playoff games with the Lambton Jr. Sting U-16 squad last season.

He also played a game each with the Sting U-18 team and the Sarnia Legionnaires. Meantime, despite a Return to Play Plan announced by the Ontario Hockey League, no such plans have yet to be announced by the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Neither the Flags or Petrolia Flyers have received anything concrete, but Flags’ General Manager John Baker expects more information later this month.

Multiple sources say the season will not start before January 1. The OHL says it plans to return on Dec. 1 with a 64-game unbalanced regular season schedule concluding by the end of the April.

## Kyle Dawson signs NLL deal with Rochester

The next stop in Kyle Dawson’s lacrosse journey will be upstate New York.

The Florence product has agreed to a two-year contract with the Rochester Knighthawks of the National Lacrosse League, pending league approval.

The 22-year-old was a third round choice by San Diego in the 2019 NLL draft, but was released before making his debut with the Seals.

The one-time member of the Dresden Jr. Kings of the PJHL played six seasons of Junior B lacrosse in Wallaceburg before heading to Nanaimo, BC to play Junior A in his final year of junior eligibility last season.

He was fifth overall selection by Paris of the Arena Lacrosse League earlier this year and had 19 goals and 32 points in 12 games before that season was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## LCCVI grad wins year end award at St. Clair College

Wyoming’s Chantal DeVlugt has won the Most Improved Player Award at Windsor’s St. Clair College in women’s volleyball for the 2019-20 campaign.

The LCCVI product led the Saints in kills this season and was third in overall points.

She was also ninth in the province in kills.

DeVlugt is a former MVP in volleyball, basketball and volleyball for the Lancers. Her sophomore season with St. Clair will be delayed until the second semester at the earliest.

## Oil City’s Peer named alternate captain

On the heels of naming Joey Ferrera as captain for the coming season, the Sarnia Legionnaires have now completed their leadership group by naming a pair of alternate captains and one of them is Oil City’s Carson Peer.


The 17-year old will begin his second full season in Sarnia whenever the new campaign begins.

Peer contributed seven goals and eight assists in 53 regular season and playoff encounters as a rookie in 2019-20.

The other player to wear the “A” is Ryan Barwitzki.

The veteran rearguard, had a goal and 15 helpers in 48 regular season and playoff games last season.

He is entering his third season with the Legionnaires.



**TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE**

**THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council of the Township of Warwick will hold a special meeting, pursuant to Section 26(3) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, for the purposes of discussing the revisions that may be required as part of an upcoming update to the City’s Official Plan. The Special Council Meeting will be held as follows:

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020  
6:00 P.M.  
Warwick Community Centre  
7074 Egremont Rd, Watford.**

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL** is to discuss the revisions that may be required to the Official Plan. It is intended to provide an opportunity for the public to offer comments regarding any issue or matter that should be considered during the Official Plan Review process. Members of Township Council will also be providing input on their issues or matters to be considered during the Official Plan review.

**BACKGROUND ON THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW**

The Township of Warwick Official Plan outlines the Township’s goals, objectives, and policies primarily used to support growth, economic development, and building Warwick’s future. The plan also establishes a framework for managing the effects of growth on the social, economic and natural environment of the municipality. The existing Official Plan was approved by the Lambton County in 2010.

The Planning Act requires that an Official Plan be updated to ensure that it: conforms with provincial plans, or does not conflict with them; has regard to matters of provincial interest; is consistent with provincial policy statements; and conforms to the County of Lambton Official Plan. Taking into account the timing of the adoption of the 2010 Official Plan, the new Official Plan for Lambton County, the introduction of a 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and amendments to the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, the Township has initiated a comprehensive update to its Official Plan.

**SUBJECT LANDS**

The update to the Official Plan will affect all lands within the municipal boundary of the Township of Warwick. Accordingly, no key map is provided.

**YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT**

Any person may attend the special public meeting and/or provide written or a verbal representation. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may provide written comments by submitting them to the address below.

**Mail:** Official Plan Review, Township of Warwick, Warwick Township Office; 6332 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON. N0M 2S0

A copy of the agenda for the special public meeting of council, including a staff report and any attachments, will be available by 12 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020.

The Township’s current Official Plan may be reviewed on the Township Website at [www.warwicktownship.ca](http://www.warwicktownship.ca)

**NOTICE OF COLLECTION**

Personal information collected as a result of this public meeting is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), the Planning Act, and all other relevant legislation, and will be used to assist in making a decision on this matter. All personal information (as defined by MFIPPA), including (but not limited to) names, addresses, opinions and comments collected will be made available for public disclosure to members of the public, at the meeting, through requests, and through the website of The Corporation of the Township of Warwick. Questions regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of this personal information may be directed to the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Warwick Township Office; 6332 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON. N0M 2S0

This notice published on August 6, 2020 and August 13, 2020.

**COVID-19 Information:**

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Residents who do not wish to attend the meeting in person have the option of submitting their comments in writing. Both in person and written comments are equally valued.

**Amanda Gubbels  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
Township of Warwick**



**Town of Plympton-Wyoming**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
CONCERNING OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming will hold a Special Meeting on **Wednesday September 16th, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.** at the Camlachie Community Centre (6767 Camlachie Road, Camlachie) to consider the revisions which may be required to the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Official Plan under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. The Special Meeting is being held pursuant to Section 26(3) of the Planning Act.

**THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW** may revise any or all the policies of the Official Plan through consultation with the public, various Town and County departments and external agencies to which the policies may be applicable.

**THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT** of the proposed Special Meeting is to provide an opportunity to obtain information, ask questions, or make comments regarding the proposed Official Plan Review.

**NO KEY MAP** has been provided as the Official Plan Review affects all areas in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the Special Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, any policy in the Official Plan.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS** in respect of the Official Plan Review can be made to the Clerk of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** will be available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices at 546 Niagara Street, Wyoming and at the Public Meeting. Information can also be obtained by contacting the County of Lambton Planning and Development Services Department at 519-845-0801 (ext. 5350).

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In Memory

In loving memory of a cherished

Husband, Father, and Grandpa

William

Bilton

Who passed away August 12, 2019

Deep in our hearts


you will always stay,

Loved and missed everyday.

Mary Lou,


Karen (Mike), Bill (Janice)

Jacie (Scott), Mitch, Pat (Fiona), Ryan (Shanna)



Card of Thanks

Thank You



The family of the late,

IMELDA LASSALINE

wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who supported us during her illness and passing.

We especially want to thank the staff at Albany Retirement Village, CEE Hospital, St. Philips Catholic Church and Needham-Jay Funeral Home for their compassion.

The thoughtfulness shown by friends and family means more than words can ever say.

Chuck Lassaline, SR & family

Card of Thanks

Thank You

Covid wouldn't allow us to have the big party, but we were grateful to all our family, friends and customers for all your gifts, phone calls, cards, flowers and delicious meals.

From the bottom of our hearts, we sincerely thank you all.

Rudy & Marianne Terpstra



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Death Notices

August 1 - August 10, 2020

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

OLIVER, David Jordon

Age 29, of Stony Point

Denning's of Forest

BRANDER, Jean

Age 98, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

SITTER, Lenora June

Age 78, of Sarnia

McCormack Funeral Home

MANDEVILLE, William Bryon

Age 94, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

NEWMAN, Dorothy

Age 96, of Sarnia

McKenzie & Blundy Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

WILLIAMS, Rudy Mitchell

Age 79, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

JOHNSON, Jane

Age 85, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

DALRYMPLE, Eva Marguerite

Age 93, of Corunna

Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

LOVELL, Gwendolyn Pearl

Age 86, of Corunna

Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

SEGUIN, Judy Elizabeth

Age 75, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

NICKELS, Ann "Louise"

Age 77, of Sarnia

Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

DOYLE, John David

Age 59, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

CSUCS, Lori Ann

Age 61, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

VAN GOETHEM, Beryl

Age 85, of Sarnia

McKenzie & Blundy Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

MACDONALD, Wm James

Age 75, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

BURCH, Bill

Age 89, of Petrolia

Needham-Jay Funeral Home

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

Celebrations


HAPPY 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Don McNally

August 18, 1955

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

from your "Spork" Friends



Happy 80th Birthday

August 6, 2020

Rose McDonald

of Vener Ontario formally Petrolia.

She's the Sweetest

Rose we know!

Love All Your Family & Your Friends



Wanted to Buy

WANTED TO BUY - **ANYTHING OLD** including signs, bottles, canning jars, jewelry, tins, paper items, pottery, old lighters, old razors, rustic pieces, etc. Single items to entire estates. **CALL CHAD 519-639-9102.**

For Sale

KERI-OUT TYE-DYE T-SHIRTS

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Unique Driftwood Birdhouses.

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DRIVE-OUT DISPLAY DAILY.

Obituary



NICKELS

Ann "Louise"

Peacefully on **Friday, August 7, 2020** at St. Joseph's Hospice, Sarnia, Ann Louise Nickels passed away at the age of **77**. Beloved wife of the late John "Nick" Nickels (2015). Loving mother of Carrie (Kerry) Cashabeck of Petrolia and Greg (Cathy) Nickels of Belle River. Proud grandmother of Katie (Jeff) Steadman of Petrolia, Michelle Cashabeck (Shane) of Calgary, Zach Nickels of London, Jake Nickels and Cameron Nickels of Belle River. Cherished G.G. of Haily and Linkin Steadman. Louise's family would like to thank Dr. Daniel, Dr. Kim and all of the wonderful V.O.N. staff. A special thank-you to all the caring and compassionate staff at St. Joseph's Hospice. **At Louise's request there will be no funeral service. Sympathy may be expressed through donations to St. Joseph's Hospice (www.stjosephshospice.ca). Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.steadmanbrothers.ca.** Arrangements entrusted to STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, Brigden 519-864-1193.

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
Aug 14-16	Forest	2020 Annual Western Ontario Steam Thresher Reunion
Aug 15	Inwood	Inwood Fireman's Association Annual Chicken BBQ & Ball Tournament
Aug 16	Camlachie	Fish n' Chips at Camlachie united Church
Aug 21-23	Alvinston	Alvinston Pro Rodeo www.alvinstonprorodeo.com
Aug 22	Alvinston	Alvinston Arts & Music Fest
Aug 22	Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming Truck and Tractor Pull
Aug 23	Alvinston	Alvinston & District Optmist Club's Cowboy Breakfast
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
Oct 2-4	Alvinston	Brooke-Alvinston Watford 2020 Fall Fair
Oct 9-12	Brigden	Brigden 2020 Fall Fair



SCARING AWAY COVID-19



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The annual Watford Cornfest took on a different look as the activities were scaled back because of COVID-19 restrictions. The Watford Warwick Horticultural Society's annual Scarecrow Contest poked some fun at the current situation, asking kids and their families to either create a funny scarecrow or something under the heading Kicking COVID. Sunday, a line of antique cars toured the town checking out all the unique creations.

Lotto thief's luck runs out

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

A Kettle Point woman admitted to a series of gas station and convenience store thefts, the last of which ended in a high speed police chase through several farm fields in Chatham-Kent.

Jessica Kaczanowski, 35, admitted July 23 to taking part in four separate thefts in 2018 and 2019 that spanned Komoka, Strathroy, Parkhill and Thamesville. She plead guilty to eight charges.

Kaczanowski and a former boyfriend had a method to their heists. She would distract the store clerk by claiming to need help at the back of the store. When the clerk came to assist, her partner would reach over the counter and remove trays of scratch tickets. The pair would leave, with the clerks not noticing the theft until hours later.

Their success ended in October 2018 during another attempt at knocking off a store. This time the man asked the clerk to take out the tickets so he could choose one personally. He then grabbed the entire tray and ran out of the store.

Kaczanowski was waiting outside and the pair sped away.

But both were arrested after police identified the truck on surveillance video.

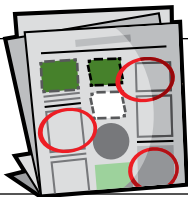
The next summer Kaczanowski and the man pumped \$20 of gas at a Thamesville station and took off without paying. Police located the vehicle and learned it had been stolen.

By this point the man was leading the cops on a high speed chase. He drove through several farm fields damaging the crops. He also hit a cop car. He eventually stopped along the Bear Line in Dover Township and abandoned his passengers by fleeing in a stolen boat.

Kaczanowski and the other passenger were arrested.

A combination of marine, canine and drone units were eventually able to capture the man.

Both the crown and defense agreed Kaczanowski's actions were fueled by a drug addiction and poor relationship choices. Justice Deborah Austin agreed a six month conditional sentence followed by a year of probation.



Classifieds

Classified Deadline:  
Monday @ 12 noon

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

Business & Service Directory

**BOURQUE RENOVATIONS**  
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Additions • Renovations  
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Trim Work • Custom Carpentry  
329 Centre St., Petrolia  
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**519-882-3344**

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**Steve Greer**  
Owner  
4396 Nauvoo Rd.  
Watford ON  
N0M 2S0  
519-494-1855  
gbexc@brktel.on.ca  
gbexcavating.ca

**COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING**  
MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 6 FEET (2 METERS) FROM OTHERS & remember to WEAR YOUR MASK!

**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  
Find us on Facebook





# Mandatory Mask Use in Petrolia's Indoor Public Spaces

Effective Friday, August 14, 2020

Starting Friday, the Town of Petrolia requires **everyone over the age of nine** to wear a mask in indoor public spaces. This excludes anyone unable to wear a face covering as a result of a medical condition or a disability.



## Wear your mask properly!

Masks can include: medical grade mask or nonmedical cloth mask or other face covering, including a bandana, scarf or other fabric that covers the nose, mouth and chin.



## Enforcement

Anyone found not wearing a mask could face a fine of up to \$1,000.

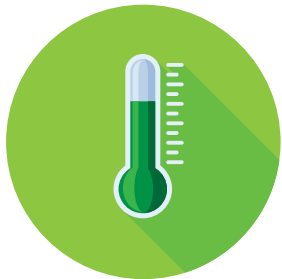
## Any Indoor Public Spaces

may include but not limited to businesses, restaurants, arenas, and more.

Also, a waiting area, lobby, service counter, washroom, hallway, stairwell and elevator are included.

For the full list go to [town.petrolia.on.ca](http://town.petrolia.on.ca)

*Together we can do this! Thank you for doing your part!*



**STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**

*"Masks are not the only defense, but they play a vital role in protecting people. Masks are an adjunct to the other recommended health measures of frequent hand washing and sanitizing, as well as physical distancing in the overall goal of reducing the spread."*

for more information visit the Town of Petrolia Facebook page or go to [town.petrolia.on.ca](http://town.petrolia.on.ca)

