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Lancers to graduate virtually

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

The Lambton-Kent District School Board has called off the planning of socially distanced in-person ceremonies for June 2020 graduates - including at LCCVI in Petrolia, citing Ontario's new restrictions on physical gatherings.

Following the COVID outbreak in the spring, most schools postponed their summer graduations and rescheduled them for the fall or winter in hopes things might improve. But with indoor gatherings now limited to 10 people the board decided these ceremonies were no longer possible.

"Graduations have been something that

we were quite hopeful in celebrating and having our students cross the stage this fall to receive their diplomas," says Director of Education John Howitt.

"Unfortunately with the announcement (reducing indoor gatherings to 10 people) the very creative graduation planning that was going on at our secondary schools... is just not going to be possible," Howitt says.

The board asked that schools now develop plans for virtual graduations, to take place over the next few months. Howitt said the virtual ceremonies were well received for Grade 8 graduations, and at Wallaceburg District Secondary School - the lone high school that performed a virtual graduation in June.

Second Lambton COVID-19 wave 'inevitable'

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton's medical officer of health isn't surprised to see the number of COVID-19 cases surge in Ontario.

And he says it is inevitable Lambton will see more people infected during the second wave.

The province reported 1,254 new cases across the province Monday and Tuesday. There were 700 new infections Monday alone - the highest number of cases since the pandemic began. The centre of the second wave of cases is clearly the Greater Toronto Area.

That, Dr. Sudit Ranade says, was not unexpected. "Every place around the world showed that as they open up more places...

the case numbers go up...that's what we're seeing now...we expected that will happen.

"The more spaces you open up for people to congregate, the more cases you'll have."

While the number of new COVID-19 cases in Ontario has hit a record high, Lambton reported only one person had tested positive over the weekend. There have now been seven cases in the region in all of September.

Ranade says that could change very quickly. During a Monday news conference, Ranade says some people in Lambton are not as concerned about the rising number of COVID-19 cases because it is concentrated in large cities.

"Just because it is over there, doesn't mean it's not here," he says.

SEE COVID-19 PG 3

Second driver in deadly crash fined \$1000

Alex Kurial
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As Sehajpreet Singh's car hurtled down Oil Heritage Road he knew he and his friend in a BMW ahead of him were going too fast.

Thursday, he admitted to careless driving in an incident linked to a deadly crash on a winding stretch of the road near Aberfeldy Line.

Three St. Clair College students died when the BMW they were travelling in left Oil Heritage Rd. just south of Oil Springs in the early hours of Oct. 4, 2019. The driver is still facing charges in connection with the accident.

Five months after the crash, Lambton

OPP arrested Sehajpreet Singh for being involved.

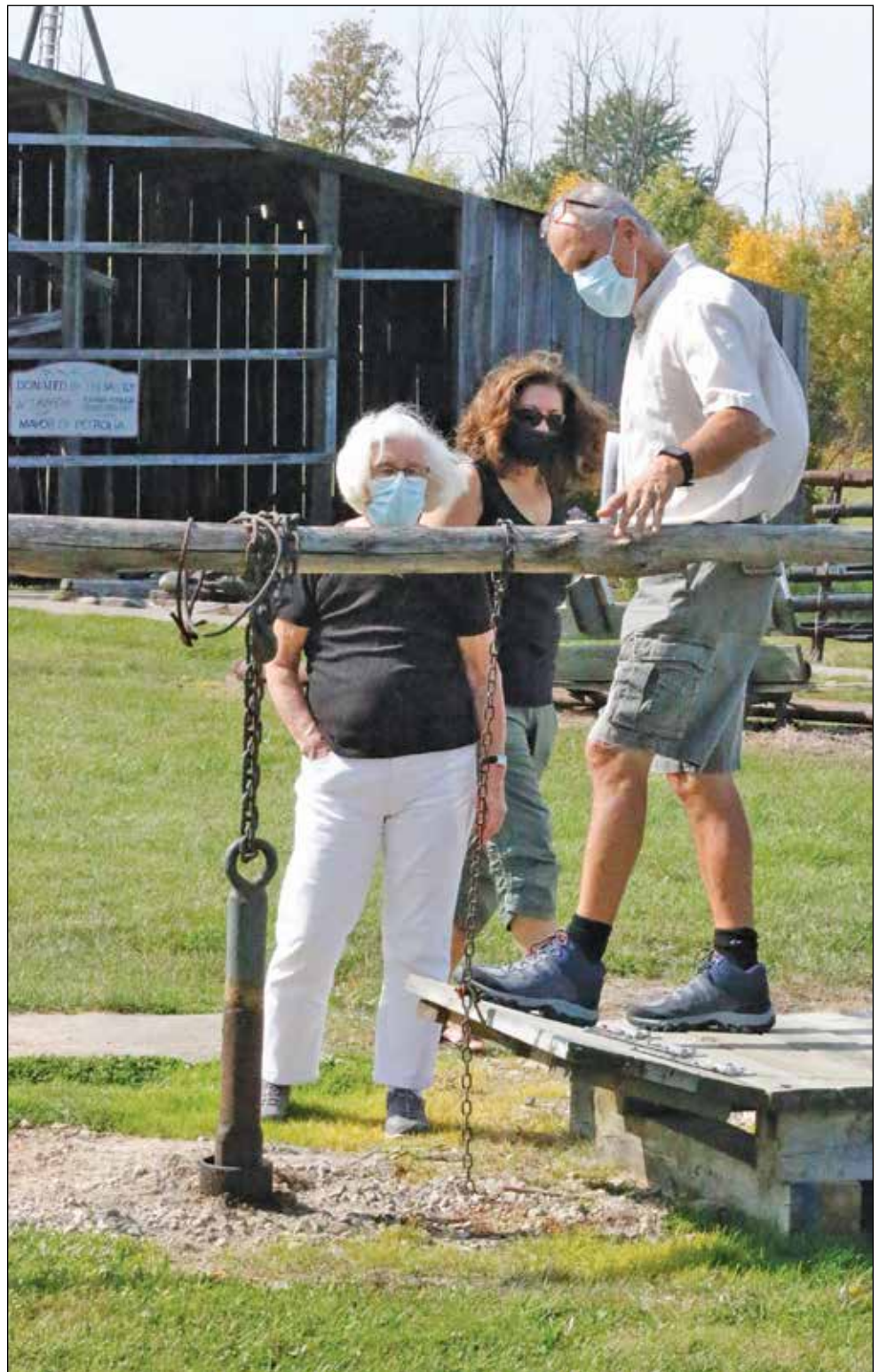
Singh's link to the crash was discovered following an examination of the wrecked BMW. An audio file - which had to be sent to an interpreter - was found that proved Singh and the driver of the BMW were talking on the phone while speeding down Oil Heritage Line just before the crash.

On that call, Singh expressed concern at the BMW's high rate of speed saying he was driving 180 km/h so the BMW must be going more than 200 km/h.

Court heard that Singh was picking up his wife from work at High Park Farms on Lasalle Road around 1 am.

SEE CARELESS DRIVING PG 3

DISCOVERING PETROLIA DISCOVERY



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Steve Bigec of London checks out one of the jerker lines at Petrolia Discovery Saturday afternoon, while his mother, Flori of Petrolia, looks on. The historic site hosted an open house and an art show which a large number of people over the course of the day.



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Prison and \$172K for Duststop arsonist

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The man who intentionally set the Duststop Air Filter factory in Petrolia on fire will spend two-and-a-half years in prison.

Jacob Bondy, 41 from Sarnia, plead guilty to the July 24 arson – along with several other charges – on Sept. 22 and was sentenced Thursday.

Bondy was ordered to pay more than \$170,000 to the Duststop owners for the damage he caused.

A surveillance video showed Bondy – who worked at the Centre Street plant at the time of the fire – walking into the area.

The video shows Bondy walking around the Duststop facility just after 6:30 pm holding a small rag. He checks for other employees, and after finding the room empty moves behind a conveyor belt.

Bondy can then be seen hurling a lit object across the room. He quickly walks away from the fire and leaves. The fire slowly grows before erupting into a blaze, prompting an evacuation and call to the fire department.

While it was clear Bondy was the arsonist, a reason for the fire was never given and Bondy chose not to speak when offered a chance by the judge.

Bondy’s lawyer, David Stoesser, says Bondy suffered a “catastrophic head injury” during a car crash in 2000.

Austin accepted that this injury “fundamentally changed him in terms of his mental health and functioning, and how his life unfolded.”

Stoesser says following the crash Bondy developed kleptomania and ADD, as well as a criminal record for various property crimes. Stoesser says his client has difficulty controlling his impulses, and believed this led to the arson.

“From my view of the surveillance video at the site of the arson, impulse control certainly factors in,” Stoesser says.

But Crown attorney Sarah Carmody didn’t accept this position. “That is a more deliberate offense in which decisions had to be made... It’s not just grabbing an item from a store and leaving,” she says of the arson.

Austin also did not believe the arson could be blamed on any mental health issues. “He was not known to have a motive that

is any reason to be disgruntled with his employer, a fellow employee, or place of employment,” she says. “It cannot be seen as attributable to kleptomania, and it is not causally linked... with any mental health condition.

“It didn’t appear to have the hallmark of an impulsive act. It appeared to be deliberate and malicious, and it appeared to be without any comprehensible motive,” says Austin.

Bondy received 28 months for the arson and an additional two months and 13 days that he had remaining on a conditional discharge prior to being arrested.

Justice Deborah Austin had harsh words for the original enforcement of the conditional sentence. Bondy’s first two theft attempts took place in January, but he was allowed to remain out of custody and went on to commit nine more crimes including the arson.

“As of January 2020... this plan and this sentence was clearly off the rails,” Austin said of the conditional sentence. “The community-based measures failed to protect the community or bind Mr. Bondy to behave within the boundaries of the law prior to his detention and this sentencing.”

On restitution, Carmody was seeking \$25,000 for Duststop’s owners and \$1.75 million for their insurance company Sedgwick Canada. Total damage is estimated between \$2.5-2.7 million.

Stoesser countered there should be no restitution orders, and that the matter should be left to the civil court.

Austin ordered Bondy to compensate Duststop for \$171,765. This includes a \$25,000 insurance deductible as well as \$146,765 in property damage not covered by insurance that the owners have to pay.

Austin said in cases like these there’s a “high interest on the part of the court to make a victim whole financially where possible.

“The business owners were put through an extraordinary amount of work, stress, and emotional turmoil to deal with the devastating impact of this fire on the business,” says Austin, noting a victim impact statement from owner Kevin Goodhand.

But the judge did not order any compensation to Sedgwick. The company will have to pursue any potential settlement in the civil court.

Councillor questions opening of Alvinston arena

Heather Wright
The Independent

Brooke-Alvinston’s arena will be opening in a week, but at least one councillor isn’t sure it is a good idea.

Brooke-Alvinston council agreed Thursday to bar spectators from the arena this year because of concerns about COVID-19. A report from Public Works Manager Randy Hills says minor hockey and skating will be allowed up to 50 people in the arena at one time, and they will manage who it is. Other spectators will not be allowed.

“By eliminating spectators, the organizations are able to navigate these unprecedented times in developing their own training and practice sessions,” reads Hills report.

But Councillor Jamie Armstrong says the municipality should not be opening the arena, especially since the province recently reduced the number of people allowed in one space indoors from 50 to 10 in private gatherings. The new rule does not apply to places like arenas and gyms.

“I personally think that we should just not open because we are opening ourselves up to a whole can of worms,” says Armstrong. “People with over 10 (people in the family) can’t even have Thanksgiving, and we’re talking about open an arena that’s got all kinds of families. So it makes absolutely zero sense.”

“If you don’t think people are going to be watching the arena and start making reports, and start bringing police in, because they don’t think that people are following the rules, we’re going to get dragged into this, whether we like it or not.”

Councillor Frank Nemcek disagreed. He says the local children are looking forward to getting back on the ice. “Maybe not have the grandparents in the arena, like it says in the report, but it’s not fair to all those kids that we just close the door,” says Nemcek.

Mayor Dave Ferguson says the municipality will follow all the rules and deal with any problems as they come. The ice will go in this week and be ready for hockey and figure skating by Oct. 5.

There will be no drop in skating programs this year.



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Goldleaf Developments brings its plan to Petrolia council Oct. 23.

Valentina to be connected with development

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plans for a new seniors development tucked behind a woodlot off Valentina Street will be brought to Petrolia council Oct. 23.

But the development is already raising concerns according to at least one councillor.

Goldleaf Development plans a 50-unit condominium development on the land on the corner of Valentina and Edward Street.

The development, according to Mike Thompson, director of operations for the Town of Petrolia, the 1,300 square foot two bedroom luxury units will be built on a private road which the developer will own.

It will connect on both sides with Valentina Street.

That, according to Councillor Don Welten,

has some people worried.

“A lot of people are coming to me about this,” he told council Monday. “One of the big concerns is a road going straight through... people don’t want the street going straight though.”

Thompson says the street through the community will be a narrow road which winds its way through the development. He expects that will deter people from using the road as a way to cut through to the other side of Valentina.

“If I lived back on Joe St., I’d still continue to go down Oozloffsky,” says Councillor Joel Field. I don’t anticipate more traffic this way.”

The municipal council still has to look at the site plan. The company on its website says it hopes to have units ready for people to move in in the fall or winter 2021.

COVID-19 likely to make Lambton comeback

CON’T FROM PG 1

“Essentially, it is only a matter of time...and it will be largely linked to travel patterns out of our jurisdiction.”

Ranade says people have to have “The COVID talk” with family, asking “what are the risks they’re willing to accept by meeting” before getting together.

And he recommends “severely limiting

social circles” to keep the number of people you associate with limited since each one of those people has had contact with others.

The province has already limited indoor gatherings to 10 people and outdoor gatherings to 25.

It ordered bars and restaurants to move last call to 11 pm and close by midnight. It also closed down strip clubs across the province.

Careless driving plea nets man \$1,000 fine

CON’T FROM PG 1

His Chevy Cruze had four passengers, including Singh’s wife, as it left to drive south on Oil Heritage Rd returning home to Windsor.

Singh found himself following a BMW driven by Jovanpreet Singh. Sehajpreet Singh overtook the BMW – which was carrying four people inside – at a high rate of speed. The BMW quickly passed the Chevy Cruze again.

Court heard it was a rainy night causing slick roads.

Shortly after this Jovanpreet Singh lost control of the BMW as he entered the curve at Oil Heritage and Aberfeldy Line. The car was travelling 210 km/h.

The BMW went off the road and struck a stop sign, rolling so violently the roof was torn off. Three passengers in the back seat – Harpreet Kour, Gurvinder Singh, and Tanveer Singh – were thrown from the vehicle.

All three were pronounced dead at the scene.

Jovanpreet Singh, 23, was charged with three counts of dangerous operation of a vehicle causing death, dangerous operation causing bodily harm, three counts of criminal negligence causing death, criminal negligence causing bodily harm, and obstructing a police officer.

Crown attorney Melanie Nancekievill acknowledged that Sehajpreet Singh did not play a literal physical role in the deadly crash, but that driving double the speed limit

in a rural area on a rainy night amounted to careless driving.

Sehajpreet Singh was arrested more than five months later following the discovery of the audio file. Sept. 24, he pled guilty to careless driving and was fined \$1,000.

Defense lawyer Tyler MacDonald says we should not expect any repeat behavior from his client.

“The whole process has been a huge eye opener... He saw firsthand what can happen when someone goes much too fast and loses control of a vehicle,” says MacDonald.

“The shock of all of that, he’s told me he’s done everything that’s necessary to make him not even think of driving at excessive speeds again,” MacDonald says.

Justice Krista Leszczynski was satisfied Singh has learned his lesson.

“I accept the positions... that based on what you observed and what ultimately occurred on that date, that will drive home the message to you not to engage in this type of careless driving ever again in your life,” she says.

“Obviously you are very lucky, as is your wife, that you were not involved in a collision as a result of the excessive speed that you were driving on that particular night. I trust that that will not occur again – correct?” says Leszczynski.

“It will never happen again,” Singh responded.

Teen arrested in Circle K robbery

The Independent

A teenager has been arrested in connection with a robbery at Circle K in Petrolia.

Lambton OPP, in a news release Tuesday at 6:30 pm, said a 15 year-old from Lambton County has been arrested.

Around 5:30 am Sept. 15, a man walked into the store “brandishing weapons.” Sources say it was a gun.

The thief took lottery tickets and a small amount of cash from the register.

He then fled.

Members of the OPP Tactical Unit and the Canine Unit were patrolling neighbourhoods in Petrolia’s downtown for hours after the robbery without finding the suspect.

The OPP did not say when the arrest occurred but say the 15 year-old faces charges of robbery using a firearm, wearing a disguise with intent and possession of an imitation weapon for a dangerous purpose. The teen has been released from custody to appear in court later.

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Editorial

Ontario’s two big pandemic problems

As the number of people contracting COVID-19 starts to rise again across Canada, Ontario has at least two big problems - testing and a growing apathy and disbelief about the virus.

First, the province’s testing system is being overwhelmed. Premier Doug Ford said “alarm bells are ringing” last week as the number of people testing positive for the novel coronavirus topped 400. Monday, there were 700 new cases, about two-thirds of them in the Toronto region.

That’s making people nervous and more people are being tested.

More people are going to nursing homes to care for family, however with fall upon us, more of those visits will take place indoors and that requires people without symptoms to be tested, adding to the burden.

And on top of this schools are back in session and there are very strict COVID-19 protocols. Anyone with a sniffle or a cough is expected to be at home, unless they have a COVID-19 test to prove it is just a sniffle and a cough.

That’s led to long waits for people who are seeking out testing. In some places in the province, people wait in line for up to nine hours for a COVID-19 test or even just a spot in a line for a test. By Tuesday, 54,000 people were still waiting for their test results. That’s troublesome.

The federal government is poised to use rapid testing, but it hasn’t been approved by Health Canada yet. Until then, it is up to all of us to stay home when we’re even slightly under the weather and keep six feet from other people.

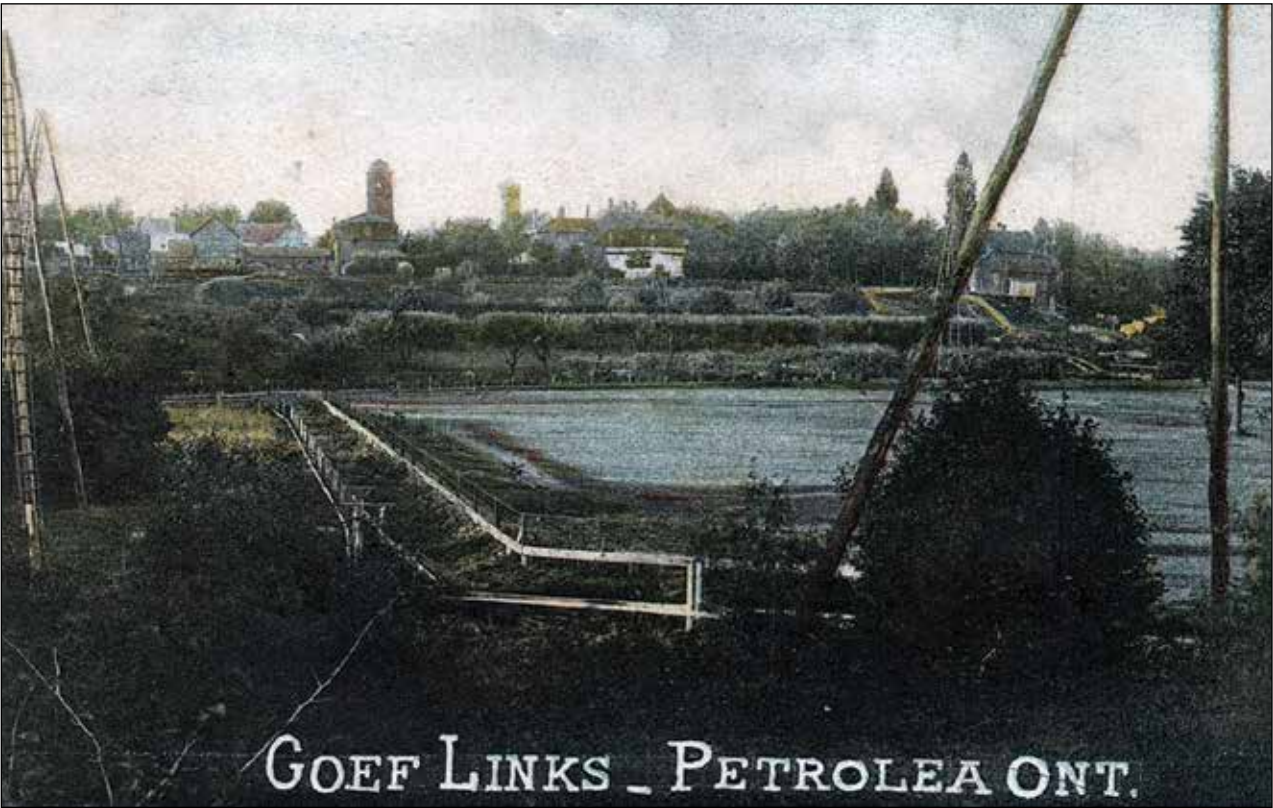
And that’s where our other problem comes in. Lambton residents are becoming increasingly weary of the pandemic way of life. They want to go back to normal. Others are vocal in their opinions that this virus isn’t real or the government has over reacted, seeking only to control us. While we understand the concerns about the temporary loss of personal freedoms, ignoring COVID-19’s destruction will only lead to more death and devastation.

We need only look south of the border to see what COVID-19 can do if governments don’t step in.

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Our Story



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION

An early coloured postcard of Glenview Golf Course. The home of Jake and Charlotte Englehart can be seen in the postcard as well as the tower of town hall. While historians know the spelling of Petrolia had changed, it wasn't well known that golf had a different spelling as well.

Blissfully unaware Lambton’s changing seasons

I know it’s fall.
I know people are getting all pumpkin-spicy and big fall sweater-y.
I’ve seen the scarecrows dotting the landscape and the combines taking in the soybeans.
I’ve noticed all these things and I reject them. I am still clinging to summer. And by the look of the last weekend in September, Mother Nature is with me on this.
This weekend was the absolute best of summery weather; hot, but not too hot; sunny but not get-a-burn-in-a-minute sunny; shorts weather and yes, even swimming weather.
Our family is notorious for swimming well past the time most sane and logical people do. Last year, my husband, Barry, took a dip in Lake Huron on the first day of November.

Yep, certifiable to most people, a regular event in the Wright household.
When Barry was young, his family had a heated pool. It became a tradition to go for a dip with his dad on his birthday, Oct. 10. So, when he met me, and learned that I was unable to let summer go until frostbite set in, he was mostly all in.
The first few years we were married, we would travel to the Bruce Peninsula for a late fall vacation. The weather was the absolute best of the year - the days were 25 Celsius and sunny and the nights were cool enough that a wood stove was comforting. You might think that would be a good clue that swimming would be, shall we say, brisk.
But, without a shower in my parents humble cottage, the lake was the best

way to feel clean and refreshed.
The neighbours had a thermometer hanging from the dock; one year I think we swam in 54 F.
There is no thermostat at a public beach in Lambton, so we, and now our children, enter Lake Huron blissfully unaware of the depths the temperature has plunged. Until we hit the water. For now, a half hour swim is still pleasant. We’ll see what October brings.



Heather Wright

CORRECTION

In the page 7 story of *The Independent’s* Sept. 24, 2020 edition in a story titled *Petrolia cuts number of council meetings in 2021*, there was an error. In fact, Petrolia council will only meet 16 times this year after cancelling one meeting due to the pandemic. Seven of those meetings were scheduled to have education meetings. A budget meeting is also planned for October. *The Independent* regrets the error.

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Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu was getting an education about this year’s soybean harvest from Grain Farmers’ of Ontario District Representative Emery Huszka and the Lambton Grain Farmers’ Treasurer Julie Maw at Maw’s family farm near Brigden. Lambton farmers have been harvesting soybeans for about a week now under excellent conditions. Soybeans are largest crop in the county bringing in about 30 per cent of the estimated \$582.72 million of farm generated income in Lambton according to the 2016 census.

Petrolia cancels parade over COVID-19 concerns

Heather Wright
The Independent

“We’re still going to find a way to get Santa to the kids.”
That from Laurissa Ellsworth, Petrolia’s director of marketing arts and communication after a late night meeting where town officials cancelled this year’s Santa Claus parade in its traditional form.
During Monday night’s meeting, councillors approved the Sept. 2 minutes of the Community Services Committee, which hosts the parade.
In it, the theme for the parade – Under the Sea – was chosen. It seemed like the parade was a go for Dec. 5 despite the rising numbers of

COVID-19 cases in Ontario and pleas from public health officials to reduce the number of people in social circles to the bare minimum to stem the second wave.
Ellsworth says after the council meeting, she, the town’s Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire Chief Jay Arns, and the Director of Community Services, Dave Menzies met via teleconference and decided conditions had changed so much in the month since the community services committee met, the parade could not be held. “It’s just the way the (COVID-19 case) numbers are right now,” says Ellsworth.
She says even with spreading out the parade route and encouraging people

only to watch the event with their family, “there is no way to make sure people don’t gather.”
“The Community Services Advisory Committee wanted to do their best to put something positive out there for groups and families to participate in for this years’ Petrolia Christmas Parade but after very careful consideration and close attention to the rising numbers provincially, we just couldn’t proceed,” says Menzies in a news release.
Ellsworth says the committee and town staff are looking for other ways to celebrate Christmas and have Santa make an appearance, making sure all the pandemic protocols and everyone stays safe.

Inwood fire hall sold; association to set up scholarships

Heather Wright
The Independent

The Inwood Firemens’ Association plans to set up a scholarship and community grant fund after selling the former Inwood fire hall.
The hall, which until 2020 was home to the Inwood fire department and a community hall, was sold this week to an undisclosed buyer for an undisclosed amount of money, according to firemens’ association president Brian Podolinsky. The deal is closes at the end of the month.
The hall had become a point of contention between the association and the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston. In 2019, the municipality wanted to work out a new lease with the association even though the majority of firefighters at the hall had resigned a year earlier. Without a deal, the municipally removed the trucks Jan. 1.
Recently, council agreed with a consultants report which said a fire presence in Inwood wasn’t necessary

at this time, and put tentative plans to build a new hall in the community on hold.
Recently, Councillor Jamie Armstrong urged council to consult with the people of Inwood to see if they still needed a community hall. At the Sept. 24 meeting, councillors agreed a survey on the issue.
The questions include whether the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre in Alvinston serves Inwood, whether people would use rooms in the local library for small meetings, whether the municipality should fund a new hall and if people are willing to pay more taxes for it.
The survey also points out that the BIACCC is not booked to capacity and in 2019, cost the municipality \$321,537 to run.
Podolinsky says people in Inwood have expressed disappointment that there would no longer be a spot for weddings and stag and does in Inwood. And he says, from a business standpoint, the idea of another hall doesn’t make sense when Inwood had a hall which the municipality only leased. Podolinsky say the taxes the firemens’ association paid and the fees the municipality used to receive from Dawn-Euphemia and Enniskillen for Inwood fire coverage would have paid that \$20,000 lease.
“It’s too bad but it is what it is,” he says. “If you can’t work with your municipality, you can’t do anything about it.”
Podolinsky adds Brooke-Alvinston did offer to buy the hall – for a dollar. That offer was refused.
The association now plans to set up a special fund with the money raised from the sale of the building. Podolinsky says a new committee will provide \$10,000 in scholarships each year for one or two students and community grants to organizations.
Podolinsky says that fund could make an impact in the community for 15 to 25 years. “Hopefully the name (of the Inwood Firemens’ Association) can live on a little longer.”

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Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen - even for a short period of time.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking, or carry around a wooden spoon as a reminder
- If you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, don't cook. Place a delivery order!

PUT

a lid on it

You can take simple steps to keep a small kitchen fire from getting out of control.

- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Never discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire because it will spread the fire.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed until the oven is cool. After the fire, have the oven serviced before using it again.
- If you have a microwave oven fire, turn the appliance off immediately and keep the oven door closed. Have the microwave oven serviced before using it again.

KEEP

cooking areas clear

Clear away clutter and given cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a kitchen fire.

- Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, towels, curtains - away from the stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeve when cooking.
- Have a kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

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Up to a third of students missing in small schools

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

There were a lot of students missing from Lambton’s public school, but Director of Education John Howitt doesn’t believe there’s any cause for alarm just yet.

“I think it was the cold temperature over the weekend that brought out some traditional fall runny noses, sore throats, coughs and sneezes that appear as COVID symptoms, but don’t always test out as COVID symptoms,” Howitt says.

His comments came following a trustee question at last week’s school board meeting about a number of kids who had recently stayed home from school.

In some smaller schools up to one-

third of the student population was missing.

“That was significant in some schools... many of those did go to seek a COVID test,” Howitt says. But he added that “we have not had any positive results from that testing.”

All students and staff must take a daily COVID screening test available on the Ontario government website. The test asks if someone is newly experiencing any of more than 20 possible COVID symptoms. If they answer yes to any one of these they must stay home and monitor their symptoms or take a COVID test.

Howitt says as the weather gets colder and we enter flu season increased absences are likely to continue, but people should not take this as a sign the virus is in schools.

“Unless you see it reported as a known case, then it is not a known case,” says Howitt.

“There are, and were yesterday, and were today, and will likely be tomorrow, both staff and students that will either not report to school, or have to leave school due to symptoms that they are experiencing. That does not automatically mean that COVID is present. That requires a positive test result, which there are none of currently in Lambton Kent.”

On Tuesday, there were two schools across the province closed because of COVID-19.

There have been 308 people test positive in the school setting, including 64 on Tuesday. Two hundred and fifty schools out of over 4,800 have cases of COVID-19.

Lambton’s student testing centres processing 150 test daily

Heather Wright
The Independent

The new student COVID-19 testing sites in Lambton County are busy.

Lambton Public Health set up three sites in Sarnia, Petrolia and Forest where it is directing parents whose children need a COVID-19 test to return to school. Many of the symptoms of the fast spreading virus are similar to colds and flu. And that was placing a strain on the county’s other testing centres.

In the week of Sept. 17, over 1,300 tests were taken in Lambton. This week, there have been 930.

Across the province, parents are waiting in long lines for four hours to get their children tested.

Lambton’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, says all three sites are now “up and running” and about 350 tests were completed in the student centres in the first three days. About 150 tests are being processed daily now.

Ranade also noted Petrolia’s regular

assessment centre at the Central Lambton Family Health Team has moved to an online booking system.

“That’s a really good option,” he says noting many people are calling for appointments but only getting a busy signal. He expects more of the Lambton county sites will use online booking in the future.

Lambton County has had seven people test positive for COVID-19 in the month of September including one on Saturday. Three people are ill right now, but no one is in hospital.

Petrolia politicians reject smaller council for the 2022 election

Heather Wright
The Independent

Petrolia residents will be voting for six councillors during the next election.

Councillors decided not even to study the idea of reducing council to five people.

Former Mayor John McCharles suggested the idea prior to the 2018 election.

Current Mayor Brad Loosley decided to start the conversation about council’s size, asking council to have staff study the impacts of reducing council to the minimum allowed by the province.

But when the idea came up for

discussion Monday, it became clear very quickly councillors were not interested.

Councillor Grant Purdy voiced concern that if a councillor called in sick or had to work, the meeting wouldn’t be able to move forward because there would not be enough people to make decisions.

“I can’t see what we’re going to gain going down to four (councillors),” said Councillor Marty Souch.

Some, like Councillor Joel Field, were torn.

“There are pros and cons both ways; there could be an issue with quorum. Then I weigh out that we are a growing community that has the potential in the next few years to explode,” he

says adding that would increase the workload of councillors.


“If it is saving a few thousand dollars maybe but making sure we have the right representation is important, too.”

In 2019, councillors in Petrolia received a base pay of \$13,338.02 a year. They can also claim expenses for conferences and mileage. They also can tap into the town’s health plan.

On average, that bumps up taxpayers costs for representation about \$3,300 per year.

Only one councillor filed no expenses and received the minimum payment last year – Wade Deighton.

In all, the cost to taxpayers for the mayor and council’s salaries and expenses was \$134,982.33.



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Watford holds tribute parade for The Paint Man

Heather Wright
The Independent

The line seemed unending.

Family and friends of a Watford man who died in a car crash at the corner of London Line and Forest Road Sept. 20 filled the roads on the outskirts of town as they drove by his family paying tribute.

Bob Hollingsworth, 57, was known as The Paint Man and was often seen wearing a Sherwin Williams T-shirt, driving around in his van with his dog, Lexy, and cat Hustle whom he often took to work with him.

Lexy was in the van when the accident occurred but was unharmed. Hollingsworth’s obituary says he was in “the protective embrace of his furry sidekick” at the time.

Hollingsworth spent endless hours with family, often dropping in to people’s homes without notice for a visit.

“Bob loved to laugh and he worked hard. We

will miss hearing the rattling sound of your ladders coming down the lane way, the rev of your cutlass engine, but most of all your smile and laughter,” the family wrote in his obituary.

With COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the family thought of a creative way to mourn their loss with the community – a drive by tribute parade to the man who loved music and the Red Wings.

Cars were lined as far as Nauvoo Road and Confederation Line as people waited to pass by the family gathered on First School Road.

Lambton OPP are still investigating the accident, which claimed Hollingsworth’s life. So far, police have not said whether charges have been laid.



Bob Hollingsworth with Lexy

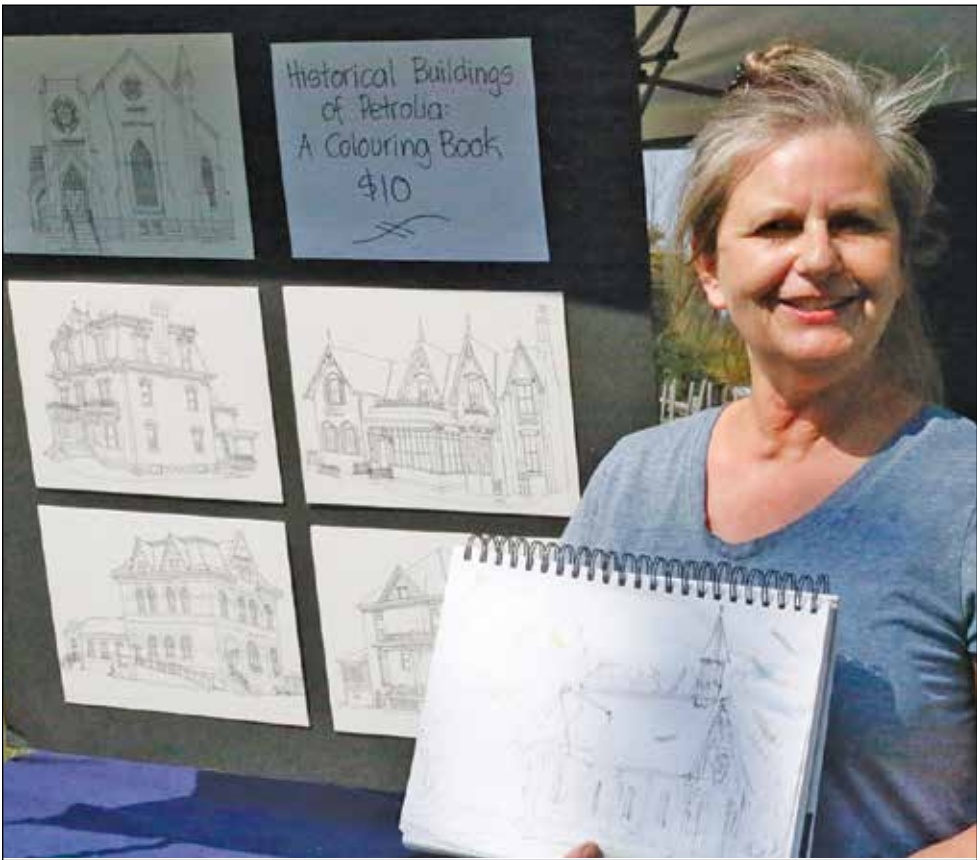
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HISTORIC PORTRAITS



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A Petrolia artist captured the beauty of some of the town's iconic buildings, all while sitting in her car. Susan Perry unveiled her new book 'Historic Buildings of Petrolia' at the Petrolia Discovery Art Show Saturday. Starting last fall, Perry would find one of the historic buildings and park her car outside while she sketched. Later, she did ink drawings from the sketches and then created an adult colouring book of the 16 drawings. Perry says a lot of her work was done in the spring, while people were confined to their homes because of the pandemic. Perry says people would approach her while she worked. Some were just interested in what she was doing, others offered water, one threatened to call the police. Perry normally is a print maker spending days creating one piece. She says the historic sketches were a nice change of pace. "When you do sketches you're done in a couple hours, and it's something that's immediate." The books can be purchased from Perry by emailing susanperryart@gmail.com

Forest pair sentenced for Thedford robbery

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

Two people from Forest plead guilty to their involvement in a violent convenience store robbery in Thedford.

Chad Hyslop, 36, and Brooke Grant, 24, were in Samia Court on Sept. 22, nearly one year after the robbery at the Main St. Goco. They admitted helping Dillon Wellington, who made off with the cash register after waiving a knife at the store owners.

The pair were at the gas pumps and asked the clerk to slowly pump \$5 worth of gas into their Pontiac G6. Wellington was inside trying to open the cash register with a knife.

The clerk noticed what was going on inside and went to confront Wellington. Grant and Hyslop took off.

When he was confronted by the owners, Wellington started throwing stuff at them, including a monitor which hit a woman in the head.

Wellington, who is from Thedford, ran to the neighboring Allen St. where he was confronted by neighbours. While they were attempting to restrain him, Hyslop and Grant drove up. The pair said they would take Wellington back to the gas station. The store owner had now arrived on the scene and police were en route, so the residents said this wasn't necessary.

Without warning Grant threw the Pontiac into reverse and backed into the crowd. One bystander managed to break the back window before he was struck. Grant then shifted into drive and drove forward, sending several people running to avoid

getting hit. Wellington got into the back seat and the three fled the scene.

Wellington received two-and-a-half years total in jail for the armed robbery and a jailhouse shower assault on another man as he awaited sentencing.

Justice Deborah Austin says while it's clear the main offender in the robbery was Wellington, Hyslop and Grant were significant contributors and says the store owners are now fearful of new customers and "really have to try and overcome emotional trauma that was caused by this offense.

"There's a ripple effect for the whole community when something like this occurs. It makes everybody feel less safe," says Austin.

"I'd like to apologize to the victims and the surrounding people that were in this matter. As I heard... they had severe trauma, and I don't wish that upon anybody," Hyslop says during sentencing.

"A year ago when I was out there, leading up to the crimes of this and the robbery that I'm serving, I was in a bad place with addiction," Hyslop says. "Sitting here in this cell for the last year, I've spent a lot of time thinking about my life and where it's going and what I'm going to do to fix it so I'm not continuing in these predicaments."

He was sentenced to two years in jail for this offense.

Grant received 18 months of probation - a sentence Austin says is lenient. "you have taken significant steps away from a criminal lifestyle and the associates you were involved with at this time," says Austin.

TOWN OF PETROLIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia will hold a **Public Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would amend the Town's Zoning By-law 63 of 2017 as it applies to a property described as Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Registered Plan 74 and a closed portion of Valentina Street. The property is located between Edward Street and Petrolia Line. The intent of the proposed amendment is to rezone the property from "Residential - 1 (R1)" to "Residential - 3 (R3)". The proposed amendment would allow development of the property for a 50-unit senior living townhouse development.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. If you wish to submit a written or make an oral presentation at the public hearing, please contact the Town of Petrolia **no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 23, 2020**. The public hearing will be held via a ZOOM Teleconference format.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to Mandi Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia.

IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the By-law Amendment is passed the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Petrolia to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal.

IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the By-law Amendment is passed the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH to be notified of the passing of the proposed Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia at the address below.

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Sports

‘We’ll try again next year’ say Squires as season iced

The Independent

A sounds of senior hockey will not echo through Petrolia’s Greenwood Recreation Centre this season.

The Western Ontario Athletic Association Senior Hockey League, of which the Petrolia Squires are a member, has cancelled the 2020-21 campaign due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Board member Dave Black said the

difficult decision was taken following the league’s AGM late last week. Black said the likelihood of limited or no fans made the step necessary.

He said the safety of the players and all those associated with the various WOAA teams was also part of the decision-making process.

While it’s “extremely difficult” not to be playing senior hockey this season, Black says that doesn’t mean the league won’t be working hard to

hopefully return in 2021-22.

“The league and teams will be meeting over this season discussing other ways to help move the league forward again.”

The WOAA has iced a senior hockey league for the past 72 years.

The two-time Allan Cup champion Squires joined the league in 2008.

The Squires reacted to the news with a succinct post on their Twitter feed. “We will try again next year.”

Flyers take to the Greenwood arena ice for the first time

The Independent

The Provincial Junior Hockey League’s Petrolia Flyers planned on their first skate of the season Tuesday.

Flyers General Manager Dennis Meston says he expected about 25 hopefuls, although exact numbers were

not available prior to our weekly press time.

He says the prospective players have been doing dryland training leading up to the on ice workouts.

Meantime, Mooretown Flags GM John Baker says his team has been on the ice as well preparing for the 2020-

21 season.

The league’s annual general meeting is set for this weekend, but Baker doesn’t expect a schedule to be announced at that time.

The league hopes to drop the puck on a shortened season by Dec. 1, with Jan. 1, 2021 as a secondary date.

Wyoming’s Gray premier’s home run king

The Independent

Kaden Gray walked away with the Home Run Derby crown at the Canadian Premier Baseball League Showcase event.

The Wyoming product hit eight bombs in the final round to claim the crown over the weekend.

Meantime, he and Core Jackson of Wyoming along with Sarnia’s Dylan O’Rae all performed well in the

showcase game itself.

Jackson had a pair of homers, Gray went deep once and O’Rae had an on-base percentage of .500.

The trio, all members of the Great Lake Canadians organization, played well defensively.

Gray and Jackson played minor baseball in Wyoming before moving up to the Canadians.

They are both scheduled to play collegiate baseball in the US in 2021.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kaden Gray



van Rooyen honoured for conservation

The Independent

The head of the Bluewater Anglers Hatchery in Point Edward has been given one of the top conservation awards in the province.

Jake van Rooyen has been given the Gord Blake Memorial Conservation from the Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers Tuesday.

For about 15 years van Rooyen’s efforts and commitment have helped pave the way for hatchery success, and while some of his responsibilities are just now being moved around to other members of the hatchery, his meticulous nature and documentation of the tasks have helped in the transition.

The hatchery has raised and released about 150,000 Chinook Salmon each year for the

last 35 years and another 50,000 Rainbow Trout in each of the last five years.

The hatchery also maintains a public viewing area and feeding area where about 3,000 people a year see first hand how a hatchery operates.

OFAH Zone J Chair Brian Moore says van Rooyen’s “dedication to the hatchery and conservation as a whole made him a natural fit for this award.”

van Rooyen is a past president and current life member and board of directors with the Bluewater Anglers Hatchery and serves as the hatchery manager.

van Rooyen has said that it is up to sportsmen to look after the future of the sport and returning fish to the lake is one way to do that.

Sting alumni now a Stanley Cup winner

The best player to ever wear a Sarnia Sting jersey, Steven Stamkos, will now have his name etched on the Stanley Cup.

The Lightning captain and his Tampa Bay mates won hockey’s holy grail Monday night with a 2-0 win over Dallas Stars in Edmonton to win the championship series in six games.

“I’m so proud of this team and everything we’ve accomplished,” said the former first overall pick in a post game interview with Hockey Night in Canada.

“It’s one of the greatest feelings in the world and to be able to celebrate with this group of guys is a dream come true.

“It’s just magical to be part of.”

Coming back from a core muscle injury, Stamkos returned for a handful of shifts and scored on his only shot on goal in game three last week.

He left after a little less than three minutes of ice time and did not return for the remainder of the series.

He said it was difficult to not be able to physically contribute to the title.

Stamkos and the Lightning had reached the Cup final in 2015 but lost to Chicago. The Stars were trying to win the title for the first time in 21 years.

Sting co-owner and head coach Derian Hatcher was part of that Dallas cup-winning squad in 1999.

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Notice of By-law Enforcement at Wyoming Public Cemetery

By-law 73 of 2018

Please consider this publication a Notice for Reconciliation. Jointly, the Wyoming Public Cemetery Committee along with the efforts of the Plympton-Wyoming Operations Department will be eliminating by-law infractions and correcting non-conformities.

E) Care of Lots – General

- Trees and/or shrubs are no longer allowed to be planted in the Wyoming Public Cemetery. Existing shrubs and/or trees will be removed by the Cemetery Board if they encroach abutting grave(s) or become unsightly.
- Nails, wires, wooden crosses, articles or glass or pottery or any other materials that create a hazard to workers and to visitors when neglected or broken are not allowed in the Cemetery and will be removed.
- Borders, fences, railings, shepherd’s hooks, walls, cut-stone coping and hedges in or around lots are prohibited.
- Wooden or wire trellises, arches or iron rods, solar lights or hanging baskets, will not be allowed in the Cemetery if they interfere with the care and maintenance of the grounds. Any such items, heretofore erected which, by reason of neglect or age, have become unsuitable or unsightly, will be removed by the Cemetery Board.

F) Care of Lots – Flowers

- The Wyoming Cemetery Board reserves the right to remove all flowers, potted plants, wreaths and baskets of flowers when they become withered or unsightly, or for any other reasons such removals are in the best interest of the Cemetery.
- Artificial flowers are permitted, provided they are properly maintained and not detrimental to the general maintenance of the Cemetery.
- The Cemetery reserves the right to regulate the articles placed on lots or plots that pose a threat to; the safety of all interment rights holders, visitors to the Cemetery and Cemetery employees, prevents the Cemetery from performing general Cemetery operations, or are not in keeping with the respect and dignity of the Cemetery. Prohibited articles will be removed and disposed of without notification.

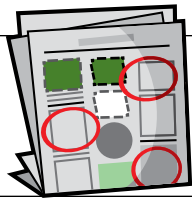
The Town of Plympton-Wyoming has issued a notice about the Wyoming Public Cemetery (450 Isabella Street, Wyoming, ON), for any items left on graves to be removed in the fall before winter comes.

According to the notice, this measure will help with maintenance and to preserve proper appearance of the cemetery, so all unauthorized articles left on graves must be removed by October 15, 2020. **After October 15, 2020 unauthorized articles will be removed by maintenance staff.**

For additional information about Cemetery By-Law 73 of 2018 or to receive a copy, please contact Rebecca at 519-845-3939.

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In Memory

In Memory
GARY RAWLINGS
January 3, 1960 - September 3, 2020
A long time resident of Petrolia, passed away at home.

Late wife
LORI (NICKELS) RAWLINGS
September 26, 1960 - September 26, 2013


Loved and not forgotten

Brother in law to
Ben & Lynn, Dixie,
Mark & MaryLou, Joella,
Shawn, Dennis, Dean
Many nieces & nephews.
REST IN PEACE



Birthday Announcement

Scott Dillon



Happy 50th Birthday
October 4th, 1970
Love your family

Anniversary Announcement




Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary
October 1st. 1960-2020
Mary & Peter Quinn
Love from your Family

Anniversary Announcement



Happy Anniversary!
Wayne and Linda Brown
September 26, 1970



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control,"
Galatians 5:22-23
We love you and are thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness and yours in marriage.
Love, Your Family

Obituary



SZABO
Zoltan "Tony"

At St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto, Zoltan "Tony" Szabo, formerly of Petrolia, passed away at the age of **86**. Tony called Toronto home for the last 44 years. Loving father to the late Pete Szabo (2006) (Jo-Ann) and their children Brian Szabo (Astrid), Jamie Szabo, and Scott Szabo (Olivia), Paul Szabo (Bev), and Martha Dobbin (Ray), and their children Brent Dobbin (Katy), Teresa Zimmerman (Nathan), Kim Venninckx (Phil), and Craig Dobbin (Jess). Great grandfather to Bronson and Eve, Ethan and Clara, Alexis, and Lucas. **Cremation has taken place.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation (www.heartandstroke.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com.

Card of Thanks

Thank You
to all who supported or assisted in our
Broasted Chicken Dinner.
Plympton & Wyoming Agricultural Society
See You Next Year !



Obituary

HILL
Cecile

The death of Mrs. J. Cecile Hill occurred on **September 27, 2020** in the Fiddick's nursing home, Petrolia, Ontario, where she had lived for the past six years. Cecile, the youngest child of Alfred Dice and Fanny Phillips had been born on 28 May, 1924, and grew up on her father's homestead in Alingly Saskatchewan. She took a business course in Saskatoon and was working in a meat packing plant when she was invited by her friend Margaret Hill to visit the Hill farm at Star City Sask. where she met her future husband James Hill, the eldest son of George Hill and Bella McPherson. Cecile and Jim were married on January 9, 1950 in St. Alban's Cathedral, Prince Albert, and lived on the Hill farm until their retirement in 1977 when they moved to Prince Albert, where they resided until 1998 . While living on the farm Cecile and Jim raised two daughters, Helen Lorraine (married to Neil Gregory of Fort Erie, Ontario) and Louise Elaine (married to Rev. Robert Gibson of Petrolia, Ontario). In 1998 they moved to Strathroy, Ontario, to be closer to their children. After a few years in Strathroy failing health caused them to move into a seniors' residence in Petrolia. Cecile regularly attended St Thomas' Anglican Church in Star City and was an active member of the local Anglican Church Women's group. In addition she worked tirelessly for Camp Okema, the diocesan church camp at Emma Lake. Other community involvement included her membership in



the Order of the Eastern Star in every community in which she lived and membership in the Star City Homemakers Club. In early November 1959 she and her two daughters were followed by the Star City fire truck on their way home from church, only to discover that it was their house on the farm that was burning down. The Hill family lost everything in the fire, but were able to build a new house on the farm the following summer. Cecile was predeceased by her husband, Jim Hill, her parents, her older sister, Olive and her brother John. She is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Three grandchildren, James Gregory, Ella Gregory, and Duane Gibson, and four great grandchildren. On learning of his grandmother's death, James Gregory posted the following comment on Facebook: "No one is finally dead until the ripples they cause in the world die away." (Terry Pratchett Reaper Man.) Jim and Ce Hill made plenty of ripples. Some larger than others, but it will take a long time before those ripples begin to subside. At that point one must remember this quote also by Terry Pratchett "Do you not know that a man is not dead while his name is still spoken?" (Terry Pratchett, Going Postal) Knowing Duane and his love of family stories Jim and Ce's great grandchildren will be sharing her name for decades to come. This is the way it should be. **Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. A funeral service will be held at a later date. Interment of cremated remains will be in Star City Cemetery, Star City, Saskatchewan.** Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.needhamjay.com.


Obituary



LEBERT
Bernadette

Passed away peacefully with family by her side on **Monday, September 28, 2020** at Fiddick's Nursing Home, Petrolia. Bernadette "Bernie" Lebert (nee Chauvin) was in her **90th year**. Beloved wife of the late Urbain "Herbie" Lebert (2019) for 63 years. Loving mother of Bev (Paul) Szabo, Maurice (Carol) Lebert, Lorraine (Kent) Bauman, Colette (Howard) Whiting, and David Lebert. Cherished Mémé of grandchildren Joy (Bryan), Philip, Nathan, Evan, Daniel, Stephanie, Lindsay, Samantha, and Caleb. Dear sister of Herman (Pat), Norman, Shirley (Felix) Laporte, and sister-in-law Carol. Predeceased by her parents, Edmond and Lottie, and infant son, Dennis and brothers Edward, Raymond and Steve. Bernadette will also be missed by her many nieces and nephews. Bernie and Herbie lived much of their lives in Lambton County where they farmed and raised their family. Bernie was an avid gardener and quilter. She also enjoyed spending time at their Miller Lake cottage, visiting with friends, and playing spirited games of euchre. Bernadette's family would like to thank Dr. Daniel for his exemplary and compassionate care, all those who kindly cared for Bernie at Lambton Meadowview and Fiddick's, her warm-hearted friends and neighbours at the Royleigh in Wyoming who assisted her in so many ways, and Megan, her very special caregiver. **Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. A private funeral mass will be held at a later date at St. Philips Church in Petrolia. Interment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wyoming.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada (alzheimer.ca/en/sarnialambton). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com.

In Memory



In memory of a dear friend
MARY CHAPMAN
who passed away 5 years ago
We miss your companionship and are thankful for the moments we shared with you.
Love The Sinclair Family

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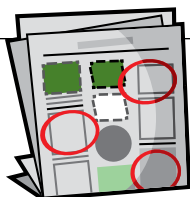
In Memory

In Loving Memory of
Margaret McPhail
October 4, 2019

A year has passed since you left us.
We have only a memory, dear mother/grandmother.
We cherish our whole life through;
But the sweetness will live forever.
As we treasure the memory of you.

Sadly missed by your family

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Death Notices

September 21 - September 27, 2020

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 ROUTLEY, John Age 52, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home PACKER, Alice Age 86, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home ROCKY, Pauline Age 99, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 HORVATICH, Rita Age 77, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home GILLILAND, Mary Louise Age 83, of Watford Denning's of Watford
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 MENDONCA, Amorim Age 89, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FLEMING, Richard Age 50, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home NEWTON, Bruce Age 76, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 HILL, Brian Age 72, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home RYAN, Catherine "Callie" Age 76, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 BOYD, Grace Age 89, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home HILL, Cecile Age 96, of Petrolia Needham-Jay Funeral Home LAUR, Dorothy "Jean" Age 100, of Sarnia Knight Funeral Home
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 BROWN, John Justus "JJ" Age 80, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home LUPI, Pietro Age 86, of Toronto McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home HAMILTON, Shannon Age 88, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home	

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DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

of events

Events are listed FREE for non-profit groups in Petrolia and Lambton County (space permitting).
To be included in this listing email the required information to
office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca Subject: FREE EVENT LISTING.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Oct 1	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Oct 2	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle	519-876-2360
Oct 3	7:30-12noon	Petrolia	Petrolia Farmers' Market directly behind the Petrolia Library	
Oct 3	1-4pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion Chili & Garlic Bread Dinner . \$4/person. No Pre-orders needed. Bar Open.	
Oct 3	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Ham & Turkey Thanksgiving Double Meat Raffle & 50/50 Draw	
Oct 3	4-7pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Fish Fry . TAKE OUT ONLY at the Lions Hall. Fresh fish, coleslaw & freshcut fries. \$20. Beers & Coolers available. Cash, debit, credit. Rain or Shine	
Oct 3	12noon-1pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Ag. Society Car Rally . \$20 per car starting at Munro Honey. \$200 Grand Prize & Door Prizes.	
Oct 3	Dusk	Alvinston	Brooke-Alvinston Agricultural Society FREE Firework Show at the BAICCC.	
Oct 8	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Oct 9	3:00pm	Forest	Forest Legion Ladies Auxiliary Take out Turkey Dinner , with all the fixings & dessert \$20. Advance orders only. Call Diane 519-786-4516 or Trudy 519-786-2795	
Oct 9	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle	519-876-2360
Oct 10	7:30-12noon	Petrolia	Petrolia Farmers' Market directly behind the Petrolia Library	
Oct 10	9am-12noon	Petrolia	Carved Pumpkin Contest at Victoria Park. Carve it at home & bring it up. Check facebook for more information. Pumpkins will not be returned.	
Oct 10	12noon	Petrolia	Oktoberfest in the Craby Joes Beer Garden. Live music from Hayden Mellon, the Room, and the Cory Jame Mitchell Band. Covid guidelines in effect.	
Oct 10	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle & 50/50 Draw	
Oct 10	3:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion Meat Raffle . Limited number of People.	
Oct 15	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Oct 16	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle	519-876-2360

Church DIRECTORY

Christ Church Anglican

414 Oil Street, Petrolia

All worship services in the Anglican Diocese of Huron are suspended until at least April 8th. 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

St. Paul's United Church is now open to the public for Sunday Services. New protocols will be in place for everyone's safety.

Rev. Susan Cameron

10:30am Service

Church Office: 519-882-1390
stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

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418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

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in compliance with Ontario Corona Virus meeting guidelines

Pastor: Alex Craig

Church Office 519-882-2480

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