



## Helping the neighbours

### Rural Lambton's biggest food drive launched

Heather Wright  
The Independent

It's being billed as the largest food drive in rural Lambton.

A group of community volunteers has launched Neighbour-2Neighbour-Lambton County's Biggest Rural Food Drive.

Al Broad, the mayor of Dawn-Euphemia who is one of the volunteers, says on Nov. 7, volunteers will fan out across rural Lambton to collect canned food and non-perishables to distribute to local food programs.

"We're asking people across rural Lambton to help people struggling to put food on the table during the COVID-19 pandemic," Broad told Lambton County councillors Wednesday.

"It doesn't matter how big or small the donation is, we hope neighbours will help out their

neighbours."

The food drive is modeled after the highly-successful May 16 Miracle in Chatham-Kent. A group of community volunteers concerned about those struggling in the pandemic came up with a food drive that would be easy for people to participate in without people gathering.

Like Chatham-Kent, Broad says the committee is seeking the help of Lambton Public Health to create safety protocols for the volunteers helping out on Nov. 7.

Broad says volunteers will be asked to work with people in their households and wear masks as they collect the canned goods.

Chatham-Kent's drive brought in 680,000 pounds of food. Broad isn't sure how much food can be gathered in rural Lambton. "I think we all know food banks in Lambton County opened their doors to more people since the pandemic began."

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## Pass the turkey, but just to family

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Public health officials hope there are fewer people around your Thanksgiving table Monday.

Local health officials and provincial leaders are urging people just to socialize with people living in your house - even on the traditional family holiday - Thanksgiving.

The latest 2020 disappointment comes as the number of people contracting COVID-19 - particularly in large urban centres - hovers between 500 and 700 daily.

Wednesday, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams, released modelling showing without a concerted effort in the province,

the number of people infected could rise to 1,000 daily by mid-October.

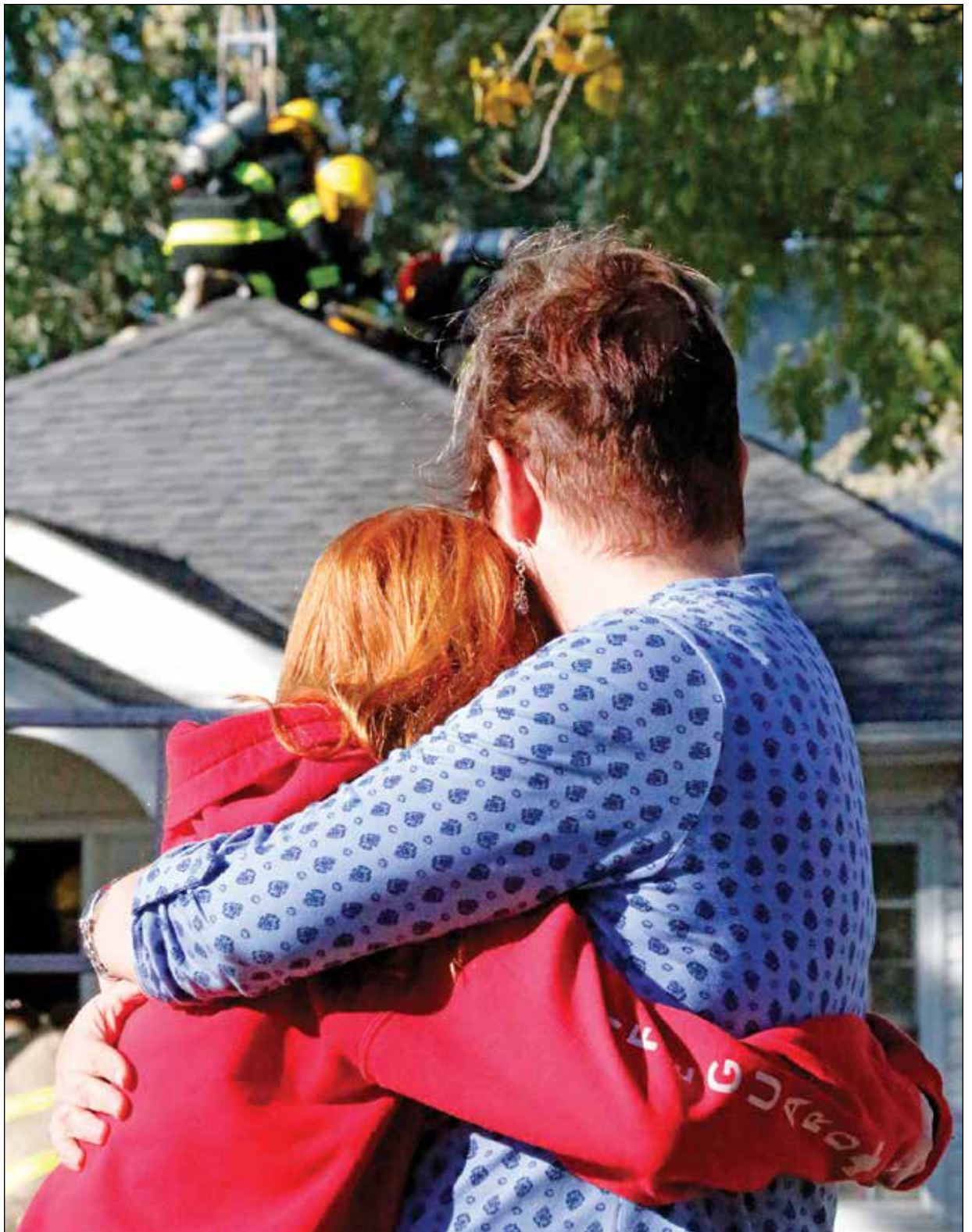
Williams says the province does not want to return to lockdown or close businesses because of the impacts on mental health and the economy.

The province has already reduced the number of people at indoor private gatherings to 10 and outdoor gatherings to 25. It's also moved last call at restaurants and bars to 11 pm. Officials say as many as half the people who were infected with COVID-19 had been in a restaurant or bar recently.

Williams is watching to see the effect of the changes adding new measures, he says, will be 'surgical' hoping to ease the impacts.

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## COMFORT FROM GRANDMA



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Joyce Veenstra of Petrolia comforts her granddaughter, Audrey Larsen, as they watch Oil Springs firefighters cut through the roof of the Larsen's home on Oil Springs Line Monday afternoon. Some of the one-storey building could be salvaged and no one was injured in the fire. For more on the story see pg 2.



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## Neighbour2Neighbour food drive launched

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“Donations aren’t as plentiful this year because many churches and community groups simply aren’t meeting because of COVID-19,” Broad says. “We’re encouraging everyone to think about how they can contribute to this food drive.”

The group has created a website - [www.n2nfooddrive.com](http://www.n2nfooddrive.com) - where volunteers can sign up to help in their community. The website and social media will be used to explain what donations are most needed and to issue challenges to different parts of the community.



Broad is hoping Lambton residents will support the food drive and help their neighbours.

“We know there are people in our community that have lost their jobs or who aren’t working as many hours and they need our help. This is a very simple and effective way to do that.”

## Smoke detector alerts Oil Springs woman

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Friends and family have pitched in to help an Oil Springs family whose home caught fire Monday afternoon.

April Larsen was sleeping in her Oil Springs Line home Monday afternoon when she heard the smoke detector go off, according to Oil Springs Fire Chief Al Charlton.

Kim Kramer was driving by at 3:45 pm. “I saw the smoke and the fire coming out of the side of the house,” she told *The Independent* Monday.

“It was crackling and there were sparks coming out of the ground,” Kramer says.

Another witness says fire was coming through the roof before firefighters arrived.

Al Charlton says the investigation is ongoing but the source of the fire seems to be an electrical panel.

The Ontario Fire Marshal’s office was going to be consulted on the cause.

Because the home is just a few hundred meters from the fire department, crews were able to contain the fire and some of the home is intact although there is heavy damage to the front room and water and smoke damage in the attic.

“We were able to knock it down in the front room. It did get into the attic so there will be a lot of smoke and water damage.”

Joyce Veenstra is Larsen’s mother. She was on hand to comfort her daughter, Anthony, April’s husband and their two children, Audrey and Kingsley.

Tuesday, she told *The Independent* family is staying with her for the time being. The children, she says, are doing surprising well. April and Anthony are having a harder time but have been encouraged by the generosity of their neighbours.

April’s friend, Tina Tongana, started a fund-



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The Oil Springs fire department had help from Dawn-Euphemia to contain a blaze at a home on Oil Springs Line Monday.

raiser on social media hoping to raise \$5,000 to help cover some of the family’s expenses until the insurance money comes in.

A day after the fire, over \$5,800 had been pledged to help the family get on its feet at the Larsen Family Emergency Fund on Facebook.

It’s not clear how long it will take to determine the exact cause of the fire.

Charlton adds ironically, he and the deputy chief were out on Shiloh Line handing out fire prevention materials at the time the call came in.

## Thanksgiving celebrations just for your house

### CON'T FROM PG 1

In Lambton, the number of people contracting the virus has been relatively low. There were just seven people in all of September in the area who were diagnosed with COVID-19. At press time, just one person was still actively ill.

But Lambton’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, says everyone should be concerned with the growing number of cases in Toronto and how that will affect the way we live in the next few months.

“We are now starting to reach levels that we have seen at the very beginning of this that resulted in widespread restrictions and closures,” says Ranade.

This means there will be difficult decisions in the coming weeks. “The policy question that’s being actively discussed is what are the interventions that we need to bring those numbers down. Do we have to go all the way back to closures, or can we do some targeted interventions that might make a difference? It’s unclear at this point what the best strategy should be,” Ranade says.

“In terms of the likelihood of closures and

restrictions, we are in a very challenging situation,” says Ranade.

“We know that they work. But we also know that they have devastating impacts on the community the longer and longer they go.

“The challenge is what level of risk and what level of disease transmission are we prepared to accept as an ongoing baseline before we decide that more intervention is necessary.”

While those questions are being discussed, public health is asking people to do all they can to stop the spread of COVID-19, including limiting Thanksgiving celebrations to just the people you live with.

And he says, if people are joining you, you should be wearing a mask.

“The virus does not care why you are socializing...it is fully and purely a function of how long you are with people, how close you are to them.”

Premier Doug Ford weighed in on the matter, first telling reporters Tuesday they would have no more than 10 people at Thanksgiving in his house this year. Later he tweeted out he would only have members of his house around the table.



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 That I am the Lord, exercising loving kindness,  
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 Without Jesus, life is no more than repetitive cycles, mimicked, each day,  
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From an earthly perspective, death is the ultimate equalizer, of all,  
 But, Jesus sacrificial gift at Calvary, defeated death thru satan’s fall.  
 The only true purpose of life, is to ‘revere’ and ‘obey’, God’s will,  
 One irrevocable breath, a lifetime, squandered or endlessly filled?

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 Is He Lord of your life, has His ‘redeeming’ Blood, ‘cleansed’ and set you ‘free’?

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Dear Lord Jesus, this ‘Thanksgiving’ finds me thankless and so separated from you.  
 Please ‘forgive’ all my sins; I invite you into my heart to be Lord of my life.  
 I will live for you alone and ‘thank-you’ for your redeeming blood, which you shed at  
 Calvary for me and the assurance of an ‘Eternal’ home in Heaven, with you. Amen.

GROGAN-WATFORD

# Family runs for the cure for Breanne

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Breanne Venema Melnyk says it was hard being diagnosed and treated for breast cancer during a pandemic.

But the Watford native received a big boost from family and friends over the weekend as her mom and dad, Laura and Phil Venema, and her aunts arranged for her family to be in CIBC's Run For the Cure.

Family and friends raised \$15,230 for the cause. Then, they walked Arkona Road from Con-

federation Line to Churchill Line and back in the rain.

Venema says the walk was nothing compared to being told her daughter had breast cancer in April. "Having your daughter diagnosed with breast cancer is not easy to handle," she says through tears. "But she's fine; she's going to be fine."

Venema-Melnyk says the diagnosis stunned her, too. The wife and mother of two wasn't thinking of a serious illness at 33. "When you are initially diagnosed, there is so much information so many differ-

ent types of breast cancer, a lot of different treatments," she said

"You have the fear of not knowing what to expect...prepare yourself for the worst and hope for the best."

And it was hard to be alone during the treatments. No visitors were allowed because of the pandemic although the doctors and nurses were very kind.

Venema-Melnyk is almost done her treatments so Sunday's walk with family was a celebration.

"It was just a great day even though it rained it didn't really



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Breanne Venema-Melnyk stands with her family on Arkona Road.

matter, we were out there in the rain anyway."

The family had a little extra to

celebrate. The Breanne's Team won the CIBC Friends and Family Award for their efforts.

# Remembrance Day to be invite only

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

The Petrolia Royal Canadian Legion is scaling back this year's commemoration of Remembrance Day.

The restrictions around public gatherings because of the COVID-19 pandemic have forced Branch 216 to rethink how to mark the solemn occasion.

But officials hope people

will still stop to honour those who gave their life fighting for freedom.

Poppy Chairperson Joe Card says Branch 216 will be distributing poppy boxes at the end of October and the wreaths will be laid Nov. 8.

But there will be no Remembrance Day Parade and the remembrance at the cenotaph in Victoria Park will be for invited guests only.

"Just because we cannot safely gather at this time it does not mean that we cannot take time to remember and express our gratitude for the service of these women and men," says Card.

"Please make time to visit the Cenotaph during the month of November with your family and participate in our poppy campaign should you be able to do so," says Card.

# King and Greenfield could be fixed in 2021

The Independent

Petrolia wants to be ready if there is more federal and provincial infrastructure in the works.

Councillors have approved spending \$149,815 with MIG Engineering to prepare plans for both Greenfield Street and King Street.

Last year, the municipality submitted a plan for the federal/

provincial infrastructure grants for what it called a plan in the theatre district rebuilding several streets around Victoria Hall including the now completed Wingfield Street, Greenfield, King, and School Streets among others. The plan asked for \$5 million.

It was turned down, however the town has been looking for new funding - something Chief

Administrative Officer Rick Charlebois expects as the federal government hopes to kick start the economy.

There is also an Environmental Assessment of the Greenfield St. sewer outlet underway. It's scheduled to be completed in November. It cost \$17,000.

Charlebois says council will consider the two projects during the 2021 budget deliberations.

# Seven Lambton municipalities among those masking up after provincial order

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

After months of discussion, masks are now mandatory in all of Lambton County.

Premier Doug Ford ordered mandatory masks in all indoor places in Ontario as the number of COVID-19 cases continued to rise mostly in the Greater Toronto area and Ottawa.

There were seven municipalities

in Lambton who either turned down the idea or never voted on it. Dawn-Euphemia was one of them.

Mayor Al Broad says most people in the area were wearing masks even though there was not a formal bylaw in place. With bylaws in near by Chatham-Kent and Middlesex, residents are already masking up.

"Most people around don't know what the rules are...regardless of

the rules, you put your mask on when you go to the grocery store."

Lambton's medical officer of health says the move is a signal that the province believes wearing masks is important and it also may carry higher fines under the Emergency Order. However Ranade says the province has yet to pass along that information yet.

St. Clair Township Mayor, Steve Arnold, wasn't so sure this was the right move.

"The concern I have is people that are not looking after their masks properly. Is that because people don't know how to put a mask on, or when, or why? There's a false sense of security when people have masks on that they can get in people's faces and get close to them," says Arnold.

Arnold says most businesses in the township have their own mandatory mask rule anyway, and the majority of people are already

wearing them indoors. He adds that outside of Sarnia there are not many buildings where people gather in large numbers, and that Lambton County has had few cases overall - including no deaths or hospitalizations since June.

Residents in Brooke-Alvinston, Enniskillen, Oil Springs, Warwick and Plympton-Wyoming will now also be under the mandatory order.

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## Charlotte's Corner Mental Health

October is Mental Health Awareness Month, and with the season growing colder and the social distancing that comes with COVID-19, it is natural for many of us to feel a sense of isolation or loneliness. It is important for everyone to monitor their mental health and be aware of the resources available.

If you are struggling with feelings of depression or anxiety, a good first step is to check out online resources. BounceBack ([bouncebackontario.ca](http://bouncebackontario.ca)) is a free program for those 15 years and older who are

experiencing mild to moderate depression and/or anxiety. It is delivered over the phone with a coach and through online videos, giving you access to tools that will support you on your path to mental wellness. There is also a long list of Ted Talks on mental health topics available online, including Andrew Solomon's, "Depression, the secret we share."

If you wish to seek further help, St. Clair Child and Youth's services are available for those under 18, and can be reached at 519-337-3701. The Central Lambton Family Health Team (CLFHT) offers short-term counseling for patients who are experiencing challenges in their life. Also, the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Lambton-Kent works in partnership with CLFHT offering remote case management and crisis support to the community.

Bluewater Health offers addiction and withdrawal management services for those struggling with substance use, including drugs, alcohol, and/or prescription medications. Community withdrawal management staff are on-site at Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital of Bluewater Health on Mondays and can be reached seven days a week at 519-332-HOPE (4673). A referral is not required.

Since the start of COVID-19, there has been a spike in Canada's domestic violence statistics. If you find your well-being at risk, Bluewater Health's Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre has a highly-trained team who can provide services such as medical and forensic care, and referrals to counseling, shelters, and/or legal services. Support is available 24/7. Come to Bluewater Health's Emergency Department in Sarnia or call 519-464-4522.

*Remember you are not alone and there are always people available to support you. If you are in crisis, call the Lambton Mental Health Crisis Line at 519-336-3445 or 800-307-4319. It's available 24 hours per day including weekends and holidays.*

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# Editorial

## Testing troubles bad for recovery

Ontario's COVID-19 testing system is teetering on the brink of disaster. And it could be the biggest problem yet in the on going trench war against the worldwide pandemic.

Since March, Premier Doug Ford has been touting the benefits of everyone and anyone getting tested. "If you are worried you have COVID-19, or that you've been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, even if you're not showing symptoms, please go get a test," Ford said May 24. At that time, COVID-19 was racing through nursing homes and the number of cases in the community was relatively high. And there were just 11,000 people a day being swabbed. At that time, Ford wanted 25,000 tests a day. At the time, health ministry officials thought the testing system could handle this. And it did for a while.

But as the province started opening up, the demand for testing skyrocketed. When children went back to school and parents went back to the office, the system groaned under the weight of the requirement for COVID-19 testing to return to work or school.

Friday, over 90,000 people were waiting to hear the results of their tests. Among that 90,000 are people waiting to go back to school or back to work. There are people waiting to have the all clear to have a life-changing operation. In that 90,000 there are people who need to be at the bedside of an elderly family member in long term care or a personal support worker needed to get back to their job at that home.

And some of those people are sick and their close contacts are likely waiting to hear if they have to continue isolating, too.

All these people are waiting four to seven days for their test results - which seems to be the rate right now - our much longed for return to normal isn't possible. And our economic recovery is in jeopardy.

There is a shortage of lab technicians to process the tests. There is a shortage of equipment to expand processing. Ontario is an unenviable position - we have a massive problem and it will hinder our recovery from the pandemic.

And it seems there is little we can do about it.

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## I'm confused and Ford's Thanksgiving plans aren't helping

I'm confused which, to be truthful, is not all that new. Really, I'm confused more than I usually am.

And I find that a lot of people are in the same boat as me.

We were watching the news Monday night when a story came on the screen about public health advice to have Thanksgiving with just people in your household. "How does that make sense when kids are going to school with 300 people?" our 18 year-old daughter asked in exasperation.

I had no answer. In fact, I have the same question a lot of the time.

The advice we have been getting about what the government wants us to do to slow the spread of COVID-19 has been more than just a little confusing.

First it was stay home. That was simple enough. Only one person to do errands like grocery shopping - sure, that's what happens in our house anyway.

But as the number of cases of COVID-19 eased - after a lot of heartache and death - the rules of the game started to sound like a four year-old making up the instructions for a game

she's just created. You need a program to keep track.

Masks are not recommended, because they're okay, while the voices of the Internet cautioned the health risks of wearing them. Municipalities, in a bid to do something to help, put in mandatory mask bylaws, but said they wouldn't enforce them. As my daughter would say - how does that make any sense.

Now, heading into Thanksgiving, we're told the 10 people we were in close contact with - think Grandma and Grandpa - are off limits. Have a meal with just the people in your house. But single people can find someone to pair with so they don't get lonely. Except for anyone over 70 - they should be super careful. And of course, your kids are going to school with 300 people. And you are going to work, stopping at Tims for your morning coffee and working in the factory or in an office.

The premier was asked about his plans and confused people even more, first saying there would be no more than 10 people around the table, later tweeted it would be just the people in his house there.

Ford was asked about the confusing messaging a day earlier and said "People have to use their own best judgement." That kind of flies in the face of taking public health advice since the "best judgement" of most people I know would not fall in line with what public health says is important right now.

I know I'm not the only one confused. And I know a lot of people don't understand why we're doing all this. After seven months, everyone has had enough. But it's not over. And frankly, we're at a turning point because the number of people getting sick and dying in Lambton could turn on a dime.

What we need from our premier is one clear message on what needs to be done. And then let's get it done.



Heather Wright

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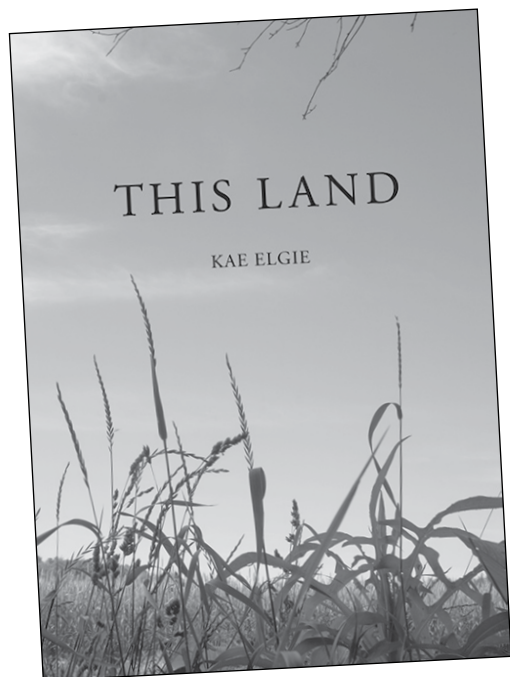
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# TAKE THE TOUR – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

## Local book & author featured stop on “Into the Dawn” driving tour



A local book by a once-local author will be a featured stop on Thanksgiving Weekend’s driving tour of the Into the Dawn Barn Quilt Trail. On Saturday October 10 2020, from 11 am to 3 pm, former Dawn Mills resident Kae Elgie, author of *This Land* will have an information display and copies of her book for sale on the grounds of the Czech Hall, St. George Street, Dresden.

The quilts on the driving tour route, which goes from the Oil Heritage Museum, Oil Springs to Dresden, all on paved roads, visually highlight key points in the history of the municipality now known as Dawn-Euphemia Township. For example, the Sawblade Quilt on the ReRide building at Rutherford depicts one of the many sawmills which turned the township’s dense tree cover into lumber: the SS Dawn School Quilt, kitty corner from the Dawn Euphemia Public School, commemorates the many one-room schools which once dotted the township.

Elgie’s book fleshes out this history. Her book covers twelve thousand years in the life of two hundred acres of land which was part of Dawn Township when its first deed was written in 1824. Once home to mastodons tracked by nomadic Paleo-Indians, by the 1700s southwestern Ontario was the territory of Ojibwa (Chippewa) bands who moved

from sugaring camps to fishing camps to hunting camps in the Sydenham River basin.

Elgie focuses on the two hundred acres her great-great-grandfather George Elgie purchased in 1870, land first “owned” by Captain William Taylor, the founder of Dawn Mills. This land is now part of Fairview Farm where her brothers Earl and Bill and nephew Colin Elgie and their families live and work.

This Land’s story has much in common with the history of Dawn-Euphemia Township which Into the Dawn Barn Quilt Tour highlights. When Elgie’s research came to the attention of quilt tour organizers, she happily agreed to write a historical introduction to their forthcoming tour guide.

Published in August 2019, Elgie’s 492-page, richly illustrated book has received great critical acclaim. It is available from Fountain Street Press, 88 Fountain Street, Waterloo ON N2L 3N1 for \$50. The first four orders received before October 26, 2020 will have free shipping, a \$20+ saving.

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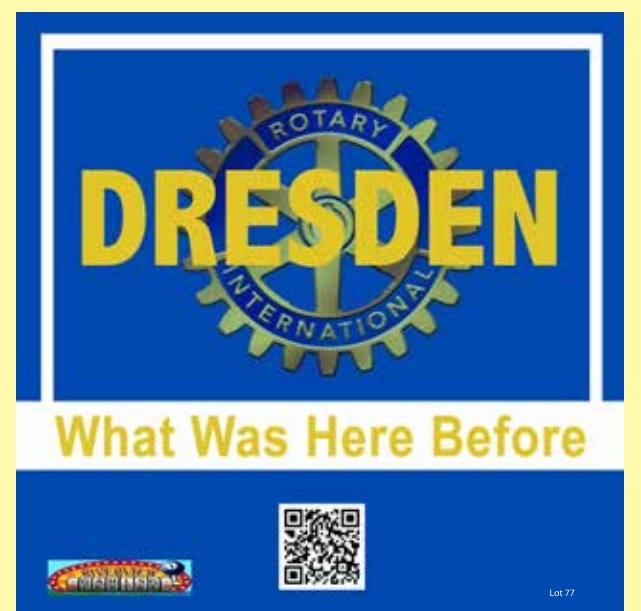
Ever wonder what once occupied the area where Dresden’s parkland now stands.

The river was the key factor in the development of the town and it also became the factor for most of this development moving out or to higher ground.

Four lots have been selected and the sample sign (at right) will be at each of the sites.

Using the QR code reader on your phone it will take you to the website that provides the information about “What Was Here Before?”

Hope those who choose to drive the Quilt Trail will take a short break and investigate these four lots.



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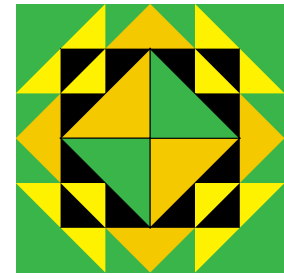
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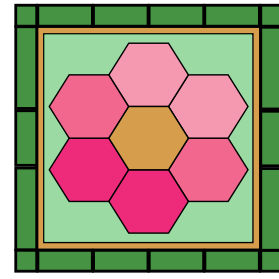
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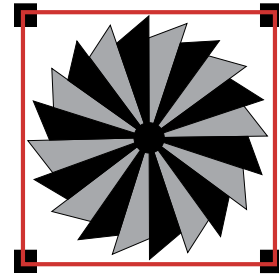
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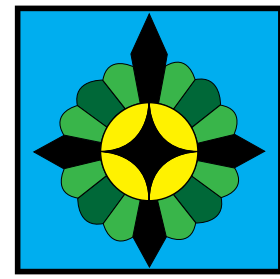
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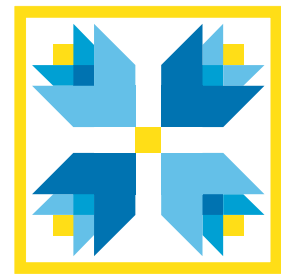
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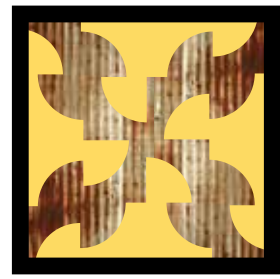
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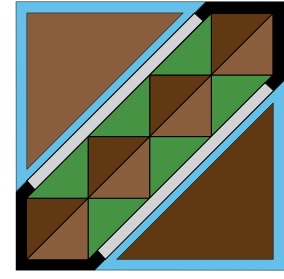
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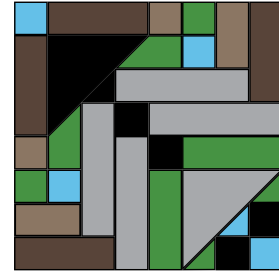
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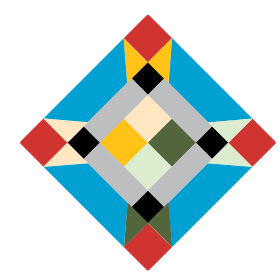
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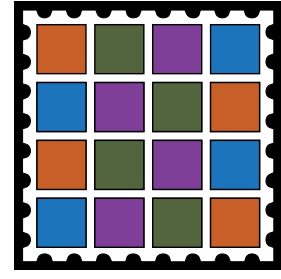
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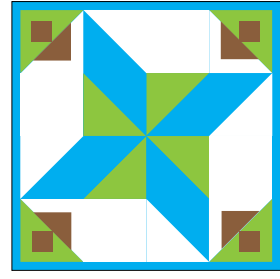
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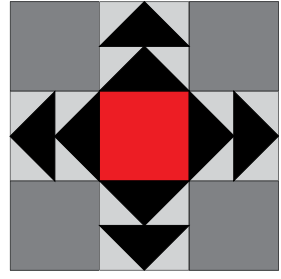
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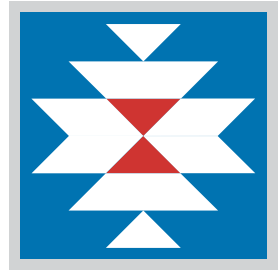
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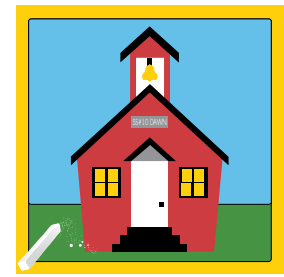
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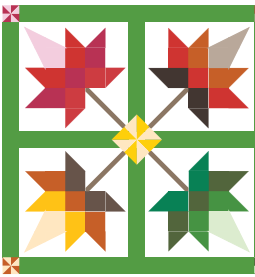
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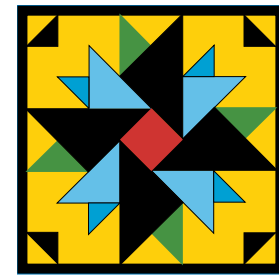
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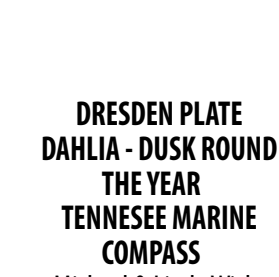
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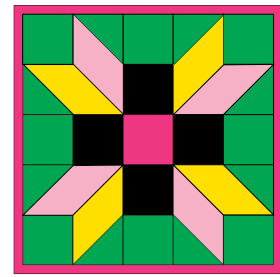
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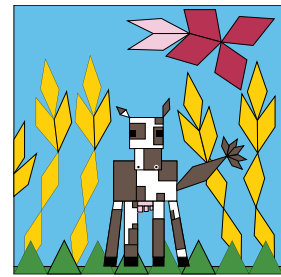
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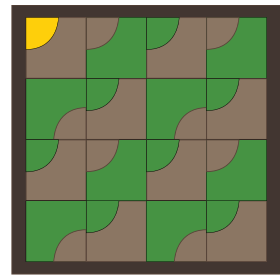
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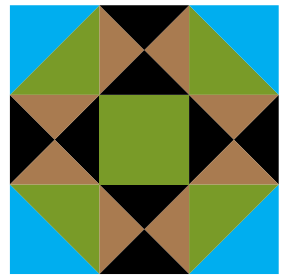
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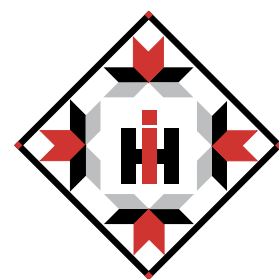
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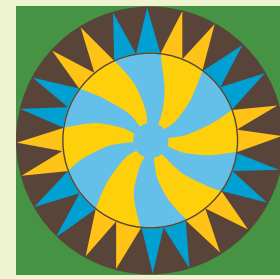
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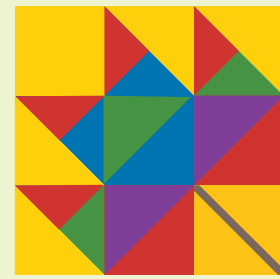
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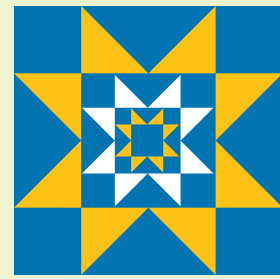
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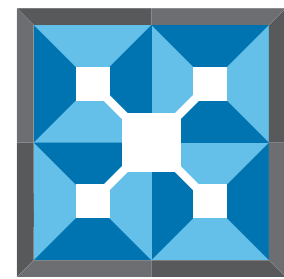


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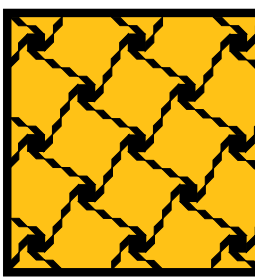


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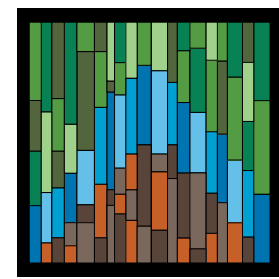
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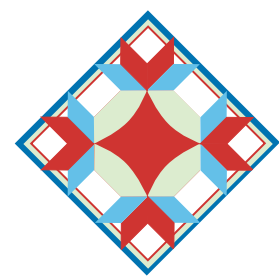
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# Meadowview could have unique long term care dementia home

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

There may be 10 new places for seniors at Lambton Meadowview. But those spaces will be unlike anything people here have seen before in long term care.

Jane Joris, the general manager of long term care in Lambton, says they're looking at a different approach for people with dementia.

It would be more like home and hopefully quell some of the confusion which can occur when people move from a home to an

institution.

"We've been looking for a couple of years of how we can support people with dementia better, who are having difficulty living in a traditional long term care setting," Joris says.

"It's crowded, you share a room with someone and ...it's so regimented. As much as we try and reduce that it's still a lot of people together."

And that is not easy for people with dementia who may wander and find structure difficult and don't recognize workers who

change constantly.

And it can lead to confrontation in a traditional home.

"They're adults with lots of unique qualities that perhaps aren't conducive to living with each other. So, they set each other off, ...understandably."

Joris is proposing a new 10 person unit on the grounds of the Petrolia home.

"It's more of a family style way of living," she says.

"Everybody has a private room, they have their own bathroom, they eat together, the workers

would do a lot of things. So you know, there is not somebody coming into the PSW somebody coming in to be a dietary aide, someone coming in to be a cleaning aide. Everybody would have multi skills and, as much as possible, that people who live there would help us; it would be a partnership with them."

That would include helping with meals and working around the building together.

"It's more to meet the resident where they're at. So, we try to do that in their in a traditional home,

but the environment isn't always supportive of that."

"We have lots of land at Lambton Meadowview. We can have nice outdoor activity areas and which people need to be able to get outside, ... particularly those people who come from a background where they spent a lot of time outside, you know, they need to be able to get outside, too."

Joris hopes to get approval from Lambton County council and then apply for the licence for the beds. She says it could take two years to get the unit running if approved.

# Pool and libraries in St. Clair Township prepare to reopen in mid-October

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

There won't be any Thanksgiving parties at St. Clair's community halls this year as the township's gathering locations will remain closed for at least another month.

The October long weekend is usually a popular rental time, but

the hall volunteers are not up for performing the many additional safety steps that would be required to open.

Private indoor gatherings being reduced to 10 people made opening the halls even less attractive. The topic will be revisited in November ahead of the Christmas season.

One place that will be opening

though is the community pool at the Mooretown Sports Complex. It passed a check by the health inspector and will be open to the public Oct. 19.

Safety measures will include limited change room time, no spectators aside from a parent/guardian assisting their child with lessons, COVID screening, contact tracing, and mandatory masks in

all areas aside from the pool deck and in the water.

Council also approved an increase in services at the township's three public libraries. In addition to contactless curbside pickup, people can now make scheduled appointments to come in and use library computers or book a study space.

Use of the computer or study

space will be limited to 45 minutes.

People booking an appointment must wear a mask, observe physical distancing, and not bring in any food or drink. The washrooms will be available.

The Sombra, Corunna and Briden libraries will all be open for limited hours.

- The Independent

# St. Clair hopes to attract more crossing guard, find permanent fix to dangerous school crossings

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

St. Clair has increased the pay of crossing guards to attract more help as there are mounting calls to do something to protect kids on their way to school.

The concerns revolve around the Corunna neighborhood that contains the Sir John Moore and St. Joseph Catholic schools, as well as the nearby Colonel Cameron Public School. There are few crosswalks, the ones that are there can't be seen, there is no crossing guard and vehicles speed through the area, say parents.

St. Clair Blvd near Sir John Moore stood out in particular.

"It is our most problematic crossing that we currently get the most complaints on. Speeding complaints as well," says Dave Neely, coordinator of operations. "Many safety issues have been identified at this location and finding a crossing guard to serve here has been problematic," he says. Neely says it should council's "highest priority."

Crossings on Hill St. near Colonel Cameron – especially at the Queen St. and Colborne St. crossings – were a close second.

The crossing issue was raised as soon as school began. Monique Desabrais-Marshall told them Sept. 8 parents in her area had started a carpool to St. Joseph's. Parents didn't want them walking the busy street and there were no extra bus seats.

Desabrais-Marshall asked that additional crosswalks or more crossing guards be considered. Neely said at the time that filling the crossing guard role was a challenge. One month later the same problem persists. "We have a really hard time finding anybody that wants to do it," Neely says. Public works staff had to step in to

fill empty roles.

But even when guards are present there is still risk. Kevin Ewart wrote council saying there are near misses near Col. Cameron school all the time. "Myself and everyone else in the community don't want to see a tragic accident happen before something is done," Ewart wrote. "I'm asking you as a parent and citizen of this community to stand up and make changes before it's too late!"

Neely says one solution would be phasing out the five crossing guards and adding pedestrian crosswalks with signs and flashing lights.

Not all of council was thrilled with this idea. "That red, yellow and green is the only thing that will protect a child," says Mayor Steve Arnold.

He says it can be hard to see the flashing lights in certain locations, and that the painted lines can give a false sense of security. "I'm not comfortable with that level of protection for children," Arnold says.

Neely will look for other solutions and council has doubled the pay for crossing guards to entice people to fill the shifts.

- The Independent

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# Sports

## Conservationist doing a better job

**Cathy Dobson**  
For The Independent

Jake van Rooyen is very happy to be given a prestigious Ontario conservation award but that it really belongs to the entire team of 30 volunteers who operate the Bluewater Anglers' fish hatchery.

The Errol Village resident is this year's recipient of the Gord Blake Memorial Award from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), an honour named for a former federation president and given to a member who has done the most in the province for conservation.

"It is really pleasing to be recognized this way," said the 79-year-old van Rooyen. "But I think of it as recognition of the whole group."

"I really am just the leader." Since his retirement from Dow Chemical, van Rooyen has spent the past 20 years on the hatchery's board of directors, as its president, or its manager.

In that time, fish in the Great Lakes have been threatened by numerous problems including pollutants and a succession of invasive species which reduced the numbers of fish and drastically impacting their size.

van Rooyen recalls being shocked to learn in 2004 that he placed first in the Bluewater Anglers' annual salmon derby with a fish that only weighed 10.6 pounds, tiny by any

standard but the biggest salmon caught that year.

Fifteen years later, the 2019 derby winner landed a 19.01-pound salmon, reflecting a massive effort to eradicate zebra mussels and improve food supplies in the Great Lakes.

As a boy, van Rooyen began fishing at the government docks in Sarnia and has continued to fish local waters for 70 years.

His love of the sport never wavered so, when fish stocks were threatened, he spent long hours at the hatchery working to replenish them.

"From a fisherman's point of view, there's nothing more exciting than landing a big silver," he said, referring to the colour of salmon and trout.

Every year, he and his team raise and release about 150,000 Chinook salmon and more than 50,000 Rainbow and Brown trout.

These days, when he's not out in his 16-foot aluminum boat fishing near the Sarnia Yacht Club, he's at the hatchery in Point Edward ensuring all is well.

Just last week, he was in Owen Sound collecting thousands of eggs from spawning salmon to bring to Point Edward and begin the process anew.

"This is the busiest time of year for it," said van Rooyen. "There was a time when it was almost a full time job for me but we've had a



CATHY DOBSON PHOTO

Jake vanRooyen

real good supply of volunteers lately."

He was also recognized by the OFAH as the 2019 and was lauded for his outstanding efforts towards stewardship, conservation and the promotion of angling.

"I believe that in general we're doing a better job at conservation today than we used to," said van Rooyen.

"We still have a big problem with invasive species but overall we're doing a good job."

## Wyoming's Barclay returns to coach in Canada

The Independent

Ty Barclay has a new job. The Wyoming product and graduate of the Great Lake Canadians baseball program has been named an assistant coach with the Sylvan Lake Gulls of the Western Canadian Baseball

League. The league, featuring 12 teams from Alberta and Saskatchewan, is a collegiate summer league.

It plays a 56-game schedule that typically runs from late May to mid-August.

The 2020 season was

cancelled due to health concerns over COVID-19.

Sylvan Lake, situated midway between Calgary and Edmonton, will open its home schedule on June 7, 2021.

Barclay, a catcher, played in the college leagues in Kansas.

## Florence's Dawson named to All-Rookie Team

The Independent

Kyle Dawson was recently named to the All-Rookie Team by the Arena Lacrosse League.

The Florence product had 19 goals and 13 assists for 32 points in 12 games for the Paris RiverWolves this season before

the season was shut down by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dawson was narrowly defeated for the league's Rookie of the Year honours, finishing just one vote behind the eventual winner.

The one-time Rookie of the Year with the Dresden

Junior Kings and Sutherland Cup finalist with the London Nationals recently signed a two-year deal with Rochester of the National Lacrosse League.

The NLL season typically begins in late November but an exact starting date this season is not yet known.

## Lambton native won't have a chance to defend title

The Independent

Dustin Jeffrey will not add to his Spengler Cup resume this season.

The annual holiday tournament held in Davos, Switzerland has been cancelled for the 2020-21 season due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"The health of all participating teams and that they could return

to their home countries in good health, was always the highest priority in our evaluation," said Organizing Committee President Mark Gianola. "We can not make that guarantee."

Jeffrey had two goals and an assist to lead Team Canada to a 4-0 victory in the Cup title game in early January.

It was his second Spengler

title.

He has ten points in seven tournament games over his two appearances and ranks sixth all-time in points per game (1.43) by Canadian players at the tournament.

The Lambton Jr. Sting alumni is playing in Bern in the Swiss league this season after a four-year stint in Lausanne.

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Dated on Sarnia, Ontario this 2nd day of October, 2020.

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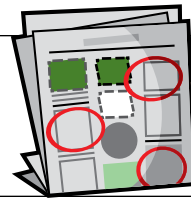
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**To the Attention of Wyoming Charitable Groups and Organizations**

**Re: 2020 Wyoming Community Foundation Grants**

The Foundation is **now accepting 2020 applications** from local groups and organizations (registered charities) for funds to support qualifying projects in the community. The focus of the Foundation is to continue to improve the quality of life for local residents in its ongoing support of local projects.

Application forms can be obtained from the undersigned (please call or email), and are to be **submitted by Monday, November 23, 2020**. Should you require assistance or have inquiries regarding the grant criteria and process, please contact the undersigned by phone or email.

**Caroline DeSchutter, Secretary**  
519-330-5978 • cdeschutter123@gmail.com

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Answers to this week's

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## Celebration

**Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday** **Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Diane & Richard Lyon**

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*Love your children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren*

## Death Notices

September 28 - October 4, 2020

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**SZABO, Tony**  
Age 86, of Toronto  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**LEBERT, Bernadette**  
Age 90, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**SULLIVAN, Tammy Leigh**  
Age 53, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**JOOSE, John**  
Age 77, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**ABDULLAYEV, Neymat**  
Age 85, of Sarnia  
Gilpin Funeral Home

**HILLMAN, Patricia**  
Age 86, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**DUNN, Jason**  
Age 43, of Bedford, Nova Scotia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**SALISBURY, Jeremy**  
Age 44, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**POLICICCNIO, Carmella**  
Age 82, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**STEVENS, Ed**  
Age 54, of Forest  
Denning's of Forest

**GILLILAND, Sharon**  
Age 77, of Watford  
Denning's of Watford

**McILMOYLE-OPPERMAN, Karen**  
Age 79, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**TRIGATTI, Angelo**  
Age 85, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**BEAUPRE, Steven**  
Age 32, of Sarnia  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**WILSON, George "Jim"**  
Age 80, of Sarnia  
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

**CLARK, Dorothy**  
Age 93, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**WONG, Philip David**  
Age 58, of grand Bend  
Denning's of Forest

**BURNIE, Jessie**  
Age 91, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**JACKSON, David White**  
Age 89, of St. Thomas  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**STRANGWAY, Marian**  
Of Point Edward  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**KNIGHT, Allan**  
Age 77, of Corunna  
Knight Funeral Home

**DIREZZE, Domenica**  
Age 91, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**JONES, Lois**  
Age 95, of Sarnia  
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This information is provided as a community service. For detailed information, please refer to the funeral home website listing.

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## Obituary



**GONA**  
**Prudence Marie (nee. Bentein)**  
Jan 21, 1942 - Oct 4, 2020

Prudy passed peacefully in her sleep, at age 78, in Bastion Place, Salmon Arm, B.C. following a short battle with cancer. Survived by her sons Brian (Shelley), Benjamin (Shelley), and William. She is predeceased by her parents Paul and Lillian, sister Peggy-Lee and brother Robert (Mike). Prudy leaves to Mourn her sisters Patricia Zimmerman (Paul) and Pauline Mitchell (Dave), along with families. Prudy had 4 granddaughters and 5 great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place.

**Deadline**  
for all classified ads is **Monday at 12 noon** for the paper that prints and distributes Wed-Thurs

## In Memory

Thanksgiving Sunday has not been the same. It's been 16 years since our loving Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma passed away, October 10, 2004.

**Helen Johnson**

*There is not a day, That we do not think of you. Loving and kind in all your ways, Sincere and true, in your heart and mind, Beautiful memories, you left behind.*

Loved & Missed by  
Elaine, Len, Kathy, Linda & Larry & Families

## WANTED

**BUYING FOR CASH**  
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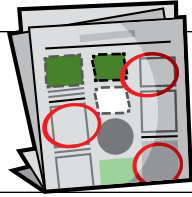
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Activity #15

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 or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

## Calendar

**PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM 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 8	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Oct 9	3:00pm	Forest	Forest Legion Ladies Auxiliary <b>Take out Turkey Dinner</b> , 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 <b>Meat Raffle</b>	519-876-2360
Oct 10	7:30-12noon	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Farmers' Market</b> directly behind the Petrolia Library	
Oct 10	9am-12noon	Petrolia	<b>Carved Pumpkin Contest</b> at Victoria Park. Carve it at home & bring it up. Check facebook for more information. Pumpkins will not be returned.	
Oct 10	12noon	Petrolia	<b>Oktoberfest</b> in the Crabby 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 <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50//50 Draw</b>	
Oct 10	3:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b> . Limited number of People.	
Oct 10	4-7pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion Ladies Auxiliary <b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b> . \$20 per meal. Advanced tickets only. call 519-882-1201 from 10am-4pm.	
Oct 15	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Oct 16	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b>	519-876-2360
Oct 17	7:30-12noon	Alvinston	<b>Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Fall Large Item Day</b> at 3123 Nauvoo Rd. Electronic Waste Accepted.	
Oct 17	3pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion <b>Elimination Draw</b>	
Oct 17	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50//50 Draw</b>	
Oct 18	1-3pm	Lambton	The Sacred Heart Food Bank will be <b>collecting non-perishable food</b> and personal hygiene items from residents living between Holt Line and Point Line (St. Clair Parkway to Kimball Road) Lambton Line collection will end at Salisbury Street. Leave on your porch or in driveway before 1 pm. For more info Frank: 519 677-5428 Claudette: 519 677-5609.	
Oct 19-23		Petrolia	<b>Town of Petrolia Large Item Collection</b> . 519-882-2350 town.petrolia.on.ca	
Oct 22	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Oct 23	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b>	519-876-2360
Oct 24	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50//50 Draw</b>	
Oct 29	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Oct 30	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b>	519-876-2360

# 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 Theford. 9:30am Service - Live [www.kpcthedford.com](http://www.kpcthedford.com)

[www.standrews-petrolia.ca](http://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](http://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](mailto:fbcpetrolia@gmail.com)  
[www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca](http://www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca)  
 Find us on Facebook!  
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### Wyoming United Church

730 Second Street, Wyoming

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 Masks are required!

Join Us for Worship - All are Welcome  
 Church Office 519-845-3963  
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## COVID-19 IN LAMBTON

Local events that have been cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

### CANCELLED EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
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 19	Petrolia	4th Annual Petrolia Harvest Fest
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
Dec 10-20	Watford	2020-2021 Watford Regional Peewee Silverstick Tournament <a href="http://Silverstick.org">Silverstick.org</a>
Dec 27-30	Alvinston	2020-2021 Alvinston Regional Atom Silverstick Tournament <a href="http://Silverstick.org">Silverstick.org</a>
Dec 27-30	Petrolia	2020-2021 Petrolia Regional Midget Silverstick Tournament <a href="http://Silverstick.org">Silverstick.org</a>
Jan 8-24	Forest	2020-2021 Forest International Silverstick Tournament. Atom, Peewee, Batam, Midget <a href="http://Silverstick.org">Silverstick.org</a>

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[gbexc@brktel.on.ca](mailto:gbexc@brktel.on.ca)  
[gbexcavating.ca](http://gbexcavating.ca)



## COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING

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



# A different kind of fall fair in Brooke-Alvinston

ALEX KURIAL/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

It wasn't quite the same, but the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Agricultural Society celebrated community on what would have been the fair day Saturday. Gavin Podolinsky and Sarah Martin were crowned this year's Pumpkin and Pumpqueen (right). The scarecrow competition drew more than a dozen creatures, Danielle Cornelissen placed first for her googly-eyed Minion, second place to Conner MacKellar for his Pumpkin Head Farmer, seen here. And the fireworks, which were delayed from Canada Day, were a big hit with people lining up along the road leading to the community centre. The agriculture society also organized a car rally with over 50 participants and fed a rib dinner to over 500 people.



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