

## CHECKING OUT PETROLIA'S PUMPKINS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Victoria Park in Petrolia was lit up with over 50 pumpkins Saturday as the town celebrated a modified HarvestFest. Normally, there is a large, locally sourced dinner at the Farmers' Market, however that wasn't possible because of the pandemic regulations. Instead, families were encouraged to bring their carved pumpkins to the park for display and judging. Jeff Butler won the top prize for his pumpkin with an intricate carving of Victoria Hall. The pumpkins were taken to local nursing homes so residents at Meadowview Villa and Fiddicks could enjoy them.

## Corunna parents concerned after positive COVID-19 test

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Some parents are expressing concern and are considering online learning after someone at Col. Cameron Public School tested positive for COVID-19.

The Lambton-Kent District School Board posted an alert on its website today saying there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 at Col. Cameron Public School in Corunna. It is not clear if it was a teacher or student involved.

The notice says Lambton Public Health is working closely with the school community and is contacting anyone who may have been in potential contact with the virus. If you don't receive a call, public health officials say, you were not in close contact.

Classes are continuing and the board is asking parents to "continue to monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19. If your child is ill, please keep them at home and call your health care provider or local health



ALEX KURIAL/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

Parents gather up their children at Col. Cameron Public School Tuesday after learning a person at the school has tested positive for COVID-19.

unit."

As parents gathered up students Tuesday afternoon, one father, who had been contacted about the COVID-19 positive person, admitted he was worried about it.

"It makes us think a lot more about the on-

line learning," he said while waiting for his child. The father asked not to be identified.

"The big concern is we don't know who contracted or where they were in the school," he added.

SEE COVID PG 2

## Compost site on hold

The Independent

The cost of setting up a new compost transfer site and concerns of the public have prompted Petrolia to take a second look at its plans.

Council was set to move forward with the plan, which would cost about \$7,000 less to run than the current Waste Management site, but would take over \$54,000 to set up.

Over the weekend, a number of people wrote to councillors with concern about the cost of the plan. Some people suggested the town should be encouraging backyard composting, which would cost the municipality nothing.

Councillor Ross O'Hara said the costs now seem "unbelievable" and he questions whether residents still want to spend the money. But Councillor Wade Deighton says he still believes its a good idea.

Council will consider the input Oct. 26.

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# COVID-19 confirmed in Corunna school

CON'T FROM PG 1

Provincial guidelines say anyone in a cohort with someone who tests positive is “considered at high risk of exposure.” An isolation period and recommended COVID-19 test are the next steps for anyone in close contact.

Other parents who did not receive a phone call because their child was not in direct contact with the person, were also considering whether online learning might be a better option for their child.

Four of six parents who The Independent talked to said they would be considering a move away from in-person learning following the news.

At the same time there were parents who remained confident with in-person learning as long as there was only one positive case.

“I thought the school handled it well informing us and I don’t have any urgent concerns.”

While this is the first COVID-19 case in a Lambton County school, it is among many in the province.

Public Health Ontario says 72 more people in the province’s schools were diagnosed with COVID-19 Tuesday. In all, there have been 948 cases of the virus in schools. Right now, 436 schools have at least one case of COVID-19 and three schools have been shutdown.

Ontario is struggling with increasing numbers of people testing positive for the virus, particularly in the larger urban centres.

Tuesday Ontario reported 746 new cases of COVID-19, and 807 Monday.

Lambton also saw two people test positive on Sunday, although only one person is listed as having active symptoms.

And while the news is good in Lambton - earlier this week there were no active cases - the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, warns things could change quickly. “There is a low prevalence, in part, because people are taking this seriously.

“We need to pay attention to what is happening in Toronto because this is how it (the pandemic in Ontario) started,” he told councillors. “We would expect some rise in the number of our cases because of travel.”

Ranade says with the increasing concern, he expects the province will be tightening some of the restrictions in the province. He says “indefinite lock down is unsustainable” and “unrestricted freedom risks an overwhelmed health system.

“Everyone in the world, everyone in Canada is trying to find the right balance.”

Ranade says there are calls for a lock down and calls to keep the economy moving right now. “In some ways, if everyone is unhappy, then you’re close to finding a balance.”

County councillors did voice questions about the province’s new mandatory mask order. It requires everyone over two years of age to wear a mask. Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley says his staff tells him it doesn’t contain the same guidance for places of worship that municipal bylaws do. The county will look to Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey to clarify the new orders.

Meantime, it appears the province has made some progress reducing the backlog of processing the tests. A week ago, 90,000 people were waiting for results. By Tuesday, that number was down to just over 28,000 with Ontario sending some of the tests out of province.

# Simcoe County man charged in May accident

The Independent

A Simcoe County man is facing a charge of careless driving causing death after the death of a transport driver in a horrific crash at the corner of Petrolia Line and Kimball Sideroad.

On May 4, a gravel truck and an SUV collided at the corner , killing the driver of the transport, John George, 66, of Glencoe, and severely injuring the driver of the SUV.

Peter Morrow, 59, of Bradford West Gwillimbury, has been charged with careless driving causing death.

The accident led to calls for Lambton County to put a round about in the corner which has been the site of many deaths over the years.

Jolene DeGurse-MacDonald said at the

time that over the years there have been safety improvements at the corner. In the 1970s, her mother, who still lives at the corner, convinced the local government to install an amber light, a larger stop sign and lower the speed limit to 70 km/h on Petrolia Line. In the 1990’s, rumble strips were added, she says.

“The accidents continued. The fatalities mounted.”

DeGurse-MacDonald says she has talked with county road officials in the past who say the intersection has not been a priority in the past.

Her concerns prompted Lambton County officials to study what could be done at the intersection.

A four-way flashing light has been installed at the corner since then.

# Two men face charges after hydro pole hit

The Independent

Two 21 year-olds from Lambton are facing charges after an accident on Confederation Line

On Friday afternoon, Police were called to a single vehicle accident. When officers arrived, there was not one, but two vehicles there with someone trying to get the vehicle out of the ditch.

Police say the driver drove into the north ditch, over corrected pulling back onto the road, causing the vehicle to spin and hit the

south ditch and take out a hydro pole.

Police spoke to the driver and did a road-side test, which the driver registered a fail.

The Sarnia man has been charged with two counts of impaired driving.

Police also spoke to the other man, who was trying to get the vehicle out of the ditch. Police planned to give him a roadside test as well, however he refused.

The Petrolia man was charged with failure or refusal to comply with a demand for the test.

Both men will be in court Dec. 14.

# Charges after look-a-like cop car found

A Wallaceburg man is facing charges after police stopped a look-a-like cruiser.

Lambton OPP were on Lasalle Line in St. Clair Township when they saw a vehicle that appeared to be a police cruiser.

They stopped the vehicle and found the

inside was also outfitted like a cruiser.

Jeremy Muxlow, 33, of Wallaceburg has been charged with impersonating a peace officer and failure to comply with bail.

Police have not said when he will be appearing in court.

# FENCE JUMPER



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The driver of the car walked away from this accident on Petrolia Line Sunday morning. Petrolia/North Enniskillen firefighters were called to the scene just before seven and found a car which had narrowly missed a fence and flipped into the lawn of the home. Lambton OPP have not said if charges will be laid.

STAY SAFE - KEEP TWO METERS APART

## TOWN OF PETROLIA REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia will hold a **Public Meeting on Monday, November 9th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment under Section 22 of the Planning Act and a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

**THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT** would amend the Town’s Official Plan as it applies to lands located south of First Avenue and east of Tile Yard Road and owned by 1432324 Ontario Limited (Murray Kemp). The Official Plan Amendment would change the designation of the lands from “Major Open Space” to “Residential”.

**THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT** would amend the Town’s Zoning By-law 63 of 2017 as it applies to the subject lands. The Zoning By-law Amendment would change the zoning of the lands from “Open Space (OS)” to “Residential-1 (R1)”.

**THE APPLICANT IS PLANNING** the development of a residential subdivision on the subject property, however no application for a Draft Plan of Subdivision has been submitted. The Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments are necessary for the development of a subdivision.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment or 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 November 6, 2020. The public meeting will be held via a ZOOM Teleconference format.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS** in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment or 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 Official Plan Amendment is adopted or the Zoning 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 Official Plan Amendment is adopted or the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed they 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 adoption and passing of the proposed Amendments, you must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON N0N1R0.

**THE KEY MAP** shows more particularly the lands affected.

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS** will be available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices at 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia and at the public meeting.

**DATED at the TOWN OF PETROLIA this 9th DAY of October, 2020.**

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# Bluewater Health poised to help nursing homes

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Officials at Bluewater Health say they’ve worked through the summer with long term care homes to prepare them for a second wave of COVID-19.

This as Ontario’s Patient Ombudsman called for immediate action in long term care to prevent more deaths during the second wave of the pandemic. Cathy Fooks released an interim report recently after getting a large number of complaints about how long term care homes were handling the COVID-19 pandemic.

Families, residents and staff at homes across the province called the office worried about loved ones in homes. “We received over 100 complaints about infection prevention and control in long-term care homes,” wrote Fooks.

“Caregivers also expressed concerns about lack of communication from hospitals and long-term care homes. Given their inability to visit, caregivers told us that the lack of communication is particularly distressing.”

And, many of the complaints were about significant problems jeopardizing the safety of staff and residents. The situation was so dire that Fooks contacted the Minister of Long Term Care in both April and May to express her concerns and explain some of the major issues.

Patient Ombudsman also started active investigations to try to fix problems which were directly hurting residents and the staff, including in homes where the shortage of personal protective equipment was leading to personal support workers becoming ill.

Fooks says “every long-term care home should have a partner organization to provide support for management, infection prevention and control, and staffing to prevent and respond to any COVID-19 outbreaks.”

Julia Oosterman, the chief of communications at Bluewater Health, says “this is happening informally in Lambton already.”

In May, when Vision Nursing Home spent weeks in outbreak with 10 people dying, Bluewater Health came along side the home and worked on infection control and the use of personal protective equipment. Eventually, some residents were transferred to hospital so the home could undergo a deep cleaning.

And while the Patient Ombudsman is asking for a formal link, Oosterman says

the hospital has already been reaching out to homes to help with any ongoing concerns about infection control.

“We’ve reached out to many of the homes in the community...because the minute an outbreak happens, the hospital will be affected. We need to figure out how to keep people safe in place so, as much as it is possible, we not have outbreaks and we do not have 15 to 20 people coming to hospital.”

Oosterman expects if long term care homes are affected in Lambton, they will be better prepared simply because we know more about how the virus spreads.

Aside from hospital support, Fooks also urged the government to make sure essential caregivers remain by residents sides, with proper infection control measures.

“Visitor restrictions based on the recommendation and at the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of Health have undeniably been a significant hardship on patients, residents and their families,” she said, adding many family members could not make decisions on care for their loved ones because they couldn’t enter the home.

Fooks said they heard accounts of long term care home residents and patients dying alone without their families there to support them. “Many of the people who came to our office reported that they meet the definition of an “essential visitor”, and did not understand why they were not able to visit or accompany family members who need support to receive health care.”

The province has already changed the rules to allow caregivers to be by the family’s side even during an outbreak. However some senior’s advocates are worried that recently Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Ontario’s Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health said local public health officials could stop essential care givers from entering into homes during an outbreak situation.

Fooks says long term care homes also have to do a better job communicating with the residents and their families.

Fooks also wanted whistle blower protections enhanced for workers. She says they received 20 whistle blower complaints from April to June and many were of a “very serious nature” in long term care homes.

Some were about residents not receiving basic care because there simply wasn’t enough staff on site.

for the homes have not improved.”

Mehra says there are still health care workers without N95 masks treating COVID-19 cases and there are still many homes where residents are sharing rooms and washrooms which allows the virus to spread rapidly.

“We wanted a cross-province, systematic plan...and when there was one case of COVID-19 in a home, these measures snap into place.” But she says there is no clear direction to the homes and despite promises of 3,700 new personal support workers and nurses, those people are not in the homes.

Mehra says Ontario should be following Quebec’s lead. In June, it launched a strategy “with the full weight of government behind it” to hire 10,000 PSW and raise their salaries to \$21 per hour for PSWs in training and \$26 for those who are trained and working in long term care. Quebec also beefed up infection control in the homes.

“We need something like the Quebec government has done, where we recruit the staff we vitally need in the homes...and we need a minimum standard of care.”



## TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK “ANNUAL” FALL CLEANUP (For Watford/Warwick Township Residents ONLY)

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 24, 2020     **TIMES:** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

As a Warwick township resident you can take your unwanted items of refuse and e-waste to the following depots, at no charge:

**LARGE ITEMS** taken to Twin Creeks Landfill - 5768 Nauvoo Road

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

- Only large items that will not fit into a regular size garbage bag (i.e. furniture)
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers (freon must be removed & certification paperwork provided to the scale attendant)
- Steel - it must be sorted and put in the recyclable steel bin, at the landfill

**UNACCEPTABLE WASTE:**

- |  |                                |                        |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Tire   | • PCB Waste                    | • Severely Toxic Waste |
| • Construction Materials (drywall, shingles, etc.) | • Waste Chemicals              | • Biomedical Waste     |
| • Liquid Waste                                     | • Liquid Industrial Waste      | • Pathological Waste   |
| • Ignitable Waste                                  | • Animal Carcasses             | • Car Batteries        |
| • Corrosive Waste                                  | • Drums with Lids              | • Paint                |
| • Reactive Waste                                   | • Computer Monitors            |                        |
|  | • White Goods Containing CFC's |                        |

Please note: Tires, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural Waste, and Construction Materials will be subject to regular tipping fees. Any questions can be directed to Waste Management at 519-849-5810

**E-WASTE ITEMS** taken to the Watford Public Works Yard - 7923 Confederation Line, Watford.

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

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| • Amplifiers      | • Audio & Video Players           | • Cameras    |
| • Cell Phones     | • Computers & Peripherals         | • Copiers    |
| • Digital Cameras | • Fax Machines                    | • Monitors   |
| • Papers & PDAs   | • Printers                        | • Radios     |
| • Receivers       | • Scanners                        | • Speakers   |
| • Tuners          | • Video Projectors                | • Turntables |
| • Televisions     | • Telephones & Answering Machines |              |

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

- Microwaves
- Dehumidifiers

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [www.warwicktownship.ca](http://www.warwicktownship.ca)

Township Office: 519-849-3926

# Health coalition calls for long term care plan

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The head of the Ontario Health Coalition wants Ontario to take a page from Quebec’s pandemic playbook.

Natalie Mehra says the province should put the full weight of government behind a solution to help long term care weather the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mehra voiced concern the second wave in long term care is “getting more serious daily.” Nursing homes were the hardest hit in the spring as COVID-19 swept through particularly older homes which had more than one person per room. To date, 1,875 seniors in long term care have died .

Tuesday, there were 66 homes which are in outbreak with 154 residents and 205 staff members who have tested positive for the virus.

“What we have not seen is the change in long term care. Some homes have stepped up...and really responded very well.

“But there is alarming evidence the requirements from the Ontario government



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## FOOD DRIVE

## Join us November 7 @ 12 noon

...as we hold a rural Lambton wide food drive

We've all been struggling in so many ways this last year as a result of COVID-19. Among the hardest hit are food banks and organizations and those who rely on them for support.

It's easy to participate! Place a non-perishable food item on your doorstep or at the road before noon on Saturday, November 7th.

In our more urban areas we will be going door to door picking up non-perishable goods. In our more rural areas we will be identifying a drop off location that is easy to find. This will save time and allow us to gather as many goods as possible.

An amazing group of volunteers will be going across rural Lambton to pick the donations up following all the health protocols to keep you and our volunteers safe.



for more info  
or to volunteer go to

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# Editorial

## Petrolia should spend its green to be green

It’s been four years since councillors from the Town of Petrolia shutdown the compost site on Maude Street. Residents were disappointed their tree and leaf drop off point was axed with very little consideration of how to fix any of the problems the Ministry of the Environment had flagged - the problems which led administrators to advise council to close the site and outsource composting to Waste Management.

Staff at the time argued it would be far too costly to meet the MOE standards, even though most of the recommendations had to do with better staff training and record keeping. At the time, staff told council the entire area would have to be fenced off costing thousands of dollars - something that was never indicated by the MOE.

But council closed it and the masses cried out for their site. It became an election issue. And now, more than two years after the election, council still dithers.

The issue was supposed to be decided Tuesday, but was delayed again after several residents voiced concern about the cost of the project. They want the town to promoting backyard composting. A report from the director of operations suggested this could be a no-cost solution to the town’s composting needs.

Backyard composting may be a very good solution; lower cost, less transportation, and anyone with a yard can do it. But its not clear what the results will be, especially since it appears the town would not invest any money in the project.

For a backyard composting program to work, the municipality should be encouraging it, not just with words, but with cash to show this is important. Free or at the very least, reduced rate composters would need to be purchased by the town. They could be locally sourced. And education is key to making sure people do composting the right way. That takes money, too.

The problem in Petrolia is - and has been for years - not the means by which people compost, it is the unwillingness of politicians to do spend some cash to do what is right for the environment.

Petrolia should live up to its town colours and spend some green to be green. Yesterday.

## Letters to the Editor

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## Our Story



PETROLIA HERITAGE PHOTO

A fantastic photo of a ship leaving the Courtright docks for an excursion for Petrolia Wagon Works employees. They were heading to Sarnia for the day.

## Trump’s catastrophic failure of leadership and empathy

The US election is a little like the accident on the highway - you don’t really want to see people in pain but you can’t look away. And it is particularly riveting as the candidates move toward the finish line.

But not in a good way. While I know many of you like US President Trump and what he stands for, I question what he’s doing when it comes to the pandemic.

Last week, the president and his wife were diagnosed with COVID-19. Normally, for a man who is 74, this could be a huge problem.

It seems the president dodged the bullet, no doubt in part to have at least a dozen doctors in his hospital in his home - The White House - and one of the top hospitals in the country - Walter Reed (the official hospital of the president) using every possible

drug to make sure he pulled through. It’s not a luxury most Americans have.

And while Trump knows this, instead of gaining some empathy for those suffering who can’t afford the best care, he uses his COVID-19 status to try to show his administration has the pandemic completely under control.

It doesn’t. As I write this, 315 more people died today, bringing the death toll in the US to 45,927. That’s the highest death rate per capita in the world.

But it is not just about the people who died - if that wasn’t sad enough - it is about the more than 7.84 million people who have tested positive for COVID-19. Some, like Trump, won’t suffer much, thankfully.

Others will spend weeks in hospital and have the effects of the disease linger for months.

Some of those people will have good health insurance to help pay the bill; others will likely lose their homes because they can’t pay their medical bills.

In light of this suffering, how does the US president have so little empathy that he purposely tries to paint this virus as something that “will go away?” From the outside looking in, it seems like a catastrophic failure of leadership. Only Nov. 3 will show if Americans feel the same.



Heather Wright

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# Opinion

## Fire department thanked for COVID-19 help

EDITOR:

The last several months have been extraordinarily challenging for individuals, families and organizations. The Central Lambton Family Health Team was only able to face those challenges with the enthusiastic and tireless support of local volunteers who came forward to support our doctors

and staff.

We are grateful for the remarkable community spirit that prompted citizens and service organizations to play such a productive role. Special thanks to Colleen Johnston, Steve McLaughlin and all of the volunteers who have helped out from Support Operations Response Team for all the

hard work they have done for us since April including setting up the tent and taking it down every day. Thank you to Chief Jay Arns from the Petrolia & North Enniskillen Fire Department for the continued partnership.

Thank you and best wishes,  
**Sarah Milner, the doctors and staff,  
Central Lambton Family Health Team**

## Spread a little kindness during pandemic says reader

EDITOR:

As my partner and I sat last night and talked, COVID came up as it is always on the radio and TV.

As we spoke he was telling me about the car shows being cancelled and I was telling him a story about how many parents are doing there best to give their children birthdays and the parade of bikers, old cars were going past hospitals and elsewhere to show their respect for the essential workers.

Those drivers of the vintage cars that drove past the seniors home and paraded around for the towns to see;

do you realize that the seniors would have never got to see you if you had not driven by and that they would probably never get to see one again. Those were most likely the cars and trucks they drove as kids and it may be their last time ever seeing those old cars. What a thrill that must of been.

Kids are truly innocent but they have been placed in a very weird situation and they all don't understand. I see boards in front of homes asking for people to honk because its someone birthday; before COVID most people didn't know you had a birthday but

now the whole dang town knows and are honking their horns just for you.

I guess what im trying to say is COVID has done a few things to our souls - mostly negative - but if I can convince the vintage car owners to just have a day of showing off their cars that maybe they could call ahead to nursing homes and take a drive by or honk a horn for a birthday or send love to lose that need it most.

**Jackie Isber  
Lambton, ON**

## New semi's to be built on site of former Watford school

The Independent

There is more new housing coming to Watford.  
Warwick Township council recently approved a change to zoning rules which will see semi-detached homes built on the former site of the Watford Public School.

Phillip Keightley of MIG Engineering spoke for the numbered company planning to build the units.  
He says they plan 19 semi detached homes fronting on Ontario, Erie and John Streets, the foot print of the former elementary school.  
The builder needed the approval because the homes will be larger than

the zoning bylaw requires.  
Front lot widths will be between 15 and 18 meters compared to the current 20 meters in the neighbourhood.  
During the public meeting, there was no one opposed to the move.  
It's not clear when the construction on the new units will begin.

## Yearly tree giveaway in Petrolia won't be in person this year

The Independent

Petrolia residents can get a free tree again this October.  
But the process will be a little different this year.  
Every year, the town gives away a

limited number of free trees to town residents - one per house. It is a bid to increase the town's tree cover. This year eight varieties are being offered everything from lilac and tulip trees to maples and native trees like the hackberry.

Instead of going into town hall this year, residents are asked to call town hall starting at 8:30 am Oct. 20 to avoid lineups in the age of COVID-19.  
They'll then be told how they can pick up their certificate for their planting.

## No jail time for man convicted of child porn charges

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

A Sarnia man convicted of possessing child pornography has avoided jail time in what have been deemed "exceptional circumstances."  
Christopher Brown, 42, plead guilty to accessing child porn images for 16 years from New Year's Day 2003 to his arrest just before Christmas 2018. But he left Sarnia Court on Oct. 5 with a one year conditional sentence to be followed by one year of probation.  
"This is a very unusual sentence. Typically this type of charge involves real jail," says Crown attorney David Rows – who arrived at the joint position with Brown's lawyer Terry Brandon and acknowledged a conditional sentence isn't the expected result for a child porn related conviction.  
Rows says the images Brown possessed weren't as "intrusive or aggravating" as material that has come before the court in other cases. He

added that Brown's lack of criminal record, guilty plea, and issues around his right to a speedy trial also factored in the decision not to pursue jail time. Brown has no children but has been married for six years. His wife remains supportive of him.  
Brown's lengthy viewing of child porn came to light in November 2018 during an investigation by the OPP's Child Sexual Exploitation Unit. Officers discovered several images and traced them to an IP address owned by Brown. They forwarded the information to Sarnia Police.  
On Dec. 19, 2018 Sarnia Police officers executed a search warrant of Brown's home at 8 am and within an hour he was arrested on child porn charges. A forensic examination of Brown's computer found 48 images of underage children of a clearly sexual nature.  
"The issue of child pornography is a very disturbing feature of society, and of course does result in very significant consequences if convicted," says

Justice Anne McFadden.  
While these consequences won't include jail for Brown, he was still given several conditions to observe. He will be on the sex offender registry for the next 10 years. During this decade Brown also cannot use any peer to peer sharing sites – sites he used to access the child porn.  
"That is an important term and an effort to try and reduce the likelihood of this matter ever repeating itself," Rows says.  
"I acknowledge my guilt. I have learned my lesson... and I am very sorry," says Brown.  
Brown will also have to take sexual offender counselling for the next two years. For the first six months of his conditional sentence he can only leave his house for work with his computer service job and other limited exceptions.  
In the final six months he must observe an 11 pm to 6 am curfew. Brown also can't possess any weapons and must submit a DNA sample.

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# Putting her best foot forward

## Shoes from Fairbank now in Toronto museum

The Independent

A rare collection of shoes dating back to the early 1900s worn by Clara Fairbank-Ranney in Petrolia are now in the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto.

Clara married Charles Fairbank in 1900 and the Fairbank mansion was her home for 44 years until 1956.

Two pairs of boots and seven pairs of shoes were donated and date back to shortly after Petrolia peaked as the oil capitol of Canada in the 1890s. It had been one of the wealthiest, most cosmopolitan towns in Canada.

“We are so pleased to receive the shoes,” said Susanne Petersen, collections manager for the Bata Shoe Museum. “We’ve never seen anything like the embroidered boots with the turquoise feathers.”

The turquoise feathered shoes are called “carriage shoes” according to Bata Shoe Museum curator Nishi Bassi. She added that a pair of colourful sandals in the donation “are unlike anything else we have in our collection from this time period.”

The Bata Shoe Museum has 13,000 shoes from around the world. Some are over 4,500 years old.

“I am thrilled my grandmother’s shoes will now find a very big audience,” said Charles Fairbank of Oil Springs. “My grandmother, my

mother and then, my late sister Sylvia, had been preserving these shoes in boxes and closets for more than 100 years.

“When they fell into my possession, I felt they should be seen. I donated them to the Lambton museums, which in turn, donated them to the Bata Museum.”

“My grandmother’s shoes are not simply fashion items, they are artifacts of Petrolia’s stellar innovation and industry which created wealth. When I was a boy, I chopped wood in the mansion basement for my grandmother’s fireplace. I remember her as a woman of exquisite and expensive tastes.”

Fairbank also donated a number of his grandmother’s dresses, hats and numerous christening gowns which the Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs now has. Some of these will go to the Fashion History Museum in Cambridge, Ontario and some items have gone to Missy’s Costume Design in Oil Springs.

After marrying, Charles and Clara Fairbank lived in the yellow VanTuyl house on Warren Avenue then moved with their three sons to the Fairbank mansion in 1912, where Charles’ father, John Henry Fairbank who had been Canada’s largest oil producer,



The carriage shoes donated to the Bata Shoe museum

was in ailing health. A fourth son was born in 1915.

During her 25-year marriage to Charles, they entertained often and lavishly, sometimes using the mansion’s ballroom. A fashionable woman, Clara had the right shoes for a variety of occasions. At the mansion she had hosted such notables as Guy Lombardo, Lord Lascelles (husband of Princess Mary), Pauline Johnson and Earl Grey.

After the 1925 death of her husband, Petrolia’s oil dwindled and Fairbank revenue streams would become drastically reduced. In 1927, she married Leo Ranney, an American geological engineer with 300 patents to his name, and his work took them frequently to New York.

Even before the stock market crash of 1929, Clara was cash-strapped and selling properties. She was widowed again in 1950.

Clara was the last Fairbank to live in the mansion, dying in 1956 at the age of 79.

Fairbank says the donation of her shoes will help Fairbank-Ranney’s legacy live on.



Clara Fairbank-Ranney

## Petrolia asks province to ease theater rules

The Independent

Petrolia council is backing a call to allow more people to come into Ontario’s theaters.

Theaters were among the first things to close when the COVID-19 pandemic swept across Ontario.

There have been few live events since then since the province will allow only 50 people inside at a time. And artists are hurting.

“This survival is absolutely at risk,” officials from the arts girl Ontario Presents wrote.

“Artists, agents, and many other professionals in our sector have found themselves suddenly and completely without income, with little hope of revenue in the coming months.

“Performing arts venues have closed their doors since March and most are also facing little to no income until January 2021 at the earliest.”

Victoria Playhouse Petrolia has also been closed since March, delaying the 2020 season.

It had been hoped some of the Christmas entertainment might be possible in November and December, however with the province grappling with the second wave of COVID-19, the province has clamped down even further on indoor gatherings to just 25 people.

“Many cultural workers have been laid off

or seen their contract hours reduced to nothing, with little hope of work returning in the near future.”

Ontario Presents and six other arts organizations are asking communities with theatres to support their call to allow theatres to have 30 per cent capacity in the theatre - similar to churches.

The arts organization is asking arts venues to have at least 30 per cent of their capacity with some physical distancing.

The venues would be required to have plexiglass between singers/wind musicians and audience only if physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The group also wants Public Health Ontario to look at air filtration and establish air filtration guidelines for performing arts spaces.

Councillors during the Sept. 28th meeting agreed to send its letter to the Minister of Finance and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey.



FILE PHOTO

Opening day of the VPP season in April 2019.

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PETROLIA CRASH



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

A paramedic walks away from an accident in downtown Petrolia Tuesday afternoon. A flatbed truck and SUV collided. The driver of the SUV was helped out of the vehicle and didn't appear injured. The accident could have been much worse; the flatbed truck landed less than five feet from an antique store and nail salon on the north east corner of the intersection.

Pitel shares a mother’s grief to help others

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Debb Pitel is a mom first. She has four boys including Tyler, who died by suicide in 2001. Her grief, and the grief of her family, spurred her to start Safe Talk, a workshop which gives people the words to ask difficult questions about depression and suicidal thoughts. But as the country dealt with the pandemic, the Dawn-Euphemia woman says she began thinking more about how she could help others facing depression and suicide because she remembers keenly the struggle they faced and knows the struggle continues. “As parents...we struggled with acknowledging the problem, recognizing the severity, and finally, finding the strength,” she says. “It’s really difficult at that point as a parent to reach out and admit that it was bigger than we were, and that we needed help navigating through finding his answers.” Pitel says the family tried to find help for Tyler for three years, but the mental health care system is deeply flawed. “We were victim to wait lines and restrictions and inability to find the proper resources that we needed at the time. And that was a journey in itself. “Over 19 years, the numbers haven’t gone down and the resources are not easier to find, and people are still struggling,” she says. “We need to do better.” And while the Safe Talk workshops have helped hundreds of people have “the confidence to have the conversation that everyone is scared to have,” she felt she needed to do more. Pitel thought she could help and, with the encouragement of her family, she felt the best thing to do was to tell her story.

“The only way I felt that I could really do more was to share my journey.” So, she wrote “I’m Still Your Mom” and began selling it on Oct. 6, Tyler’s birthday. Pitel, who often speaks publicly about her family’s grief with grace and passion, says it was extremely difficult to put pen to paper. And she says while it seems she ‘has it all together’, she doesn’t. “I’m the farthest from that; this has been remembering things that I had put so far out of my current life, including the depth of my grief and remembering details and was very difficult to go back and remember and relive,” she says. “It was incredibly emotional...it came with a lot of emotions. And yesterday, the emotions around dedicating this book on his birthday were as big as the day we dedicated the garden on his birthday, 19 years before that. “I am not together, I’ve just been doing it for a while. “And I have three boys that I survived for. And I still am. They encouraged me to tell my story... this was the time to share it because it still breaks my heart to hear the stories (of other families) and see the sadness and read the post.” Those seemed particularly difficult during the pandemic, Pitel says. “I just think it was time; as hard as it was, and is, it just seemed like the time.” I’m Still Your Mother is available on Amazon. If you need help you can call:



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A hard pass for Wingfield St. one way: survey

The Independent

Almost 70 per cent of Petrolians say Wingfield should not be a one-way street. Mayor Brad Loosley asked the town to survey residents after seeing the road construction complete. He said the road seems narrow and making it one-way might help with traffic flow. Of the 170 people who took the survey, 69 per cent said no. But some people thought it was the best alternative. Others were confused about the timing of the survey.

“This should have been discussed before construction as the design could have been changed to accommodate a one-way street and parking. This is absolutely ridiculous to second guess yourself after the project is complete. This is not a decision that requires public input; that is why you employ experts,” said one resident. Thirty four people who live on Wingfield St. took the survey. The rest were Petrolia residents. Many people thought creating a one-way street would simply be confusing.

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# Barn quilts and local book attract history buffs

**Pam Wright**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Author Kae Elgie says she wasn’t prepared for the enthusiasm her book about the history her family’s Dawn-Euphemia homestead. Elgie spent seven years digging back to complete This Land. Saturday, as part of the Into The Dawn Quilt Tour, Elgie talked to residents about the story of the land. “To say I was overwhelmed by the response is an understatement,” Elgie explains, adding she was expecting maybe “five or six” people to turn up at the Czech Hall event. Instead, she was constantly talking to visitors and sold 36 copies of the tome. The book details the history of the Dawn Mills farm where Elgie grew up with her family. Through extensive research, the former librarian takes the reader back 12,000 years to present day, detailing the property’s rich

history. It took her seven years to write. She wrote four hours a day for the last four years before publishing. “I can’t face writing another book for a while.” Elgie says it was “especially gratifying” meeting people who aren’t just interested in local history — they want to create it, by researching just as she has. During her research Elgie was astonished by the different ways people treated the land. She learned how the Indigenous people were in tune with the land while the white settlers who came to own it saw it as something to be mined for profit. Elgie says she remembers becoming aware of a sandy knoll in the bean field which was part of an ancient portage route for indigenous people travelling between the Sydenham and Thames Rivers. “That trail was there forever,” she adds.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Kae Elgie’s book table was a popular spot Saturday during the Into The Dawn Barn Quilt Trail event in Dresden and Dawn-Euphemia. Elgie’s book chronicles the history of her family’s land.

Elgie says she’s proud of brothers Bill and Earl Elgie, who run Fairview Farms, and nephew Colin, for being ecologically minded in their farming practices and for giving the 200 acres the respect it deserves.

# Sarnia man banned from Lambton after assault

**Alex Kurial**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Tyson Nethery has been banned from Lambton County after assaulting a woman this summer. But although the 22 year-old received what the judge called a “lenient” decision – he has just six days remaining of a 125 day sentence – his time behind bars will not be up next week. Sarnia Court heard that around 11 pm on July 19 an argument started at a Wellington St. apartment complex after Nethery’s then-girlfriend asked to see his phone. She had become suspicious of his recent behavior. The pair argued and he eventually went to leave. When Nethery couldn’t find his car keys, the situation turned violent. He shoved the woman to ground and kicked her repeatedly. She ran into the bedroom but Nethery followed and continued beating her. The woman fought back and plunged her fingers into Nethery’s eyes while screaming for help and that Nethery was going to kill her. Neighbours called police. The

woman was able to escape the apartment. Nethery pursued her into the parking lot but she continued yelling that he was going to kill her. By this time several neighbors had gathered outside, and Nethery took off. Police arrived and the woman was taken to the hospital for injuries to her face, chest and back. Nethery was arrested the next day and held in Sarnia Jail. He called the woman at least seven times from the jail in violation of a no-contact order. “It was a toxic relationship,” says defense lawyer David Stoesser during Nethery’s Oct. 6 sentencing. “He is ashamed of his behavior.” The woman said Nethery needs to get help including a mental health assessment, treatment for drug abuse, and access to life skills programs. Nethery was sentenced to 125 days jail. He’s been in custody so long, he will only serve one week after the sentence was passed. This will be followed by 18 months of probation where he must not contact or go within 100 meters of the woman, take coun-

selling for mental health and domestic violence, stay out of Lambton County, and report any new intimate partner relationships. Nethery also received a 10 year weapons ban and must submit a DNA sample. Justice Deborah Austin says Nethery’s history of similar incidents is worrying, and she hopes he’ll take this time behind bars to focus on a change. “You’ve got quite a record for threatening and assaultive behavior which is concerning,” says Austin. She says hopefully Nethery has gained “some insight into what’s getting you into trouble and some motivation to deal with your problems.” “When I get out I intend to deal with all my problems head on,” Nethery says. When he actually will get out remains to be seen. Nethery will be released from Sarnia Jail next week and immediately transferred to Stratford where he faces additional charges. After that Nethery still has charges in Kitchener to resolve.

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# Petrolia church remembers Pastor Phil with memorial bench

The Independent

Phil Kazak was a young, energetic pastor who was “purposefully evangelizing” when he came to Petrolia years ago. His outgoing nature and his obvious love for the Lord made him instantly likeable. So when the pastor who was known for talking to high school students about his faith and running the back roads around Petrolia, became ill, it was a difficult time for the community at Petrolia First Baptist Church. Kazak died in March 2019. Deacon Harald Rust first met Kazak as he was taking his first church in Goderich. And he was on the committee charged with finding

a new pastor when Kazak was hired. Rust says he was well-loved by the members, including the kids, whom he would challenge to all sorts of games sometimes taking on all of them at once. Rust says he went out of his way to share his message. Rusts’ mother-in-law was from the south of France and she and Kazak, whose own mother was French, spoke in her native tongue with her. Rust was among the members of the congregation who recently stopped to remember Kazak’s time on earth. Members of the church have placed a bench on their front yard with a plaque bearing his name adding he “faithfully spread God’s love and blessings.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of Petrolia’s First Baptist Church took some time to remember former Pastor Phil Kazek. He died 2019 after battling brain cancer. The church has placed a memorial bench in its yard Pictured here are Janice and Lauren Kazek on the bench and Deacon Chairman Harald Rust, Donna McAuslan, Pastor Alex Craig, Janice White and Mayor Brad Loosley.



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# Sports

## Hunter makes pick for Blackhawks at draft

Barry Wright  
The Independent

There was an under-the-radar local component to the 2020 online NHL draft proceedings. Meghan Hunter who grew up on a farm just outside of Oil Springs made two selections on behalf of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Hunter has been the Executive

Assistant to the Hawks/ Senior Vice-President and General Manager Stan Bowman since 2016.

“I’ve watched the NHL Draft since I was in diapers,” Hunter said on her Twitter account.

Never in her wildest dreams, she said, did think she would ever get to make selections at the draft. “Amazing to be part of process

leading up to draft and sit in war room,” she added.

For the record, the selections Hunter announced were Wyatt Kaiser, a third round pick. He’s an 18 year old rearguard from a high school in Minnesota. And, Louis Crevier, a towering 19 year old blueliner taken in the seventh round from Chicoutimi of the QUMJHL



Meghan Hunter of Oil Springs makes one of the Blackhawks draft picks.

## New pandemic rules at Watford arena allowing one parent in the stands

The Independent

The Township of Warwick has updated its COVID-19 regulations for the Watford Community Arena. Effective now, the municipality is allowing one parent, guardian or spectator per player during games

at the rink.

“Parents, guardians and spectators must ensure that they are physically distanced by a minimum of two metres in the stands and are expected to stay seating during their time in the arena unless there is a need to use

the washroom,” stated the updated plan.

Parents, guardians or spectators are expected to enter the rink by the main entrance at game time and leave by the west exit five minutes before the ice time is over.

If someone is involved in

back-to-back games, he or she is expected to leave the rink by the west exit and re-enter through the main entrance.

Parent, guardians and spectators are not permitted to dressing rooms or the arena lobby except to use the washroom in the lobby.

The total number of people involved in any ice rental remains unchanged.

“The number of players/skaters, referees, timekeepers, music players and parents/guardians/ spectators during a rental cannot exceed 50.”

## Sting’s Perreault ready to learn in NHL

Jacob Perreault is ready to listen and get better with the NHL’s Anaheim Ducks. He made the comments to the Ducks website following his 27th overall selection by the California club at the NHL draft.

“I’m super excited,” Perreault said.

“When I saw the Ducks were up, I really had a feeling they were going to pick me. I’m really excited they did.

“I’m more than a one-dimensional player,” said the sniper who has registered 69 goals with the Sting over two seasons since being selected in the first round in the OHL Priority Selection in 2018.

“I have a good shot and can beat the goalie one-on-one. I see the ice pretty well. I understand the game really well. It’s really something I try to use to my advantage,

whether it’s to fake the goalie out with a fake-shot and go across to my teammate for a goal, or if it’s a one-timer on the power play.

“I can use my speed really well. I’m a really coachable player. I really want to get better.

“ I’ll take any advice I can get. I’m really excited to get things started.”

The son of former NHLer Yanic Perreault, becomes the 12th Sting player selected in the first round of the NHL draft since the team moved to Sarnia in 1994.



Jacob Perreault

## Brodie signs four-year deal with Leafs

T.J. Brodie is the newest member of the Toronto Maple Leafs’ blueline.

The 30 year-old defender from nearby Dresden had played his entire career in the Calgary Flames organization, including 664 regular season and playoff games in the National Hockey League since he was drafted by the Flames in the fourth round in 2008.

The four-year, \$20 million contract has a marginally higher annual value than the just completed five-year deal with the Flames.

As a result of the signing, a video has surfaced of Brodie competing at a skills competition at the Air Canada Centre as an 11 year-old.

After the younger Brodie had hit all four targets in the accuracy competition, the PA announcer quipped that then Maple Leaf GM Pat Quinn had offered Brodie a contract.

It only took nearly the next two decades for the prophesy to be fulfilled.

And, Wallaceburg’s Seth Griffith has signed a two-year deal with the Edmonton Oilers.



TJ Brodie



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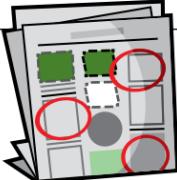
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Obituary



**DUNN**  
Jason

Died peacefully on Wednesday, **September 30, 2020** at the Nova Scotia Hospital in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. S1 Jason Dunn, was **43 years of age**. He is survived by his two daughters Rylan and Kaylan of Bedford, Nova Scotia. Jason is the son of Wendy (nee Stennett) and the late CPO2 Allen Dunn (2006) of Petrolia. He will be missed by his brother Ken and Julie Dunn, his sister Christina and Jeff Houtby, and his niece and nephews Jordan, Ethan, Matthew, and Laura. He will also be missed by his adopted family Manjula Devaraj and Chris Reid. He is also survived by many aunts and uncles. Jason served in the Canadian Navy for 10 years in Halifax. He was a lover of european cars, and was a founding member of East Coast Autohaus. **A funeral service was held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and visiting will be held at the Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 1 to 2 p.m. Interment in Hillsdale Cemetery, Petrolia. Mask wearing is mandatory at all gatherings.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to ALS Society of Canada ([www.als.ca](http://www.als.ca)) or Nova Scotia Hospital. Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).

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**PARK**  
William Stewart

**December 7, 1946 - October 9, 2020.** Peacefully, surrounded by family on Friday at his home in Plympton-Wyoming, William "Bill" Stewart Park - Husband, father, grandfather, teacher, merchant, friend. Gone too soon at **73** after a 12 year journey with prostate cancer. In his younger years he was very involved in the Petrolia community - President of Petrolia Lions, organizer and chairman of Petrolia B.I.A., and C.E.E. Hospital Board member. Bill enjoyed travel, and visited both Canadian coasts, England, Germany, Hawaii, Florida, Arizona, and Cuba (9 times). And of course, he was a car enthusiast from his first Ford Model A to many Minis, a couple Jaguars, and then his 1955 Austin-Healey 100, which he restored and enjoyed for 40 years. He will be missed his most wonderful and loving wife Laurel, his children Christine (Brad) Hollingsworth, Jim (Tara) Park, grandchildren (all of whom he enjoyed watching grow) Allison, Erica, Carter, Nathan, McKenzie as well step-children and grandchildren Brad, Brooke, Riley, and Justin Weaver, Sheryl (Mike) Burd, and Brandon, and great-grandson Carter Burd. Due to Laurel's indomitable positive outlook, and support from his children, he claimed the last ten years were the best of his life with many, many wonderful memories. **Visitation was held on the morning of Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Needham-Jay Funeral Home.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society (Cancer.ca) or the VON (von.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com)

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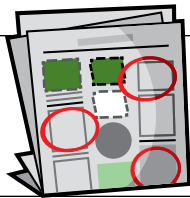


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## Death Notices

October 5 - October 11, 2020

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

**McDONALD, Heather**  
Age 62, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

**NEWBY, Marianne**  
Age 71, of Corunna  
Knight Funeral Home

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

**McINTOSH, Daniel**  
Age 34, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**JOHNSTON, Ray**  
Age 83, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

**MacDONALD, Donald**  
Age 73, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**MOORE, Aulda "Bunny"**  
Age 73, of Mooretown  
Knight Funeral Home

**PARK, Bill**

Age 73, of Plympton-Wyoming  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**KNIGHT, Allan**

Age 76, of Corunna  
Knight Funeral Home

**BERGSMA, Jauktje "Jenny"**

Age 93, of Chatham  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

**WHITTON, Howie**  
Age 83, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

**GARK, Noella**

Age 78, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**MacDONALD, John Hughie**  
Age 89, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
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 16	6-8pm	Petrolia	Parents for Parks <b>Bottle Drive</b> . Curbside Pickup. All proceeds donated to build accessible playground at Green Wood Park in Petrolia.	519-384-9242
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	10-2pm	Petrolia	Parents for Parks <b>Bottle Drive</b> . Curbside Pickup. All proceeds donated to build accessible playground at Green Wood Park in Petrolia.	519-384-9242
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 17	4-7pm	Wyoming	Wyoming Lions Club take-out <b>Pickrel Dinner</b> . \$20 for fish, fries, tarter sauce, beans & coleslaw. Tickets available from local members.	
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 <a href="http://town.petrolia.on.ca">town.petrolia.on.ca</a>	
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
Oct 31	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50//50 Draw</b>	
Nov 4	5-7pm	Alvinston	Hope United Church Drive-Thru <b>Turkey Dinner</b> at the B.A.I.C.C.C. \$18/meal. Advance tickets only. Call 519-847-5494.	

**\*\*Deadline for submitting free events is Mondays at noon.\*\***

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Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # / website: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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](mailto: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](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

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Pastor: Alex Craig  
Church Office 519-882-2480  
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# Community Corner

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The winners of the Petrolia & North Enniskillen Fire Department's Fire Prevention Video Contest were celebrated at the Petrolia Fire Hall. Participants each made a 90 second video on the theme of fire safety in the kitchen. In the kids category, Carter Meyskens, 10, took home the top prize of \$400 for his video. Josie Robertson, 12, won \$200 for second place, and Katie Bender, 10, earned a fire prevention kit for her third place video. In the adult category it was Greg Drope who took the top spot. His video focused on always remembering when you have something cooking on the stove. The Seniors category winner was Fiddicks Nursing Home.

## IPM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS




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Three post-secondary students from Lambton County were each awarded \$1000 scholarships from proceeds of the 1991 International Plowing Match held in Lambton. Rewarded for their community involvement and scholastic ability were (left to right) Mia Willemsen, Davis MacKinlay, and Emma Darrach, all from Plympton-Wyoming.





### PROVINCIAL AWARD

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