

MARKING ST. ANDREW’S DAY



Members of the St. Andrew’s Society in Petrolia took a moment to mark the 150th anniversary group which celebrates St. Andrew - the patron saint of Scotland each year. The group hoped to mark the day again this year, however they will not be able to due to the restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic. See more on this story see page 5.

Going Up: Watford landfill may expand

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Waste Management wants to extend the life of its Watford landfill. It’s started an Environmental Assessment which could see the Twin Creeks Landfill accept waste an extra 12 years until 2044.

The area the landfill covers would not increase according to Wayne Jenken, manager of the Watford site. Instead, Waste Management wants to increase the height of the landfill.

Right now, it is about 262 meters tall, he says. The current licence allows Waste Management to build up to 282 meters high. If the company gets provincial approval, it could be as high as 320 meters or about 1,050 feet high.

“What sparking this needs today is two things. One, we want to be able to continue to service our customers and provide long term disposal cap-

acity beyond that 12 year period,” he says. But there is also a need to rebuild the slope of the current landfill so it won’t need to be opened in the future.

“This is about wanting to build the right infrastructure at the right time, not rework it, and have no nuisances and the issues that could exist in the future...Once a landfill is capped if that cap is removed in the future, there’s an opportunity for impacts from the landfill - odor, surface water impact... if we can build the landfill correctly, if we can optimize the site now and know how we’re going to build it in the future, we can minimize those impacts going forward,” Jenken adds.

Twin Creeks was opened in 1972. Waste Management took over in 1996 and began a long battle to expand the site. The expansion was approved in 2008, over the objections of the community.

Politicians at the time did negotiate a host agreement and since garbage began rolling in from as far away as Metro Toronto, and Barrie, the municipality has received \$23 million in hosting fees according to WM.

In 2017, Waste Management received approval to bring in 1.4 metric tonnes of waste a year.

Jenken says if the expansion is approved, that would not change. It would simply extend the life of the landfill.

“Although customers may change or vary over time, we’re looking to maintain the same annual tonnage,” he says.

And he says it’s needed. Ontario’s three major landfills are accepting as much waste as they can.

Another 3.5 million metric tonnes is heading to Michigan a year from Ontario.

**SEE TWIN CREEKS PG 2**

CEEH room renos start

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

The head of Bluewater Health says you will soon see physical signs of construction at Petrolia’s hospital.

But the plans are different than were first envisioned as the infrastructure of Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital needed work first.

When the province announced \$7.5 million for a 25 year capital plan which would transform the hospital in 2017, the emergency department was expected to be renovated first. It had been built to accommodate 7,000 patients a year and was taking in over 22,000.

But in 2018, officials signalled the infrastructure of the building, including the electrical and heating systems, were failing. That’s when the project pivoted according to Hospital CEO Mike Lapaine.

Bluewater Health applied to the province for emergency infrastructure cash and began working.

“I know it looks like to an outsider ‘What happened to that project? Nothing has been going on.’ And in fairness, the progress was put on idle so we could fix the infrastructure pieces,” he says.

“Although it’s taken a little longer, we’ve got a lot more work (done) so the \$7.5 million in assets could turn into almost \$15 million in projects because of all these infrastructure, other grants, we’ve applied to it.”

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Waste Management has started an Environmental Assessment which would see the company expand the site by piling waste higher.

## Twin Creeks could stay open 12 extra years

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Warwick officials were briefed about the assessment Monday. Councilors were surprised by the request. “Forty meters higher than it is supposed to be? Two hundred feet more?” asked Councilor Jerry Westgate.

Councilor Wayne Morris wanted to make sure the company wouldn’t be “mining” the waste to create more room since that’s where the odour surfaces. It is not, says Mayor Jackie Rombouts. She says the company says the information is preliminary and

the Environmental Assessment will look at a number of ways to do things. “There is definitely going to be a lot of discussion on this,” she told council. “We will definitely be asking these questions.” Jenken says members of the public can learn about the proposal on Waste Management’s website where a virtual public meeting is taking place until December. He adds it could be as long as five years before any decision is final and approved by the provincial government.

## CEEH rooms being renovated now

CON'T FROM PG 1

That work, says Lapaine, is 90 per cent complete. So now, Bluewater Health is turning its attention to renovating the 19 bed acute medicine wing of the hospital. The rooms, Lapaine says, are old and small and don’t meet today’s standards. With no land available near the wing to expand, the unit will become a 15-bed unit including one palliative care room and one ward room, he says. “The difference in the space is really to accommodate the new standards... those rooms that are there now, aren’t big enough for what you would need. So, to get the room in a finite amount of space, it means we’ll go to 15 beds.” Lapaine says it will not hurt the operations of the hospital. “Our average occupancy, there was

7.6 beds a day. So, having 10 or 15 beds, is more than enough even to deal with surges.” “That’s still adequate to deal with the current demands. Hospitals more and more over time for the last 50 years have been shrinking the number of beds they have because more and more things that the hospital do can be done on an ambulatory care basis, or they require shorter lengths of stay.” Lapaine expects the renovations on the medicine wing to be complete in March. Hospital officials are also actively planning the redevelopment of the emergency department, hoping to be ready to take advantage of any government funding that is available. Lapaine couldn’t say how long it would be before construction would start on the ER.

## Celebrating Canada with a \$5K flag pole

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Petrolia is going to use a \$5,000 Canada Day grant from the federal government install a new celebratory flag pole. The town, like many others across the country, gets funding each year to host Canada Day events. Many use the money to pay for fireworks displays. But communities had to scale back celebrations because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Petrolia held a virtual fireworks event. The federal grant was set aside hoping Petrolia and its neighbours could hold another event in 2020. As the pandemic restrictions continued, most municipalities bowed out recognizing it would be impossible.

In a Nov. 7 report, Dave Menzies, director of facilities and community services, says the celebratory flag pole will be installed at the entrance to town hall. “After a great number of conversations with all parties and approval from program administrators with Canadian Heritage, the town can proceed with a celebratory flag pole and purchase Canadian flags, organizational flags, Indigenous flags, etc. to complement a virtual ceremony,” says Menzies. The town’s clerk is drawing up a new flag policy to “accommodate the number of requests for half massing, organizations events, and community groups that bring forward requests.” The flag pole will be completed by the end of November.

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# Gassing up for the future; Van Dun deflates rumours

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The Independent

Mark Twain said rumours of his demise were greatly exaggerated. They could have also come from Joe Van Dun’s mouth.

The owner of Shell 21 in Petrolia is frustrated after nearly a year of rumours his business was closing.

To be clear, it’s not.

Van Dun has owned Shell 21 for 43 years, employing dozens of teens as gas jockeys. Over the years, different representatives of Shell have asked Van Dun to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to convert the gas bar to a self serve. He didn’t. His customers love full serve and Van Dun likes to employ Petrolia’s youth.

Right now 13 people work the pumps and the variety store.

In Dec. 2018, a Shell representative told him of the plans for a new Shell Self Serve across the road at a plaza which would include a McDonald’s. At the time, the representative suggested he might lose the franchise after the gas bar opened.

Van Dun planned to stay open and source his gas somewhere else.

But when the announcement of the new plaza hit the newspaper and social media in the spring of 2019, the rumours started flying.

Post after post said Van Dun was quitting or retiring. None of it was true but nothing he said could stop the rumour mill.

Then Monday, an article in *The Sarnia Observer* tipped the scale for one employee.

In an article about the new plaza - now under construction and expected to be open in the spring - Petrolia’s mayor and the owner of the plaza were



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Joe Van Dun at Shell 21 looks at the counter in his Petrolia gas bar which has been signed by all the former employees. He’s frustrated with the rumours in town - which were reinforced by the comments of the mayor in a news article - that he is closing. Van Dun says his gas bar will remain - as a Shell station - even when the new plaza across the road is complete.

quoted saying Shell 21 would close. The employee wrote to *The Independent* frustrated that now the rumour had been “confirmed” even though it was not true.

For his part, Van Dun got on the phone to contacts at Shell. They assured him he would continue to be a Shell customer and would continue to hold a franchise for as long as he wanted.

When Van Dun suggested he could take down the Shell sign, his representative told him that wasn’t necessary adding “everything will stay the same for you - no change.”

The whole experience has been frus-

trating for the long-time businessman.

“It’s frustrating, because, like we’ve been ever since we’ve heard about this, like I don’t know, for the last five to six weeks, it’s just been nothing but chatter, chatter, chatter, I’m closing out and going.”

He’s not going and he’s hoping to keep students employed.

“I don’t want to lose a whole bunch of staff that you might if you do go self serve, like all the boys lose their jobs. I don’t want to do that...”

“I hope that I get enough customer base that will stay with me and keep that (full serve) going - that’s my goal.”

## Over 43,450 pounds of food donated; 2021 drive possible

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Organizers of a rural Lambton food drive are “extremely happy” saying over 43,450 pounds of food and \$15,515 in donations came in during the Neighbour 2 Neighbour event.

The group of community volunteers took a week to assess what had been donated Nov. 7 when hundreds of volunteers fanned out across rural Lambton to collect food donations for the smaller food banks in the region and other food security programs.

They were overwhelmed with donations and Saturday, Petrolia volunteers were enlisted once again to move the donations from the town to be stored in Oil Springs filling a large cargo transport.

“I cannot believe the generosity of the people of Lambton County,” says

Al Broad, community leader in Dawn-Euphemia and the spokesperson for the food drive.

“We are so happy the community stepped up to help their neighbours.”

Broad delivered some of the cheques to local food banks and got to see their reactions. He also got to hear some of the stories from volunteers about those giving, including a man in his community who had lived through hard times and wanted to help. He brought two pickup loads of items to the hall in Florence.

Firefighters collecting donations in Camlachie realized that the minor ball players were gathering more food than they were, so, they went out again - with their sirens on - to gather up even more.

Broad says the event was a great experience and many of the volunteers are all ready to help again next year.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Petrolia volunteers pack donated items into a transport Saturday to bring the food to Oil Springs to be sorted. The food will help fill the boxes of Christmas For Everyone.

Broad says another drive is possible in 2021.

## Bio solids case against Brooke-Alvinston to be heard in March

The Independent

Brooke-Alvinston will defend its position to stop a local agriculture company from piling biosolid fertilizer on agricultural land in March.

Buurma Farms is taking the municipality, along with Warwick and Dawn-Euphemia Townships, to the Normal Farm Practices Board after years of fighting over the issue. The

Buurmas - who also own Lasalle Agri which markets the fertilizer made from human waste - had a storage area in Warwick. The township said they were operating a commercial business on an agriculture property and the courts agreed. With no place to store their product, the Buurma’s began putting large piles on land they owned. But the municipalities all have rules prohibiting the piling of any fertilizer except

that which will be used on that field. The Buurma’s are appealing to the board saying what they’re doing is a normal part of farming.

The first of three hearings will be held March 8 - nearly a year after the appeal was filed. Brooke-Alvinston’s case will be heard first by video conference.

So far, the three municipalities have spent over \$34,000 on the case.

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# Editorial

## Truth in the new public square

Joe Van Dun calls it fake news. We wouldn't go so far. The rumours that have been circulating for over a year that his business was closing never hit the newspaper. In fact, The Independent debunked the rumour. Several times.

What happened to the owner of Shell 21 is a classic case of old style gossip meeting social media. The combination is dangerous.

We've seen it on the world stage; politicians stating things as fact - think I won the election - and claiming fake news on social media, hoping to drown out the facts they don't like.

We've likely seen it in our personal lives, too. Stories exaggerated on social media damage relationships and hurt countless people every day.

It also hurts business. That's what has happened in Van Dun's case. When news of a new plaza with a new Shell gas bar and a fast-food chain broke in spring 2019, The Independent reported it. Included in the story at the time were comments from Van Dun, who owns the franchise for Shell in the community. No, he said, I'm not going anywhere.

That didn't stop the social media hordes from weighing in. Immediately, the comment section was filled with comments including the conclusion that Shell 21 is going out of business.

Van Dun has refuted the rumours to countless people - still, the stories circulate. It got a little too much for one employee when the mayor restated the closure rumour as fact in a Sarnia newspaper. Van Dun has once again said he'll remain even when the new gas bar opens. We expect even this explanation won't be enough to end the talk.

This is, unfortunately, a common lesson in how social media works. People read the headlines and never the story, preferring to spin their own facts on social media. They share their unfounded opinions and others hear them as truth.

It doesn't have to be that way, but in the social media public square, it usually is. As Mark Twain said: "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting its shoes on."

It's too bad because good people get hurt.

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The more things change, the more they stay the same. A crowd gathered at a fire at a Petrolia oil field to watch the scene unfold. It was captured for a postcard which can now be found the Dave Burwell Collection online.

## Bring back the March Premier Ford please

I want March Premier Doug Ford back because the one we have right now is losing focus.

In March, many people, particularly his detractors, were pleasantly surprised as the premier found his pandemic footing and laid down some strict rules to try to stop what could have been a disaster in Ontario as COVID-19 spread through our communities.

Ford listened to the science and did what was necessary, locking down the province to protect lives.

Make no mistake, that was hard. Hard for all of us both mentally and economically and hard for the premier - a guy whose reason for being in office is to "cut the red tape" and make life easier for business.

But he did it, because he knew it was necessary. And he deserves credit for that.

Those first months were incredibly difficult and frankly, politicians were in uncharted territory.

As Ontario gained control over the virus, the premier's attention turned to the economy - as it should.

Even though it was clear Ford was making announcements which were political in nature, trying to win over his support base, by and large the new programs were needed to get the economy running again.

But now, with the number of COVID-19 cases climbing over 1,000 daily and predicted to rise to 6,500 before Christmas and the virus making its way into long term care killing seniors, the premier of March is nowhere to be found.

Take Monday for example; Ford introduced Supply Ontario, a new bureaucracy to buy things for the Ontario government. The hope is it will save cash in the long run.

Reporters didn't have questions about Supply Ontario. They were concerned about the increasing number of cases and what the government is doing about it.

As they should be.

And Ford was upset by it.

After the questions were done, he took more time to pitch his new bureau because reporters, in his mind, didn't see how historic this new agency is.

The announcement was tone deaf.

While we are concerned about the cost of fighting COVID-19, most people realize business will never return to normal if the pandemic is raging.

Every major scientific and economy body has said without eliminating COVID-19 there is no economic recovery.

The premier has to remember that and return to the time of making tough decisions.



Heather Wright

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# Opinion

## Petrolia should open dressing rooms at arena

**EDITOR:**  
Wow; we should have listened to our ancestors, they were right; you don’t change the politics, you only change some of the faces.  
I have been having some dialog with upper management in charge of the arena (Greenwood Recreation Centre) and it is a challenge. It seems like you don’t even have a voice.  
Kids can only use the lobby to put skates on and off; they can’t change any clothes at all or you get yelled at by staff. Not bad right now but what about when it is minus 10 out and they have to leave with sweaty clothes on? It is going to be a bone chilling ride home.  
Petrolia is the only arena in the county that all dressing rooms are closed for the kids and the only answer I can get from inside the hallowed walls of town hall is Petrolia is different.  
I have been in a lot of arenas in small communities in my lifetime and they all start with four dressing rooms and Petrolia has six and none being used right now. That’s one difference. Why can’t they use some since you can have separate entrance and exits.

It was brought up that it would be looked into and a report issued which took over a month for someone to do a lot of cutting and pasting then burying it by filing it to the archives and never to see daylight again.  
Where is the transparency in that?  
One difference in this report is that the juniors will be able to use their dressing room, if and when they start to play, a room is available for the goalies to use and there already is a room for referees and linemen to use now. What are the opposing teams going to do, change in one of the closed store fronts up town and be bused to the arena?  
There is no change rooms for the kids; use the lobby or else. That’s another difference.  
It is who you are and not what you are.  
Quite a few teams have to go to other arenas to get ice time where they can use dressing rooms to change, other arenas can clean and disinfect areas in 10 minutes ready for reuse, where in Petrolia it takes 30 minutes (another difference) which is a lot of down time and wasted revenue over the period of a day or night.

The director of community services told council he needed another \$20,000 for cleaning this year but when you are cleaning less with more how does that work? It appears to me it is a good place to hide people for the winter.  
The arena will run a deficit of \$300,000 this year and most of council was OK with that.  
Since then, people have made suggestions of numerous ways that savings could be had by making some changes to the tune of over \$140,000 but the attitude is who are you to make suggestions? And, it is in the budget (another difference).  
The deficit could be brought back to below previous year losses by making minor changes. How many years has this nonsense been going on and how many dollars are we talking about?  
Petrolia already has one white elephant because of costs and poor management - we don’t need two.  
Why is council almost always in favour of spending money but not willing to look at savings especially in these times and in this town.

Dave Butler  
Petrolia, ON

## St. Andrew’s Society will wait to break tradition

Heather Wright  
The Independent

For 149 years, the men of Petrolia of Scottish decent - and some who wished they were - have gathered to celebrate St. Andrew’s Day.  
And this year, the all-male tradition was about to be broken.  
Instead, the tradition of getting together to have few drinks, eating some haggis and spinning a few yarns, will be broken. Like so many other events, the St. Andrew’s Society dinner has been cancelled this year because of COVID-19 restrictions.  
St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and Nov. 30th became the time for the St. Andrew’s Society to meet and celebrate their roots. The tradition lives on in six communities in Canada, including Petrolia.  
Duncan McTavish says the early

celebrations in the booming oil town were raucous so ladies were banned from the original event.  
“In the past, there was quite a bit of drinking and the event actually was just not one dinner at night, it transitioned over two to three days. And as a consequence, it was thought that it wasn’t the appropriate place for women to be present.”  
The tradition of no ladies mostly held for 149 years. Of course, there were ladies in the kitchen preparing the meals, and the singers and dancers were ladies. And most recently, the tradition of inviting the local newspaper editor meant there was a woman in the crowd.  
And Sarnia-Lambton’s MP - Marilyn Gladu - spoke at the event recently.  
McTavish says there has been comments made in the past 15 years that perhaps it was time to allow women to attend the tamer event.  
And 2020 - the 150th anniversary of the St. Andrew’s Society in Petrolia - was to be the year the executive invited a woman to become part of the board. It would be a historic first.  
But, it is not to be, at least in 2020, according to Chair Tim Mills.  
He says the members were understanding but disappointed the event wouldn’t go ahead this year as it had for the past 150 years. They’re all hopeful life will return to normal by St. Andrew’s Day 2021, so they can share stories together.  
For this year though, members of the executive had to be content with meeting with members of the media in front of the Petrolia Legion, where the event is normally held. Piper Tom Rankin played a tune for those present to mark St. Andrew’s Day - socially distanced of course.

## Trustees oppose public vote for top jobs at public school board

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Elections at the Lambton-Kent District School Board will remain secret.  
Trustee Derek Robertson asked trustees to consider a public vote after a new trustee was chosen earlier this fall through a secret ballot.  
Secret ballots are also used to select the board chair and vice chair.  
“It seems illogical to me that during an open session of the board... we not allow the taxpayers, citizens and electors to have the opportunity to understand the decision each one of us made,” says Robertson on Nov. 10. “We don’t enjoy that anonymity when we were elected by the general public.”  
Robertson made it clear he had no

problem with Little being chosen as the new trustee, but that it’s the process itself he objects to.  
“It is unreasonable in my estimation – frankly it’s unethical – to not be transparent with our electors in destroying those ballots,” says Robertson. “I suspect and trust that the anonymity we have practised may serve to comfort people and not hurt their feelings. But that is not a principle that should ever override the principle of transparency and democracy.”  
Robertson’s proposal was met with vocal opposition. “It’s frankly disturbing that this has even gotten to the floor,” says Trustee Lareina Rising saying secret ballots are part of the democratic process. “It really begs the question why someone would want to know how we voted on those positions other than for the purpose of intimidation... It’s not just a matter of hurt feelings, it’s a matter of working relationships and understanding that that’s not how democracy works,” Rising says. Trustee Scott McKinlay was sympathetic to Robertson’s idea, but says trustees need anonymity in certain decisions. “I think the public has a right to know... how I vote on any other thing that’s involved in the school environment. I do not believe for a second that they have the right to know who I select as chair, vice-chair, or trustee,” McKinlay says.  
“Transparency doesn’t go to who I voted for, that’s my personal decision.”  
The trustees rejected Robertson’s proposal with Robertson, Greg Agar and Janet Barnes in favour of the idea.

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# Cause of Petrolia nursing home outbreak unknown

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The Independent

Lambton Public Health officials may never trace the source of the COVID-19 outbreak at a Petrolia Nursing Home.

Fiddick's Nursing and Retirement Home was placed in outbreak Oct. 30 after one resident on the retirement side tested positive for the virus. The provincial guidelines consider one case of COVID-19 in long term care an outbreak.

Lambton Public Health says there have been no other infections in the home.

In a social media post jointly signed by Administrator Mike Fiddick and Mandy Judah, Director of Resident Care, Fiddick's gave more details of what occurred. "A resident from our retirement home was sent to hospital

for a non-COVID matter on Oct. 27. While at hospital, this resident tested positive for COVID-19," says the statement.

"Our home was made aware of the positive COVID-19 result on the evening of Oct. 29 and the home immediately implemented our COVID-19 pandemic plan. Our home went into a COVID-19 outbreak status on Oct. 30 as per Lambton Public Health.

"As the resident who was positive has not been in the home since Oct. 27 and as all staff and residents are negative for COVID-19, we are officially out of isolation as of Nov. 11."

Dr. Sudit Ranade says Lambton Public Health "does not have a particular source" of the COVID-19 infection in the retirement home resident.

"It remains a mystery to us," Ranade says.

"There's lots of times where you're not entirely sure where somebody got it from? And then you go through this process of saying, well, do we really think that they had it? You know, so there's all of these sorts of elements to try to understand for the overall picture, whether or not you think it was a real case, whether or not you think that that case was particularly infectious, all of those kinds of things," he says, adding this was a clear case of COVID-19.

"Sometimes we just don't know."

## MP Marilyn Gladu Sarnia-Lambton

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

A Petrolia landmark is gone. Doug Simpson of Albany Retirement Village removed the former Oil Rig Restaurant last week to make way for new seniors apartments.

## Landmark cleared to make way for housing

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

A piece of Petrolia's history has been removed to make way for more senior's apartments.

Doug Simpson of Albany Retirement Village has been taking apart the former Oil Rig Restaurant for months. The heavy machinery moved in to take down the building Nov. 10.

The uniquely shaped building has been a fixture on Albany St. for decades. It began as the Dominion Sink Factory. The exact

date it began production is not known. The building also housed the Petrolia Topic at one time.

It became a restaurant in the 1970s and remained a family favourite for decades.

One of the draws of the restaurant was the unique paintings inside which depicted the fathers of the oil industry.

Those paintings were removed last year and donated to Lambton County for preservation.

It's not clear how long it will take before the new seniors apartment building will be built.

## Lambton MOH will take extra measures if necessary

The Independent

Lambton's medical officer of health says if he has to act to reduce the spread of COVID-19 here, he will do it.

Dr. Sudit Ranade made the comment as the province tightened the framework for pandemic restrictions. The Ford government faced criticism from doctors across the province because the first version of guidance recommended acting when the number of COVID-19 cases were very high.

That left public health officials in the GTA - where the most cases are occurring - to act beyond the guidelines.

Lambton's medical officer of health was asked Thursday if he's prepared to go above and beyond the province's guidelines –

using Section 22 of the Public Health Act – if COVID-19 cases begin to climb here.

He adds he'd only take extra measures "when I absolutely have to."

"I don't think that we're there yet."

Ranade says he will closely review the indicators locally, consult with others, and use his own professional judgement to make the decision.

"It's about looking at what's happening in other places and trying to make the best decisions you can based on that."

Ontario has been recording between 1,200 and 1,500 cases a day for the last week, with public health modelers saying we could see up to 6,500 by mid December. There were eight active cases in Lambton Tuesday including one at St. Pat's High School.

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### BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER

It's surprising how quickly you may become thirsty, even on a short walk.

### WALK AT A COMFORTABLE, BRISK PACE

The quicker the walk, the greater the benefit. A companion is a good idea. Ask your partner, a friend or one of your children to come along with you.

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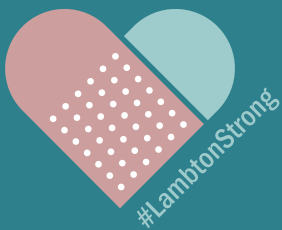
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# Tribute to the Florence Chicks

Heather Wright  
The Independent

If she could, Kathy Huiting would grab her mitt and head out to the diamond, just like she did as a teen in Florence.

And standing in front of a new sign in Florence, you can imagine she probably could still hit a few.

Huiting - who was called by her second name, Jeannie, at the time - was one of the renowned Florence Chicks.

She lives in Tilbury now, but travelled to Florence after hearing from her niece, Ruth Mater, about a sign which appeared at the entrance to the town.

The tribute to one of the village’s most famous teams went up mysteriously in early fall paying tribute to the team which was founded in 1950 and won several Ontario Women’s Softball Championships.

The sign became the talk of the village since no one knew who put the billboard up. That didn’t matter much to Huiting. When her niece called to tell her about the billboard, Mater says she was very excited.

In a couple of days, Huiting and her daughter were in Florence, posing in front of the sign.

It’s not surprising someone would want to pay tribute to the team. It was likely the most successful sports franchise ever in Florence.

The Florence Chicks were formed in 1950 by Wilber North, the local chick dealer, to play in the local women’s league.

Like the famous movie “League of Their Own” the girls played in skirts and played to win.

Huiting was the youngest player, joining the team at just 15.

Jeannie had been playing baseball for a while. She grew up with nine brothers and joined them on the baseball field as often as she could scrambling after the balls they hit. Soon, they were encouraging her to play. “They kind of got me out there, trying to pitch,” she says.

North knew Huiting’s brother - who eventually helped with the team.

North came to the family farm to recruit her. Most of the women were married and many had children who made road trips with the team to places as far away as Bala, Scarborough and Parry Sound.

The Women’s played twice a week from the May long weekend until the playoffs in October. And The Chicks were in the playoffs often.

The team won the Lambton-Kent League championship the first year. They got off to a rough start in year two, losing nine in a row, before thundering back to win the provincial championship - a feat the team would repeat five times.

## Justice OKs Christmas with kids before jail time

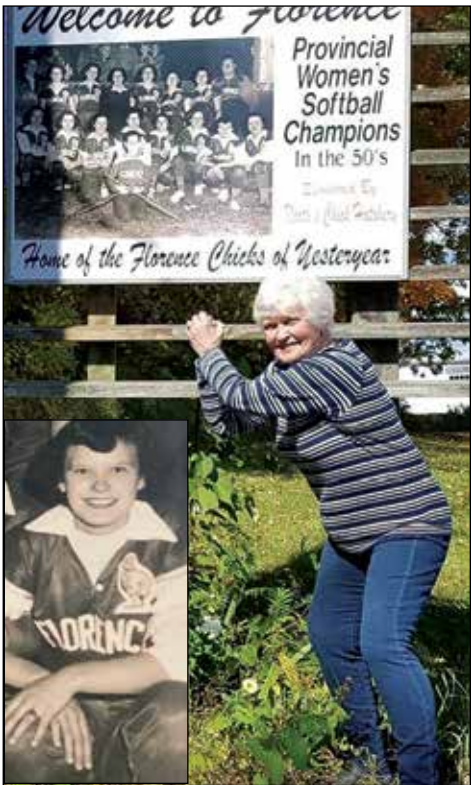
Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Justice Anne McFadyen was already in the holiday spirit as she delayed a Sarnia man’s incarceration until after Christmas.

Brandon Darcy, 26, pled guilty to drug trafficking and possession charges, and driving with a disqualified license Nov. 2.

Darcy already has a long criminal record, which his lawyer Nick Cake acknowledged would result in jail time at sentencing said Darcy wanted to keep working to make money for his kids and spend Christmas with them.

The request was anything but automatic given Darcy’s latest crimes and history. He’d been in court three times for driving convictions ranging from dangerous



Kathy Huiting - a former Florence Chick - poses in front of a sign erected in Florence recently.

Huiting didn’t play that long with The Chicks. The pitcher and fielder married young and moved away. But it wasn’t the end of her baseball career. North called up one of the coaches in Toronto and soon, Huiting was playing for a Toronto team.

Huiting says her ball-playing days are filled with wonderful memories. “I loved every minute of it,” she says. “I’d rather do that than eat when I was a kid.

“I was really into it I guess because the whole family played ball.”

Huiting loved the time with The Chicks who were very popular in Florence. The team regularly drew crowds of up to 1,000 people. The crowds could swell to 2,000 during playoff events.

And while the fans loved the team, the team loved the community. The women raised money, including having bake sales, to help pay for new bleachers and lights for the ball park. It is no wonder that the community still remembers the team even though Huiting is one of just two members still living.

The Chicks were immortalized in 2003 when the team was inducted into the Dresden Sports Hall of Fame. The sign erected in Florence keeps The Chicks in the minds of residents now.

Huiting appreciates the new sign, even though those baseball memories are fresh in her mind. “I really enjoyed it. If I could get out there today, I would do it again.”

operation to driving while suspended.

In Aug. 2019, Darcy was robbed at a motel where he was staying. Police said he knew the men. Darcy jumped in a truck and followed them, crashing it and fleeing. Drugs and cash were found at the scene.

Six days later, Darcy fled from police in a Ford Focus. When police finally stopped him, Darcy was in the backseat. A search of the car found just under an ounce of fentanyl and some meth. Darcy also handed over \$1,100 cash that was in his shoe.

Despite Darcy’s continued flaunting of driving laws, McFadyen agreed since he is likely looking at years behind bars, he could be given some extra time to make some money for his children and spend Christmas with them. Darcy will return for sentencing on Feb. 22.

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Homes/apartments/businesses are judged at the same time as the floats. To register your address go to [www.alvinstonoptimist.com](http://www.alvinstonoptimist.com) by Friday, Dec. 11th at 7pm. For more information text/call: 519-490-5393.

Notice of Commencement and Virtual Consultation & Engagement Event 1

Terms of Reference for an Environmental Assessment

Twin Creeks Environmental Centre Landfill Optimization Project

Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WM), the owner and operator of the Twin Creeks Environmental Centre (TCEC) in Watford, Ontario, has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) seeking approval to optimize the landfill design and operation, maximizing the use of the constructed infrastructure and the significant investment made at the TCEC. The optimization could involve a vertical expansion of the landfill within the approved 101.8 ha Expansion Landfill footprint by modifying the side slopes and increasing the elevation of the landfill. This optimization could provide additional airspace of up to approximately 14M m<sup>3</sup>, which could extend the site life by approximately 12 years (from 2032 to 2044). There would be no change to the current 101.8 ha landfill footprint area, the approved service area, or the annual fill rate.

There is a need for the continued development of the TCEC as it is a significant component of the provincial waste management network and infrastructure, which is lacking in sufficient and secure long-term disposal capacity. Optimizing the future development of the TCEC allows for on-going sustainable business operations and continued provision of essential financial support for community services and programs.

The TCEC is located in the Township of Warwick near the Village of Watford, at the corner of Nauvoo Road and Zion Line (see Key Plan below). The purpose of the EA is to assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill optimization on the environment.

**The Process**

The EA will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step in the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference will set out the framework and work plan for addressing the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including such things as the alternatives that will be considered, and the public consultation and engagement activities that will be carried out. If approved by the Minister, the Terms of Reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA.

KEY PLAN

**Consultation and Engagement**

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the Terms of Reference planning process by participating in consultation and engagement opportunities or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities are being planned throughout the process and will be advertised in local newspapers, on the project website [www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project](http://www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project) and by direct and/or electronic mail (email).

WM invites you to attend **Virtual Consultation & Engagement Event 1** to introduce and provide an overview of the landfill optimization project, present the development and contents of the Terms of Reference, the EA process, and information on the rationale, proposed alternatives, and the consultation and engagement process that will be followed during the development of the EA. **Virtual Consultation & Engagement Event 1** is an online event accessible from the project website [www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project](http://www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project), which will run between **Tuesday, November 17 and Friday, December 4, 2020**. You are encouraged to participate by reviewing the information provided during the event and providing feedback.

In addition to participating in **Virtual Consultation & Engagement Event 1**, you are invited to submit your comments by mail, email, or phone to the project contacts listed below. If you would like to be added to the project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:

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# Lest We Forget



The ceremonies were short, and private, because of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions but that did not stop people from remembering Nov. 11. Above and on the bottom left, members of the Oil Springs Legion were joined by community members, distanced from each other, to mark the solemn day. Oil Springs Mayor Ian Veen, members of the Oil Springs Legion and representatives of the OPP paid tribute. In Petrolia, Branch 216 invited just 25 guests – the most people allowed at an outdoor gathering under pandemic restrictions – to the simplified ceremonies. Representatives from all levels of government laid a wreath at the cenotaph and the Act of Remembrance was completed while more than 100 people, standing in family groups well distanced from others, watched on from the edges of Victoria Park. Below right, Korean War Veteran Wally Carvan and Laura Shand, Cadet Deputy Commanding Officer of the Sarnia Air Cadets, and her grandson, Blake, watch the service in Petrolia.





# Sports

## Flyers, Flags won't play until January

**Barry Wright**  
The Independent

The commissioner of the Provincial Junior Hockey League says the puck is not likely to drop on a new season anytime soon. “With the COVID numbers lately, it would be safe to say we will be unable to

resume playing competitive hockey in the near future,” said Terry Whiteside in a recent text message to *The Independent*.

In late summer, the league said it hoped to play a 24-game schedule beginning on Dec. 1 but Whiteside says the target is no longer feasible.

The new target date is Jan. 1 with a 16-game regular season schedule on the table, according to Dresden Junior Kings President Dave Cameron.

“We have stated that we are ready to play when the government and health units feels it is safe to do so,” added Whiteside.

This time last year, both the Petrolia Flyers and Mooretown Flags were nearing the midway point of the 40-game regular season schedule.

As of press time, the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League, including the Sarnia Legionnaires, continues to target a Dec. 2

## Jamieson Rees at Team Canada selection camp

The Independent

The journey to a possible spot on Team Canada’s World Junior hockey squad has begun for Jamieson Rees of the Sarnia Sting. The Carolina Hurricanes

prospect and 46 other hopefuls began practice Tuesday in a bubble in Red Deer, Alberta. The players will take part in practices, intra squad games and exhibition contests over the next several weeks before

the final 25-man roster is named on Dec. 13.

The camp roster also includes former Dresden Junior Kings goalie Brett Brochu of the London Knights.

The World Junior

Tournament begins in a bubble in Edmonton on Christmas Day. Canada’s opening game is against Germany on Boxing Day. Rees had 18 goals and 61 points in 39 games last season with the Sting.

## Enniskillen woman named to national Dragon Boat committee

**Barry Wright**  
The Independent

Cathy Johnson will serve a three-year term on the Youth Committee of Dragon Boat Canada from now until 2022.

Its focus is to develop and improve U18, U24 and university paddlers. “Currently, we are working

to find ways to engage youth paddlers, at a time when we can’t paddle,” said the one-time resident of the former Euphemia Township who now lives in Enniskillen Township near Petrolia.

“Our next initiative involves a virtual team workout competition, where teams of 10 (five male and five female) compete against

each other within their age divisions.

“The paddlers will perform a timed body weight challenge (there are five in total and two paddlers do each challenge) and record their results expected to be available by the end of January,” she said.

Johnson, who recently retired after spending

nearly three decades as an educator at North Lambton Secondary School in Forest, says the focus is to encourage a bit of fun rivalry and to promote the sport at the same time.

For more information on the sport of Dragon Boating, or to find out more about the competition, email cathyjohnson48@gmail.com

## Weir makes the cut at The Masters, finishes at two over par

The Independent

Mike Weir seemingly ran out of gas bogeying three of his last five holes to card a 76 to finish the 2020 Masters Sunday.

He finished at 290. His score of two over par was

his best finish at Augusta since he shot an identical 72-hole score in 2008.

He finished in a tie for 51st place out of the 92-man field and earned just over \$28,000.

The 2003 champion was five under par on the par

fives at the event, but plus seven on the other holes.

The 50 year-old from Bright’s Grove had earlier rounds of 71, 72 and 71.

It was the first time he made the cut at the Masters since 2014. Corey Conners was the top Canadian. He

finished in tenth place at nine under par.

Dustin Johnson, the partner to Wayne Gretzky’s daughter, Paulina, won the tournament by five shots carding a tournament record score of twenty under par.

## Sarnia Lambton Hall of Fame mourns death of Rick Fraser

The Sarnia-Lambton Sports Hall of Fame has lost one of its most recent members.

Rick Fraser died this week following a battle with cancer. He was 66.

Fraser played with the Oshawa Generals from 1971-74 and went on to play a handful of games with the WHA’s Indianapolis Racers during the 1974-75 campaign.

He is the younger brother of former NHL referee Kerry Fraser and the father of ex-Sarnia Sting Jamie Fraser who is currently playing his tenth professional season in

Austria. Rick Fraser, a retired City of Sarnia firefighter as well as minor hockey coach and referee, was inducted into the Sarnia-Lambton Hall of Fame in 2019.

## Arena advertising rates slashed with fewer spectators in building

The Independent

Petrolia is slashing the prices of its advertising in Greenwood Recreation Centre to give their sponsors the right bang for their buck.

In a report to town council, Dave Menzies, director of facilities and recreation, says with the continued pandemic and current state of emergency still in effect, the Greenwood Recreation Centre is operating well

below the traditional amount of visitors to the arena.

Under the town’s reopening plan, only 50 people, including players, coaches and parents, are allowed in the facility at one time. And they won’t be staying around for fries after the game - the concession stand is closed for the year and players are expected to come dresses for play because dressing rooms are not open.

The move has frustrated some family members who say particularly in the winter, it is unreasonable to have kids coming in and out of the cold in hockey equipment that is wet with sweat.

Extra tournaments, like Petrolia Silverstick, have also been cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

As long as the restrictions remain in place, town officials say the number of

people laying eyes on the billboards inside the arena will be much lower than a normal year.

Menzies says that means the regular rates are too high.

So council agreed to cut the fees by 50 per cent for advertising in the arena.

Usually, the town brings \$3,000 to \$5,000 in revenue from advertising each year at Greenwood.

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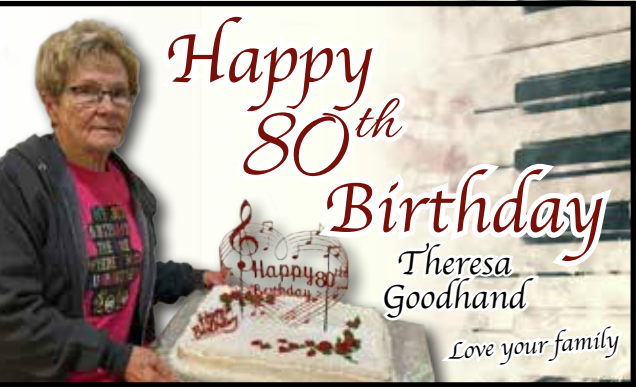
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Card of Thanks

Card of Thanks - Barbara Ann "Leone" Annett

The family of the late Leone Annett would like to thank all of our family, friends and neighbours for the love and support we received as we grieved our loss. We would like to thank everyone for the food, floral arrangements, visits, many cards and charitable donations. A very special thank you to Bluewater Health, Palliative Care Unit for the wonderful care Leone received during her short stay there. A special thank you to Dr. Butler, Dr. Lebert, Dr. Kim, Resident Dr., and LHIN. Thank you to Steve and staff of Needham Jay Funeral Home for the caring guidance offered to us. Thank you to Marie McNally for the beautiful service. Thank you to anyone who we have missed. Our hearts are full of gratitude.

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Brandi, Cody and Dan

Death Notices

November 8 - November 15, 2020

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**SHAWKENCE, Jonathan**  
Age 25, of Kettle Point  
Denning's of Forest

**WIKHOLM, Kimberley**  
Age 62, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**KILROY, Irene "Ann"**  
Age 78, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**ANNETT, Leone**  
Age 80, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**BADDUKE, Georgette**  
Age 82, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**THOMPSON, Todd**  
Age 50, of Ottawa  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**CAUDLE, Edwin**  
Age 76, of Forest  
Gilpin Funeral Home

**VANWIJNEN, Gerrit "George"**  
Age 79, of Sarnia  
Knight Funeral Home

**HUGHES, Retta**  
Age 95, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**WALKER, Margery Carla**  
Age 82, of Petrolia  
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**NGUYEN, Thanh**  
Age 50, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**RICHIE, Lewis**  
Age 78, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**HEIDRICH, Henry**  
Age 91, of Petrolia  
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

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Obituary



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Shirley Margaret Edith

Dec. 10, 1934 – Oct. 30, 2020

Shirley Metcalfe (nee Duncan) of Petrolia, died peacefully surrounded by family, **Friday October 30, 2020** at C.E.E. Hospital of Bluewater Health Petrolia, at the age of **85**. Beloved wife of Don Metcalfe for over 67 years. Shirley will be lovingly remembered by her children, Terry (Jim) Willis, Mona (Alexander) Protas, Spencer (Deb) Metcalfe. She was a proud grandmother of Jason (Michelle) Robertson, Nadia Protas, Nusha Protas, Bronson (Giliane) Metcalfe, Zoey (Cole) Randall, Riley Metcalfe and Jayden Russell. Great grandmother to Elyssa (Austin) Black, Makenzie Robertson, Ronin Metcalfe, Ryker and Levi Randall. She is survived by her siblings, John (Holly) Duncan, Jackie (Sam) Kay and Rick (Cheska) Duncan. Sister-in-law, Leone Mater, Kathy Duncan and Alice Duncan. She is pre-deceased by her parents Frank and Gladys Duncan, her siblings Ken Duncan, Betty (Bill) Hackett, Don Duncan, Merlin (Ann) Duncan, Jean (Bob) McDonald, Ralph Duncan, Doug Duncan. Brother-in-law Jack (Kay) (Betty) Metcalfe and Doug (Mary) (Lorraine)Metcalfe. Pre-deceased by son-in-law Harley Robertson and grandson Joel. She is loved by many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. Shirley's commitment to her faith in Jesus was displayed in her love of life and enjoyment of it. She was known for her love of people and gracious hospitality, never sitting down while entertaining, she wanted everyone's needs to be met. We all enjoyed her infectious laugh and quick wit. She had a varied career starting as a telephone operator for Bell Canada, worked at Crest Home Hardware, and Petrolia Topic. She was highly regarded in the advertising industry, having had a successful advertising business with Coffee Time News. She left her mark on many lives through her involvement as a Sunday school teacher, youth ministries and Christian Business Women, Stonecroft Canada, now known as RSVP Ministries. We would like to thank Dr. Li for his years of compassionate care towards Shirley, she was in constant praise of him. Gratitude to the Albany Retirement Village staff and their exceptional attention during these difficult Covid times. Thank you to the nursing staff at C.E.E. Hospital with special thanks to Marie, Kim and Bailey. We saw God's care towards our family demonstrated through them.

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Obituary


THOMPSON

Todd



It is with profound sadness that Todd's family announces the sudden passing of Todd at home in Ottawa on **November 10, 2020**, at the age of **50**. Todd was born and spent his childhood years on the family farm in Petrolia. Todd is loved by his mother, Carol Thompson (nee Sylvester), his brother , Wayne (Bonnie) Thompson, and his partner Jennifer Baker. He will also be missed by many aunts, uncles and cousins, especially his Aunt Jane. Todd was predeceased by his father, Douglas (1995), grandparents William and Helen (Napper) Thompson and William and Stella Sylvester. Todd achieved his goal of owning a financial business as co-owner of Trio Financial Planning. With his traveller's spirit, Todd spent time in Australia and New Zealand before settling in Ottawa, where he received his university degree. He crossed Canada in his travels, and recently toured Ireland and Scotland with his fiddle in hand always ready for a tune. Never a fan of children, Todd, spent the past sixteen years, as an unlikely, but loving (and much loved) uncle (by friendship) to Liam, Connor and Brynn Watson. Todd was a lover of Christmas, he even convinced his mother to sew a Santa suit for him that he enjoyed with many kids; and family knew he could be the world's super snoop in tracking down his Christmas gifts. An avid golfer with members of the Metcalfe Golf Course men's league, for almost fifteen years, Todd will be remembered for his sharp wit, brilliant smile and big heart. A calm soul, Todd relished the chance to get away from it all and spend time camping and cottaging with friends and family. Todd's infectious personality, accompanied by a warm smile and wicked sense of humour gained him many friends. HOCKEY FANS, HERE HE COMES!! For many years Todd and Jen enjoyed attending Senator games and everything in the Ottawa household came to a halt on game night. In his competitive spirit, Todd was ever faithful to the Ottawa Senators

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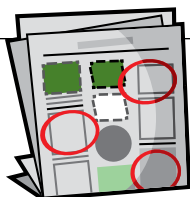
Audrey Jean

Aug 1, 1934- Nov 16, 2020

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Chatham Campus on Monday, **November 16, 2020** at the age of **86**. Beloved wife of the late (G. Robert) Bob Wagner (1993). Lovingly missed by children Terry of Sarnia, Valerie (Mike) Cumming of Oil Springs, and Tim of North York. Audrey was very proud of her grandchildren; Dana (Andy), Jen (Darcy), Cory, Nyah, Cefaye, along with great-grandchildren Leah, Allie, Dylan, and Lukas. She will be deeply missed by sister Joan (late Ken) Thompson and brothers, Doug (Linda) Crummy and Dale (Maxine) Crummy. Predeceased by sister Doreen (late Al) Furlotte and in-laws, Jack (Hilda) Wagner, Bill (Mary-Kay) Wagner, Cal (Mary) Wagner, Ken (Dorothy) Wagner, Laura (Orlo) Mater, Jean (Harvey) Ford, Mary (Delbert) McCallum and Fay Stevens. Survived by in-laws Shirley "Tootie" (Late Ray) Woodburn, Ralph Stevens, several nieces and nephews. Being the eldest daughter/child of the late Clayton (2003) and Rheta (Hughes, 1947), Audrey grew up fast after her mothers passing. It was this early caring, nurturing and guidance for her younger sisters and brothers that "sparked" Audrey's desire to be a school teacher. After graduating from London's Normal School and a short stint teaching in Sarnia, Audrey married the love of her life, Bob in 1957. Taking a few years off to raise three children, Audrey returned to teach as a one room schoolhouse near Oakdale until the opening of the new Dawn Central Public School in 1964. During Audrey's teaching career her and Bob moved from the family farm to their dream home in Rutherford. After their retirement in 1989, they embarked on several travels until Bob's sudden passing in 1993. Audrey continued to be active with the Rutherford United Church until its closure, with Meals on Wheels, and volunteering at Park Street Retirement Residence in Dresden, where she eventually moved in 2014. A "stubborn" force of nature, Audrey will never be forgotten. A special thank you on behalf of the family wishes to be extended to everyone who tended to Audrey during her hospital stay and especially to all the workers, staff, and residents at Park Street Retirement Residence. "God Bless All!" **A Private Family Service will take place at the Badder Funeral Home & Reception Centre, 679 North St., Dresden. Interment to follow at Oil Springs Cemetery.** Those wishing to leave an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Online condolences and donations may be left at [www.badderfuneralhome.com](http://www.badderfuneralhome.com).



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DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*of events*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS				
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Nov 19	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 20	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace &amp; 50/50</b>	519-876-2360
Nov 21		Sarnia	MADD Sarnia/Lambton <b>Cashier Ask fundraiser</b> at SUNRIPE in Sarnia, Robb Carr's No Frills in Corunna, Foodland in Wyoming or Heidi's Independent in Petrolia. To Support our Red Ribbon Campaign to stop impaired driving.	
Nov 21	9-2pm	Wyoming	<b>Wyoming Vendor/Craft Show</b> at the Wyoming Legion. 100's of products available. All covid-19 rules will be followed. Lunch Available.	
Nov 21	1-3pm	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Legion "Back to the Basics Soup &amp; Sandwich Meal"</b> . \$5 a person. Beef barley or cream of potato soup with egg salad or ham & cheese sandwich. No need to pre-order. Take out or eat in.	
Nov 21	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50/50 Draw</b>	
Nov 25	7-9pm	Petrolia	<b>ESCAPE!</b> at <b>Kingswell Clubhouse</b> is an Escape Room Style experience all at your table! Teams of 4-6. \$15 a person. Limited availability. To register email ally@petroliahospitality.com to register your team.	
Nov 26	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 26	7-10pm	Petrolia	<b>LCDS Holiday Craft Night</b> at Kingswell Glen Golf Club. \$35 a spot. Create one-of-a-kind holiday decor & enjoy a fun night out! To register please contact Shawna at 519-882-0933 ext10 or email sbelan@lcs.on.ca max group of 6. Cash bar available.	
Nov 27	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace &amp; 50/50</b>	519-876-2360
Nov 28	9am	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion <b>Bake Sale &amp; Dutch Auction</b> . Meat Raffle & Catch the Ace at 3:30pm	
Nov 28	9-2p	Forest	<b>3rd Annual Forest legion Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Craft Sale</b> at the Forest legion. Masks must be worn & social distancing guidelines apply. Any questions call Charlotte Wilcocks 519-330-8077	
Nov 28	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50/50 Draw</b>	
Nov 28	6-8p	Forest	<b>Forest Santa Claus Parade</b> at Forest Fairgrounds. Enter off Hubbard Line. Entry fee of a canned food. Decorate your car! for more info email illmanruth@gmail.com	
Nov 29	4:30-6:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston ice Angels <b>Drive Thru Chicken &amp; Rib Dinner</b> at the BAICC. \$20/Meal. Chicken & Rib, baked potato, bkd beans, buns, cookie. Advanced tickets only.	
Dec 2	8-10pm	Petrolia	Join Michael Vanhevel for <b>Trivia Night</b> at Kingswell Clubhouse (4300 Garden Cres). Max Team size of 6.	
Dec 3	4:30-6:30p	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Drive by Turkey Dinner</b> . Dinner includes: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, wold's greatest dressing, dinner roll, dessert. \$20 donation to legion. Cash only. Limited meals. Call Joan @ 519-876-2519 to reserve your meal & pick up time.	
Dec 3	6-8p	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Dec 4	6pm	Petrolia	Petrolia's <b>Lighting of the Lights</b> - Watch Virtually. Go to the Town of Petrolia's Facebook or Youtube Page to watch	
Dec 5	9am-12pm	Petrolia	<b>Santa is coming to town</b> . Santa will be visiting every street in Petrolia. He will be escorted by firetrucks.	
Dec 5	1-3pm	Petrolia	Santa at the Farmer's Market. Join in and get a <b>photo with Santa</b> . Sponsored by the Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club.	
Dec 10	6-8p	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Dec 12	6-7pm	Alvinston	<b>Alvinston Optimist Santa Clause Parade &amp; Tour</b> . Stop by the Alvinston Arena to meet Santa and get your map for a tour of the drive through parade.	
Dec 16	8-10pm	Petrolia	Join Michael Vanhevel for <b>Trivia Night</b> at Kingswell Clubhouse (4300 Garden Cres). Max Team size of 6.	
Dec 17	6-8p	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	

# Church DIRECTORY

### Christ Church Anglican

414 Oil Street, Petrolia

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Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee  
Church Office 519-882-1430  
christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

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416 Queen Street, Petrolia  
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4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

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Rev. Susan Cameron  
**10:30am Service**  
Church Office: 519-882-1390  
stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

### First Baptist Church

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

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Church Office 519-882-2480  
email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com  
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Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # / website: \_\_\_\_\_

You can drop this off at our office or email the information to us at  
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**\*\*Deadline for submitting free events is Mondays at noon.\*\***



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