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# Mother, son mourned as police probe continues

**Heather Wright** The Independent

The death of two people in a home shocked Petrolia but for social workers trained to help seniors stay connected, it also provokes feelings of guilt.

Last week, Lambton OPP were asked to check on the wellness of two people living at a home on Portland Street. Police tell The Independent they found a 63 year-old man and an 84 yearold woman dead inside.

Police are still investigating the deaths. "Post mortem examinations have been performed, but further testing will be conducted by Ontario Forensic Pathology Services and Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario," says OPP Const. Jamie Bydeley in an email.

While the investigation with the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch continues, the community including the New Life Church congregation where the mother and son attended,

Myrna Herd was remembered by her friends as a kind woman who loved to chat. "She will be remembered for her years driving bus, joining friends at the coffee shop, her church family and her circle of crafting friends," reads her obituary.

Her son, Jim, is also listed as passing away at home.

For emergency service workers, the deaths also hit hard. Jessica Haarer is a Crisis Social Worker at Lambton Elderly Outreach. Her job, in part, is to reach out to seniors whose families are concerned about them.

During the pandemic, Haarer says the needs are great as everyone is isolating.
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## Big bucks for Buurma legal fight

**Heather Wright** 

The Independent

Brooke-Alvinston has shelled out over \$125,000 to defend its bylaws which limit the storage of biomass fertilizer.

In April 2020, David Buurma appealed to the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board to look at the bylaws of Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia and Warwick Township which were limiting the director of Lasalle Agri from storing the fertilizer made from human waste on fields in the region.

All three municipalities have similar bylaws which allow farmers to store as much fertilizer as they need for the field there for a short period of time.

But politicians fielded dozens of complaints as Buurma Acres stored fertilizer at its Churchill Line farm in concrete bunkers there. The company, which owns about 5,000 acres, also left

material in large piles on fields they owned to be used months later. The municipalities all gave warnings saying the piles were in violation of their bylaws.

Buurma told the Normal Farm Practice Board storing the fertilizer central is a normal farm practice.

The three municipalities disagreed and hired Environmental Lawyer Peter Pickfield.

Over the course of a year, Brooke-Alvinston has been getting the legal bills with the intent of sharing the costs with Dawn-Euphemia and Warwick when the matter is settled. Since April, the bills have accumulated with The Independent tabulating a total of \$128,260.72 to cover the costs associated with the now completed hearing.

The decision is expected in next month. It can be appealed and that would incur even more legal costs for the municipal-

#### **WATCHING THE MEN AT WORK**



Ben Jackson, 11, of Watford has been watching the first steps of the construction of the new East Lambton Community Centre. The contractor began work may 17 by cleaning the field beside the current arena to prepare for the \$11.5 million centre which will include a new hall, the Y facility and upgrades to the arena. Jackson has been coming to the site to watch the men at work. He hopes some day to run an excavator.



## Death lead to questions about supports

#### **CON'T FROM PG 1**

Haarer says there is only so much time to reach out to those in need.

"It's very hard. I do feel like I'm missing people," she says. "Sometimes I have to take a few days to get back to some folks and it makes me feel really bad because it's a crisis program. And that shouldn't be the case," says Haarer.

While there is a real need for the service, Haarer says, right now there isn't money available to expand the service to reach more seniors who may be facing crisis in their homes while being disconnected by the pandemic.

"I was talking to an OPP officer last week and they were going to see about getting funding to support another social worker who would give priority to OPP calls...but there is no guarantee that is even going to

happen. "I know that every agency is definitely trying their best. I am a part of a lot of committees and we do try to stay connected. But unfortunately, considering what I do, there's not many services, like I am the only one that I know of that does this sort of work."

And Haarer says that can lead to feelings of guilt when tragedy strikes in the community.

"Believe me, I think about that all the time. And it's honestly really hard as a social worker, to not kind of take blame and feel the guilt ... How could I not have known? And I know that, like as social workers, we can't blame ourselves, but it's almost like at the back of your mind," she

"You can't feel but a little bit of guilt."

### Mixed reviews for sidewalk fund paid by developers

#### **Heather Wright**

The Independent

A suggestion Petrolia developers could provide cash for sidewalks to be built where 'they would do the most good" instead of their own subdivisions is being met with mixed reviews.

The idea came from Bob Leaper, who is developing Countryview Estates during a public meeting on the town's proposed new sidewalk policy. There has been a push from residents for more sidewalks while developers and council has resisted the idea, saying it adds costs to neighbours. But a wellness plan created with Bluewater Health encouraged Petrolia to become a more walkable community. So council asked planning officials to look at the sidewalk policy.

Lambton County Planner, Rob Nesbitt, says the proposed policy would have sidewalks on both sides of arterial roads, like Petrolia Line, collector roads such as Dufferin and Tank, and local roads.

Sidewalks along arterial and collector streets would, under the proposal, be a minimum width of 1.8 metres and along local streets a minimum width of 1.5 metres.

But one part of the policy drew concern at a public meeting in April. It would have allowed the town's director of public works to modify or not apply the policies related to sidewalks if it "is not feasible or practical... (to) allow staff to make appropriate and timely decisions ... rather than delaying such decisions until a future Council meeting," the report reads.

Petrolia resident Liz Welsh, raised concern about the override, saying it is "not accessible government and it is not transparent."

At the public meeting Monday, Nesbitt changed the policy suggesting only the chief administrative officer and the director of public works should be allowed to make minor changes, in rare cases, but that some form of sidewalk would have to be built.

While that may have eased some concerns about the policy, developers once again

raised concerns about putting sidewalks in new developments where they weren't required in the past. Leaper says seven phases of the subdivision have been completed without sidewalks. If they're added to the next 129 lot phase, they won't connect to anything.

Instead, Leaper proposed developers put the cost of a 1.5 metre sidewalk, for one side of a road, into a fund to allow the town to put sidewalks where they are most needed. "Extend them where it would to the most good," he suggested adding in the future the sidewalks may extend into the subdivisions outside of the downtown.

'We have no problem paying our fair share as long as all developers are treated equally," says Leaper.

Councillor Joel Field has talked about a sidewalk fund in the past too, raising the same concerns that sidewalks in new subdivisions don't lead anywhere.

The planner disagreed saying in the future sidewalks in subdivisions would be easier for the town to connect new sidewalks to and adding using the street is an "unsafe situation.'

The developers and Field also raised the idea that many people don't want sidewalks in their neighbourhood.

It was an argument one citizen, Norm Sutherland, flatly rejected. "I don't accept any part of the argument made by the developers."

He pointed to a recreation master plan study done for the town in October 2020 which said one of the highest priorities in the community was for more sidewalks.

"The survey they did said 85 per cent of people continue to want sidewalks," he says, urging council to bite the bullet and make sidewalks mandatory in subdivisions.

Resident Kevin Shaw agreed saying "at some point, we have to start building sidewalks and then start filling in the gaps."

Council will review the policy, likely at the next council meeting in June.

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# LCDS hopes to build two new units on Albany

The Independent

Lambton County Developmental Services hopes to build two new housing units on Albany Street.

LCDS has owned the former laundromat on Albany for years and there are already three apartments on the upper floor.

But in the past five years, it became too costly for the laundromat to run and it was closed. The space has been empty since then. So LCDS plans to convert the lower

half of the building into two units.

While Petrolia's planner didn't have an objection about the use of the building, he is concerned the plan for a parking lot behind the building is not possible. Up to eight cars would have to be in the area and Nesbitt says there doesn't appear to be enough room.

There were no public objections to the new units. LCDS officials will have time to look at the parking issue before the matter goes to council for approval.

# MOE wants Florence plan by end of May

#### **Heather Wright**

The Independent

The Ministry of the Environment says it wants a plan by the end of the month on how Dawn-Euphemia is going to clean up the drainage system leading to the Sydenham River.

Last year, after more than a decade of trying to come up with a fix for sewage from Florence homes seeping into the Sydenham River, Dawn-Euphemia council notified the MOE it would only pursue a communal sewage bed to solve the problem if the province provided 100 per cent funding for it.

ince provided 100 per cent funding for it. By then, council had spent over 30 years dealing with the problem and had come up with a solution which would cost over \$1 million – more than the 67 homeowners could afford.

The council also questioned if the pollution was still occurring since the first testing was done 30 years ago. So, Mary Jane Corda, district supervisor of the MOE, says they went back to the hamlet in November and retested two of the drains which were running. The problem still existed.

The township wrote back to the MOE saying it is dealing with complaints about sewage in the system when they receive them, noting the last one was in March.

But Andrew Winkler, a provincial officer in the Sarnia District office bluntly said in a recent letter that is simply not good enough.

"The complaint response procedures that the township has been following have been inadequate in addressing the degraded water quality in the storm drains. This is evidenced by the fact that the water quality concerns in Florence persist. The contam-

The fire which damaged three storeys of one of Petrolia's most recognizable homes

On May 1, Petrolia/North Enniskillen fire-

fighters were called to the historic home on

Petrolia Line to find smoke billowing from

Chief Jay Arns says all three floors

suffering the most damage.

sustained fire damage with the main floor

home, have been renovating, much of the

Arns says a local investigation found the

was caused by a damaged electrical cord.

The only person in the home and his two

dogs escaped the fire without injury.

fire started in a basement workshop area and

home is stripped back to the studs. Arns

says about \$75,000 damage was done.

Because the Burnie family, who owns the

the roof. Inside they were met with flames at

inant levels are sufficiently high to cause public health concerns and environmental impairment," Winkler wrote.

"Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the township to manage their stormwater in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment, including ensuring that the quality of water discharged to the natural environment is not impaired... It is the township's responsibility to develop an action plan to address the impairment of the water quality in the storm drains including establishing timelines for when the storm water quality will be restored."

The MOE wants a clear plan to address the individual sources of the contamination, or finishing of the outstanding Environmental Assessment and submit the application for the proposed communal sewage works.

"The impacts to the environment must be addressed and action to do so cannot be withheld until external funding is provided," says Winkler.

"If the decision is to re-open the Environmental Assessment, the township is reminded that it will not be considered complete unless it identifies how the project would proceed even in the absence of provincial or federal funding."

He adds the municipality needs to explain to the public the need for the work to be completed.

And Winkler suggested if Dawn-Euphemia continues to drag its feet on the issue, the MOE could charge the municipality.

"The ministry will take further compliance actions if the township fails to address the issue."

The township received the letter and is drafting a response to it.

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# LPH Launches Dedicated

# Vaccine Call Centre Lambton Public Health (LPH) has launched a dedicated Vaccine Call Ce

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has launched a dedicated Vaccine Call Centre which runs from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Vaccine Call Centre can be reached at 226-254-8222.

Individuals with COVID-19 vaccine inquiries are asked to call this new phone number to speak with an agent directly. Residents are still encouraged to book their COVID-19 vaccine appointment online at **GetTheVaccine.ca**.

LPH's main phone number (519-383-8331) is still in operation from Monday to Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) for those looking to speak to someone regarding contract tracing, the health unit's regular services, and all other COVID-19 questions.

Please visit **GetTheVaccine.ca** for the latest updates on the vaccine roll-out plan in Lambton County.

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#### On the Lam in Lambton Warden Kevin Marrien

Heritage Sarnia-Lambton is hosting a virtual Heritage Hour on June 17 at 7 p.m. This panel presentation, *On the Lam in Lambton*, will explore criminal accounts that have befallen Lambton County. Museum professionals will discuss scofflaws to the downright illegal that have sensationalized Lambton's dark underbelly over the past 150 years.

Please be advised that due to the subject matter there will be potentially disturbing content presented that might include graphic references to violence and sexual assault.

Register online at lambtonmuseums.ca.

#### **Experience the Illustration of Music**

Learn how to transform your favorite song into a work of art with Lambton County Library on June 4. Register online at **Iclibrary.ca**.

#### **Looking Ahead**

**9:30 a.m., June 2, 2021 -** Council Meeting **9 a.m. & 11 a.m., June 16, 2021 -** Committee A.M. & Committee P.M.

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## Lack of fire call payments caused by lack of info

Fire at Sunnyside started in basement workshop

**Heather Wright** 

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The Independent

started accidentally.

the door.

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Plympton-Wyoming fire officials are getting a better handle on how to bill for fire calls on Highway 402.

For years, the Wyoming department has been called to the highway for accidents. And for some time it was a significant source of income as the province paid for the service.

But recently, council learned the fire department had not been collecting the fees. Officials said the reports received from the OPP didn't include enough detail to file for payment from the province.

Minutes from the fire committee show that

was only the beginning of the problem.
"Wyoming began billing Insurance Com

Sunnyside Mansion, also known as

Fairbank House, caught fire May 1.

"Wyoming began billing Insurance Companies directly and was successful for some time. Unfortunately, within a year's time the updated OPP reports then redacted this information and if enough information was not gathered by the firefighters on scene, no payments were received."

The municipality looked at hiring a third party to get the cash, but it wanted a 25 per cent commission. The information needed still isn't easy to obtain, officials say. Acting Chief Scott Jordon recently met with Warwick Township Chief Brad Goodhill. Warwick also is called to the 402 and has continued billing the province and is hopeful Wyoming will in the near future.

# Editorial

# Regional approach needed for schools

The Ford government, it appears, is done with a regional approach to dealing with COVID-19.

It's proposed a three-step reopening plan which the entire province will do, together, regardless of whether there are one or 100 cases of COVID-19 in the com-

The government has tried the regional approach before and found that people who couldn't get a hair cut in Toronto would be happy to hop in their car and head to Kitchener or London for their new do. That was kind of defeating the purpose.

So, now, we're all in it together.

There are a couple of problems with this of course; even though we are all under the same restrictions, people still travel out of their communities - potentially spreading the virus - for things like a long-weekend trip to Grand Bend or a visit to friends in Windsor.

The other problem we have with a province-wide plan is the affect it has on schools. While you can argue people will travel to areas with fewer restrictions to shop, students cannot randomly show up in a classroom in Petrolia for the last few weeks of school. It just cannot happen.

So, why then wouldn't the provincial government look at regions where COVID-19 hasn't overwhelmed the hospital system and where daily case counts are manageable and give the okay to reopen schools.

Students, like so many others, long for a return to normal and for them, school is normal.

While we understand the number of COVID-19 cases is likely to increase because of school attendance, as the scientists tell us, in non-GTA communities, health units have the capacity to deal with the increase. And while there have been some notable, tragic deaths of young people, they are still far more likely to have a mild case of the virus.

The provincial government could give relief to students and their parents returning them to school. And as an added bonus, it would allow public health to go to schools to start vaccinating kids.

We think it could be done.

## **Letters to the Editor**

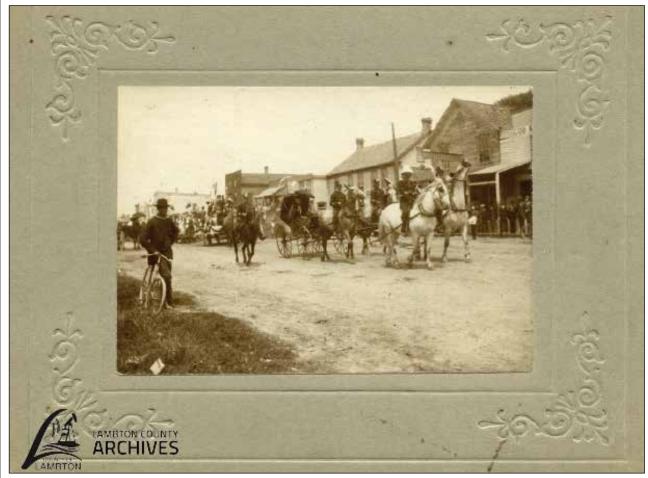
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# **Our Story**



While we barely know the reason behind our May 24th long weekend, at one time the people of Wyoming knew what it was about and who they were celebrating. This photo, from the Lambton County Archives, shows a Victoria Day parade, celebrating the long reign of the monarch of Canada.

## Me and everyone else in North America rediscovers bikes

I have rediscovered - again - the joy of being on a bicycle.

In the past, before my life as a newspaper publisher, I would spend leisurely hours on my bike finding new places in Lambton County while Barry stayed at home with the kids. It was a blissful and healthy way to pass the

But life got busy and the bike was idle. Pandemic slowed life down everywhere and that means more free time for me.

So, I decided to have the bike tuned up for the road. I apparently was not the only one with that thought. My favourite bike shop employees sounded a little haired when I called looking for an appointment to tune up the bike.

I was told not even to bother bringing it in for at least two weeks.

It seems everyone has decided two

wheels is the best way to travel in our current time of enforced leisure.

The bicycle boom was reinforced when I decided to buy my now 21 year-old daughter a bike to help her travel around her university town with ease and not be confined to a city bus.

That was quite the chore. I had a choice between a red bike and a white bike, neither of which I would have normally chosen for Emily. But, with absolutely no bikes in stores and one or two online at the big box stores, red it was! Thankfully, it turned out to be a very nice bike indeed.

It seems bikes, like trucks and cars, are hard to come by commodities in the pandemic because everyone wants one.

I like to think of myself as a bit of a cool kid - an early adapter tech people would say - of the bicycle craze sweeping the continent.

Now that my bike is fixed, with the only two tires left in Lambton, I'm rolling all over town. I've even become one of those people who bikes to work, all dressed up with my skirt flapping in the wind.

It really is a great way to start my day. It clears my head.



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Now, if only I could figure out a way to deliver papers with my bicycle, I'd

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# Petrolia buying land near Y for soccer fields

The Independent

Petrolia is buying a parcel of land to the north of the Oil Heritage District Community Centre on Tank Street, likely for future soccer fields.

Town council passed a bylaw Tuesday buying the property for \$111,000. Town officials did not say how large the parcel is.

Mayor Brad Loosley told members of the public the land will likely be used for soccer fields.

The current fields are part of a proposed subdivision development by Vanderwall Construction.

Loosley says the town needed an alternative of "some sort of property available for when we were no longer able to use the field."

The town's Chief Administrative Officer, Rick Charlebois, added it would "give more flexibility for the Petrolia Y"

#### **WARWICK WORK**



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Workers can be seen among the steel beams of the new Warwick Municipal Office which is under construction in Watford's downtown. It's expected staff will be moving into the building by 2022.

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# New storm water pond to be built by Petrolia developers

**Heather Wright** 

The Independent

A new storm water pond will have to be built to service two proposed subdivisions near First Avenue in Petrolia.

Two years ago, the town hired BM Ross to study the storm water management in the east side of town, where there is constant flooding. They were also hired to look at the storm water management around Kingswell Glen Golf Club where two new subdivisions are being proposed.

BM Ross found there wasn't a strong infrastructure system in the Derby, Holland, Mutual, Kentail and Third Street areas. Much of it was in need of maintenance.

There is also ponding on private property on Fourth and First Avenue from nearby agricultural fields.

For that area, BM Ross suggests planning to systematically replace and repair the storm water system in the

area as other road work is done. There was no time frame on that.

The larger discussion surrounded the current storm water management pond which water from First Street drains into.

BM Ross says this pond needs to be lowered by about a metre. It won't be an easy task. A plan needs to be put together to satisfy the Department of Fisheries, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and local conservation authorities to protect the wildlife in the ponds.

But the existing pond won't be enough to manage the storm water once two new subdivisions are under construction.

One developer hopes to build 46 more homes around the golf course.

The first homes in Glenview Estates were built in the 1990s around the historic golf course.

The latest subdivision is tucked between holes 15, 16 and 17 and a pond

which is the backyard of the homes fronting on First Street.

Another development of 92 homes is planned around hole 14.

Ray Dobbin, who is working with the company which wants to start construction next year, says the big concern about these two developments is drainage.

BM Ross says they have been working with the developers to come up with a joint solution.

The report says there will need to be two basins with one emptying into an existing drain and another pond begin to be developed for the other.

The developers will pay the cost of the solution.

Dale Erb of BM Ross says the developers "can live with the proposal." "They are equally unhappy," he says.

Town staff will work with the developers and BM Ross to start getting the engineering together for the project.

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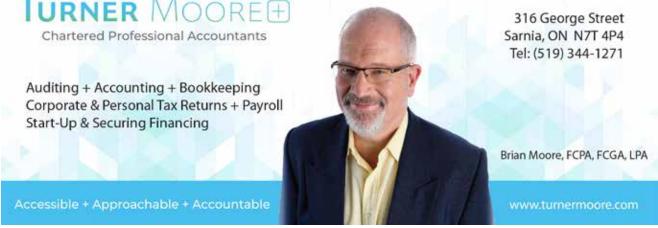
# Teens injured in jet ski accident at start of safe boating week

While Lambton OPP's marine unit was busy promoting safe boating week, they were called to an accident on the St. Clair River.

The marine vessels took to the water Friday, at the beginning of the long weekend.

Monday, they were called to the St.

Clair River near Fawn Island when two teens on Sea-Doos collided in the water. The teens were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.



#### **FANS OF FRAZER**



Three of the four LCCVI students who raised money for a Forest boy battling a brain tumour in Wyoming had a chance to meet with Frazer Anderson Saturday. The nine-year-old was home for the weekend before heading to Toronto for the next leg of his recovery. Jace McGrail, Victor Tang, and Ty Moffat took some time to chat with Frazer before turning over \$5,726.50 raised May 15 with their friend Trevor Syer. The friends ran, rollerbladed, and biked 10 laps each to total 40 laps of the 2.5 km trail to equal a 100-km trek.

### Golfers hit the links; kids wonder if they'll go back to class

**Heather Wright** 

The Independent

Golfers hit the links Saturday as the province eased some of the restrictions of the Stay-at-Home order while conceding most of the restrictions will continue into mid June.

And there is still no clear answer on when or if students will return to class.

The head of Ontario's COVID-19 Science Table, Dr. Stein Brown, said Friday "the direction of the pandemic has turned."

There was a 22 per cent drop in the number of daily COVID-19 cases in the last week. "If we're careful and cautious that gets us to a good summer," says Dr. Brown. He adds some public health measures will have to be maintained after June 2 – the date the Stay-at-Home order is scheduled to end.

Brown says by maintaining measures to June 16 and vaccinating 130,000 people a day, the number of new cases would be below 500 a day by the end of July.

And he suggested opening schools on June 2 "will create an increase in cases but this may be manageable, at least in some regions." Brown says the increase in cases could be up to 11 per cent.

But Premier Doug Ford wasn't willing to take that chance. He told reporters later Friday Ontario "can't afford" an 11 per cent increase in COVID-19 cases right now.

Meantime, the province reopened golf courses, and tennis and basketball courts in time for the long weekend. But the Deputy Premier, Christine Elliott, says it will be June 14 before the gradual reopening of the province begins. Then there will be increases in outdoor gathering limits, retail will be able to operate at 15 per cent capacity and four people will be able to dine together outdoors.

The second step will include more, but limited indoor services, including a return to church attendance at 15 per cent of capacity. In the third step, gyms will reopen as would theaters, performing art centers and indoor dining.

Elliott says there will be a 21 day waiting period between each step to make sure the measures work. And the steps will be tied to more people being vaccinated.





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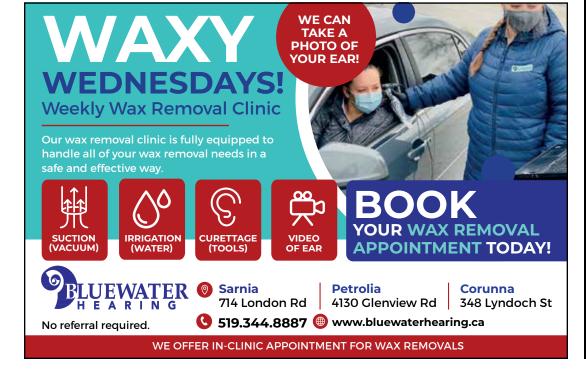
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Paul Dalton, C.R.S.S. Public Works Superintendent



# Lambton reaches halfway point

**Heather Wright** The Independent

Lambton Public Health says 51 per cent of eligible residents have their first shot.

That as four more Lambton residents died of the virus in the past week.

More than 61,000 Lambton County residents have had their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. That's about 51 per cent of the eligible population according to Lambton Public Health. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday he is confident there will be enough vaccine coming into the country that everyone will be able to have at least their first dose by June.

Public health released its weekly update May 19, which shows 61,367 people have had one COVID-19 vaccine and 4,863 have had both doses.

Lambton Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, told Lambton County councillors the county is expecting an increase in the number of doses it receives

The province opened up the vaccine process to everyone over 18 and in Lambton, children as young as 12 can now book appointments.

Tuesday, the first day eligibility was expanded, over 4,500 people booked an appointment for a vaccine.

While the vaccination drive is moving along, there are still cases of COVID-19 in the community. Lambton Public Health reports May 25 there are 55 active cases of COVID-19 in Lambton with 48 new cases since May 18. Over that week, another four people have died with COVID-19. All four died in hospital in Sarnia and were older than 60 years of age.

One of the deaths was a resident of Afton Park Place in Sarnia, one of two residents and 10 staff members who tested positive

Long term care homes were the first to be vaccinated and public health officials say 92 per cent of residents and 85.3 per cent of workers have received their first vaccine. They'll also be among the first to get the

The weekly trends show Lambton now has a case per capita rate of 57 cases per 100,000 people – that's up from 53 cases last week.

The positivity rate of the testing has also increased to 2.2 per cent, up from two per cent the previous week.

## Families back to outdoor visits at LTC

**Heather Wright** 

The Independent

After months of waiting, families beyond essential care givers will be able to visit seniors in long term care homes in Ontario.

Jane Joris, the general manager of long term care in Lambton County, said outdoor visits started Saturday after months of the doors being closed because of the pandemic.

Up to two people are able to book a visit outdoors with seniors across the province including Lambton County's three municipally run homes, Lambton Meadowview in Petrolia, Marshall Gowland Manor in Sarnia and North Lambton Lodge Forest. Visitors will be asked screening questions but won't need a COVID-19 test.

They'll have to be physically distanced and wear a mask. If a visitor has a child

under two, they are not considered part of the two visitors maximum.

an appropriate space outdoors, the visits can

Joris says the homes had been preparing the visiting areas already in anticipation of visits occurring, so they were ready to go even with the short notice. Families are asked to book a time for a visit online.

Seniors in long term care and retirement homes have been limited to seeing only essential care givers since the Ontario government locked down the entire province in January.

After restrictions were eased in February, Lambton was placed in lockdown which cut off access for everyone except essential visits later in the month.

The ministry adds if a home doesn't have

take place near the homes outdoors.

caregivers. The province then shut down all

# Stop sign shenanigans lead to probation

**Alex Kurial** 

Local Journalism Initiative

A Brooke-Alvinston man will be giving back to the community after late night mischief in Dawn-Euphemia.

Kyle Wygergangs, 22, has also received some lessons in firearm safety, at a cost.

Wygergangs and two friends were approached by Lambton OPP shortly after midnight Sept. 5 last year.

An officer had become suspicious of their black GMC pickup truck sitting in the grass at Inwood and Dobbyn Roads in Shetland.

An initial search revealed a loaded 20-gauge shotgun in the front seat, which belonged to Wygergangs.

After calling for backup a thorough search of the vehicle was conducted. Inside the truck bed were three stop signs. Chains used to pull them out of the ground were still tied to the posts.

A bottle of banana cream liqueur was also found.

It was later discovered the stop sign spree started at the intersection of Mosside Line and Cameron Road north of Newbury before two more markers were ripped out of the Dobbyn and Burr Road crossing.

Wygergangs apologized for the vandalism

during his May 19 sentencing in Sarnia Court.

"I'm very sorry for the actions I took that evening." He says he's been taking counselling to address issues with alcohol.

Wygergangs also completed a firearms safety course. However he will have to forfeit a pair of his shotguns following his conviction.

Justice Krista Leszczynski accepted a joint recommendation of a conditional discharge allowing Wygergangs to avoid a criminal record. He'll be on probation for six months where he must continue counselling.

Wygergangs has five months to complete 20 hours of community service. His probation officer will decide where this is served.

"I hope you recognize although it may have been intended as something relatively minor the potential for something very dangerous to occur was very real given that you stole stop signs from the road," says Leszczynski.

She says the mischief "could possibly cause a collision if a driver had not been able to find those stop signs at an intersection.'

- THE INDEPENDENT

#### **LONG WEEKEND GETAWAY**



Outside was the place to be for most of the long weekend. People could be seen working on their homes and gardens, biking, hitting the local golf courses after the province reopened them and of course, at the beach. Here a paddleboarder takes to Lake Huron at Lamrecton Park Monday.

#### NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC MEETING **CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT** AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Petrolia will hold a Public Meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment under Section 21 of the Planning Act and a Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act. These amendments were previously reviewed at a Public Hearing held on November 9, 2020.

**THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT** would re-designate a portion of the lands owned by 1432324 Ontario Limited and described as Part of Lots 13 and 14, Concession 9 in the Town of Petrolia from "Major Open Space" and "Hazard/Environmental Protection" to "Residential". The Amendment would recognize a proposed extension of the Glenview Subdivision.

**THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT** would rezone the abovenoted lands from "Open Space (OS)" and "Hazard/Environmental Protection (EP)" to "Residential-1 (R1)".

The attached Key Map is provided to show the general location of the lands to which the Amendments

**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 and/or Zoning By-law Amendment. If you wish to submit a written or make an oral presentation at the public meeting, please contact the Town of Petrolia no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 25th, 2021. The public meeting will be held via a ZOOM Teleconference format.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Petrolia in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning Bylaw Amendment, does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted and the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Approval Authority, the County of Lambton, in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Petrolia before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Petrolia, by contacting the undersigned during regular business hours.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** relating to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection at the Clerk's office

(Attn: Mandi Pearson) located at 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON or at the County of Lambton Department of Planning and Development (Attn: Rob Nesbitt) located at 789 Broadway St. Wyoming, ON.

Dated at the Town of Petrolia this 26th day of May 2021.

Clerk/Operations Clerk, Town of Petrolia mpearson@petrolia.ca 411 Greenfield St. PETROLIA, ON, NON 1R0





#### **LAST LIGHT**



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

A farmer works on his field on Confederation Line as the dark clouds roll in on Monday. Many farmers have been able to complete their planting in record time because of the dry weather.

## No memory of crashing into Princess Auto

**Alex Kurial** 

Local Journalism Initiative

A Bruce County man is off the road after a wild ride ended with his truck plowing through a Sarnia auto shop.

Details of the bizarre journey were read to Sarnia Court as Corbyn Critchfield, 21, appeared by video May 25 pleading guilty to careless driving.

It was around 10 pm the night of Jan. 20, 2020 when the trail of destruction began. As Critchfield approached the intersection of Lambton Mall Road and Quinn Drive he drove his pickup through the median and wiped out a sign.

After continuing across the street and driving over the grass Critchfield hit a shopping cart corral in the parking lot of the Princess Auto Shop. It was far from the worst damage the store would suffer though. Critchfield's next maneuver was to continue driving right through the front windows of the building.

There were employees inside as the truck entered but the shop was closed and they were not in the showroom.

Critchfield left the truck and was found nearby by police. He was put in an ambulance where he pulled down his pants and urinated all over the inside of the vehicle

"What happened on this night was very unusual," says Defence Lawyer Steve Menzies. His client was at a gathering and became overpowered after taking hits from a bong.

"We believe he was inadvertently affected intensely by this substance, whatever it may have been... to a point where he has no memory of these events," says Menzies. "There's no way that he would be insulting to any other people, as he obviously was when he interacted with the first responders. It is completely out of character."

Crown Attorney Sarah Carmody requested an elevated fine of \$2,000, "Given the severity of the occurrence and the concerning nature of the driving at the time." Menzies and Justice Deborah Austin agreed with the submission.

"Given the seriousness of the incident itself, the impact on a community business, the risk to other people, the risk to yourself and the fact that an accident was caused, obviously a significant and elevated penalty is justified," says Austin.

Critchfield is also banned from driving for a year. Critchfield's legal problems aren't done yet. Princess Auto is looking for damages in Civil Court.

- THE INDEPENDENT

# Beers in the clubhouse a 'poor decision'

**Alex Kurial** 

Local Journalism Initiative

Beers on the links and driving didn't mix for one golfer.

Robert Mitchell, 53, was returning from the links around 1:30 pm Oct. 11 when his Ford Mustang caught the attention of the OPP going 113 km/h in an 80 zone.

Mitchell was pulled over on Lakeshore Road in Plympton-Wyoming and officers immediately noticed a smell of alcohol. Mitchell said he had two drinks and proceeded to fail a breath test. There was also a six pack of Mott's Clamato and a bottle of rum in the front seat, although court heard they were unopened.

Mitchell blew a .103 blood alcohol reading

at the Petrolia OPP station.

"He is very sorry for his actions," says Defence Lawyer Nick Cake. "He's learned a very difficult lesson here and assures the court that nothing like this will happen again."

A difficult and expensive lesson, as Justice Krista Leszczynski imposed a \$1,500 fine on Mitchell. He'll also be on probation for the next 12 months with terms that he only operate a vehicle with an ignition interlock and take the Back On Track program for impaired driving rehabilitation.

"I really just regret the decision I made. I wasn't thinking clearly," says Mitchell. "I've never been in any trouble or anything ever with the law in my life... I just made a poor decision at the time."



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# **Sports**

# **DuChene sets Canadian record**

**Barry Wright** 

The Independent

Put another one in the record books for Krista DuChene.

The Brooke Central Public School and LCCVI grad has set a new Canadian women's record in the 50-kilometer run.

Friday in Hamilton, she ran the distance in 3 hours, 22 minutes and 22 seconds. Her time was nearly six minutes faster than the previous national mark set at the World Championship in Qatar in 2015.

By way of perspective, 50 kms is basically running from Petrolia to Sarnia's Chris Hadfield Airport and back again.

On her blog, the former farm girl raised near Alvinston, says she'll take up to two weeks to "fully recover" before announcing what marathon she will compete in this fall.

Her preparation now turns to preparing for the Olympics as an analyst for the marathon events at the Tokyo Olympics for CBC.



KRISTA DUCHENE PHOTO

Alvinston native Krista DuChene broke an ultra marathon record

# is coming soon.

## Black hits personal best in NYC

**Barry Wright** 

The Independent

North Lambton alumni Connor Black has run a personal best in a 5,000-metre event in New York City. He finished eighth last Friday night in a time of 13:56.79.

It's the 12th fastest 5K time recorded by a Canadian this year and broke his previous personal best set in Boston last year by about five seconds.

The 24 year-old, who trains with London's Western Track and Field Club, is scheduled to compete in Portland this weekend.

## Myers at SEC Tourney with South Carolina

The Independent

Noah Myers and his South Carolina Gamecocks were rated seventh going into this week's SEC Baseball Tournament in Alabama.

The Gamecocks are ranked 24th in the nation by the USA Coaches Poll with a record of 33-20.

They opened against Alabama

Tuesday but the score was not available prior to our press time.

Myers, from Wyoming and an LCCVI grad, has played sparingly this

The senior outfielder is 4-for-31 at the plate with six runs scored, a homer, four RBI and two stolen bases. The tournament continues through the weekend.

# Dawson won't play in Owen South lacrosse

**Barry Wright** The Independent

It appears Kyle Dawson will not be playing senior lacrosse this summer after all. After the Brampton franchise in the Major Series Lacrosse relocated to Owen Sound, the Florence product had hoped to play in the Grey County community to warm up for the upcoming National Lacrosse League season. But the MSL has cancelled its season for the second consecutive year due to COVID.

"While we know this is a huge disappointment for everyone involved in lacrosse — in particular, our players, coaches and dedicated fans — we are committed to doing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19," said MSL Commissioner Doug Luey in a recent

Dawson signed a two-year deal with Rochester of the National Lacrosse League earlier this year. The 2021-22 NLL regular season is scheduled to begin in early December.

## Vanos does well at Big 10 track and field

Sarnia St. Pat's grad Johnny Vanos came within a metre of cracking the top ten in both the men's discus and hammer throw events at the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Illinois earlier this month.

The Forest native, a redshirt sophomore with the Purdue

Boilermakers, was 12th in a field of 30 in the discus with a throw of 51.22 metres. He was 13th in the hammer throw at 57.04 metres.

According to the Athletics Canada website, the discus throw by Vanos was the third best by a Canadian in 2021 while the hammer throw was fifth best nationally this year.

Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine plan is helping to stop the spread and save lives. Thousands of people across the province are getting vaccinated every day.

As vaccinations continue, we need to stay the course to protect those we love. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Keep your distance.

Find out when, where and how to get vaccinated at ontario.ca/covidvaccineplan or call 1-888-999-6488 for assistance in more than 300 languages.

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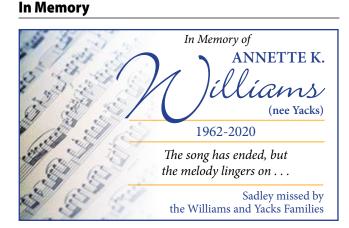
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#### **In Memory**

# Wayne Mitchell

who passed away May 28, 2011

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> Loved and missed by Eleanor, Darcy, Dana, Nash & Jackson

#### NOTICE

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12 - Join the Canadian Cancer Society on Saturday, June 12 to Relay for Life from the comfort of your own home! Sarnia-Lambton residents of all ages are welcome to attend our virtual event, which will be hosted on Facebook and Youtube and broadcasted on YESTV. This Year's virtual Relay will include all the signature components of our in-person events, including an opening ceremony with inspirational stories, performances from incredible entertainers, a virtual luminary celebration and more to help celebrate survivors and support those living with cancer. Even though this year we are physically apart, we still Relay together. Join us - register today at relayforlife.ca/sarnia. Stay up to date with the latest news at Facebook.com/SarniaRelayForLife.

#### **Notice**

**Petrolia Resident Compost Transfer Site** - This years site has moved to 546 Maude Street. 2021 Residents are required to have a pas to access the site. Passes are available for no charge at Town Hall now, and at the Petrolia Farmers' market during the 2021 Season. May 29, June 5, 12, 26, July 17, August 7, September 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9 & 16, 2021 from 8am until 12noon. Petrolia compost depot will accept: grass clippings, dead plants, sticks/branches under 4", and leaves. The depot will NOT accept: mulch & fertilizer bags, rocks/bricks, plastic pots, dirt/sod, plastic barriers/fencing. Tips to make it a smooth drop off: Yard waste and brush will be separated into two bins - please do not bag it together. Please use paper bags or reusable bins. Brush must be of reasonable size and length. Residents will be asked to take unacceptable items home.

#### Notice

Women's Institute Scholarship - Again this year the Women's Institute Scholarship is available to Lambton County students entering their first or second year at any Ontario college or university. Application deadline is August 10, 2021. Contact <a href="mailto:amcgugan@hotmail.com">amcgugan@hotmail.com</a> for complete details.

#### **Card of Thanks**

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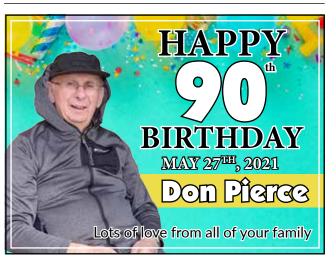
The family of the late Doris Tremblay would like to sincerely thank relatives, friends and neighbor for their words of comfort, cards, food, donations and flowers. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

The staff of Lambton Meadowview Villa is especially thanked for their excellent high standard care and love they provided for our mother over the past nine years.

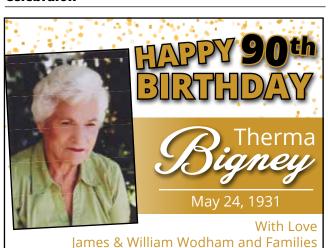
The family would also like to thank Father Francis of St. Philip's Parish for leading the funeral service and being accommodating. Special thanks as well to Steven Mailloux & the staff of Needham Jay Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate

The Tremblay Family

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## NOTICE

LFA POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP - The Lambton Federation of Agriculture will be offering ten scholarships this year for the 2022 school year, for both college and university students. For the regular scholarships: Applicants need to be from a family actively farming in Lambton County: While you do not need to be an LFA/OFA member, it is required that you (or parents or grandparents or guardian) have a valid FBR number registered in Lambton County. The deadline to apply for the scholarships is July 15th 2021. For a list of the scholarships and their individual criteria, please see the LFA Website scholarships page at https://lambtonfederation.ca/scholarships/

#### **Notice**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** The County of Lambton, in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Inc., hosts several HHW collections events each year. The events give Lambton County residents an opportunity to properly dispose of potentially dangerous waste from their homes and protect our environment at the same time. If hazardous products are thrown in with the regular garbage, it can injure sanitation workers and cause long-term environmental problems. HHW Days take place at the Clean Harbors Canada Inc. site, 4090 Telfer Road in St. Clair Township the last Saturdays of May, June, September, and October.

#### **Obituary**



FREER
Thomas Robert Maxwell "Max"

June 11, 1937 - May 21, 2021

Born in Petrolia, son of the late Ernest and Mabel Freer (Dobbin), Max Freer passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021, at Bluewater Health, Sarnia, following a short hospitalization and complications due to Covid 19. Max is survived by his partner of many years Diane Gibbons; a twin sister Maxine MacKellar (Alex); a brother Stan Freer (Shirley); daughters Debbie Footwinkler (Gary Footwinkler), Cathy Freer-Leszczynski Leszczynski); special daughters Carla Bolton (Paul Bolton), Justine Loader (Leo Sammon); grandchildren Bobby, Jocelyne, Cassie, Nick, Julie, Jenna, Tyson, Victoria and Tatum; great-grandchildren Kingston, Phoenix, and Bella; his first wife Joanne Nixon (Barber); and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Max was predeceased by his oldest brother Ray Freer (Kay Freer) in 2013. Max was very proud of his role as a volunteer firefighter with the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department. He was a breeder of gun dogs and had some success as a competitor in the sport. He was a retired member of Carpenters Union Local #1256 and travelled to Alberta for employment on occasion. Max had a unique sense of humour and he often shared strong views on life with friends and family. He was asking questions till the end. Max was loved and will forever hold a strong place in our memories. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Max's life may be announced when Covid restrictions have been lifted. Arrangements entrusted to Smith Funeral Home, 1576 London Line, Sarnia. Sympathy may be expressed through donations to a charity of your choice (cheques only at the funeral home please). Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.smithfuneralhome.ca or emailed to cfreerles@shaw.ca

#### Notice

#### ONTARIO PARKS DAY PASSES -

Lambton County Library has added Ontario Parks day-use passes to its collection. With a library card you can now borrow a seasonal day-use permit for up to seven days and gain entry into any provincial park in Ontario.

#### For Sale

PLANT SALE - Perennial plants, Rose of Sharon Bushes and Vegetable Plants. Self Serve. We will recycle plant pots. 458 Ignatifna St., Petrolia.

#### Obituary



MacLACHLAN

Lois Ellen

Lois Ellen MacLachlan, in her 94th year, passed away at Fiddick's Nursing Home, Petrolia, on 22nd day, May, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband Leonard MacLachlan (1970), her daughter Linda Rollinson (1998) daughter Linda Rollinson (1998) and grandson Bob MacLachlan (2010). Her parents were Herbert Magee (1953), Mary (nee Swick) Magee (1970). She is survived by her children Barrie and Pat MacLachlan, Jim and Lorraine MacLachlan, Ken MacLachlan and Gail Sauve, John and Becky MacLachlan, Neil Rollinson and Terry McFarland, Heather and Don Racher. She was Grandmother to 14 grandchildren and Great Grandmother to many great grandchildren and an aunt to many nieces and nephews. Lois worked at Twilight Haven for many years before retiring in 1992. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Starlight Rebekah Lodge #344, Wyoming and Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant. A private funeral service for Lois MacLachlan was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 2 pm from the Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, the service can be viewed at www. facebook.com/NeedhamJay. Harvey Osborne officiating. Interment will be in Hillsdale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for Canadian Bible Society, CEE Hospital or St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Petrolia. Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com.

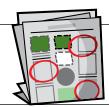
#### Notice

**REMINDER** - The deadline for applications to the SCRCA's 2021 Conservation Scholarships is fast approaching (May 31, 2021). Please visit our website for more information on eligibility and how to apply: <a href="https://www.scrca.on.ca/foundation/scholarships/">https://www.scrca.on.ca/foundation/scholarships/</a>

#### **Coming Events**

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH PETROLIA - Online Silent Auction. June 12th at 10am until June 18th at 8pm. All proceeds to St. Paul's & Lambton Centre. Online auction on facebook at https:www.facebook.com/groups/867305777448106 . If you would like more information or wish to donate an item for the auction, please contact: Carl Watt email StPaulsFundraising@hotmail.com call/text 519-312-6505. Thank your for your support!!

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# Death Notices May 15 - May 21, 2021

SATURDAY, MAY 15

**LUMLEY, Donald** Age 67, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home **TELZER**, **Gary** Age 67, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home

**LAPOINTE, Keith**Age 70, of Southwood
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

**ROCCA**, Tommaso Age 76, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

McCABE, Martin Age 91, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

**JUPP**, **Donald** Age 92, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

SUNDAY, MAY 16

VINCENT, Donald Age 74, of Sarnia

Age 74, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home JOHNSTON, Dorothy

Age 90, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home SHARPE, Marion

Age 90, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**WIGHTON, William** Age 94, of Sarnia D.J. Robb Funeral Home

HANCOCK, Mildred Age 98, of Corunna

Knight Funeral Home MONDAY, MAY 17

VELEMA, Sandra Age 47, of Sarnia

Smith Funeral Home **HERD, Jim**Age 64, of Petrolia
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**FERRARI**, **Joan** Age 70, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home HERD, Myrna

Age 85, of Petrolia Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**YOUNG**, **Donald** Age 85, of Sarnia

D.J. Robb Funeral Home **ZUBER**, **Marjorie** 

Age 88, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, MAY 18

MORNINGSTAR, Brenda Age 69, of Brigden Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

MORROW, James Age 75, of Sarnia McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

ALLEN, David Age 83, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

HARSEN, Harriet Ellen

Age 83, of Sarnia Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

BISHOP, Mark Age 61, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

**NICEFIELD**, Clarence Age 81, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

**WOODALL**, Jack Age 87, of Camlachie Needham-Jay Funeral Home

THURSDAY, MAY 20

**MOORE**, Joanna Age 92, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, MAY 21

**TAYLOR**, **Richard** Age 64, of Sarnia

Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels FREER, Thomas "Max" Age 83, of Sarnia Smith Funeral Home

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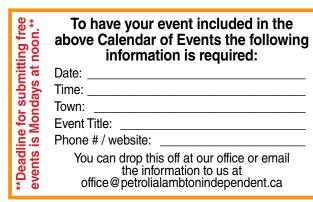
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