

WINDING UP FOR BASEBALL



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO
Patience Luker was on the mound for the Wyoming Lady Wranglers in the U14 game at Centennial Park in Wyoming. The team took on the Corunna Giants in one of the first games of the minor ball season. The stands were full to take in the action.

Petrolia developments on the verge of construction to make plans for sidewalks

Heather Wright
The Independent

Several Petrolia developments which are almost ready to put shovels in the ground will have to install sidewalks.

Rob Nesbitt, senior Lambton County planner who works in Petrolia, says subdivisions whose plans of the subdivision haven’t been given final approval will have to install sidewalks on at least one side of the road.

That includes the next phase of Countryview Estates. The developers there had argued vigorously against any sidewalks at all. Bob Leaper and Louis Bratanek had said at several public meetings that people don’t want sidewalks because it limits the amount of parking they can have in the driveway.

They also argued it would add costs to the developments.

Petrolia’s official plan had always required sidewalks however

Nesbitt says officials chose to approve new housing without them. Most of the major subdivisions in Petrolia have no sidewalks at all.

At the July 12 meeting, council formally approved an official plan amendment which would require all subdivisions to have sidewalks on at least one side of the street. Main roads will need sidewalks on both sides.

But it wasn’t immediately clear who would have to follow the new rules. Nesbitt says four subdivisions in the planning stages now, including Countryview’s final phase, will be required to have sidewalks.

“Council right now is fully on board with the requirement for sidewalks and in any of the plans of subdivision that are currently in progress,” says Nesbitt.

Bratanek is glad council decided sidewalks were necessary on one side of the road.

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PW staff no longer voting

Heather Wright
The Independent

Staff in Plympton-Wyoming won’t be voting on town business anymore.

In February, it came to light the Chief Administrative Officer, Carolyn Tripp, was a voting member of the fire executive committee. That happened when former chief, Steve Clemens, rewrote the terms of reference for the committee.

The fire executive committee talked about the makeup of the committee at the time however they decided to continue on as they were.

The treasurer and public works manager also served as voting members on the water and sewer committee.

At the time, Andrew Sancton,

a respected political scientist who has been studying municipal politics for over 50 years, said he’d never seen anything like it. Sancton added there could be an institutional conflict if the CAO was voting when normally council relies on the staffer for unbiased advice.

Monday, at the Fire Executive Committee, the terms of reference were changed, keeping Tripp on the committee but without voting rights. Councillor Netty McEwen joined the board.

Both Tripp and Bob Woolvett characterized the move as an “update” from changes from the past year. When asked if the town consulted on whether staff should be voting members of committees, Woolvett said not that he was aware of.

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East Lambton construction behind schedule

Heather Wright
The Independent

Delays getting materials because of the world-wide pandemic is already having an effect on the construction of the \$11.5 million East Lambton Community Complex. Theresa Klachan, Warwick Township’s parks and recreation manager, recently told councillors the materials needed simply aren’t coming as quickly as usual, particularly with the reconstruction of the arena. “Along with two roof top units for the new dressing rooms, there is also availability issues with structural steel and metal deck. Metal deck is required to complete the roof of the new dressing rooms. Without the ability to enclose the dressing rooms, the interior cannot be completed,” she wrote in a report to councillors. “The original anticipated substantial completion of the arena renovations was mid/end August 2021 with the substantial

completion of the community complex following in April 2022,” Klachan says. “Due to delays on materials the general contractor has updated substantial completion of the arena renovations to Sept. 30 with a possibility of going into October.” Klachan admits that has some people in the community nervous. “People are looking outside and getting a little stressed there will be no hockey season,” she says. But Klachan assured council the arena renovations are the top priority. In the meantime, a deal has been reached with Brooke-Alvinston to provide ice time for Warwick’s users. Normally, the township waits for the fair to be complete, but the Brooke-Alvinston Agricultural Society agreed to put the ice in early this year since COVID-19 restrictions meant a scaled back fair this year. Officials in Brooke-Alvinston have not given a firm timeline for the ice going in yet.

Outdoor ice rink planned for Camlachie

Heather Wright
The Independent

The Huron Shores Optimists are thinking hockey already. The service club is planning a new outdoor ice surface at the Camlachie Community Centre. Optimist Spokesman Bruce Moulton says the ice pad will have a chiller to keep ice in place from November to March. About 100 people will be able to use the surface at a time. “We’re certainly looking for a lot of public skating and maybe some shinny games and stuff, but it’s only going to be 60 (feet) by 120 (feet). So, it’s not going to be the size of a regulation hockey rink. It is going to be a nice size for sure.” Moulton says throughout the pandemic, the need for more outdoor facilities has become obvious.

“There were some ice rinks around an area and they were packed. People were skating out in farmer’s fields, because they had that opportunity this year,” says Moulton. “So, we know that the kids would like it. And it’s for adults as well. It’s for people of all ages. And we want to build it as well for kids that maybe need to do sledge hockey, so it will be an all inclusive, multipurpose facility.” Moulton says the club is just picking a fundraising committee. One event has already been organized to raise cash for the project. The Camlachie Summer Send Off will be Sept. 18 at Lamrecton Park. Moulton says it will be one of many events organized for the massive project. “It’s just over \$400,000 to build,” says Moulton. “We’re just establishing our fundraising committee and certainly we’re looking at getting grants. And then of course, looking for help from the public as well.”

Drunken crash near Oil Springs nets driving ban

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

Lambton OPP had a lengthy search, time and distance wise, when a Lakeshore man crashed his truck and fled the scene near Oil Springs last year. But there were no fleeing the consequences for Aaron Doucet, 25. It was an early evening last April as Doucet travelled north on Oil Heritage Road, Sarnia Court recently heard. But just short of reaching Oil Springs he crossed into the opposite lane and flipped his Dodge Dakota, the truck coming to rest on its side. Doucet climbed out of the truck and began running east on Aberfeldy Line. Clad in an orange sweatshirt he was easily visible to witnesses who approached him. Doucet was bleeding from his face but spoke briefly to passersby before fleeing into a bush lot and out of sight. Despite the short interaction the witnesses noted a strong smell of alcohol on Doucet. Multiple alcohol containers were found littered around the crash site. Officers and emergency services arrived on scene but Doucet was long gone. With the assistance of the Canine Unit and OPP Emergency Response Team, he was eventually tracked down - more than two hours later and five kilometres down the road. Doucet was discovered inside a house receiving medical aid. He’d told the unsuspecting homeowners he was injured



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Aaron Doucet rolled his Dodge Dakota on Oil Heritage Road April 2020 after driving impaired. crashing his ATV. Police arrived and revealed the true story. They also detected a heavy smell of alcohol on Doucet despite hours passed since the crash. “This is what I get. I rolled my [expletive] truck,” Doucet commented on the ride to Petrolia OPP for booking. Defence Lawyer Nick Cake says his client has spent the last two years rehabbing after suffering a “catastrophic brain injury” in 2019 when his motorcycle collided with a car. “Mr. Doucet is working as best he can to put himself back to where he was prior to the accident,” says Cake. Doucet’s medical circumstances, along with his lack of criminal record, were taken into consideration by Crown Attorney Aniko Coughlan and Cake who recommended a \$1,200 fine and one year driving ban. The justice accepted the punishment.

PUSHING TO HARVEST



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Farmers across Central Lambton have been working in between rain showers trying to bring in this year’s wheat harvest. Many already have found their quality has dropped because of excessive rain. This farmer was spotted on Tile Yard Road Friday night as the sun was setting.

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Editorial

It ain't over yet

It would be easy to think we're looking at the pandemic in the rear view mirror. But it ain't over yet.

Over the past week, much of life has returned to pre-pandemic times. Kids are out on the streets, biking around with their friends. They can go to summer camp. They can play at the local splash pads and they can join their friends on the local baseball diamonds for a game of scrub or a league game.

It is a balm to the soul for many.

For adults, there are now more moments spent with friends and family and a chance to sit down for a nice meal with them, unhurried and unmasked, to catch up with all we have missed.

Soon, we'll be able to head to the US and our friends there will return to Ontario.

And while it is all so good, there are still echoes of what we have been through that caution us to not let our guards down completely. Another family lost a loved one to COVID-19 this week in Lambton. A man in his 20s died last week. For these families, COVID-19 is still very real.

It's still very real for families of those lost for any reason; while others embrace grandparents and friends, they feel that missing piece.

And, there are the rumblings coming from all corners of the Earth. In the US, COVID-19 rates are as high as last winter. England is struggling too, even though it's dropping all restrictions.

Public health officials warn the Delta variant of COVID-19 still spreads rapidly. This time, it will simply spread in those who chose not to be vaccinated.

So despite all the positives, we are still cautious, remembering that last year at this time, there were some of the same vibes that everything is going to be alright, and then it wasn't.

Our best defense is still to have as many people as possible vaccinated. But where is the plan, provincially, federally and locally, to reach those who haven't been yet? And what about the other problems we face? In Lambton, the medical officer of health has urged politicians to think about recovery for the region - economically, mentally and physically - but so far, we don't see signs of that either. This pandemic isn't over yet and if we don't have some action plans, it won't be for a long time to come.

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Our Story



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION

This Pesha Photo is of downtown Brigden. It appears the men in front of The John Armstrong Co. were either intently watching the photographer or were posing for the picture. A program from the West Lambton Farmer's Institute says Armstrong was a general merchandiser selling everything from dry goods to furs, hardware and farm machinery. The company also boasted it bought all kinds of farm goods at the highest prices.

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An Oil Springs senior who uses her walks to help the community has been named Senior of the Year. Cathy Martin has been trying to keep Oil Springs tidy for about 20 years, taking two bags with her on her walk, one for recycling and one for garbage, cleaning up the streets as she walks. Martin also helps out with local charities on foot, going door-to-door canvassing for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Kidney Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society over the years. While the Senior of the Year is given out for volunteerism in the community, many likely know Martin from her time as librarian at the Oil Springs Library. She's worked at libraries across Lambton County for 17 years. Martin was presented with the award by Councillors Larry Wagner and Adam Veen and Mayor Ian Veen.

Flight from Tim Hortons draws 45-day sentence

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

A Windsor man who, briefly, escaped from police while patronizing the local coffee shop was given a 45 day jail sentence.

Brayden Morency had illegally taken up residence on Eureka Street in April 2019. He'd been on probation for the past three years with conditions to live in a different place.

But this wasn't why OPP officers approached him at the Petrolia Tim

Hortons the morning of April 10. He was wanted by Windsor Police on other matters but had left the region. Officers approached the seated Morency to make the arrest.

But after explaining to him what was happening Morency suddenly jumped up and leapt over the half-wall of the seating area. He fled out the door and bolted across the street, disappearing into people's backyards.

Morency was later found and arrested.

Justice Anne McFadyen found the joint submission from Crown Attorney Aniko Coughlan and Defence Lawyer Laura Joy of 45 days a reasonable resolution. The sentence is covered by time Morency has already spent in jail.

Defence Lawyer Laura Joy says her client has prospects following this, noting he's "very artistic and a great rapper." She says Morency hopes to make a career in the industry.

While this matter is now settled, Morency still faces other legal issues.

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CORRECTION

On page 8 of the July 15 edition of *The Independent* in the article "Warwick's history coming to a screen near you." The director was incorrectly identified. Paul Janes is planning the film on Warwick Township history.

The Independent apologizes for the error and the confusion it may cause.

No hydro for Alvinston project

The Independent

An Alvinston couple building a new seniors townhouse complex has run into some problems. And they were hoping Brooke-Alvinston officials might be able to help.

Kevin and Lisa Tizzard are building townhouses on Railroad Line and the construction work is already well underway. But recently, they learned they would need the hydro service

upgraded in the area. And it's going to cost quite a bit of cash.

Bluewater Power wants to upgrade the services, placing new poles along Railroad Line from Alley Street. The cost was expected to be around \$57,000. The couple had hoped the municipality would foot about \$40,000, however councillors denied the request saying it would set a precedent leading others to ask for some of their costs to be absorbed too.

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THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT affects all lands within the Town of Petrolia. The proposed Amendment adds policies to the Town of Petrolia Official Plan that require the provision of sidewalks in all areas of Petrolia, including within new residential subdivisions and commercial areas.

A copy of proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 6 is available for viewing at the Town of Petrolia Municipal Office, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia.


Official Plan Amendment No. 6 to the Town of Petrolia Official Plan requires approval from the Approval Authority, the County of Lambton. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the County's decision, if a written request to be notified of the decision is made to the **County of Lambton, Box 3000, WYOMING, Ontario, N0N 1T0, planning@county-lambton.on.ca, Phone: 519-845-0801, Attention: Ken Melanson.** The notice of decision from the County of Lambton will set out requirements for making an appeal of proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 6.

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Changes will mean drains can be fixed faster

Heather Wright
The Independent

It will be easier for Ontario farmers to make minor changes to drains on their property. The Drainage Act regulates every farm drain in Ontario - about 45,000 kilometers in all. Chatham-Kent has about 4,100 municipal drains, about 4,000 kilometres in all. There are about 550 maintenance projects and 45 capital construction projects each year. The act is one of the oldest pieces of legislation in Ontario. It first passed in 1859 and has only been updated once, in 1975. Over the past year, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has been considering changes. They were passed in June. Tim Brook, OMAFRA's Drainage Program Coordinator, says the big change will be for farmers looking to make changes to a drain on their property. Until now, even the smallest changes went through a 180 day process. Brook says it can now move ahead more quickly for projects "on one property, only benefiting one

farmer, and it won't affect other properties in a negative way." "So, an example of that might be, where a farmer purchases a larger combine or something. And the existing road access crossing over the drain or from field to field is not wide enough to safely accommodate this larger piece of equipment. And so rather than going through the previous, larger improvement process, this minor improvement process is a more timely and cost effective way for these sort of one property specific projects or requirements," says Brook. The farmer would simply download a form from OMFRA's website, explain the project and the municipality could approve it if it fits the minor project guidelines. There will also be some changes to larger projects which affect multiple farmers. Brook says in the old process, completing a major drain project with multiple farms affected could take a year or two. The changes passed in June give a 180 day requirement "from the time the engineer is appointed to getting that report and that design into

council." Brook adds the new regulations will make it easier for the contractors to make changes when necessary. They'll be able to add 33 per cent more to the cost of the project without returning to council for approval. Brook says while that's a lot of extra cash, it's in line with other parts of the act which give 33 per cent as a benchmark for seeking council approval for cost overruns. "Now it says you have to hold a special meeting to make sure everyone is on board with that extra (33 per cent) cost...So if you're 10 or 20 per cent more, it's in that range where really the municipality can move forward." The landowners foot the entire bill for the drains, although municipalities have the option to spread that payment - which can be tens of thousands of dollars per landowner - over a number of years. The province hopes the changes will move work forward more quickly. About \$100 million a year is invested privately in drain works in Ontario.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



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Firefighters consider themselves a brotherhood, but in Camlachie recently a father-son relationship was on display. Acting District Chief Chris Freer had the honour of presenting his dad, Brian Freer, with his 30 year service award. Chief Darryl Thompson was on hand to thank the Freers for their service in Camlachie.

Skateboarders want St. Clair to buy into a new, bigger park

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

Kicks, flips and tricks look set to be cranked up a notch in St. Clair's largest community. Nicki Krohn of the Corunna Skateboard Park Committee presented the group's vision of a new 7,200 square foot facility at the Corunna Athletic Park. It would include stairs, rails, ramps, a half pipe and a pump track.

"These kids are all craving a place to go where they can call their own," says Krohn. "It provides an opportunity for people to come together." Krohn says the park would be a good outlet for kids who have been consumed by technology since the pandemic started and be a major boost to their mental and physical health. There's currently a small skate park on the grounds but it recently

lost one of its signature features, the half pipe. "To watch it go was difficult for many of the people who use it," says Krohn. The committee is hoping to break ground on the site next year. They're hoping to build it in the northeast corner of the park at the Queen and Hill Street intersection. The group has estimated the total cost at \$200,000. They plan to raise half of that themselves,

\$10,000 of which they've already secured, and hope the township can cover the other half. "I think this is great news for the youth in our area... I think this is a great initiative," says Councillor Pat Brown. Town staff will now prepare a report on the proposal, looking at issues such as fencing, lighting, controlled access and liability.



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Bothwell woman admits to breaking into abandoned Dawn-Euphemia homes

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

A Bothwell woman has plead guilty to a pair of break and enters in Dawn-Euphemia that went awry.

Heidi DeHoog, 40, appeared in Sarnia Courts to plead guilty. Her targets were abandoned properties she broke into in the dead of night. But on both occasions, factors beyond DeHoog’s control led to her downfall.

On Feb. 2, at a farmhouse long absent of any life, OPP officers patrolling Cairo Road at 1:30 am came across a parked car. A check of the license plate found it didn’t match the VIN number.

Investigating further police found a pair of tracks, easily detectable in the fresh snow, that led past a gate down a long laneway to the deserted property. Arriving at the backdoor there was noise and conversation detected from upstairs.

An order was given to come out and eventually DeHoog obliged, albeit “reluctantly,” says Crown Attorney Meaghan Jones during a reading of the facts.

She told officers there was another man inside and he soon followed.

Both were arrested for break and enter.

Antiques were the target and

several were found on the pair. Old bottles, cans and even a handwritten letter were among the items recovered.

A search of the vehicle found drug paraphernalia and trace amounts of methamphetamine along with break and enter tools including a night vision scope. No further charges were laid against DeHoog over these items though.

DeHoog was released on bail conditions that she must live at a house on West Bothwell Road and observe a curfew. But just two months later she was back to her late night capers.

In the early hours of April 22, police were called to check a

suspicious vehicle on Bentpath Line. They arrived to find it empty, but the engine block was still warm.

The search for the driver began at the nearby property - a building with smashed windows and numerous tractor trailers scattered throughout the grounds.

Police heard someone running among the trailers and through the building, but in the darkness could not see the person.

So, the OPP Canine Unit was called in.

Just before 5 am the responding dog and officer managed to track her down inside the building and bring the drawn out search to a

close.

The time of her capture meant DeHoog was not following the 10 pm to 6 am curfew she agreed to to obtain bail.

It’s now up to Justice Deborah Austin to determine what DeHoog’s punishment will be.

The case was adjourned to Sept. 16 so a pre-sentence report could be prepared to aid her decision.

“We would find it very helpful to understand a bit more about how Ms. DeHoog came to be in this place,” says Jones.

Potential sentences could range from a suspended sentence to a conditional discharge.

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Sports

Wammes ready for his Olympic moment

Barry Wright
The Independent

Cyclist Nick Wammes will be among a sea of more than 11,000 athletes from all corners of the globe gathered Friday morning at Japan’s National stadium in Tokyo for the opening ceremonies for the 2020 Summer Olympics. The Games were cancelled last year over COVID-19 concerns and rescheduled for this year.

The 21 year-old from just across the Dawn-Euphemia line in Bothwell is ready and excited to compete but does not want to be overwhelmed by the enormity of the event.

“It’s iconic and the biggest event of my career,” he said in a recent interview with our sister publication *The Herald* before winging his way to the Pacific Rim. “But at the end of the day, it’s just another race. It’s a massive stage and we all know that, but the easier (mentally) we can make it for ourselves, the better and the better we’ll perform.”

Wammes will compete in the men’s keirin and sprint competitions in Tokyo. He cracked the top 10 in sprint events at both the Pan American Games and Pan American Championships in 2019.



Nick Wammes training outdoors in April.

Senior baseball starts with a couple of blowouts

The Independent

Wyoming beat Petrolia 10-1 to open the abbreviated WCBL season.

Jake Scott had a pair of hits for the Barons including a solo homer while Tim Martin had two hits for the Raiders. Corey Saunders, Mitch Robb and Ryan Nutma shared the mound for Wyoming.

A few days later, the Barons were bounced 11-0 by the Pirates in Port Lambton. Robb had three hits in a losing cause

Sunday.

Wyoming is at home to Courtright Friday at 7:30.

Meantime, Petrolia lost its home opener, bowing to Port Lambton 8-1 Saturday.

Steve Gray took the loss for the Raiders.

Petrolia is at home to Dresden this Saturday afternoon. First pitch is set for 1 pm.

Among other opening week games, Drew Irwin tossed three innings of one-hit ball and helped his own cause with three hits and an RBI to

lead the Wyoming Juniors to a 5-2 win over Port Lambton’s second team. The Juniors travel to Courtright to take on Corunna on Friday at 7, they go up against the Pirates in Port Lambton Saturday at 1, and host the Raiders on Sunday afternoon at 5 pm in Wyoming.

Meantime, Randy Thingstad had two hits, two RBI and two runs scored as Courtright held on to beat Corunna 7-6. Jake Taylor earned the win for the Redbirds, while Kyle Smith suffered the loss.



Wyoming’s Jett heats up for Kitchener Panthers

After going hitless in his season opener against the London Majors, Wyoming’s Jett Jarvis turned things around in a big way for the Kitchener Panthers of the Intercounty Baseball League.

He went two-for-three with a pair of walks from the leadoff

spot as the Panthers beat Welland 18-7.

He also scored three times and contributed a stolen base.

After just two games, Jarvis is hitting .333 with an OBP of .556.

Meantime, Wyoming’s Bo Buckley has been added to the

pitching staff for the London Majors.

As of press time, he has not seen any action yet.

Jarvis and Buckley will both embark on collegiate careers this fall—Jarvis at McGill in Montreal and Buckley in Connecticut.

Former Petrolia Oilers sign with Petrolia Flyers

The Petrolia Flyers continue to add local flavour to their roster.

The Provincial Junior Hockey

League squad has signed Tanner Hull and Victor Tang, both 17, for the 2021-22 season. Both are graduates of Petrolia

minor hockey.

The PJHL plans to begin its new season in early October.

Sarnia arena to be renamed for Whitey Stapleton

The Independent

City Council in Sarnia has granted approval for the Sarnia Arena to be renamed the Pat Stapleton Arena.

The decision was made just a few days after what would have been Stapleton’s 80th birthday on July 4.

The veteran of the NHL and WHA in the 1960’s and 70’s

died in April 2020.

It’s hoped a new sign can be erected by the end of this summer.

“Above the main entrance sign, on the face of the barn peak, the committee is recommending the installation of large-scale photographic image of Pat Stapleton wearing a Team Canada jersey,” said a report to council.

“Lighting will be installed around the sign to shine light on the image at night.”

The city still needs to gain permission from the person who owns the rights to the photo, the report stated.

The committee who spearheaded the name change, led by Brian Keelan and the Stapleton family, have both signed off on the plan.

College sports set to go for the new school year

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association has announced plans for its 2021 fall season. It includes baseball, women’s softball, as well as men’s and women’s soccer, rugby, cross-country and golf.

Lambton will play in regional pools in men’s and women’s soccer and baseball to cut down on travel and overnight stays. The Sarnia school is teamed with Fanshawe, St. Clair and Conestoga for soccer

and Fanshawe, St. Clair and Humber for baseball.

Individual schedules are expected to be released soon while plans for the winter season will be announced later in the summer.

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The good news is many of these injuries can be easily prevented. The following tips can help take the pain out of your vacation:



PACKING YOUR LUGGAGE

Over-packing is an easy pitfall, but consider that the larger and heavier the luggage, the more susceptible a traveller is to neck, back and shoulder injuries. Try to only pack what you absolutely need.

When possible, place items in a few smaller bags, instead of one large luggage piece.

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Lyle, Joyce, Cathy, Johnathan,
Joan, Karen, Lois & Eric

Death Notices

July 10 - July 16, 2021

SATURDAY, JULY 10

VANDERWIELEN, Raymond
Age 62, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

MILLIKEN, David
Age 76, of Brooke Twp.
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

BRESSETTE, Richard
"Dickie"
Age 78, of Forest
Denning's of Forest

LUCK, Nellie
Age 84, of Petrolia
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

CROMBEEN, Robert "Bob"
Age 87, of Corunna
Knights Funeral Home

SUNDAY, JULY 11

LONGLEY, Gordon
Age 93, of Sarnia
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

MONDAY, JULY 12

SMALE, Chayne
Age 37, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, JULY 13

WALTON, Michael
Age 67, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

WELLS, Judy Ann
Age 72, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

CHRISTON, William "Bill"
Age 86, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

LALONDA, Guy
Age 88, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

MacDONALD, Wilma
Age 96, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

McAUSLAN, Dorothy
Age 97, of Wyoming
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

ROBERTS, Lise
Age 78, of Sarnia
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

TENNENBAUM, Hildegard
Age 91, of Sarnia
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

HOEKSEMA-HOVING, Jean
Age 93, of Wyoming
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

THURSDAY, JULY 15

PARSONS, Stewart
Age 66, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

EINHORN, Sophie
Age 85, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

CAMPBELL, Jeannine
Age 86, of Plympton-Wyoming
Gilpin Funeral Home

COOK, Betty
Age 87, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, JULY 16

BARBER, James
Age 65, of Sarnia
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EEDE, Charlotte
Age 77, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

FREZZA, Elio
Age 81, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home


TUOHY, Kathleen
Age 85, of Petrolia
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LOVELL, Keith
Age 89, of Corunna
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

KERR, Robert
Age 90, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

DOUGLASS, John
Age 94, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

MILNER, Isabella
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Petrolia to Host a Community Shred Day - The Community Services Department is pleased to announce a free community secure shred day for personal documents. The shred day is open to residents only, and will take place starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2021, in the Municipal Parking Lot at the back of Victoria Hall off Wingfield Street. The service is being offered at no charge to residents by A&W Locksmith, and is sponsored in-part by John McCharles, Broker, Sarnia Re/Max. Participants are asked to please remove items from binders and are reminded that this is for paper only.

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In Memory

In memory of our dear son, brother, and father
Benny Scholten
who passed away 10 years ago July 18, 2011
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
So loved, so missed and very dear.
Missed by his Dad, Mom, Sisters & family

Obituary



McAUSLAN
Dorothy

Dorothy McAuslan died at C.E.E. Hospital of Bluewater Health, Petrolia on **Tuesday, July 13, 2021** in her **97th year**. Born in Dawn-Euphemia Township the daughter of the late Pearl and Orval Robinson. Dorothy was a member of both St. Paul's (Petrolia) and Wyoming United Churches. She was an accomplished pianist who gave generously of her time and musical talent, playing many years for the residents of Fiddick's Nursing Home and at other venues. Dorothy and her sister Velda, both inherited their musical abilities from their father, and they had wonderful times together playing piano, singing and dancing. After her husbands Bill's death, Dorothy left their Petrolia farm and moved to the Royaleigh Residence in Wyoming, where she made many new friends and enjoyed dances and parties at the Royal Canadian Legion across the street. In her 96 years she had many wonderful friendships and kept close ties with her many relatives. Dorothy was predeceased by her husband Bill (1993) and her beloved grandson Jimmy McAuslan (2011). Survived by her sister Velda (the late Don 1987) House, her children Maurice (Mary) McAuslan, Marilyn (Errol) Burgess, and Myron (Dawn) McAuslan, her grandchildren Dan (Amanda) McAuslan, Fraser (Kate) Burgess, Bryan Burgess, Darlene (Ted) McAuslan, Geoffrey (Brittney) McAuslan, and Melissa (Rob) McAuslan and her seven great grandchildren. **A service was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. from St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia. Carey Wagner officiated. Les McAuslan gave a eulogy and her granddaughter Darlene sang. Interment followed in Shetland Cemetery. Her nephews Les, Bill, Norris, Angus, Roger, and Bob McAuslan were pallbearers.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society (www.alzheimer.ca) or C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com.

Obituary



HOEKSEMA-HOVING
Jean

Hoeksema-Hoving, Jean died peacefully on **Wednesday, July 14, 2021** at Fiddick's Nursing Home, Petrolia. Jean Hoeksema-Hoving, formerly of Wyoming, was in her **93rd year**. Born in Oostwold, Groningen, the Netherlands, the daughter of the late Jannes and Geertje (nee Beute) Van Esch, she immigrated to Canada in 1951. Jean was predeceased by her husbands Marten Hoeksema (1969) and Ben Hoving (1994). She will be dearly missed by her children Hank and Joanne Hoeksema and Grace and Dean Cataford, her grandchildren Martin, Andrew (Stephanie), Ashley (Joe), Cheryl (Steve), Janice (Kevin), and Krista (Kerry), and great grandchildren Taylor, Leena, and Priya. Jean is survived by two sisters Harmke and Tini both of the Netherlands, many nieces and nephews and was predeceased by five brothers. Jean will be remembered for her strong will, strong faith, her quick wit. Her family was her pride and joy and will be dearly missed and forever in the hearts of all who loved her. Jean's family would like to thank the staff at Fiddicks Nursing Home for their kindness and care. And special thank to and Dr. Daniel and Stephanie. **Visitors were received on Monday, July 19, 2021 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Wyoming Chapel of Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 650 Broadway St., Wyoming. A private family service followed. Interment was in Wyoming Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society (alzheimer.ca). Memories and condolences may shared at www.needhamjay.com.

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Obituary



WADE
Clifton Albert

Wade, Clifton Albert passed suddenly at the C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia on **Sunday July 18, 2021** at the age of **69**. Survived by beloved wife Ann Selman. Father of Michael Wade and Jonathan "John" (wife Jennifer) Wade and their children Joseph and Jady. Loved by Ann's children Elliott (wife Jasmin) and their children Coraline and Wyatt. Emily (husband Drew) and their daughter Sadie and Josh and his son Hunter. He will be greatly missed by his only surviving sibling Brenda Gail Wade. In 1980 Cliffe was Worshipful Master of the West Nashville Phoenix Lodge where he remained a member. He was a ham radio operator, and was even an examiner when living in Tennessee. Cliffe was practising his for Canadian exam with hopes of moving his equipment up here one day. He also loved train sets and had started a train set collection. **Visitors will be received from 3 to 5 pm on Monday July 26, 2021 at Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 346 Beresford St., Corunna. Reminder that due to COVID 19 restrictions mask wearing is mandatory for all and physical distancing is expected.** Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation (www.heartandstroke.ca) or the Kidney Association (www.kidney.ca) would be greatly appreciated. Memories and condolences may be shared on-line at www.needhamjay.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Jul 23-24		Petrolia	Petrolia Town-wide Garage Sales. Brought to you by the Volunteer Business Group & Town of Petrolia.	
Jul 23	2pm	Watford	Watford Legion Meat Raffle, 50/50 Draw & Catch the Ace. Stop by for a cool refreshment.	
Jul 23	3-8p	Forest	Forest Legion back patio open. Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 24	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The Petrolia Farmers' Market with local vendor's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Jul 24	8a-noon	Oil Springs	Oil Springs Legion Bottle Drive. Drop off your bottles & cans at the Oil Springs Legion (4598 Oil Springs Line) contact any Legion member with questions.	
Jul 24	8a-noon	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions E-Waste Drop Off at 100 Annie St. Pick up in the afternoon call 519-330-1621	
Jul 24	8a-noon	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions Peameal on a Bun at 100 Annie St.	
Jul 24	1-4pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Legion is Open! Stop by and say hello!	
Jul 24	3pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle. Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting. \$15 sticks includes 50/50 draw.	
Jul 24	5pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion Catch the Ace draw at 6pm. Covid Protocols in place. Stop by for a cool refreshment. ALL WELCOME!	
Jul 24	6pm	Sarnia	Rotary Club of Sarnia's Virtual Balloon Race. \$10 to join. Visit www.rotaryballoonrace.com for more info and to join	
Jul 24	8-11pm	Petrolia	Crabby Joe's Petrolia Live Music on the patio with Brian Barber. No reservations. Weather permitting. All provincial guidelines will be followed.	
Jul 25	6:30pm	Dresden	Dresden Christian Concerts. Free concert by Mercy at the Dresden Christian Concerts Stage (1233 North St) with a message from Rev. Barry Kentner.	
Jul 27	5-9p	Petrolia	Petrolia Night Market at 396 Fletcher (Behind te library). Makers, creators, food vendors, crafters and more! call 519-882-2350 for more info.	
Jul 28	8a-1p	Grand Bend	Grand Bend Farmers' Market at the Lambton Heritage Museum Parking lot. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. www.lambtonshoremkt.com	
Jul 28	10-11a	Bright's Grove	Train to become a superhero at the Bright's Gove Library. Hosted outdoors. Plan for the weather. Register at lclibrary.ca/srp Registration only. Age 5-10. Attendance limited to 25.	
Jul 29	4-8p	Forest	Forest Farmers' Market at the corner of Jefferson and Main St. Visit the new website for vendor & safety protocols. www.lambtonshoremkt.com	
Jul 30	10-11a	Sarnia	Train to become a superhero at the Sarnia Library. Hosted outdoors. Plan for the weather. Register at lclibrary.ca/srp Registration only. Age 5-10. Attendance limited to 25.	
Jul 30	2-6p	Sarnia	Kiwanis Club of Petrolia and Area Backyard BBQ Bundle. Accepting orders until Sat Jul 24. Dinner for two bundle includes blueberry hickory smoked back ribs, rosemary garlic roasted potatoes, artisan ceaser salas, vanilla caramel swirl fudge, 2 cans of endless summer citurs wheat beer. \$65 per bundle. Pick up at 1173 Michener Rd Unit 3, Sarnia	
Jul 30	3-8p	Forest	Forest Legion back patio open. Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting	
Jul 31	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The Petrolia Farmers' Market with local vendor's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Jul 31	3pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle. Social distancing and masks please. Horseshoe pits ready to go. Weather permitting. \$15 sticks includes 50/50 draw.	
Jul 31	8-11pm	Petrolia	Crabby Joe's Petrolia Live Music on the patio with Mike Gallant. No reservations. Weather permitting. All provincial guidelines will be followed.	
Aug 1	6:30p	Dresden	Free All -Ages Concert • Sky Terminal at the Dresden Christian Concert Stage (1233 North St.) with a message from Pastor Nichelle Howarth	
Aug 3	5-9p	Petrolia	Petrolia Night Market at 396 Fletcher (Behind te library). Makers, creators, food vendors, crafters and more! call 519-882-2350 for more info.	
Aug 4	10-11a	Moore-town	Train to become a superhero at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Hosted outdoors. Plan for the weather. Register at lclibrary.ca/srp Registration only. Age 5-10. Attendance limited to 25.	
Aug 4	5-7pm	Alvinston	37th Annual Lambton Cattlemen's Beef Barbeque Drive Thru. Advanced tickets only. \$20 a meal. Contact Hanneke Mills 519-318-0897 or lambtoncattlemens@hotmail.ca or Lambton Cattlemen's Directors.	
Aug 5	6pm	Petrolia	Optimist Club of Lambton Central/ Petrolia Meat Draw at Crabby Joe's Petrolia. 6 Rounds played.	

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