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## SAFE AT HOME



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Austin Wilkins of the Wyoming Wranglers River League Team tries to tag Landon Weir of the Camlachie Cougars during a Monday night game at Petrolia's Greenwood Park. Weir was safe at the plate and that ended the game, a 16-8 win for the Cougars. It was the final game of the season for Wyoming, although Camlachie is still in action.

## School air quality, vaccines to be posted

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Parents worried about air quality in their schools will be able to get a first hand look at the measures taken in their kid's classroom.

COVID-19 is an airborne virus and for some time the provincial government has been touting its measures to improve air quality in the classroom to stop the spread of the virus. About \$650 million has been injected into Ontario schools, with the most recent announcement coming so each school could buy HEPA filters for the classroom.

In local Catholic schools, \$7 million has been spent to upgrade ventilation including new heating and cooling units. "We've upgraded the air filters, purchased and installed portable air conditioners, and HEPA filters for our classrooms. The kindergarten classrooms have additional HEPA filters as well," says St. Clair District

Catholic School Board Director Deb Crawford.

"And as well, we put in operable windows in older schools and workplaces that did not have operable windows. So those would just be a few of the pieces that have gone into place, make sure that the ventilation is as good as meeting the standards to the greatest degree possible that we can."

Lambton-Kent District School Board Director, John Howitt, says the board plans to list the actions taken in each school online for parents to look at.

But whether the vaccination rates of the staff in each school is made public in early September is questionable.

Since most elementary school students cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 yet – there isn't an approved vaccine for anyone under 12 – parents have been concerned about the vaccination rates of teachers and staff.

SEE SCHOOLS PG 3

## St. Clair probing chief's 'violence' comment

Heather Wright  
The Independent

St Clair Township is investigating after posts on the fire chief's social media accounts seemed to promote violence to get rid of the Liberal government.

Monday, users on Twitter flagged the personal account of Fire Chief Walt Anderson under a National Post story about protestors following the Prime Minister around on the campaign trail. There were photos depicting the hanging of Justin Trudeau - photos which the Conservative Leader, Erin O'Toole, condemned. Under the post, Anderson's feed said "Time for Canadians to stand up if that means violence so be it."

Online, people questioned the exchange. "Walt Anderson wow, your comment is basically telling people to provoke violence when needed. Hopefully, you do not have a lot of followers," wrote Doug Hunter. Another identified Anderson as



the director of emergency services for St. Clair.

Another post from Anderson's Twitter account urged protestors to keep up the pressure on Trudeau.

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## LUNCH WITH MIKE’S FRIENDS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Members of the Mike Harvey Foundation were serving up lunch in Wyoming Saturday, raising money for the Petrolia Food Bank. The foundation is named after a Watford man who died by suicide. Lori deBruyn, his mom, set up the foundation, with the help of family and friends, to help provide people with information about places to go when they’re struggling. deBruyn says recently, the group has created a business card to hand out which has the names and numbers for several different help lines for mental health. Saturday’s barbecue was to raise awareness about the foundation and raise some money for the Petrolia Food Bank. A similar event in Watford raised \$1,200.

## Anderson says he didn’t know about the tweets

### CON’T FROM PG 1

By the noon hour, Anderson was warning his followers, he might have been hacked. The mayor says he started getting calls about the social media posts almost immediately.

“I was in the loop from a lot of people seem to come apart at once. And so I talked to the CEO immediately, they were going to launch an investigation,” says Arnold.

However the mayor isn’t prepared to say Anderson was behind the tweets. “I also talked to the chief and I still maintain that he was being impersonated. But that’s just me.”

That is what the chief, in an email to *The Independent* said as well. “I was notified actually by the Mayor of the tweet and some Facebook posts that were put out,” says the chief. “I contacted the providers to see what accounts they were posted on and to have the accounts deleted.”

By press time, Anderson’s personal Facebook and Twitter accounts had been deleted, although screenshots of the offending tweets were circulating on Twitter.

And Anderson stepped away from the comments adding “I think Canadians do have to get out and vote if they want change but I wouldn’t promote violence in doing it.”

A scan of Anderson’s personal Facebook feed before it was scrubbed showed several posts criticizing the current government



A post from Walt Anderson’s personal Facebook feed dated Aug. 10 and a warning sent out Monday.



including one which seems to compare Trudeau with Adolf Hitler and Karl Marx. Social media users scoffed at the idea the accounts were hacked by another person and the chief was impersonated. But the number of hacking events, particularly on social media, is on the rise according to McAfee, one of the biggest malware software providers. It says recent surveys show up to 22 per cent of internet users said their online accounts have been hacked at least once. It is not clear how long the investigation into the comments will take with the mayor saying little about it because it is a personnel issue.

## Schools air quality, teacher vaccine rates coming

### CON’T FROM PG 1

Howitt had planned to have that figure posted by Sept. 15. “We are still waiting for the final memos of the process; we are trying to go to collect that data and the process for the testing that will take place that we are expected to do, by Sept. 10 with that posted on our websites by Sept. 15. We’re getting to the point if we don’t get the information from the Ministry (of Education) very, very soon on that we may not be able to meet those targets. But we’ll do our best to do that.”

Teachers and staff have to disclose their vaccine status to the board. If someone isn’t vaccinated, they will have to have weekly COVID-19 rapid tests to make sure they’re not carrying the virus into the building. But Chatham-Kent’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Colby, says that testing is practically useless. “The odds of getting false positives are greater than getting true positives and that means that there’s no point in testing those populations.”

## Two dead in Wyoming motorcycle crash

### The Independent

Two people are dead after a motorcycle accident in Wyoming. Lambton OPP say around 6:30 am Monday morning, police, fire and paramedics were called to the corner of Oil Heritage Line and Churchill Road for an accident. A photo supplied by police showed the motorcycle landed over 100 meters from the intersection at the Wyoming sign.

Police say the victims were “un-responsive” and were pronounced dead later. Michael Dennis, 41 and Nicole Whitney, 38, both of Plympton-Wyoming died. If you have any information regarding this accident, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or \*OPP (677) on your mobile phone.



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# Editorial

## Canadians can make politics civil again

Canadians need to examine not only the candidates, but their own attitudes toward them this election cycle. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the Sept. 20th election in the middle of the summer, in the middle of this government’s mandate, in a pandemic in what observers say was either a bid to secure a majority government or a callous grasping at power. Really, it is the same thing, just spoken from a different perspective in what is increasingly becoming a polarized country. To be clear, politics has always been a blood sport. There are all kinds of tales of political parties getting out the knives for leaders and backroom wheeling and dealing for leadership positions. But for the most part, while citizens were engaged, some quite vocally no doubt, the exchanges were more-or-less civil. The Liberal and Conservative farmers lived side-by-side, disagreeing on politics but remaining friends. There is a different feel to this election; raw emotion and anger that is fuelled by an electorate tired of the pandemic restrictions, vaccines, anti-vaxxers, those locked behind their doors at home and those who say COVID-19 isn’t real. Couple that with social media which seems to encourage every kind of bad behaviour from climbing milk cartons to hanging politicians in effigy and it becomes a bitter cocktail of partisanship on display. Political disagreement is good for democracy. So is the exchange of ideas. But in a world where people believe hanging a flag off their porch laced with profanity about the prime minister, it has crossed the line of civil discourse.

It is easy to get caught up in the yelling in a bid to have your concern raised but we’d ask you to resist being part of the melee we are seeing. Instead, ask questions of the politicians, hold those to account who have let you down when talking to them or by casting your ballot against them. And then, after the dust has settled and the candidates are MPs elect, vow to try to get along while lobbying for the things you are passionate about. Imagine how different politics would be if we all did that.

## Letters to the Editor

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## Our Story



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION

This photo is all the proof you need to know Petrolia has always known how to throw a good party. The photo is dated 1908 and shows people arriving at the train station (now the Petrolia Library and Farmers' Market) for the Petrolia Old Boys Reunion. Ironically, this weekend, this space will be filled again with the town's Barn Dance.

## The realities of the end of summer, elections, school and socks

The last moments of summer are slipping away from us. And with it comes three (what I consider) ugly realities. I’m going to have start wearing socks again, schools is about to begin and there’s an election on the way. Before COVID-19, back to school in our house has been dubbed “the most wonderful time of the year,” at least by Barry and I. There is a song, some dancing and general merriment as children eye us warily and sometimes with open hostility. In the last two years, we haven’t been singing the back-to-school song, mostly because we can’t really rely on the fact that anyone is indeed going back to school. There is also the federal election this fall. Elections are a very fall-y event. Politicians seem to think these beautiful days and cool nights are the best

time to fly across the country to convince us of their worthiness of office. I haven’t really been paying close attention to the election - probably not a great admission for a journalist. But I have been listening. I’ve decided I’m getting old because each promise and platform that is unveiled sounds like the last and I know very little will be accomplished whoever happens to win. I am intrigued by the oddities of the election. Erin O’Toole’s puppy mill announcement startled me. Is this the equivalent of Sweater Vest Steve - the attempt the Conservatives made to make Stephen Harper look cuddly and warm when he was not? Or maybe there has been some polling done which shows right-leaning voters are big dog people. Either way it

was nice to see an animal that wasn’t political getting some air time. That’s why I liked the red squirrel photo bombing Trudeau. It looked like he was sitting on his head. It was a nice change of pace before I really start paying attention. And yes, this time of year means soon I’ll have to steal Barry’s socks again. I have no socks. I don’t like them. Any sock I have had, have already been stolen by my daughters. In short, I hate the end of summer.



Heather Wright

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SIDEWALK WORK



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Crews from Autoform Construction have been laying down lots of concrete on Greenfield Street. It's part of the \$1.8 million reconstruction project. Here, workers were pouring cement at town hall as they head to the finish line of the summer construction. Petrolia officials expect the work to be complete - at least at town hall - by the opening of Victoria Playhouse Petrolia Sept. 7.

Oil Museum in Oil Springs won't open until October

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Shortages of building supplies in the pandemic mean the Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs won't open until at least October. That's according to Erin Dee-Richards, the museum's curator/supervisor. Construction on the \$880,000 job to completely renovate the museum featuring the stories of the people who started the commercial oil industry in North American at Oil Springs was started in February. The plan was ambitious. Bring the building, which had gone through a number of renovations, back to its original glory including opening up long covered over windows which provide a sweeping view of the historic oil fields. At the same time, all of the infrastructure of the building was renewed

and Dee-Richards and her staff set to work improving the exhibits focusing on the core values the original founders of the museum wanted to focus on including the discovery of oil, Lambton's foreign drillers and how Indigenous people used the oil in the area first. But construction, which can be slow to begin with, plodded along through the pandemic. Workers started at the height of the third wave of COVID-19 and that slowed things down as they tried to stay socially distant. As the restrictions eased, Lambton County officials were hopeful the project - which was scheduled to be complete in late June or early July - would be ready to open in August, when the rest of the county facilities opened. But that was not to be. As of Aug. 31, the construction wasn't complete and wasn't expected to be done until September. Dee-Richards says part of the problem is the contractor is having a hard time getting what he needs. "Now that we're coming to the end, it's a little bit more supply chain issues, things that normally the construction crew would be able to acquire quite easily, (they) can't. They're having to wait for pieces. "We are hoping, again, fingers crossed to be opening in October. At some time, we don't have a date just yet. We'll have a better idea of when we'd be able to open once the construction is wrapped up completely." While it was frustrating not to open in August with the rest of the county's cultural facilities, Dee-Richards says it is exciting to see things taking shape. "They're putting some paint on the walls, and we're putting in a doorway... it's exciting to see those things going in. And it seems more real."

Libraries in Camlachie, Inwood, Shetland re-opening

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Readers are rejoicing as libraries across Lambton will all be open by Sept. 7. Lambton County Libraries were among the first things to shutdown when COVID-19 hit. During the pandemic, they were mainly open to residents using curbside service. But since the province began to reopen, libraries in the region have begun to open their doors. While branches like Petrolia and Wyoming have already been open, some of the smaller branches have remained shuttered. Library officials say the nine locations – Arkona, Camlachie, Courtright, Inwood, Mooretown, Port Franks, Port Lambton, Shetland and Wilkesport – will be open for in person use by Sept. 7.



FILE PHOTO

A librarian stacks the shelves at the Inwood Library in 2015. Lambton's smaller libraries reopen Sept. 7. The rest of the libraries are returning to "regular" business hours. Library users will still have to wear a mask inside and computer appointments are limited to 45 minutes a day. People browsing the shelves are also asked to limit their time to no more than 45 minutes in the library. And there are capacity limits as well.

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## Lambton farmers hauling hay west

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Farmers across Canada are known for helping their neighbours. Sometimes, that neighbour isn't next door. That's true for a number of Lambton County farmers who have banded together to help western Canada's livestock farmers who are facing the worst drought of a generation. There has been little rain in the prairie provinces this summer and in the cattle industry, feed is scarce. Fields which cattle normally would graze are bare and there is no hay to supplement their food supply. Many farmers are selling off cattle because they simply can't feed them. The plight of the farmers weighs on people in agriculture across the country, including in Lambton where George Dickenson has been a beef farmer for decades. He knew Ontario Beef was working on a program where farmers could donate hay to go west and into Northern Ontario when forest fires have ravaged the crop. It mirrors a program Western farmers set up decades ago to help livestock farmers in Eastern Ontario who were dealing with a shortage of feed. Recently, Dickenson caught up with Roger Thurston of Korny Korner in Sarnia who had also thought about donating to help his fellow farmers. Dickenson says Thurston told him about the land he owned near the Sarnia airport and the tall grasses growing there. "He said, 'well, that needs to be cut again this year and I would donate that hay to the Hay West program.'"

## Napper apologizes for remark 'considered offensive'

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Lonny Napper has apologized for comments he made at a recent council meeting. The Independent received calls from taxpayers voicing concern about some comments made as Dr. Ahmed Hijazi came to council Aug. 11. Councillor Netty McEwen commented that one of the doctors was "a lot better looking than your picture." That was followed with a comment from Mayor Lonny Napper about "cougars" be-

ing on the loose in Wyoming. According to one of the residents, the doctor seemed embarrassed by the comments. McEwen didn't agree, saying he joked back with her. Napper didn't remember the exchange. But at the Aug. 25 council meeting, the mayor opened the meeting with a statement "I want to apologize to council, all residents and the doctors for anything I said that may have been considered offensive, on a very sensitive subject. It certainly was not my intent and I take full responsibility for my conduct." Councillor McEwen did not make a statement at the meeting.



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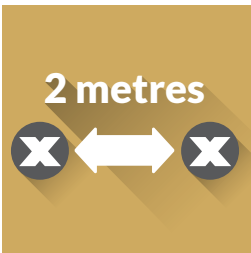
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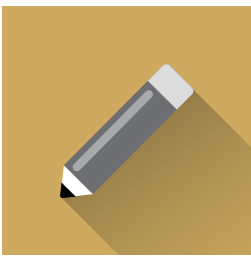


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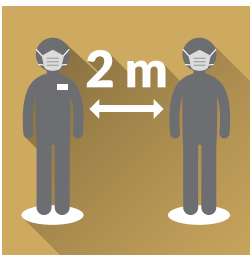
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## FAMILY FUN



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Over 100 people grabbed a lawn chair and enjoyed a movie at the Oil Springs Youth Centre Friday night. The village recently purchased a 16 foot inflatable movie screen and the parks and recreation committee hosted the free event.

## Alvinston firefighters join 9/11 memorial

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Kris Redick remembers the day the Twin Towers in New York fell. The Brooke Fire Rescue deputy chief had just become a firefighter. He was working in the showroom at Wallis Motors when the news broke on Sept. 11, 2001 just after 9 am. “all of a sudden, we had like people coming in off the street, coming in to watch our TV. And that’s what I’ll always remember is our showroom being filled with people. And we’re watching these events unfold. So it was sort of crazy,” he says. At the time, Redick and some of his fellow firefighters planned to go to New York City for the memorial for the 343 firefighters who died trying to rescue thousands in the office tower. After security concerns, the event was cancelled. This Sept. 11th, the 20th anniversary of that fateful day, Redick will be part of a memorial. He, Rachel Bryans and Autumn Bressette of Brooke Fire Rescue will be part of the 9-11 Stair Climb at Lambton College. It’s being organized by Scott Brown, the professor of Fire Science Technology at the Lambton Fire School where Redick teaches. Brown has been deeply impacted by the events of 20 years ago. “I was actually in the US doing some training that day. It was impactful right from the get go for me,” he says. Brown and his wife even named their son, Patrick, after Patrick - Paddy - Brown, a firefighter who continued to climb the 110 flights of stairs at the Twin Towers that day even though for many it would seem hopeless.

“One of the last transmissions that he made that morning was giving an update to the command post of where he and his firefighters were, they were at the 35th. He was conveying that there was multiple casualties and multiple injuries coming down the stairs. “And the last thing he said was ‘and we’re still heading up.’” Brown says it’s the motto for the Sept. 11 event at the college and it’s something he tells his students about when he talks about 9/11. “I think it’s a fantastic sort of life motto; we’re facing this adversity and those are the worst possible day we get - we couldn’t even fathom how bad this day turned out to be - the mindset was we still have a job to do and we’re still heading out.” The stair climb will be steeped in symbolism. Each climber will be given the name of a firefighter who died. When they reach the 78th floor - the last known spot a firefighter reached before the building crumbled - the climbers will say their name. Brown says it is likely to be an emotional moment. “When you’re trudging along up those stairs and you hear that first person hit the bell for the first time, it’s pretty emotional. It’s pretty inspiring to keep going no matter how tired and sweaty and thirsty, you are at that point.” The money raised from the climb will go to support the families of the American and Canadian firefighters who died in the Twin Towers. If you want to donate you do it online by going to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and looking for the Lambton College 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb.

## Petrolia sends off summer with music and a bang



The Town of Petrolia is saying goodbye to summer holidays with a bang this year. The town is hosting two events to mark the end of summer - the first time in nearly two years large events have been planned because of the pandemic. Friday night, the town is hosting a fireworks display at Greenwood Park. It starts at 9 pm with shuttles to the arena starting at 7:30 pm. Saturday night, Scott Manery and the Barnburners entertain at the Farmers’ Market. Officials say COVID-19 protocols will be in place for the events and are asking people to wear masks except when eating and drinking and to maintain social distance.

## Lambton LTC residents getting third shot

The Independent

Lambton Public Health will be giving third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to people at high risk of getting the virus starting this week. Officials say people in long term care, some high risk retirement homes and people who are medically fragile, such as transplant recipients or people with cancers of the

blood. You will be required to have proof of your medical condition at the vaccine clinic. To be sure you are eligible, public health asks you to talk to your own doctors first. Those in long term care will receive the first round of third doses. To book a third dose, call the vaccine hotline or register online 56 days after your second dose.



### NOTICE

#### FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS AND WATERMAINS

Monday, September 13th – Friday, September 24th , 2021  
7:30am to 4:30pm

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will be flushing water mains throughout Watford and Warwick Township, as part of the annual flushing program.

**You may experience discoloured water** coming from your tap. If this happens, we suggest you try the following:

- Remove the aerators from your taps and flush all the house lines until the water runs clear.
- You may also decide to refrain from doing laundry during this period to avoid staining of your clothing.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

OCWA will continue to work on the flushing programs to ensure consumer satisfaction. Any concerns, please contact OCWA at the phone numbers below.

Township of Warwick 6332 Nauvoo Rd. Watford, Ontario N0M 2S0 www.warwicktownship.ca	Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Southwest Region 9210 Graham Rd. West Elgin, Ontario N0L 2P0
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**OCWA's 24 hour Emergency Contact # 1-888-522-0117**

### Liberals move forward to deliver better care for seniors



- Raise wages for personal support workers, including a guaranteed minimum wage of at least \$25 per hour
- Train up to 50,000 new personal support workers
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- Continue to implement strict infection prevention and control measures
- Develop a Safe Long Term Care Act collaboratively

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# Sports

## BASEBALL COOLING STATION



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Curtis McCallum of the Port Lambton Pirates found a way to cool down during a double header against Dresden - he went to the splash pad. The Pirates split a double header with the Bulls Saturday.

## OBA weekend features games in St. Clair

The Independent

The Port Lambton Pirates are at home to the Barrie Angels to open the OBA Senior B baseball tournament this weekend hosted by the Pirates. First pitch is scheduled for 3 pm on Friday afternoon in the south Lambton waterfront community.

Meantime, Petrolia opens against Fort Erie in Wyoming and Corunna goes up against Milton in Courtright, both at 4 pm on Friday. And there are a pair of 7 pm games that day as well. Wyoming entertains Essex at Canton Park and Courtright is on its home diamond against Simcoe.

The Port Lambton Juniors and the Dresden Bulls are playing in the OBA Senior C event on the road this weekend. Both have opening games scheduled for Friday.

The tournaments continue through the weekend.

In league play, Dresden walked off the Raiders, 5-4 and Port Lambton edged the Bulls, 3-2. Dresden also registered a pair of shutouts, blanking the Port Lambton Juniors, 2-0 and the Cardinals in Courtright, 11-0.

A scheduled game between Cattlebarons and Corunna in Wyoming was rained out.

## PJHL teams will require vaccinations

The Provincial Junior Hockey League, which includes the Petrolia Flyers and Mooretown Flags, has announced a joint vaccination policy with the Ontario Junior Hockey League and the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

The three leagues will require all players, coaches, trainers, team and league staff, officials, volunteers and billet families to be double-vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to any activities this season.

“The policy is fully intended to protect the health and safety of all NOJHL, OJHL and PJHL players and members and to protect against the potential transmission of the virus,” stated the news release.

The teams will honour exemptions to vaccines, after they’ve been cleared by medical advisors.

## Mooretown Flags veterans returning

The Mooretown Flags have announced the signings of several veterans for the 2021-22 campaign, including overagers Brodie Conlon, Nolan Farr, Jake Vince and Greg Hay.

Also returning are Logan Gardner, Brody Genyn, Brock Barber, Zach Moore, Ethan Kerby, Blake Howard and Matthew Moore along Ayden Letang who was acquired earlier from the Sarnia Legionnaires earlier this offseason.

The Flags continue training camp with the third of three sessions on Thursday, Sept. 2 at the Moore Sports Complex at 7 pm.

## Jr Aces head west for Grand Slam

Barry Wright  
The Independent

The manager of the Alvinston Junior Aces would like to come home with a top three finish from the Rawlings Grand Slam of Softball this weekend in Saskatoon.

“I want our team to try and medal,” said Andy Triest.

“I think we have a good lineup, one through nine, to compete.”

Alvinston is one of nine U23 (junior) squads at the invitational tournament that replaces Nationals. They were cancelled by Softball Canada

for the second consecutive year over COVID-19 concerns.

Alvinston’s 15-player lineup has been augmented with several players with extensive national and international experience, including Rowan Sears, Andrew Van Boekel and Robbie Black.

The Aces open Thursday afternoon against a team from the Peguis First Nation in northern Manitoba and Triest says the teams will come into the tournament on equal footing when it comes to their knowledge of each other.

“I don’t know anything about them,” he said.

“But that’s the allure of a tournament like this. You go and see where you stack up.”

Alvinston’s second and last game in its pool is Thursday evening against the Saskatoon Diamondbacks.

Crossover playoffs begin Friday.

Despite only being together for about three weeks and finishing a disappointing fourth at the recent OASA Provincials, Triest says other teams shouldn’t take the Aces lightly.

“We would make some noise out west.

“We just need to put it all together.”

## High school football on hold until spring says Howitt

There won’t be high school football this fall.

That’s according to John Howitt, director of education at the Lambton-Kent District

School Board.

Howitt says only two teams have expressed an interest in running football this fall.

“There is talk of possibly

doing it ...in the spring, but it does not look like it will be happening in Chatham, Kent and Lambton counties in the fall.



### TOWN OF PETROLIA

#### MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STORMWATER MASTER PLAN SERVICING STUDY FOR THE PETROLIA SOUTHEAST SERVICE AREA

### NOTICE OF COMPLETION

#### THE PROJECT:

The Town of Petrolia initiated a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for the southeast service area of Petrolia in August 2018. The Master Plan was undertaken in order to inventory and evaluate existing stormwater facilities within developed areas of the community and to investigate the most cost effective and efficient manner to provide stormwater servicing within future development areas. The Master Plan process has now been completed. A preferred servicing strategy has been identified, which will be implemented in phases, within established areas. The plan has also identified a strategy to address stormwater servicing within future development lands.

#### THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

The Stormwater Servicing Master Plan was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. Master Plan projects incorporate Phases 1 & 2 of the Class EA process and also include consultation with the general public, government review agencies, Indigenous communities and affected property owners. While the Master Plan addresses the need and justification for the proposed stormwater servicing facilities at a broad level, more detailed Class EA studies may be required prior to the construction of some components of the plan. The information below outlines the status of various works included as a component of the Master Plan, as well as their status in regards to the Class EA Master Plan process.

#### TYPE OF PROJECT:

- Storm drainage construction or repair within limits of existing road allowances
- Road reconstruction, including storm drainage upgrades, within existing road allowances
- Construction of new stormwater management ponds and outlets
- Construction of new stormwater drainage outlets
- Upgrades to existing Golf Course Pond

#### STATUS:

- Schedule A+ - Pre-Approved
- Schedule A+ - Pre-Approved
- Reviewed in conjunction with Planning Act review process – Schedule A – Pre-Approved
- Schedule B – Additional Class EA Review Needed unless reviewed as part of Planning Act process
- Schedule A+ - Pre-Approved

The Master Plan has been completed and, by this Notice, is being placed on the public record for review. A Master Plan Report will be available for review on the Petrolia website at [www.town.pctrolia.on.ca](http://www.town.pctrolia.on.ca). Please provide written comments on the Stormwater Servicing Master Plan to the Study Engineers by **September 24, 2021**. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, the Master Plan will be formally adopted and Petrolia staff will move forward with implementation. For further information on this project, or to review the Class EA Master Plan process, please contact the study engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates: 2695 Hamilton Road, P.O. Box 400 Brights Grove, N7A 2T4. Telephone: (519) (519) 908-9564. Attn: Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: [kvader@bmross.net](mailto:kvader@bmross.net)).

Mike Thompson, Director of Operations  
Town of Petrolia

This Notice issued August 25, 2021



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Monday @ 12 noon

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**Tenders are to be submitted** in a sealed envelope to: **THOMAS G. CHALMERS, 12 Victoria Street, P.O. Box 190, Thamesville, Ontario, N0P 2K0.** Tenders are to be accompanied by a **certified cheque in the amount of \$10,000.00** payable to Thomas G. Chalmers, In Trust. Cheques will be returned if the tender is not accepted.  
**Tenders will be accepted until 4:30 pm on October 22, 2021.**  
Inquires are to be directed to Thomas G. Chalmers (519-692-3842). Tender forms are available at his office, 12 Victoria Street, Thamesville, Ontario N0P 2K0.  
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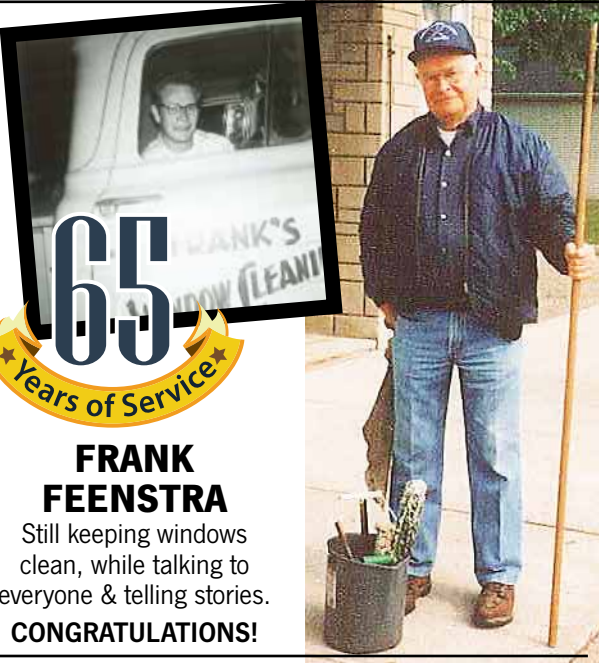
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Special Thanks to Mom's Grandchildren who took part in the service and as pallbearers.  
Our thanks also goes to the Victoria Way Staff at Fiddick's Nursing Home who took excellent care of Mom.

Lois, Ken, Rob, Kevin and families

In Memory

- IN MEMORY -

Norma Moore

September 2, 2014

Sadly missed along life's way  
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Obituary



MINIELLY  
Glenn

Passed away peacefully with his family by his side on **Saturday, August 28, 2021** at Fiddick's Nursing Home, Petrolia. **GLENN MINIELLY, of Wyoming**, was in his **98th year**. Glenn is survived his wife of 61 years Donna (nee Stewardson), his children Nancy and Dan King, Gail and Wayne McMurphy, and David Minielly, his grandchildren Trevor and Kailyn King, Lindsay and Mitch Robb, Courtney King and Adam McCallum, Jillian McMurphy and Scott Barnes, and Lee and Kelsey McMurphy, and great grandchildren Mark Robb, Gus McMurphy, and Abby McCallum. He is survived by sister-in-law Winnafred (the late Douglas) McEwen. Glenn was predeceased by his parents Leslie and Lottie Minielly, siblings Donald (the late Irene) Minielly, Margaret (the late Ken) MacKinlay, Arnold (the late Norma) Minielly, and Ken (Frances) Minielly, and brother-in-law Jim (Evelyn) Stewardson. A lifelong farmer in Plympton Township, he was active in his community St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Wyoming, Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society, and the Wanstead Co-op. Glenn's family greatly appreciates the care given by Fiddick's Nursing Home. **A service was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from the Wyoming Chapel of Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 650 Broadway St. Wyoming. Interment will be in Wyoming Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made Plympton-Wyoming Agriculture Society or C.E.E. Hospital Foundation ([www.ceehf.ca](http://www.ceehf.ca)). **Memories may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).**

Obituary



ROGERS  
Glenn Johnston

Surrounded by family, Glenn passed away at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia on **Monday, August 23, 2021** at the age of **82**. Beloved husband of Edith (Ellenor) for 59 years. He is predeceased by his parents William and Stella (Johnston) and his sisters Kathleen Burnard (Reginald) and Marion Hyatt (Ross). Loving father of Catherine Rogers (Pat Clark) and Thomas Rogers (Lisa). Grandfather of Stephanie, Rachel and Emma. Glenn will be greatly missed by family, friends and neighbours in the Brigden community, where he lived and worked the family farm. Cremation has taken place. **A private family memorial service will take place at a later date.** Sympathy may be expressed through donations to the Heart and Stroke foundation ([www.heartandstroke.ca](http://www.heartandstroke.ca)), Arthritis Society ([www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)) or Brigden United Church. Memories and condolences may be sent online at [www.steadmanbrothers.ca](http://www.steadmanbrothers.ca). **Arrangements entrusted to STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, Brigden 519-864-1193.**

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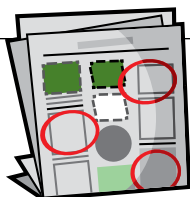
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# Calendar

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM  
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*of events*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Aug 27-Sept 3		Petrolia	Optimist Club of Lambton Central/Petrolia <b>Online Toonie Auction</b> . Visit the auction Facebook page "Petrolia Optimist Online Toonie Auction" Proceeds will benefit the youth of our community.	
Sept 2	6pm	Petrolia	Optimist Club of Lambton Central/Petrolia <b>Meat Draw</b> at Crabby Joe's Petrolia. 6 Rounds played.	
Sept 2	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> @ Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Sept 3	9pm	Petrolia	<b>Canada Day Fireworks</b> at the Greenwood Rec Centre	
Sept 4	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The <b>Petrolia Farmers' Market</b> with local vender's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Sept 4	3:30-5:30p	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b> . Entertainment on the patio.	
Sept 4	6pm	Petrolia	Petrolia's <b>Barn Dance</b> featuring Scott Manery and the Barnburners at the Petrolia Farmer's Market Pavilion	
Sept 4	7pm	Alvinston	Optimist Club of Alvinston & Districts <b>Cornhole Tournament</b> . \$100 a team of 2 players. 3 games guaranteed.	
Sept 5	6:30p	Dresden	<b>Dresden Christian Concerts</b> . Free concert by The Chapelaires at the Dresden Christian Concerts Stage (1233 North St) with a message from Rev. Andy Cornell.	
Sept 9	6pm	Petrolia	Optimist Club of Lambton Central/Petrolia <b>Meat Draw</b> at Crabby Joe's Petrolia. 6 Rounds played.	
Sept 9	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> @ Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Sept 10	8:30-12noon	Petrolia	Petrolia & Enniskillen Fall Fair are present the <b>Rumble Fish</b> at the fair grounds.	
Sept 11	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The <b>Petrolia Farmers' Market</b> with local vender's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Sept 11	4-6p	Oil Springs	Oil Springs Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b> .	
Sept 11	3:30-5:30p	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b> . Entertainment on the patio.	
Sept 12-15		Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society Virtual Pie & Bake Auction. All proceeds to CEE Hospital. Online bidding online. To donate items contact Sandy Atkinson 519-845-0302. Register by Aug 9.	
Sept 16	6pm	Petrolia	Optimist Club of Lambton Central/Petrolia <b>Meat Draw</b> at Crabby Joe's Petrolia. 6 Rounds played.	
Sept 18	7:30-noon	Petrolia	The <b>Petrolia Farmers' Market</b> with local vender's. 396 Fletcher St. Behind the Library. COVID-19 guidelines in place.	
Sept 18	4-7p	Petrolia	LCDS & Petrolia Lions presents <b>Beer &amp; Wing Night</b> at the Lions Hall. 10 wings plus veggies. tickets \$15. For more info 519-882-0933	
Sept 19	10:30a	Petrolia	Special Presentation " <b>Fall Feasts of Israel</b> " by Jews for Jesus. First Baptist, Petrolia	
Sept 25	4-6p	Oil Springs	Oil Springs Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b> .	
Sept 25	1-5p	Petrolia	<b>Reunion Open House</b> , First Baptist, Petrolia	

# Church DIRECTORY

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Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee  
Church Office 519-882-1430

christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com



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We will be closed for Summer Break  
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www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net



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418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

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