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## Petrolia to encourage a BIA

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The Independent

Petrolia wants to see a business improvement association in the downtown.

It's one of the items council gave the go-ahead for in approving the recommendations from a consultant looking a "resilience" in the downtown.

The town hired Asagos Consulting at a cost of \$25,000 earlier this year to help chart a path for the downtown. James Cox talked to 15 downtown "stakeholders" for an hour each. There was an online survey which garnered 154 responses and 24 people came to a virtual meeting in March to form the basis for his report.

Cox says there are 81 businesses in what is considered the downtown core including retail stores, services, restaurants and "tourism focused industries." Cox's report to council says those business owners generally say 60 per cent of their business

comes from local residents and 40 per cent from tourists.

And while business owners voiced concerns about chronically empty buildings, Petrolia's vacancy rate at 3.1 per cent is lower than the provincial average of 5.2 per cent.

Cox says COVID-19 shut-downs "negatively impacted downtowns across Canada" however Petrolia's businesses were able to meet new curbside demands. And at the time of the survey, they were anticipating the foot traffic to return to normal once the pandemic restrictions were eased.

The consultant says three things were constant in the interviews and survey; business liked the high level of engagement with the town, they were concerned about the high-profile vacant buildings and they wanted to "build downtown Petrolia as a cohesive destination through partnerships and connections."

SEE BIA PG 2

## PW boosts home charges 19 per cent

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Development fees on new homes in Plympton-Wyoming are going up 19 per cent.

Town council recently finalized its development charges bylaw, just days before it was to expire. And it increased the fees facing developers to \$10,881 per single family home, 19 per cent higher than the current fees and five per cent higher than what was originally recommended.

Development charges allow municipalities to recover capital costs for either putting in infrastructure or services that benefit future growth. And there is a lot of growth in Plympton-Wyoming. A study by BM Ross and Associates, which helped develop the town's new fee schedule, shows there are 17 developments in the works in

the community now, with close to 700 new single family homes in the works. It's part of a trend which has seen the number of new housing starts rise from about 15 per cent in the last five years. Last year alone, 72 new homes were built. All that requires new roads, parks and equipment for existing services.

"The idea of development charges is that growth pays for its share so that your existing taxpayers aren't paying for the cost of extending sewers, adding on to your treatment plants," consultant Lisa Courtney told councillors earlier this year.

The town put together a list of capital projects which will benefit not just current taxpayers but those who will be building and living in the town in the future.

The municipality then assigns a fee to those charges.

SEE DEVELOPMENT PG 2

## THE TASTE OF VICTORY



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Charlotte Hartman, five months, seems to be taking the lead of Olympians and biting the ribbon presented to her when she won the four to six month class of the Petrolia and Enniskillen Agriculture Society's Baby Show Saturday. Charlotte and her mom, Kassa, were among a couple dozen families who took part in the event which was part of a scaled back fall fair weekend. For more photos see page 6.

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# Development fees up \$1,754 in PW

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But as that list was being drawn up, the new fire chief arrived. Council gave him time to look at the needs of the department. The chief identified there would be about \$190,000 needed to equip new firefighters who would need to be recruited and about \$359,000 to help pay for a pumper truck to replace an existing unit in the future. That - along with the rest of the projects - boosted the cost of the fees from \$9,127 to \$10,881. Councillors did decide to remove a charge which would have boosted fees in Wyoming even further. The consultant suggested a sewer development charge of \$1,533. But

that was removed from the bylaw when town staff explained sewage works have been dealt with under the Drainage Act. Paying a development fee for it might seem like double billing, said Adam Sobanski, the director of public works. The development charges for industrial development - which typically uses less municipal services than a single family home - were set at 16 cents per square foot of the proposed building. While the double digit increase approved by council Sept. 8 may seem high, Courtney pointed out the cost of the charges adds about three per cent to the cost of a \$350,000 home.

# One dead in Marthville Road accident

Lambton OPP say one person has died in an accident at the corner of Marthaville Road and Aberfeldy Line. Police were called to the scene just after 8 am Sept. 10 for a two vehicle accident. Paramedics treated and brought two people to hospital with injuries. A third person involved in the crash

has died. They were all in the same car, according to police. Police have yet to release the names of those involved and the investigation continues. The corner has been the site of a deadly accident before. In Nov. 2015, a Lambton county teacher was killed in an accident at the very corner on her way to school.

# BIA may be on the way in Petrolia’s downtown

CON'T FROM PG 1

Cox also pointed out the town already has a number of things in place to help the downtown thrive including the Volunteer Business Group, which drives many group promotions, and a Heritage Facade grant which encourages building owners to spruce up their storefronts to with grants of up to 50 per cent of the costs. The Downtown Start-Up Micro Grant Program offers \$1,000 to help new business owners buy equipment or improve the building they’re renting, although staff says the program is not up and running yet. The town also put in place minimum standards for vacant buildings and regularly markets the downtown businesses, including handbills promoting restaurants, aiming to present Petrolia as a destination. Cox says the programs have been “effective and have contributed towards the vibrancy of downtown Petrolia.” But Cox, in the report he delivered to council Monday, says forming a formal Business Improvement Association, would build on this. “Resiliency requires a formalized relationship between the local government and the business community. Without a formal relationship, the Town lacks a key source of data on business needs and must rely on anecdotal evidence. Similarly, the downtown business community currently lacks a formal channel of communication to town council and other decision makers.” Since 2009, when the last BIA disbanded, there has been a volunteer association which spearheads almost all promotions in the downtown. There has been discussion of a Business Improvement Area, this is the first time the municipality has asked staff to pursue the option. However, the Ministry of Municipal Affair handbook on BIA’s says normally, it is a project driven by business. “Business and property owners or others can request that a BIA be designated by a municipal bylaw,” the ministry states. Businesses then pay “the BIA levy along with their property taxes” on the principle that everyone who benefits from the program should pay their fair share of the costs.” Traditionally, BIAs “oversee the improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally-owned land, buildings and structures in the area

beyond that provided at the expense of the municipality generally” such as landscaping or fixtures like benches, says the ministry. BIAs also “promote the area as a business or shopping area.” The tax levy is meant to pay for those services. What sort of fees would be attached to the Petrolia BIA have not yet been discussed. Cox is also recommending a Business Retention and Expansion Program be put in place. A survey would take a regular pulse of the business community asking questions about the business health, the business climate, current challenges, future expansions or downsizing and the supports they might need. The consultant says the town should also adopt a Community Improvement Plan. A CIP can offer limited financial incentives and grants for things such as facade improvements, accessibility, landscaping and rebates for planning and development. The CIP can also encourage the development of housing units in the downtown. While a total cost of a grant program like this wasn’t stated, Cox says most communities provide matching grants of up to \$15 per square foot. The consultant also believes the town should have a one-stop shop for anyone who wants to develop space in the downtown so they wouldn’t be talking to multiple municipal and county employees about grants and regulations while improving the core. Cox adds the town has a role to play in helping businesses improve and grown. He says that while “none of the businesses interviewed reported fundamental shifts to their business model as the result of COVID-19” the town should continue to help them navigate new technology to improve operations and “seek to proactively bring new tools and technologies to the attention of businesses that may be positioned to adopt them.” Petrolia’s Chief Administrative Officer, Rick Charlebois says council gave its approval to move ahead with the recommendations including starting a BIA. “Meetings with businesses will start, and the period for feedback and assistance in developing the details of the association will be constructed with input from all those interested in participating.”

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# Local school kids test COVID positive

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Three students in Petrolia and a teacher in Corunna have tested positive for COVID-19 just one week into the school year. The information comes from the Lambton-Kent District School Board and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. The board’s websites show there are two students at Queen Elizabeth II school in Petrolia who have tested positive for the virus and one at St. Philips. The St. Clair

Catholic board says one classroom has been closed. The public board has not closed the Queen E classroom. Nor has it closed the classroom at Col. Cameron School in Corunna where a teacher tested positive. Across Lambton-Kent there were 11 cases of COVID-19 in schools. The provincial picture is similar with 218 schools reporting COVID-19 cases with 257 students and 51 staff testing positive so far. That means five per cent of Ontario schools are dealing with COVID in the classroom.

# ‘We can’t keep putting racists people back in office’

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The Independent

The NDP candidate in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex says Canadians can’t keep “putting racists back in office.” Jason Henry, who is the chief of the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, was responding to a social media post by the incumbent MP, Conservative Lianne Rood. The photo shows Rood in front of the former Central Hotel in Pain Court near Mitchell’s Bay. “Yesterday I had a great meeting on Walpole Island, discussing issues of importance to First Nations communities,” begins the post which adds they also campaigned in Pain Court. People on the platform said the post reinforced the idea of ‘drunk Indians.’ “I’m not quite sure if it was a racist post

or not (but it was) certainly an insensitive post,” said Henry. “It’s 2021 and if you don’t know that it’s inappropriate to take a picture and have a bar and say you’re talking to the Indians that’s shameful. Henry took to social media “calling that out and saying, ‘you know, we’re not drunks. We’re not alcoholics. It’s not okay to post things like that with a bar in the background and suddenly you’ve been talking to native people. That’s not okay. We are strong. We are proud,” says Henry adding it motivated him to keep pushing to be elected. “We can’t keep putting racist people back in office. ... I’m not here to fight. I’m here to make sure that we actually do reach reconciliation.” Calls to and messages Rood to respond to the criticism were not answered.

# Firm plans needed for next Alvinston arena reno

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The second phase of a plan to improve the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Arena needs a firm plan before it moves ahead. The Alvinston Optimist Club hoped to start the second phase of an arena plan - a canteen and dressing rooms - now that the pavilion is complete. But the municipality’s public works manager is concerned a plan submitted “doesn’t really give us a good idea ... for how the dressing rooms, how the building was connected to the old building.” And Randy Hills says there is concern there has been cracks found in the arena/community centre floor.

He doesn’t want to simply add another layer to the building without knowing what is going on. Councillor Jamie Armstrong agreed there needs to be some work done before the Optimist Club - which he is a member of - starts applying for grants. “An architect will have to be involved with getting the detailed planning... if we’re going to go ahead with it,” says Armstrong. He and other members of council also agreed the Optimist have to meet with other arena users to make sure whatever moves ahead is useful to all. Mayor Dave Ferguson adds a better plan will give the Optimists a better chance of winning grants to help pay for the project.

# Sorry granny, no flats in Courtright this time

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

St. Clair Township has struck down the idea of detached second dwellings in residential areas. Southside Construction wanted the so called granny flats in a planned housing development in Courtright. The London based developer requested three bylaw changes, most notably allowing for a second dwellings. Currently the township only allows for second units to be attached to the main residence. There was little enthusiasm for the proposal with more than 50 neighbours voicing opposition. Council sent Southside back to the drawing board to flesh out their proposal. But after multiple meetings between county staff and developers and an assessment of new information provided, St. Clair staff still weren’t sold. One area of concern involved rules around lot coverage. Southside had asked for a pair of bylaw changes to boost total lot coverage from 35 to 40 per cent and exempt the

detached second units from a 10 per cent accessory lot rule. “The applicant has not demonstrated a justifiable rational to support increasing the lot coverage for the independent additional unit,” staff say. As for the idea of detached second dwellings themselves, staff acknowledged “providing adequate housing is a constant challenge and ongoing concern for municipalities.” Southside stressed recent changes to the provincial Planning Act which says municipalities need to allow more additional units on properties. But St. Clair wasn’t convinced these additional units must be detached. “It is also important to recognize that despite the provincial changes, the expectation is that each municipality facilitate these changes in a manner that they deem appropriate,” reads the staff report. Staff also said allowing such a change would cause “a shift of the community character.” If Southside still wants to proceed with second dwellings staff recommended they build them in the garage.

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# Editorial

## Who are you voting for?

It is easy to say, ‘get out and vote; it’s your civic duty.’ And for some, it is easy to vote. They have a gut feeling or long held beliefs that lead them to place their x beside a certain candidate without hesitation.

Some vote to get rid of an unpopular leader either locally or more likely the person at the top.

Some vote based on ideology everything from the idea we need less government, to businesses needs support to create jobs, to government supporting people with programing to make life better, seeing big spending as an investment.

We vote for what is best for us and that’s understandable. But is it is what is best for our country?

There is no doubt Canada is at a crossroads in many ways. As we see in Chatham-Kent, the pandemic still is having an affect on us, physically, economically and mentally. You may want this all to be over and all the restrictions to be erased, for no one to ever talk about vaccine passports again, but that’s not realistic. Is it best for the community of Canada if we vote for people without a serious plan to put an end to COVID-19?

Indigenous people in our country are longing for reconciliation. While reconciliation may not be part of your daily life, does the person you’re voting for see it as a priority to heal this nation and make things right?

There are businesses hanging on by a shoestring right now - if their services are lost in our community, does it matter to you? Does it matter to the person and party you’re voting for?

It all boils down to this; are you prepared as you walk into the polling station to look at your vote as not only what is best for you but best for your neighbour; the person who lives in poverty, the farmer trying to compete in a market loaded against them with subsidies, the woman teaching your children, the teenager in the intensive care unit fighting COVID-19, the family in BC without a home after a wildfire caused by extreme heat burned theirs to the ground?

Voting is very personal but it is also an exercise in nationhood. We choose each time we pick up that tiny pencil what sort of a nation we want to be. We hope you will chose a nation focused not just on the bottom line but chose nation that also builds people up, that builds a kinder Canada for all.

## Letters to the Editor

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## Our Story



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION  
A photo of the Main Street of Oil Springs in the village's hey day. The photo, which was taken in the winter appears to be looking west down what is now Oil Springs Line.

## Blackburn pulls the plug on comments, no wonder

I can't say that I blame them. Blackburn News Sarnia has decided it will not allow people to comment on every story they post. And it has some people very upset.

On Tuesday, the Sarnia radio station followed in the footsteps of many others - including the CBC - and decided to remove comments from some news stories. "Blackburn News Sarnia has made the decision to restrict commenting on some stories in an effort to stop the spread of online abuse and misinformation."

A quick scan of some of the comments on the more recent posts tells you why officials pulled the plug. There are running arguments on every COVID-19 story published.

On a story about three children in local schools testing positive for COVID-19 there was "Are they on ventilators or just "sick"? Inquiring minds want to know."

This isn't a sharing of ideas - it's absolute crap being spewed. The trash talk is filled with lies and rumours.

So, it wasn't surprising that when Sarnia Councillor Mike Stark asked for a vaccine mandate for his fellow

councillors - as most cities in Ontario are doing now - he was the subject of some choice comments.

"Mike Stark is a liberal cry baby and a groof," said one, who apparently can't spell. "How much is he getting paid to do this," quips another suggesting Stark is on the take. And then, there was this; "Who is Mike Stark? An SS Nazi with a suit." Unbelievable, patently untrue and slanderous.

And those are the comments I found in a five minute scan of Blackburn Sarnia's Facebook page.

I'm not the only one who noticed the vile comments on the page. "Blackburn News Sarnia you really need to start cleaning up the vitriol in here, it's getting really bad," wrote one person.

That's part of the problem. If I'm counting correctly, Blackburn News maybe has five or six people working in the Sarnia newsroom. They have to be on the air every hour, sometimes every half hour and produce stories in between. They don't have time to moderate an argument about "The COVID" between Cletus and Festus.

But people are perplexed by the radio stations move. "This should be open to

any anyone to post on... you would think so right? Freedom of speech and all."

You still have freedom of speech, but maybe your audience is a lot narrower on your own personal social media feed.

What people forget, or don't know, is any news organization can be - and are - held libel for words published on their sites. Keeping a lid on slander is impossible now.

The angry crowd has turned its vitriol on the news organization, saying they've been bought, they're communists, cowards, snowflakes and propaganda central.

And it's all because they're providing information for their community and trying to be responsible at the same time. Who can blame them for saying enough is enough.



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# Opinion

## Don't believe in COVID? The virus doesn't care

**EDITOR:**

A friend of many years died from the COVID-19 virus in a Louisiana hospital last week; he wasn't vaccinated. His wife couldn't be with him; she wasn't vaccinated. Their daughter was vaccinated and 'facetimed' from the hospital but it wasn't the same.

Let's look at three other situations:

- Do you believe in gravity? Gravity doesn't care. Gravity simply brings us all back to earth. The collision is inevitable and sometimes hurts badly.
- In Canada we all drive on the

right. The vehicles don't care. If someone exercises their democratic right to drive on the left, a collision is inevitable and you may be the one hurt as well.

- Do you believe that an intersection's stop sign applies to you? The stop sign doesn't care. You may drive through it once or twice without incident but eventually you will collide with another vehicle and everyone involved is at risk of injury.
- Do you believe the COVID virus is real? The virus doesn't care. So please, treat it like gravity or driving on the

right or stopping at an intersection. Getting vaccinated is like wearing a seat belt; you protect yourself, your family and your community. Why wouldn't you do that?

And until the pandemic has been brought under control, continue to socially distance, wear a mask and wash / sanitize your hands often.

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## Two fined after Pot of Gold cannabis raid

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Two of six people arrested in a drug raid linked to the Pot of Gold cannabis shop on Aamjiwnaang First Nation have been fined for their part in the seizure of cannabis.

Sarnia police searched a Corunna home and the pot shop in December. It was the third police raid in two years after a lengthy investigation into the store and its owner.

Police found they were growing more cannabis than they had a licence to produce.

Arnold Mayers, 64 was one of four people arrested at the owner's home where about 575 grams of cannabis was found with about \$22,000 in cash and \$5,500 in gift cards. His lawyer Bobby Russon says the Corunna man had "joint possession but certainly not sole possession" of the drugs. He was fined \$2,000 and banned from owning a weapon for 10 years.

Police also raided the store. David Bruce was working there when police found 64 kilograms of cannabis bud alone. About \$3,000 in cash was found along with debt and price lists.

Because he was an employee at the time of the raid, Bruce was fined \$2,500 in total and banned from owning weapons for 10 years. Charges against three other people arrested were withdrawn. One man who was arrested at the house still faces charges.

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## Bright's Grove man admits to trafficking cocaine from his house

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

A man has admitted to trafficking thousands of dollars worth of cocaine out of his Bright's Grove home.

Jason Huggett, 36, entered his plea in Sarnia Court Sept. 7.

Court heard the Sarnia Police Vice Unit began an investigation into Huggett July 2019 after being tipped

off by an informant. The source said Huggett was trafficking cocaine from his home on Waterworks Road.

Police obtained a warrant Aug. 29 and carried out a raid that afternoon. They waited for Huggett to return home to arrest him in the driveway and then searched the house.

Inside the garage and home was a stash of cocaine and cash, including 44 grams of the drug hidden in a

motorcycle helmet. In total 52.82 grams of cocaine was recovered which the police estimate is worth \$5,200 on the street. The cash total seized was \$3,570.

Defence Lawyer Robert McFadden says he hopes a conditional sentence can be reached which would allow Huggett to serve his time under house arrest. The case returns Nov. 2 for sentencing.

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# SL Candidates tackle Line 5 and supply management topics

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

The candidates for the job of member of parliament for Sarnia-Lambton say agriculture needs support. But how that happens is quite different from party to party.

The Lambton-Kent Federation of Agriculture recently hosted a debate between Conservative MP Marilyn Gladu, Liberal Lois Nantais, NDP Adam Kilner, Greens Stefanie Bunko, PPC Brain Everaert and Christian Heritage Party Tom Laird. They all attempted to win over the crowd and make themselves heard over the thunderstorm outside which impacted audio and caused a pair of brief power outages.

Naturally the discussion focused on a range of farming topics including supply management and family farms with the PPC putting itself squarely at odds with the other parties on the issue of supply management.

“We need to be absolutely certain that we protect supply management,” says Kilner. He says the recent Canada-US-Mexico trade deal “really compromised that. Now we have different types of even milks coming into this country that’s set at a different standard than we have in this country.”

“We want to stand up against unfair tariffs, we want fair trade in this country. And we also want to start thinking about more opportunities for interprovincial trade. There are a number of barriers that get unnecessarily in the way of our producers being able to trade where they want to trade,” says Kilner.

Gladu says she and the Conservatives support supply management, but “having given away in multiple trade agreements slices of that pie, we don’t demand that those importing meet the same quality standards, the same animal welfare standards, the same traceability standards. So we have to level the playing field to make sure we protect our supply management system.”

Nantais lamented the fate of many American farmers who have been forced to sell their family farms only to turn around and become hired hands on those very plots. “For me it has a lot to do with protectionism... supply chain and monitoring that for our Canadian farmers is important. We have to protect our food.”

Everaert meanwhile says supply management drives up prices and hurts some



The candidates for the Sarnia Lambton riding at the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Debate in Brigden.

farmers. He says the PPC would prefer to buy out the middlemen involved in its practice and promote a more free market approach.

The hotly contested Line 5 and a potential diesel shortage for farms if it closed down was also a major point of discussion. All candidates were in agreement that it needs to keep bringing fuel to Sarnia and beyond.

Gladu says she’s fought hard for the pipeline’s survival but admits alternative ways of transport such as trucks, trains and boats, while “less favourable” may be necessary because of “laws brought in under the Liberals” which she says discourage pipeline building.

It is actually the Michigan governor trying to stop fuel from flowing through Line 5. The federal government has been contesting the move and is in court ordered negotiations with the state.

“When I first heard about it I struck fear into my heart,” says Nantais of a potential closure of the pipeline. She calls it a “community based problem” that local people can do their part to fix.

“Ontario Federation of Agriculture has already been advocating for you... They wrote the letters, they connected with the Minister of Natural Resources and demanded to know what was happening,” she says.

Kilner says “Line 5 is an essential resource that impacts most of this continent both in Canada and the United States. It’s not an option to close Line 5 and we will do everything that it takes to make sure it remains open.”

Bunko says her party’s goal of a green transition is “not about leaving any jobs behind or any resources behind... We’re here to support current oil and gas (industry) but there will be a slow transition at some point. We want to prepare everyone in the community by providing subsidies and funding for that slow transition so you’re not caught off guard.”

But Bunko says, for now, Line 5 must continue to ship

fuel through Michigan.

Everaert says politicians were “asleep at the wheel” in allowing the Line 5 issue to get this far. Dubbing the pipeline the “heart and soul of our riding,” Everaert accused the other candidates of supporting a “green transition” and says this opened the door to attacks on gas and oil.

The environment was another topic of conversation including the carbon tax. Bunko says she wants to help farmers not only switch their equipment to green technology but also to help with farming capabilities and research and development for cleaner farm practices.

Gladu says “We will scrap the consumer carbon tax. Wherever carbon taxes have been tried governments have been unable to resist the billions of dollars they bring in. This is true in Canada today.”

While Gladu says the party would scrap the Liberal’s approach, the Conservatives have their own Carbon Tax. The carbon pricing scheme would be diverted to personal low carbon savings accounts to be used by individuals to buy “green” products. The party wants to keep in place the current output-based pricing system on larger industrial emitters.

The agriculture community has long been calling for an end to the carbon tax for food production. There was a private members bill to exempt farm uses from the carbon tax, however it died when the Liberals called an election.

For the agriculture community, Gladu adds Canada is on track for the Paris 2030 targets under a Conservative plan, adding some of her party’s plans would be “recognizing and encouraging emissions reducing practices like low/no-till and 4R nutrient stewardship, establishing transparent and reliable standards for carbon credits associated with land management practices with the goal of establishing a national carbon offset market and exploring the use of incentives to preserve and enhance natural infrastructure on

private lands that contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation.”

And the candidates wanted to make sure farmers knew they were concerned about farm succession. Gladu says her party introduced Bill C-208 to allow for a lower tax rate for farm transfers within families.

All candidates voiced their support for a farm succession plan. “We’re going to do everything that we possibly can to make sure the next generation has access to the family farm,” says Kilner.

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# Just happy to be at the Petrolia Fair



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS  
Marg Street of Wyoming gets an upclose view of a sheep on display during Saturday. About 700 people danced to Rumblefish Friday.

While it wasn't the full-on fair experience, there were lots of happy smiles during the Petrolia Enniskillen Fall Fair weekend. The agriculture society put on some events, like the baby show and tractor pull, following COVID-19 guidelines. At the top, Charlotte Hartman, five months, keeps her eyes on the judges as mom, Kassa, gets a giggle out of another contender. Kaine McAuslan Powers wasn't too eager to please anyone preferring to have a nap as Tucker Sheppard watched on.



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Lambton-Kent-Middlesex candidates tackle deficit, COVID

Heather Wright  
The Independent

From pandemic controls to climate change, there is a vast array of ideas from the candidates for the Sept. 20 federal election in the Lambton-Kent-Middlesex riding.

Four of the five people running for the seat recently took part in a virtual debate hosted by *The Independent*.

Conservative candidate, Lianne Rood, who is the sitting MP, did not attend saying she was too busy going door-to-door. Rood has yet to engage with the other candidates in a debate with just days before the vote.

All the candidates expressed regret that Rood failed to show up for the debate to talk about the issues. But that was about the only idea they fully agreed on. Here’s a flavour of what the candidates said on various issues;

*On Climate*; NDP candidate Jason Henry - the current chief of the Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation - says for “far too long we’ve placed the economy above the environment” and that has to change. He says the “great minds” in the petrochemical industry should be part of the solution to climate change.

Liberal candidate Dr. Sudit Ranade - Lambton’s Medical Officer of Health - says industry is already making changes as it sees investors moving toward green technology. “You have to move as fast as you can to make a difference and slowly enough to bring people along... the evidence is fairly clear what we have to do... it’s going to take political will to do it.”

Green candidate Jeremy Hull, a small business owner, says it’s clear we can’t get rid of fossil fuels completely immediately, but the federal government has to “invest in technology” to move the green economy forward.

Kevin Mitchell, the Peoples Party of Canada candidate, was clearly on the other side of the issue saying Canada should remove itself from international agreements to cut carbon emissions and to “maximize” Canada’s natural resources now. And, he says if people want greener technologies, the market will step in. “Government investing in green technologies? No that’s not how we do things in a capitalistic society... Canadians are sick of handing out money to big business.”

*On Long Term Care*: All the Lambton-Kent-Middlesex candidates

at the debate agreed there has to be federal standards in long term care after watching seniors die from lack of care during the pandemic.

The NDP, Henry says is calling for an end to for-profit care, however the Liberal candidate, says that’s not possible because of the shortage of long term care in the country. And Ranade says private industry may help drive innovation which could be important in all homes. Ranade favours giving funding for long term care “with strings attached.

Both Henry of the NDP and Ranade of the Liberals say the government has to invest in more home care earlier.

*On the deficit and pandemic funding*: The NDP, Liberal and Green candidates in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex all agreed the federal government had to provide supports during the pandemic lockdowns. Ranade added he is hearing from people how the benefit saved families before they “tanked” because of lack of work.

Mitchell didn’t directly answer whether the \$169 billion in COVID-19 supports were necessary, but said the PPC is the only party which will end all COVID-19 restrictions. And he says the PPC is the only one committing to a balanced budget. “We send \$6.9 billion to foreign countries, that’s done... No more big business bail outs... we’re in huge financial trouble but every answer the Liberal party has is spending our way out of it.

Ranade agrees the pandemic supports have to be reevaluated to see “what we can pull back on to encourage people to carry on.” And he says the federal government has to “rein in all types of spending” but he cautioned the PPC plan would have some serious consequences. “The only way to do that is by dramatic and drastic cuts,” said Ranade.

“That’s not what I said,” shot back Mitchell. “Don’t put words in my mouth.”

The NDP’s Jason Henry is also “concerned about a (PPC) plan that would bring us back to zero” and asked if health care, child care or the NDP’s proposal for pharma care would be cut. Or if the money would come from funding given to Indigenous communities.

Mitchell says Party Leader Maxime Bernier has promised the current funding for Indigenous communities would remain as it is.

Hull believes while the federal government did what it had to during the pandemic, the federal government now needs to “look at every dollar being spent.” And while Hull believes the federal deficit has to be tackled, he doesn’t want to cut services to get there.

*On reconciliation with Indigenous people*: The NDP, PPC and Liberal candidates all agreed that reconciling with Indigenous people requires respect for people and the horrors they’ve lived through, particularly at residential schools. Ranade says on a personal level, he has an obligation to understand the history of Canada’s treatment of Indigenous people and on a political level to ask the communities how and when they want to engage.

Mitchell says Canadians have to recognize the damage done and have empathy for the community. “It’s just basic respect,” added Hull.

For Henry, an Indigenous man who has felt the pain of Canada’s actions, he decided to run to advance reconciliation. “It’s not because I was ready; Indigenous people have been waiting,” he says. But this summer’s outpouring on Canada Day, particularly a 15,000 person march in London, “to have a show of solidarity so immense that it gave tears to people.

“It brought hope to the hopeless. I’ve been waiting for Canadians to pay attention...for people to believe it is time to reconcile.”

To see the full, two-hour debate, go to The Independent of Petrolia and Central Lambton’s Facebook page.



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# Sports

## Shortened Jr C season starts Oct. 2

**Barry Wright**  
The Independent

After much delay, the Provincial Junior Hockey League has released its 2021-22 regular season schedule. The season is being reduced from 40 to 32 games.

The season opener for Petrolia will be in Mooretown on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7:30. The home opener for the Flyers will be Thursday, Oct. 14 against the Wheatley Sharks.

Each of Petrolia’s 16 home games will be on a Thursday night.

The Flyers were scheduled to play a preseason game at Exeter on Tuesday night, but the score was not available prior to our weekly press time.

An exhibition game between the Flyers

and Bulldogs last Friday in Mt. Brydges was cancelled due to lack of referees.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to pay a visit to Greenwood this Sunday at 7.

Meantime, the Flags lost 5-4 at home to Wallaceburg in preseason play last weekend.

Quinton Johnson had two goals for Mooretown in a losing cause.

Greg Hay and Logan Gardner also scored for the Flags.

Seth Merritt scored twice for the Thunderhawks with Noah Labonte scoring the game-winner in the final minute of regulation time.

Mooretown has two preseason games this week. They travel to Wallaceburg on Wednesday and welcome Dresden on Saturday. Puck drop for both contests is 7:30.

## Petrolia Oilers announce rep head coaches

**The Independent**

Petrolia Minor Hockey has announced four of its rep head coaches for the coming season.

Jeff Mailloux has been chosen to lead the U18 squad, Ryan Stokes will be the bench boss for the U15 team, Mark Sitzes gets the nod with the U13 squad and Chris McPhail will lead the U11 charges.

The PMHA says other coaching announcements are in the works and will be shared shortly.

Meantime, kids playing minor sports indoors, including hockey, will not have to show a vaccine passport.

The provincial government is giving an update of the policy this afternoon.

There was some concern voiced by parents in minor hockey that players would have to show they had been vaccinated against COVID-19 to play.

However, in a technical document released this morning, the exemptions show children under 12 will be exempt from the vaccine passports as would “patrons under 18 years of age who are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational facilities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport, in accordance with Ministry of Health guidance.”

## Harper ties it up for Legionnaires in OT loss

**The Independent**

Plympton-Wyoming’s Austin Harper scored with just over eight minutes remaining in regulation time to pull the Sarnia Legionnaires even at 4 in GOJHL preseason action in Komoka.

But the home team scored less than three minutes later and skated away with a 5-4

triumph.

Andrew Jacques had two goals for Sarnia with Jake Dupuis adding the other and contributing two assists. Carter Barron also had two assists for the Legion.

The Legionnaires and Kings close out the preseason with a game at the Sarnia Arena tonight (Thurs) at 7:10.

## Petrolia’s Hull re-signs for third season in Strathroy

**The Independent**

Blake Hull is returning to the Strathroy Rockets of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League. The graduate of both Petrolia minor hockey and Lambton Jr. Sting program re-signed with the Rockets last

Friday, a day before his 20th birthday.

Hull has previously played 88 regular season and playoff games with Strathroy from 2018-20.

He did not play last season because the league shutdown over the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Alvinston’s Dolbear going to U23 national camp

**Barry Wright**  
The Independent

Clay Dolbear is among 24 players to be chosen to attend Team Canada’s U23 Softball selection camp in Saskatoon from Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

Dolbear, from Alvinston, won both a provincial title and the Grand Slam of Softball championship this season with the Owen Sound Selects.

Those selected to the national team will play a Pan Am continental qualifying tournament early next year in Colombia.

The top four teams from that event will compete in the inaugural U23 Men’s Softball World Cup in Argentina in November 2022.

The 21-year-old also played four seasons with the Petrolia Flyers of the PJHL from 2016-20.

## McGregor named to the para hockey roster

To the surprise of absolutely no one, Tyler McGregor has been selected to Team Canada’s para hockey roster for the 2021-22 season.

The Forest native was among 20 players

announced by Hockey Canada. Team Canada is scheduled to play two series against Team USA this season as well as the Para Hockey Cup in Nova Scotia in December.



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*As days turn into years,  
And memories become tears,  
We only wish that  
you were here  
To share our lives with you.*

Always in our hearts –  
Donna, Ross & Donna, Bryan,  
Scott & Elise and Families

In loving memory of a  
dear husband, step father, step-grandfather & friend  
**WAYNE LENNAN**  
November 15, 1942 - September 20, 2018.

*To us he was someone special,  
Someone set apart.  
His memory will live forever,  
Engraved within our hearts.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by  
Bea  
Joe, Bernadine, Tony, Emma & Jesse  
Mike, Maria & Alyssa



**MARSH, Barbara Jane**  
*In memory of a loving wife & mother  
Barbara Jane Marsh,  
who left us September 18, 2008*  
Every day, in some special way  
Memories of you come our way.  
Tough absent, you are ever near  
Still missed, still loved, and ever dear.  
**Always loved and remembered by  
BRIAN & ERIC**

Your presence we miss  
Your memory we treasure  
Loving You Always  
Forgetting you never.

**Forever in our hearts,  
Murray and Mary,  
Kevin, Brenda and families**




Celebrations

**NOW & THEN**  
*September 11, 1971- September 11, 2021*  
**C E L E B R A T I N G**  
*— Fifty Years —*  
Jim & Deb Bygrove



Card of Thanks

*Thank YOU*



**Frank William Riedl**  
As a family we would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the beautiful flowers donations in Frank's honour, cards and the very special words of comfort that that we received following the passing our dear husband, father, grandfather, and brother on May 8, 2021.  
We know how much he loved and cared for each and every one of you. That is who he was. He will be missed.  
Your thoughtfulness and sympathy, are truly appreciated.  
*Thank You!*  
Lynne Reidl, Becky, Craig, Jenny,  
and Frankie and families.


In Memory

**WHITING  
Howard Franklin**  
In loving memory of our father, who passed away ,  
**September 18th, 1967**  
*Today recalls sad memories  
Of our dear father  
gone to rest  
And the ones that think  
of him today  
Are the ones that  
loved him best.*  
Always with love Kim & Lisa


**WHITING  
Kevin Howard Daryl**  
In loving memory of our beloved brother,  
who passed away  
**September 25th, 2010**  
*Of all the many blessings,  
However great or small,  
To have had you for a brother,  
Was the greatest one of all,  
The family chain  
is broken now,  
And nothing seems the same  
But as God takes us  
one by one  
The chain will link again.  
Forever in our hearts  
Kim, Lisa, Allen,  
Kathy, Tracy and Brian*

**WHITING  
Kevin Howard Daryl**  
In memory of my son,  
who passed away  
**September 25th, 2010**  
*He had a nature you  
could not help loving  
And a heart that was  
purer than gold  
And to those who  
knew him and loved him  
His memory will never  
grow cold.*  
Love Always Mom


Card of Thanks



**AUDETTE**  
Hector Audette may have lost his battle with cancer, but he was never in the trenches fighting alone. Many thanks to his socially distanced 'Deck Buddies', who filled his days with smiles, wonderful memories and sunflowers. To his kind & talented 'Home Improvement Buddies' who helped to get his To-Do list, to done. To the amazing Pharmacy Team at Guardian, who never ceased to amaze when they kept up with medications that sometimes changed by the hour. Thank you. To all of the fine Nurses at VON, who delivered exemplary care during unprecedented times. To Dr Maddison and his Team for their amazing care. For the late night calls and clever solutions when he was in uncharted territory, we thank you. For all of the Staff at St Joseph's Hospice, you have our gratitude. You took such good care of Hector & never stopped seeing the man beneath the diagnosis. To Reverend Michelle of Christ Church, for Hospice visits and a perfect Service, celebrating a great man, rather than simply mourning him. For flowers and food and cards of encouragement, and then of sympathy. Thank you. And finally, most heartfelt thanks to our families and to the HWW & their men. You all carried us through the darkest of days. Hector was so very lucky to have known you all, and so are we.  
  
Thank you all most sincerely.  
Jennifer, Philippe, Kaitlynd, Dominique and Alison.



*"It's hard to turn the page  
when you know someone  
won't be in the next chapter,  
but the story must go on."*  
- THOMAS WILDER



**TOWN OF PLYMPTON-WYOMING  
Notice of Passing of a  
Development Charges By-law**

Pursuant to the Development Charges Act 1997, the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming has passed a Development Charges By-law.

By-law No. 98 passed on September 8, 2021, sets out a range of charges to be collected from new residential development within the boundaries of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. The development charges are calculated on a "per unit" basis for residential development and a "square metre" basis for non-residential development. A key map has not been provided as the Municipality-wide charges apply to all lands located within the boundaries of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

The following table summarizes the development charges per unit for the service areas. The services being collected for through development charges include: Fire Services, Parks and Recreation, Public Works - Fleet and Facilities, Administration, and Road Services.

**Residential and Non-Residential Development Charges**

Service Category	Single & Semi-Detached Unit (per unit)	Multi-Units & Townhouses (per unit)	Apartment (per unit)	Non-Residential (per sq. m)
Fire	\$918	\$648	\$575	\$0.16
Parks and Recreation	\$657	\$464	\$411	\$ -
Public Works - Fleet and Facilities	\$1,390	\$981	\$870	\$0.24
Administration - Studies	\$340	\$240	\$213	\$0.06
Roads	\$7,576	\$5,349	\$4,742	\$1.22
<b>Municipal-Wide Total</b>	<b>\$10,881</b>	<b>\$7,682</b>	<b>\$6,811</b>	<b>\$1.67</b>


A copy of By-law No. 98 may be examined at the Town Office, 546 Niagara Street, Wyoming Ontario, during regular office hours (weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm) or on the municipal website at [www.plympton-wyoming.com](http://www.plympton-wyoming.com)

Any person or organization may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal under Section 14 of the Act, in respect of the development charge by-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on or before the 18th day of October, 2021 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection. The appellant is advised to contact the Ontario Land Tribunal to access the required forms and applicable Provincial fees.

Dated at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, this 9th day of September 2021.  
Erin Kwarciak, Clerk



Classified Deadline:  
Monday @ 12 noon



# Classifieds

**Word Classifieds: \$10 plus tax for up to 40 words**  
**Stop in at the office 9a-5p Mon-Fri**  
**4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728**  
**or email: office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca**

**Tenders**

**FARM FOR SALE  
BY TENDER**

David, Susan and Scott Stocking are accepting tenders for the purchase of **East 1/2 Lot 28, Concession 12, Except Part 1 Plan 25R10433; 1637 Oakdale Road, Township of Dawn-Euphemia, County of Lambton, consisting of 98 acres.**

The Vendor makes no representations about the state of the land or its fitness for any particular purpose. Inspections of the farm can be arranged by calling Scott Stocking at 519-401-7133.

**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.

**THOMAS G. CHALMERS, Barrister & Solicitor**  
12 Victoria Street, Box 190, Thamesville, ON N0P 2K0  
Ph: 519-692-3842 | Fax: 519-692-5455

**Wanted to Buy**

**ANTIQUES, UNIQUES, COLLECTIBLES and STUFF** - Phone Chad 519-639-9102.

**Coming Event**

St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia is hosting a fundraiser to fight Climate Change: **100 KM DINNER TAKE OUT DINNER - on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 4:00-7:00 pm** - Advance Tickets Only \$50 with a \$25 tax receipt. Food sourced primarily from within 100 km. **Call, text or email Ruth Syer 519-383-9085 arsyer@brktel.on.ca**

**For Rent: Commercial**

**FOR RENT:** Commercial space available in historic downtown **Petrolia**. This former flower shop is approximately 1,000 square feet of retail space in a prime location at **4183 Petrolia Line**. Call or text 519-466-0545.

**Wanted**


**FARMLAND** - Do you want a farmer who wants and values your opinion on how to best farm your land? One who will work with you to develop a crop plan, discuss when your farm is fit to plant and harvest to minimize compaction and maximise profit for the long term? **Then call Shawn at Font Farms (519) 384-2855.**

**Buying**

**Buying All Jewelry - Gold, Sterling, ALL COINS** - Friday Sept 24, Petrolia Legion, 457 Huggard St., Petrolia 9am-4pm - **Windup watches, All Coins, Paper Money. BUYING MILITARY+ Coins** -- Free Estimates any **GOLD & SILVER JEWELRY**, Mint sets, Sterling Flatware, **All COINS, CANADA, USA, WORLD**, 53 Years' Experience. House calls available Dan W. Jones B.A.Ed., 53 YEARS Exp., 519-818-1805

**Obituary**

**THOMPSON**  
**Nancy Sue**  
**1959 - 2021**



At Huronview Home, Clinton on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021 Nancy Sue Thomson (nee Swan) of Seaforth** passed away in her **63rd year**. Beloved wife of Mike Thomson and loving mother of Abby. Dear daughter of Nancy Coleman (late Cap Swan) and sister of late Bill Swan (Connie), John (Cate) Swan, Scott (Jenn) Swan and Marty (Mary-Anne) Swan and sister-in-law to David Thomson, Peter (Lori) Thomson, Jacqueline Saby, Robert Thomson, Samantha (Chuck) Terpstra. Also survived by her nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts and cousins. **A private service has already taken place. The service was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Van Heck Funeral Home, Alvinston followed by interment at the Alvinston Cemetery.**

*She Is Gone*

*You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived.*  
*You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,*  
*or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.*  
*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,*  
*or you can be full of the love that you shared.*  
*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,*  
*or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*  
*You can remember her and only that she is gone,*  
*or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*  
*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,*  
*or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

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

**St. Paul's United Church**  
4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street  
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Rev. Carey Wagner  
Church Office: 519-882-1390  
www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

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Pastor: Alex Craig  
Church Office 519-882-2480  
email: fbcpetrolia@gmail.com  
www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca  
www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
416 Queen Street, Petrolia  
(Behind the Post Office)  
*In Person Service now back Sundays*  
*@ 10:00 a.m.*  
Services also available online:  
www.standrews-petrolia.ca  
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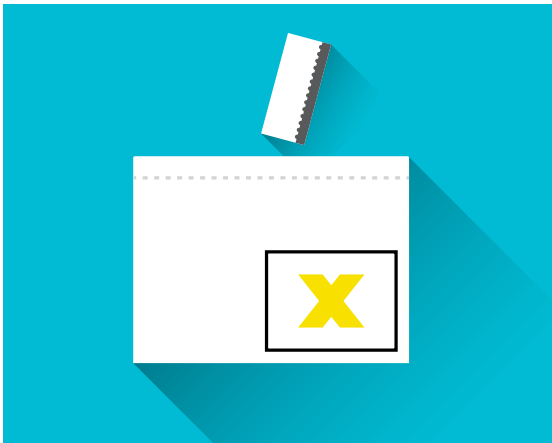
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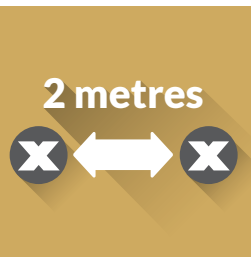
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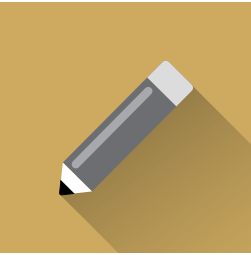


Only one poll worker per desk behind a plexiglass barrier

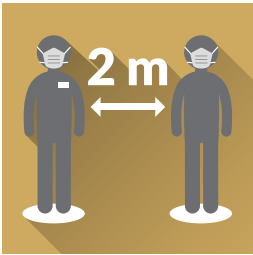
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