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FRIENDLY FALL GREETING



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Members of the Leitch family were a colourful part of the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair parade Saturday. Members of the family were surrounded by quilts and here, they recognized a spectator and gave a big shout out as they passed by on River Street as one of the youngest members of the family peeked through the quilts to see what the commotion was all about. For more parade photos see page 16.

Rapid COVID test in schools not a given in Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton's medical officer of health is not jumping at the chance to use rapid antigen tests in local schools.

The provincial government will be giving rapid tests to public health units in COVID-19 hotspots to help slow the spread of the virus in schools.

Right now, Lambton has some of the highest virus transmission rates in the province with statistics showing Lambton now has 70 cases of COVID for every 100,000 people. That's second only to Chatham-Kent with 103 per 100,000. But the medical officers of health in both communities are hesitant about the new program.

SEE RAPID TEST PG 2

Search continues TO murder victim

Heather Wright
The Independent

The grim search at Twin Creeks Landfill in Watford continues for a second body of a Markham couple murdered in Vaughan.

York Regional Police recovered the body of one of two people missing from Markham at Twin Creeks Landfill Sept. 29. About a dozen officers and a Canine Unit were looking through an active cell of Ontario's largest landfill for several hours. A drone was also used in the search.

The department is investigating the disappearance of Quoc Tran, 37, and Kristy Nguyen, 25, of Markham. Police believe they were victims of foul play in a targeted attack.

A news release says they were last seen in an industrial area in Vaughan Saturday Sept. 18 around 5:30 pm. Investigators believe they "were victims of a targeted attack."

"Through investigation, the remains of one body has been recovered at Twin Creeks Landfill and Environmental Center in Watford Ontario," police said.

SEE MURDER PG 2

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Rapid COVID-19 testing not a slam dunk in Lambton

CON’T FROM PG 1

Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Keiran Moore, says the testing will only be for unvaccinated students in schools and licensed child care settings when local medical officers of health thinks there is a need for it.

“We are all in agreement schools should be the first to open and the last to close, this is an extra tool to keep our children in the classroom,” says Moore, adding this will help identify and prevent transmission in schools and licensed child care settings and hopes it will reduce the number of COVID-19 cases.

Moore says routine rapid antigen screening of fully vaccinated students is not currently recommended because the COVID-19 vaccines are effective and false positives could “disrupt

learning.”

Hours after the announcement, Lambton’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, was unsure if the new tool would be used in Lambton where eight students in five schools are currently COVID-19 positive.

“I wish that they had just come out with some clear guidelines, rather than saying, ‘Oh, it’s up to you and if you want it, you go ahead,’ because that leaves us in a really challenging situation. There’s no real guidance about what would constitute enough community spread that we should be using this test,” Ranade told *The Independent*.

“I think the thinking is, maybe if you use rapid testing really well, you can keep a bunch of schools open even in the face of lots of community spread, and I’m not sure that that’s true.”

And he says while parents may want the tests to be reassured their students are fine, that may not be the result of rapid testing.

“It’s better used in situations with non-symptomatic people. But even in those situations it can lead to either false positives or a situation where you’re falsely reassured about what to do. So these are the challenges that nobody’s really figured out about these tests and you need to know those things in order to use that intervention in the best way.”

Chatham-Kent’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Colby also isn’t ready to jump on the rapid testing bandwagon.

Colby, who has voiced concern about rapid testing before, says he “doesn’t see a routine use for rapid testing.”

Schools say it isn’t easy to get a mask exemption in Lambton

Heather Wright
The Independent

The directors of education in the region are trying to reassure parents the number of children who are unmasked in schools is not rising dramatically.

Both the Lambton-Kent District School Board and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board officials were deflecting online criticism about mask exemptions.

Parents and social media users called out the public board specifically after a conversation surfaced in a Facebook group which claimed it was easy to get a mask exemption for a child.

One mother said it was as easy as writing a note to the principal. Another in Petrolia said her children had both been granted exemptions.

John Howitt, the director of the public board, says the number of requests for exemption did increase at the beginning of the school year as 2,400 more students returned to class after spending last year online.

But Howitt says “more requests for

mask exemptions are declined than are permitted.”

Parents, he says, can’t get an exemption with a note only. If it is for a medical reason, it can only be for a medical condition the family has already told the schools about. For example, a school would have to already be aware a student has asthma if parents are saying that’s the reason their child can’t wear a mask in the classroom as mandated by the province.

Howitt says there are also some exemptions granted for anxiety issues.

“Our mask exemption policy is consistent with the Ministry of Education expectation, it has been vetted through both Lambton Public Health as well as Chatham Kent Public Health and it has been consistent since last year, there have been no changes,” says Howitt.

“We have had an increase in mask exemptions this year that is proportionate to the number of students who have returned from the virtual school.

“There has been a slight increase, but it is still a very small percentage of our students.”

The director of the Catholic board agrees the number of requests for exemptions rose at the beginning of the school year, however many were turned down.

While the number of cases of COVID-19 in schools is higher than it was at this time last year, the directors are assuring parents the virus is coming into the schools from the community. Howitt says while there may be cases at many schools, there aren’t many cases overall. Oct. 1 the public board had 39 total cases with 12 in the Catholic board.

Howitt says most of those cases came from outside school grounds.

“The number of confirmed cases for students being infected in the community continues to be significantly greater than students infected in a school setting,” says Howitt. “Statistically our schools and our classrooms continue to be safe.”

- WITH FILES FROM ALEX KURIAL/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE

Arnold bows out of Remembrance Day banquet to avoid a mask

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

“There’s no way I can wear a mask that long, I’ll be passed out somewhere.”

St. Clair Mayor Steve Arnold told his council Monday he’ll be bowing out of the annual Remembrance Day Honours and Awards Dinner hosted by the Legion due to the indoor mask requirement. He’s not opposed to the mandate but says physically he just can’t do it.

“There is no way I can wear a mask

for three and a half hours. So I’m looking for someone to take my place at the Legion that night,” Arnold said.

Councillor Pat Brown volunteered to take the mayor’s place and represent council at the event.

Arnold did say he’ll be in attendance during outdoor Remembrance Day Services including the wreath laying ceremony at the Village Clock Tower Memorial in Corunna Nov. 11.

Later in the meeting council discussed a vaccine policy for all municipal staff but tabled it to their next meeting later this month.

Councillors wanted more time to consult with local unions on the specifics of the proposal.

“It certainly wouldn’t hurt to have some discussions with them,” says CAO John Rodey.

The draft policy says any township employee who isn’t fully vaccinated by December will have to submit a negative rapid antigen test at their own expense every week. Failure to do so can result in a person’s dismissal from their position.

- THE INDEPENDENT

Murder victim found in landfill, second victim yet to be found

CON’T FROM PG 1

“Investigators continue efforts to recover the second body, which is believed to be at the same location.”

At press time, the second victim had yet to be recovered as police used backhoes to move the garbage in the area while more trash is brought into the site daily.

York Police have issued a Canada-wide warrant for a 35 year-old man in connection with the disappearance of

the couple.

Phuong Tan Nguyen - who uses the name Mike - is considered armed and dangerous

A second man has been arrested and charged with being an accessory to murder.

Police received tips from the public after pictures of a vehicle were released. Recaldo Liburd was arrested and charged with two counts of accessory after the fact.



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FEELING THE NEED FOR SPEED



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The little members of the Minten and Ward families of the Watford area were as close as they could get to the action at the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair's Tractor Pull Friday night, watching the pickup trucks pull. This was the only appearance this year for the modified trucks and tractors as pandemic regulations until now had forced most fall fairs to cancel their events. Brooke-Alvinston was planning a Demolition Derby as well but it was rained out. It will be held Oct. 23.

LTC workers must have COVID vaccine to work

Heather Wright
The Independent

Workers in long term care homes – from everyone involved in direct resident care to support workers, students and volunteers – will have to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Nov. 15.

Minister of Long Term Care, Rod Phillips, says only those with a valid medical exemption will be excused from the new requirement.

“Vaccination rates of staff in many homes are not high enough in the face of the risk posed by the Delta variant, and this is putting vulnerable residents at risk,” says Phillips in a news release. By the end of August, 44 per cent of the homes had staff vaccination rates below 90 per cent.

“We need to take this step now.”

The minister has increasingly faced calls to implement a mandatory vaccine policy in long term care as the number of homes with COVID cases is increasing.

On Oct. 4, there are 17 long term care homes with COVID-19 outbreaks and another resident passed away from COVID – the second resident in a week. Hundreds more are forced back into isolation because of the cases in their homes.

The province is in the middle of offering the third dose of the vaccine to seniors in long term care. About 64 per cent of the doses have been given already.

Some homes have already made COVID-19 vaccination mandatory. In Petrolia, Mike Fiddick, in a social media post, said that anyone who worked inside Fiddick's Nursing Home would have to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18. At the time of the post Aug. 31, he said 87 per cent of the staff had been fully vaccinated.

Statistics released by the ministry today show 89 per cent of the staff are fully vaccinated and 92 per cent have had their

first shot.

In comparison, at Lambton Meadowview, 79 per cent of the staff is fully vaccinated; 83 per cent have had their first dose.

The only people who won't have to show proof of full vaccination in long term care homes are families of residents and essential care givers. At Fiddicks, they will have to have a rapid test to enter.

“By making vaccines mandatory for all team members, we are strengthening our commitment to doing everything possible to keep COVID-19 out of our homes and communities,” Fiddick said.

There has been concern that mandatory vaccines could force some workers out of the industry at a time when there are already massive labour shortages. Phillips says a COVID outbreak at any home could take out even more employees. And he urged health care workers to get vaccinated.

“The staff, who I know take their duties to the residents very, very seriously, I urge them to get that vaccination.”

One Lambton long term care home has heard that call clearly; data from the ministry shows 96 per cent of the staff at Watford Quality Care were vaccinated by the end of August.

Here are the vaccination rates of staff in long term care in Lambton County by percentage as of the end of August according to the ministry:

Lambton Meadowview 83 first dose/79 second;

Fiddicks, Petrolia 92 first dose/89 second;

Afton Park Place Sarnia 87 first/71 second;

Marshall Gowland, Sarnia 91 first/88 second;

North Lambton, Forest 89 first/87 second;

Sumac, Sarnia 87 first/81 second;

Trillium, Sarnia 88 first/87 second;

Twin Lakes, Sarnia 81 first/71 second;

Vision, Sarnia 89 first/81 second;

Watford Quality Care 96 first/96 second.

Christmas market comes to Petrolia Dec. 4


As the Petrolia Farmers' Market heads into its final weekends, the town is planning a Christmas Market.

Officials say the one-day market will be Dec. 4 between 10 am and 4 pm. The Christmas Market will feature a variety of arts, crafts, food vendors, breweries and wineries. Vendors will be selected by lottery because there will be limited spaces available. The town holds a regular Saturday market and over the summer hosted a Tuesday night market.

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Opinion

Former mayor questions Petrolia staff’s ability to apply for grants

EDITOR:
As a former councillor and mayor who played with dinosaurs as a kid, I have a question; when did the Municipal Act change to allow staff to

apply for grants without prior approval from council?
If that’s the case, the Town of Petrolia could save some taxpayers money by eliminating the position of mayor and council.

Marcel Beaubien
Petrolia, ON

Vaccines are divisive; find every avenue to beat COVID says reader

EDITOR:
I am a COVID vaccinated resident of Petrolia, Ontario and intend to use the vax passport to continue life as normal as possible.
BUT, I would like to strongly encourage our political and medical leaders to pursue every avenue available to beat this COVID-19 virus.
The current approach of vaccination

being the only answer is dividing families, friends and communities. By embracing proven drug therapies alongside vaccinations and rapid testing, we can bring COVID under control and remove the wedge separating the difference of opinions of friends, families, communities and countries.
Continuing to say vaccination is the

only way out is further ostracizing people who are unsure, won’t or can’t get vaccinated.
Please open your mind and explore every possible solution to this very divisive problem.

Bill Fulcher
Petrolia, ON

Local optometrist cuts hours as eye exam fight drags on

Heather Wright
The Independent

Jessica St. Pierre has spent the last month turning away patients who want eye exams.
And the Petrolia optometrist says with the lack of movement from the Ontario government to solve a long standing billing issue, she’s going to have to keep doing it for a while.
Ontario’s optometrists are locked in a funding fight with the Ford government. The government has underfunded eye care for 30 years and St. Pierre says optometrists have to sell glasses from their offices to subsidize the eye exams for children and seniors paid by OHIP. In September, eye doctors across the province simply stopped providing OHIP services in a bid to get the government to come to the table.
So far, the health minister has said

the government’s offer, which would give eye doctors a few dollars more per eye exam but still not reach a level where the doctors break even, is a good deal.
So, St. Pierre and her staff have to gently turn away people who want eye appointments. “It’s stressful for the staff and it is time consuming for the staff,” she says.
St. Pierre says occasionally someone will show up for an appointment only for the staff to find out their eye exam would normally be covered by OHIP. “We’ll have to politely explain to them why I am not doing your appointment at this time and so far, everyone that we’ve had to do that to has been very understanding of that.
“We have had a few patients yell at my staff over the phone,” she added.
St. Pierre is hopeful with the Ontario government getting back to work, there

may be some progress. But this week’s speech from the throne - the government’s road map for the next session - made no mention of the ongoing job action.
St. Pierre says right now, the province gives her about \$44 per exam which costs about \$75 to complete. “I don’t get paid to do them,” she says. “And in fact my clinic is in the hole every single time.”
The job action has meant St. Pierre only works a half day because there simply aren’t any more patients to see. Half of the exams she does are paid by OHIP.
But Ontario’s optometrists aren’t about to quit, says St. Pierre.
“I am willing to do this because the most important thing is, this is about respect for what we do,” she says.
“And the government needs to pay their bills.”

Vaccination policies in place for staff, councillors in Plympton-Wyoming

Heather Wright
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming staff have until Oct. 22 to decide if they’ll be vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo twice weekly testing.
Council approved a vaccination policy Sept. 29 for its employees, according to CAO Carolyn Tripp.
“Basically, anyone that’s doing anything for the town, you know, it’s

either have vaccinations, or they have to have a COVID test so that we know they’re safe,” she says.
Tripp says staff will be able to use rapid tests given to the municipality by Emergency Management Ontario until the supply runs out. After that, they’ll have to purchase their own.
Council also immediately approved a vaccine policy for councillors the same night. “It was their decision to be

honest with you, they wanted to. What they’re going to require for the staff they wanted to require of themselves.”
Councillors can also declare their vaccine status by Oct. 22. If they don’t wish to be vaccinated but want to attend in-person council meetings, they’ll have to have a rapid antigen test beforehand.
They can also attend via an electronic link.

Dawn-Euphemia explores using solar to save on township power bills

Heather Wright
The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia is considering going solar.
Township Treasurer, Marc Seguin, presented council with a plan to place solar panels on the Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre, the Cairo garage, the township office, fire hall, and Rutherford garage at Monday’s council meeting. And he says there may be grants of up to 75 per cent of the project cost to help pay the initial costs.
“The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program is an excellent opportunity for Dawn-Euphemia to provide a leading example of green initiatives for the community, and to

provide a steady reduction of expenses to a small electrical income which will in turn help fund the community into the future,” he wrote in a report to council.
Seguin says the project would cost about \$250,000, including engineering to make sure the roofs could bear the weight of the systems. The federal grant could pay between 75 per cent of the cost. That would mean the project would pay for itself in three years.
But Seguin says it will also lower the municipal electric bills. “We’re looking at around - give or take - 22 years with minimal expenses on electricity for all of our buildings and I think that is a great idea. It reduces costs, it reduces carbon footprint.”

But councillors weren’t completely sold. Some were concerned about the municipality’s cost to maintain the solar panels. Councillor Jason Myer was concerned about insurance rates on the buildings with solar panels. “I know, sometimes it’s difficult or expensive to get insurance on solar panel projects of that nature,” he says.
Some insurance companies will raise rates because of a potential fire hazard. Seguin says the insurance company wasn’t able to answer that question immediately because they were in the middle of setting insurance rates for 2022.
Council will look at the project again after the treasurer reports back on their concerns.

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New trees improve Bridgeview's wetland

Heather Wright
The Independent

For little Ivy Marostega, Saturday was an opportunity to play in the dirt with her mom, Kate, and her grandparents.

But little did she know, she was contributing to the health of a new wetland which is being formed at Petrolia's Bridgeview Park.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority helped the town design the new area along the southwest side of the park in 2019. When dozens of dead trees were removed, the authority helped reshape the ground in the area to create a wetland. They stopped mowing the grass in the area and all

sorts of plants started to bloom.

Saturday about 20 volunteers joined Jessica VanZwol, Health Watershed Specialist, to plant 570 shrubs and 40 different perennials to help create an upland and connect the habitats in the area.

It's all part of the naturalization of the area. VanZwol says there are already signs of the area coming to life including new turtles, frogs and fish which come to the pond when Bear Creek floods.

VanZwol says the trees and plants will help the wetland, "nature's kidney", filter any contaminants out, leaving the water down stream and the groundwater cleaner for generations to come.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTC

Jessica VanZwol of the St. Clair Region Conservation Area plants perennials while volunteers plant trees at Bridgeview Park Saturday.



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Brian McManaman with Sandra Hartman who is now the coordinator for Christmas for Everyone and the Petrolia Food Bank.

Founder of Petrolia food bank retires

Heather Wright
The Independent

Brian McManaman thought he was going to a meeting to help with Christmas for Everyone.

Little did the retired firefighter know at the time that he would help with the program for over 20 years and start up Petrolia's food bank. McManaman is reflecting on his time helping people in the community as he steps away from both the Christmas program and the food bank.

McManaman remembers his first meeting for Christmas for Everyone. "They knew that I was retiring and they thought it'd be a good idea if I volunteered for Christmas for Everyone... I got involved with them and find out that Betty Menzies (the coordinator) was looking to train somebody."

After helping out a couple of years, McManaman remembers thinking

“Where are these people going the rest of the year? We helped 400 families; sometimes you can’t wait to Christmas every year.”

McManaman approached the town and a small office space was given to the group to start the first food bank in what is now the rehearsal hall.

McManaman and the other volunteers soon were on the move to 4156 Petrolia Line, where the food bank now occupies all but a few hundred square meters of office space.

McManaman spends less time there lately. He's dealing with health issues and is stepping away from the hands on work. He says the programs are in good hands with the volunteers led by Sandra Hartman.

While McManaman didn't expect to stay 22 years, he also didn't expect to go out of business. "There's always going to be somebody that needs you... I knew people were depending on us and I enjoyed doing it."



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Ivy Marostega, 1, of Oil Springs, helps her mom, Kate, plant trees at Petrolia's Bridgeview Park Saturday.

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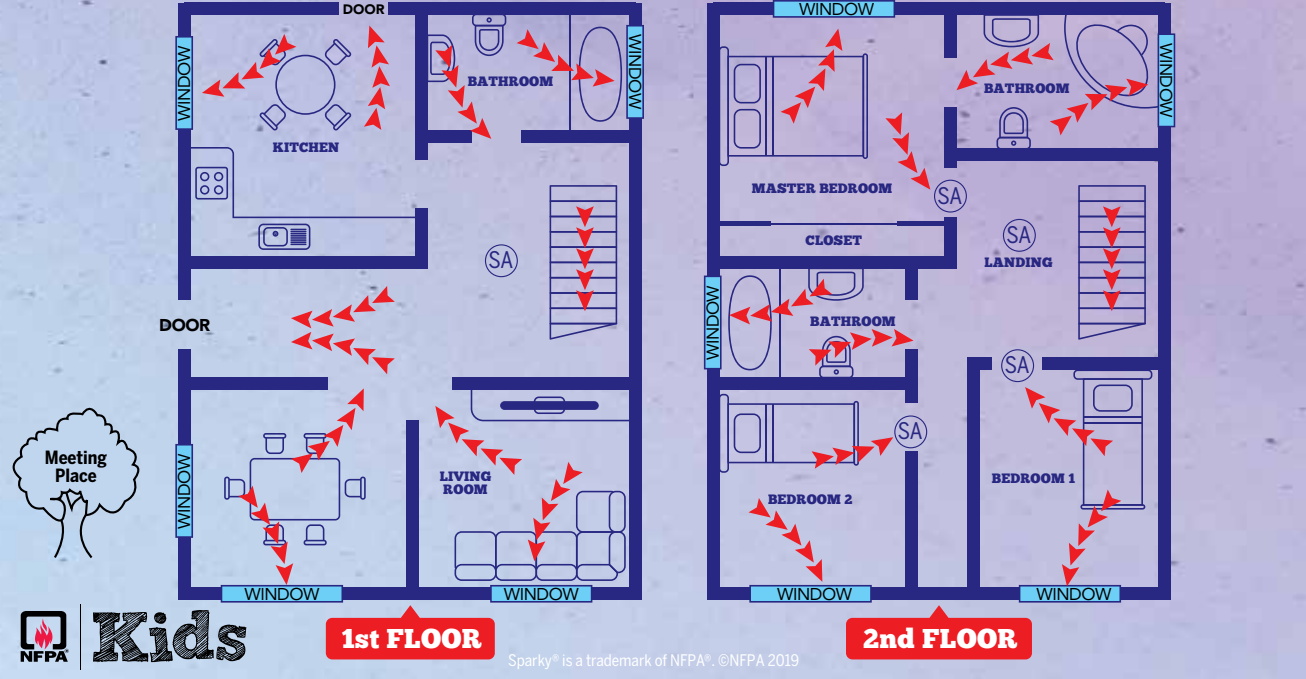
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Petrolia's Golden Firefighter

Ken Henry is believed to be the first Petrolia/North Enniskillen firefighter to be on the job 50 years



Ken Henry shows some of the press clippings from his long career as a volunteer with the Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Department. Left is Henry with his current platoon.

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

Half a century on the job is an incredible run by any standard. But even more so when those 50 years have been spent battling blazes and saving lives.

That's the achievement of Ken Henry, who just this week was honoured for five decades with the Petrolia/North Enniskillen Fire Department. Originally from Sarnia, Henry came to Petrolia at age three and has called the town home ever since.

"I didn't know much about it," Henry recalls on joining the department Oct. 4, 1971. He was working at a local service station when the fire chief of the day came by looking for recruits. The pair chatted and soon enough Henry had joined the 17 member strong department, based out of its former headquarters at town hall.

He didn't know it at the time but Henry would become a staple in the fire department for the next 50 years. While the nature of the volunteer firefighting profession will always be somewhat constant – men and women dispatched to help people and places in need – Henry reflected on all the change that's taken place during his

career.

Much of this has come through the equipment used to fight fires. When Henry began the department had a 1946 Chevy and 1957 Ford in their fire truck fleet. Today the Petrolia department have trucks that are far more technologically advanced, which put an emphasis on foam retardant and can raise a platform 110 feet into the air.

"It's a heck of a lot easier standing in that platform bucket than it is standing with your feet on the rungs of a ladder," says Henry.

As safety standards evolved so did the gear. When Henry started hip boots, rubber coats and a hat made up a firefighter's bunker gear and it all was shared among the team. Now each member has their own specially fitted gear. And more of it too, often around 60 pounds worth. The increased weight is quite clear during summer calls in the heat, says Henry.

Firefighting is a dangerous calling so Henry feels fortunate to have never been seriously injured on the job. But he does remember a house call where a violent explosion blew two of his brothers down the stairs in front of him - luckily without serious injuries. Henry says during his 50 years fighting fires in Petrolia, not one

firefighter has been lost.

The nature of the calls have also changed, Henry says. When he began, barn fires were a constant event. This was especially the case with bank barns storing hay that would spontaneously combust. But with better wiring and better machinery the barn fires have lessened over time.

More recently the fire department has taken on the role of assisting paramedics on medical calls. Henry says these are some of the most difficult. Often drug overdoses are involved and first responders are not always able to bring back the person in need.

It's a high stress and mentally taxing job, so Henry says he finds comfort being able to talk through issues with his fellow firefighters. "You communicate, you visit and everybody knows what's going on. You're talking to guys that have the same problems as yourself, so you talk things out and discuss stuff," he says.

It's not just the firefighters the job wears on; it is their families, too. "I've been sitting down having a Christmas dinner and when the alarm goes - you've got to go," says Henry. He remembers leaving a New Year's Eve party at 6 pm and not returning until 12

hours later, well past the midnight revelry.

"So that party went by the way-side," he jokes.

"But that happens all the time, you don't know when there's going to be a fire," Henry thanks his wife for putting up with his countless bolts out the door over the years to answer the call for help.

Three of those calls stand out for Henry.

One was a fire at the Fairbank House and another a blaze that took the whole top story off the Masonic building at the east edge of downtown.

But the biggest was 1989 when town hall erupted in flames, devastating the iconic building. Firefighters were on scene through one day and into the next during the dead of winter. Some were going into the building to try to remove historic artifacts and town records as water was poured on the building in the hopes of saving it. Only the shell of the building remained when the flames at the former fire hall were finally extinguished.

Fire trucks from Sarnia, Corunna, Wyoming and Oil Springs attended the scene that day. While the damage was great, Henry says it was a sign of the strong companionship Petrolia/North Enniskillen

has with neighbouring departments.

"We all work together," says Henry. A mutual aid system means departments ask for backup in the form of water, trucks or firefighters themselves. Henry says sometimes they'll even need all three, a request they're always eager to comply with.

Lately Henry has focused his efforts on driving the trucks and pumping the water on scene. It's challenging work; turning the trucks requires a delicate touch to avoid wiping out on a curb or ending up in a ditch. And water trucks can contain up to 3,000 gallons that needs to get pumping to put out the flames. His fellow firefighters say Henry is one of the best pumper operators the department has.

While he celebrates the golden milestone, Henry plans to retire at the end of the year. "I think that's enough," he says.

He points out he's still passing all his physicals, but that it's time to settle down with family, do a little travelling and pass the torch after a long, distinguished career.

"Good to get some other people in there," Henry says.

"It's been a long time."

- THE INDEPENDENT



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Fentanyl trafficker gets five years

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

Brandon Darcy knew he’d be going away for several years.

He plead guilty to fentanyl trafficking in November and asked Justice Anne McFadyen to let him spend Christmas with his family and earn extra money for his kids. She agreed. But what was supposed to be a short three month delay soon became an 11 month sentencing saga.

The setback was entirely Darcy’s doing and he was not a free man for most of this period. Darcy was arrested three more times while awaiting sentencing on his original crimes, including being locked up for good after an April arrest for driving without a licence.

In July, Darcy plead guilty to these three crimes and a sentencing for all matters was finally set for Oct. 4. This time there was no delay and no more escaping his fate.

“In this court’s opinion the appropriate sentence... is five years,” McFadyen says of Darcy’s most serious charge, trafficking \$10,000 worth of fentanyl. Clad in a white jumpsuit Darcy took in his judgement from the video suite at Sarnia Jail.

While McFadyen noted he was introduced to drugs as a youth and a pre-sentence report says he “expresses great remorse for his actions and seeks rehabilitation for his addiction,” he also brought a “lengthy and concerning criminal record” to sentencing which

included several drug charges.

Darcy also said he trafficked the fentanyl because it was “lucrative,” and not simply to fuel an addiction.

“It’s one of the most lethal substances being used in the community. It simply wreaks havoc and destruction when consumed,” says McFadyen of the drug. Defence Lawyer Nick Cake asked for four years on the trafficking charge but the justice felt five was more in line with the court’s desire of stronger punishments for fentanyl charges.

And there was more punishment to come as Darcy was hit with 60 days jail each on four driving offences and 30 days each for five bail breaches. The Aug. 2019 traffic stop leading to the fentanyl discovery happened when Darcy was found shirtless in the back of a car trying to avoid a suspended driving charge.

The search turned up just under an ounce of fentanyl, some meth and \$1,100 cash in his shoe.

Crown Attorney Meaghan Jones asked for the additional time to run consecutive to the federal trafficking charges and McFadyen agreed, adding a further 390 days to the sentence.

Darcy was credited for 300 days time served but this still leaves him behind bars for the next five years and three months.

A lifetime weapons ban, DNA order and cash forfeiture of the \$1,100 were also imposed on Darcy.

-THE INDEPENDENT

Cairo’s St. Andrew’s marks 150 years

Heather Wright
The Independent

In 1871, the Presbyterian farmers in Euphemia Township had grown tired of walking all the way to Wardsville to attend church Sunday mornings.

So, six men became trustees, bought a lot on Concession 7 from John Tanner for \$20 and began the process of building a church.

In September, St. Andrew’s Church in Cairo celebrated 150 years of worshipping together.

In the early 1830s, Scottish and Irish people began settling in Euphemia. “Many of them were of Presbyterian faith, but their nearest church was at Wardsville and to get there they had to walk miles through the woods following a trail along the bank of the Haggerty Creek. When a swampy spot was reached, off came the shoes, which were then carried till the church was reached,” reads the church history.

In January 1871, three McGugan brothers, James Walker, Donald Anderson and John J. Campbell, signed the deed for the land and started St. Andrew’s of Euphemia. The name would change to St. Andrew’s of Sutherland’s Corners and then in 1907, it was renamed St. Andrew’s of Cairo - the name given to the hamlet ten years earlier when the post office arrived.

The church - built in the summer of 1871- was part of a three-point charge with Bothwell and Florence. Rev. Robert Warden was the first minister for 56 families.

An organ was added in 1889, with considerable opposition, historians found. Officials also found a brick

veneer was installed using 13,385 bricks made by Wehlann’s Cairo Brickyard at a cost of \$66.92 in the same year.

The physical church continued to change with the times; in 1925, gasoline lamps replaced coal oil, the young people group paid for the church to be wired and hydro lighting was installed in 1945. In the 2000s the church installed new heating and made the building more accessible for residents.

For much of the church’s history, it shared pastors with Kent County churches. In 2005 that changed. The Kent churches closed and by 2010 the current pastor, Jim Breen, came on board, when a partnership was formed with Hope United in Alvinston. Breen was part of the 150th anniversary service recently. It included an outdoor service and a meal for the congregation – all following COVID-19 protocols, says Heather Baresich, one of the people organizing the event.

They recognized the church family’s past and were called to look forward, too.

In a time when small churches are having a hard time and some close, Baresich says the Cairo church remains.

“I think there is this sense of community,” she says. “I think about 14 or 15 families or households that are part of our church now. We’re not a big church, but we’re all well connected and we work well together. “I think we just appreciate the sense of community and fellowship that we have every week.”

BEAUTIFUL BEAN HARVEST



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Sports

Flyers open season with pair of losses

Barry Wright
The Independent

The Blenheim Blades scored three times in less than four minutes, including twice in 61 seconds, in the third period to turn away the visiting Petrolia Flyers, 3-2 before 300 fans Sunday night in Blenheim.

After a scoreless first period, Daniel Gibson scored his second goal in as many games to spot the Flyers a 1-0 advantage through two periods. Peyton Armitage tallied early in the third period and the 2-0 advantage held up until Blenheim’s late rally.

Tyler Richardson was the third star of the contest with 39 saves as the Blades outshot Petrolia, 42-17.

Gibson and Tanner Hull both registered their first ever PJHL goals in a 7-2 loss at Mooretown last Saturday.

The Flyers’ managers characterized both games as “gutsy” and “good battles” as Petrolia played with just 15 skaters against the Flags and only 13 in Blenheim due to vaccination protocols.

The Flyers have this week off. The team’s next game is the Petrolia home opener against Wheatley on Thursday, Oct. 14 at Greenwood.



BLENHHEIM BLADES PHOTO

Peyton Armitage had a goal in Sunday’s loss against Blenheim.

Face off time is 7:30. The team expects to have a full lineup for that contest.

COVERED KICK



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The Northern Vikings spoiled the LKSSAA Junior Girls soccer home opener for LCCVI Thursday, blanking the Lancers, 5-nil. The Vikings now have a win and a draw on the season. The Lancers were on the field Tuesday however a score was not available at press time. Here, a Lancer fires a perfect pass to her teammate even as the wind blows her hair over her face.

Mooretown Flags win home opener

The Independent

Jake Vince scored twice while Zach Moore and Nick Steeves contributed a goal and two assists each to lead the Mooretown Flags to a 7-2 win over the Petrolia Flyers in the Flags’ home opener before 175 fans Saturday night at the Moore Sports Complex.

Greg Hay, Bo Doxtator and Mason Flett also scored for Mooretown who salted the contest away with four unanswered goals in the second period.

The goals by Doxtator and Flett were their first career PJHL markers.

Nathan King turned aside 24 shots for the win between the pipes for the Flags.

Tyler Richardson and Cole Irwin combined to make 43 saves for Petrolia as Mooretown outshot

the Flyers, 50-26.

Doxtator, King and Richardson were chosen as the three stars of the game.

Mooretown plays the second of three straight home games to open the 2021-22 season by entertaining Wheatley this Saturday at the Moore Sports Complex. Game time is 7:30.

Meantime, ex-Mooretown Flags forward Daniel Fraleigh has been dealt to the GOJHL’s Elmira Sugar Kings from the Chatham Maroons.

Fraleigh, from Wallaceburg, had eight goals and 24 points in 48 regular season and playoff games as a 16 year-old with the Flags in 2019-20.

He had committed to the Maroons last season but did not play because the league was shut down by COVID.

Fraleigh scored in his first game with the Kings last weekend.

LCCVI grads help Lions win first college game

The Independent

LCCVI grads Cole Hudson, Kyle Fowler and Riley Brown combined for seven hits and five runs scored in Lambton’s 8-7 win Centennial last weekend at Errol Russell Park in Sarnia.

It was the Lions first ever OCAA baseball victory since joining the league in 2019.

Corunna’s Jake Prudhom keyed a decisive four-run, fifth inning with a two-run single.

Joe Stock, also from Corunna, was the winning pitcher although the win was not without dramatics.

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Alex Cunningham makes a quick turn while chasing Luke Hoelscher of the Elora Rocks during the Alvinston Killer Bees home opener Saturday.

Elora rocks Killer Bees in home opener

The Independent

The Alvinston Killer Bees took it on the chin in their Western Ontario Super Hockey League home and season opener Saturday losing 12-3 to the Elora Rocks. Brendon Merritt had the distinction of scoring the first ever Bees goal. In fact, the 30-year power forward wound up with all

three Alvinston markers on the evening. Merritt, who previously played junior hockey in Lambton Shores and Wallaceburg, suited up in Seaforth for the past six seasons before joining the Bees. Alvinston will try to hit the win column this Saturday when the Strathroy Jets provide the opposition. Game time is 8 pm.

Peer scores in first Legionnaires game

The Independent

Carson Peer made an immediate impact after returning home scoring the first goal of the contest in the Sarnia Legionnaires’ 5-2 GOJHL win at Chatham Sunday. The Oil City product signed with the Legionnaires on the weekend after returning from the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. Plympton-Wyoming’s Austin Harper scored twice for Sarnia with the others going to Jett Morningstar and Ryan Richardson. Nolan DeKoning made 34 saves for the goaltending win. Ethan Everaert was the

back up for the Legionnaires Sunday after being added to the Sarnia roster from the Petrolia Flyers late last week. Last Thursday, at the Sarnia Arena, Harper, Richardson, Bradyn Santavy, Ryder Nienhuis and Jake MacLean all scored their first career Junior B goals while Harper added two assists as the Legionnaires came from behind to beat the St. Thomas Stars, 6-3. Bradley Slegers had the other Sarnia goal. Sarnia, now 2-1 on the young season, is at home to Komoka Thursday at 7:10 before taking to the road for contests in St. Marys and Chatham Friday night and Sunday afternoon respectively.

It’s Squire time as Petrolia opens WOAA season

The Petrolia Squires open the 2021-22 WOAA senior hockey season with a trip to Lucknow this Saturday night at 7:30. Petrolia’s home opener is Friday, Oct. 15 against Ripley. The Squires, along with the other 12 teams

in the league, will play a 20-game regular season schedule ending in late January. Petrolia’s home date is again Friday night with all 10 of its games at Greenwood set for that night at 8:30.

No fans at indoor high school sports for now

Laying the blame squarely at the feet of the provincial government, the Lambton Kent District School Board and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board say fans will not be allowed into indoor sports events at their high schools, including LCCVI and North Lambton, until further notice. “To be clear, the vaccine mandate for spectators comes at the direction of the Ontario government; not the athletic association, nor the St. Clair Catholic and Lambton Kent district school boards,” said a joint statement issued this week by

directors of education, John Howitt and Scott Johnson. “We are however required to enforce the new rules, which we are committed to doing.” The measure is temporary, according to the statement, and will be lifted as soon as a vaccination status review process is in place and staff is available to administer it. Outdoor sports are not affected. The indoor fall season, including girls’ basketball and boys’ volleyball, began this week

Alvinston’s Redick powers Durham to win over Fanshawe

The Independent

Sydney Redick of Alvinston poked a three-run homer and pitched two innings of relief to lead the Durham Lords to a 9-5 win over the Fanshawe Falcons. It was the first game of an OCAA women’s softball doubleheader Friday in Oshawa. The Lords came from behind with four runs in the sixth and the winning run in

the seventh to beat the Falcons, 9-8 in the second game. Redick went one-for-three in that contest with a walk and an RBI. Watford’s Jenna McLean was one-for-four for the Falcons in game two with a run scored. She was hitless in the opener. Durham is now 6-2 on the season and will take on top rated St. Clair College today. Fanshawe is 5-5.



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Lettisha “Pauline”

Lettisha “Pauline” McLean (nee Strangway), passed away peacefully, with family by her side at Fiddicks Nursing Home on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** at the age of **90**. Pauline is predeceased by her husband James (2001), daughter Victoria Ross (1976), son-in-Law Bill Holden (2016), grandson Neil Holden (2002), granddaughter Nina Holden (2013), brother Grant Strangway (2016) and sister-in-law Edith Strangway (2017). Pauline was very active in retirement and enjoyed card games and coffee breaks with her many friends and companions at the Sandpiper Condo Development in Sarnia. She loved having family and friends visit and always had coffee ready to be served for whomever stopped in. She ensured her loved ones were brought together every year by hosting large Christmas parties where she insisted on Bingo games being played by all (young and old) so everyone could win one of the many prizes she thoughtfully shopped for throughout the year; a tradition that will certainly live on for future generations to come. Pauline is survived by her son-in-law Doug Ross, children Patricia (Paul) Bellemore, Nancy Holden, Stephen (Kathleen) McLean, grandchildren Eva (Joel) Field, Jennifer (Phil) Szucs, Tara (Mike) Lachappelle, Angela (Mike) Murphy, Amy Bellemore, Robbie (Suzanne) St. Pierre, Ken St. Pierre, Naomi Holden, Lauren (Dean) Minielly, Ben McLean, Jackie (Derek) McLean, great-grandchildren Tyler, Hannah, Adrienne, Chloe, Tessa, Jade, Luke, Olivia, Dakota, Faith, James, Lilly, Stella, sister Helen (Ron) Robinson and good friend June McFadden. The family would like to extend their thanks to the caring staff at Fiddicks Nursing Home and Dr. Li Wan Po for their compassionate care in Pauline’s final days. Memorial donations can be made to the Diabetes Canada (www.diabetes.ca) or the Heart & Stroke Foundation (www.heartandstroke.ca). **Cremation has taken place and a private graveside service at Shetland Cemetery will be arranged for the family at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Needham Jay Funeral Home, Petrolia www.needhamjay.com.**



Obituary



OLIVER
Darwyn

Darwyn Oliver (**nee Dunne**), 64 years, **of Petrolia** passed away peacefully with her family by her side on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** at Bluewater Health Sarnia. Darwyn will be missed by her husband of 45 years to Randy. Darwyn is a proud mother of Levi Oliver, Erin and Rob Brouwers and the late Ethan Oliver (2016) and nena to Justin, Ryan, Abigail, Jayden, Gaven, and Carsen. She will be missed by her sisters Cindy and Mark Harrison, Louanne and Mike Dempsey, Tammy and the late Scott Abra, Matthew Dunne and Marshal Dunne. Darwyn was predeceased by her parents Frank and Dorothy Dunne and the staff of the V.O.N. **A funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 11am from Needham-Jay Funeral Home, 4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia. Interment was in Oil Springs Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Sarnia District Humane Society (www.sarniahumanesociety.com) or Diabetes Canada (www.diabetes.ca). **Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com.**



Thank You

The family of Jean Zavitz would like to thank family and friends for all your kindness during this difficult time. For your visits, calls, flowers, food and donations to CEE Foundation and the Cancer Society. Thank you to Dr. Butler and staff at CEE Hospital for excellent care. Special thanks to Stephen Mailloux for his guidance and support, and to Rev. Harvey Osborne for the beautiful service. Special thanks to grandsons Randy Duffy, Ron Duffy, Ted Martin, Jimmy Martin, Greg Zavitz, Ryan Zavitz, and Michael Carson for being pall bearers. And to Danny Zavitz for being flower bearer. Special thanks to Linda for the tribute to Mom. Thank you to Lions Hall for the lovely lunch.

Obituary



Freer
Thomas

Freer, Thomas - Died at Bluewater Health, Sarnia on **Monday, September 27, 2021**. Thomas Freer, of Sarnia and formerly of Petrolia, was in his 92nd year. For over 50 years Tom was the loving husband of the late Mary (nee Jones) (2008). He was predeceased by his daughter Joy Holbrough (2014). Tom will be missed by his sons Jay Freer and Kate Large, his son-in-law Larry and Martha Holbrough, and son Terry and Sylvia Freer, his grandchildren Colin and Jill Holbrough, Brad and Naomi Holbrough, Carly and Teddy Archer, Alyssa Freer and Jason Stark, Kayla and Adam McPhedran, Tanya Freer and Brian, Pauline and Mike Grant, and Erica Freer and Clint, his great grandchildren Karis, Griffin, Gemma, River, Dekker, Matilda (Tilley), Maverick, Juliet, Kennady, Elliot, Hadley, Charlotte, Oliver, Wade, Katie, Brandon, Chloe, Nolan, Devon, Madison, Gracie, and Rease and his great great grandchildren Aubrey, Scarlet, and Briar. The son of late Elton and Ada Freer, Tom was also predeceased by brothers Bob (2008), Clare (2001), and Wayne (1993). A proud member of the Petrolia community he was active with Petrolia-Washington Lodge No. 194 A. F. & A.M., Petrolia Agricultural Society, and St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and enjoyed spending time in his community, particularly enjoying coffee with friends at Munchies. **A private service was held with interment in Hillsdale Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (ceefh.ca). **Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.needhamjay.com.**

Thanksgiving Sunday has not been the same. It's been 17 years since our loving Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma passed away, October 10, 2004.

Helen Johnson

There is not a day, That we do not think of you. Loving and kind in all your ways, Sincere and true, in your heart and mind, Beautiful memories, you left behind.

Loved & Missed by Elaine, Len, Kathy, Linda & Larry & Families

THE ROTARY CLUB
of Petrolia
Dinner of the Month Lottery
Winners 2020-2021
Congratulations to this year’s winners!

Oct - Tina Groves, Petrolia
Nov - Jessie Dobbyn, Petrolia
Dec - Tom Saul, Petrolia
Jan - Joy Law, Petrolia
Feb - Jean Armstrong, Petrolia
Mar - Scott Dunlop, Petrolia
Apr - Ross Babula, Thamesville
May - Charlene Quinlan, Strathroy
June - Nancy Holden, London
July - Mark Minielly, Petrolia
Aug - Ken Munro, Petrolia
Sept - Nancy Hind, Petrolia

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. With your help, we are able to support a wide variety of community projects. **Our first draw for the 2021-2022 season will be held Tues. Oct. 26, 2021.** Tickets can still be purchased up to Sat. Oct. 23, 2021 from any member of Petrolia Rotary Club, or at Heidi’s Your Independent Grocer.

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.**

Wanted to Buy

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Wanted to Buy

WANTED: VINTAGE/MID-CENTURY MODERN furniture, lamps, art, rugs, glassware, and other collectibles from the 1950s-80s. Also buying sports cards, toys, marbles, telephones, books, magazines, and more, in nice condition. **Please call Lance at 519-882-4729 to leave a message.** Thank you.

BUYING

Cash for GOLD, SILVER, JEWELRY + ALL COINS - Sat. Oct. 23, **Petrolia Lions Hall, 457 Hug-gard St., Petrolia, 9am - 4pm.** FREE ESTIMATES. Private appointments available. ALL Gold Jewelry. Any Gold (even teeth). Old coins, Canada USA World War Medals, Windup Watches, Mint sets. Covid precautions in place. **Dan Jones, B.A.B.Ed. 53 yrs Exp.** House calls available. **519-818-1805.**

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*** PUBLIC NOTICE ***

To the Attention of Wyoming Charitable Groups and Organizations

Re: 2021 Wyoming Community Foundation Grants

The Foundation is **now accepting 2021 applications** from local groups and organizations (registered charities) for funds to support qualifying projects in the community. The focus of the Foundation is to continue to improve the quality of life for local residents in its ongoing support of local projects.

Application forms can be obtained from the undersigned (please call or email), and are to be **submitted by Monday, November 22, 2021.** Should you require assistance or have inquiries regarding the grant criteria and process, please contact the undersigned by phone or email.

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**WARWICK TOWNSHIP
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
Public Works Department

ONE (1) Public Works Labourer/Heavy Equipment Operator, Seasonal
This is a Union Position, CUPE. Local 2393.3
Wages based on approved CUPE Collective Agreement

The Township of Warwick invites applications for one (1) full-time Seasonal Public Works Labourer/Heavy Equipment Operator to assist in day-to-day winter operations for the Public Works Department in an effective, efficient, safe and environmentally responsible manner. Monitor municipal roads to provincial minimum maintenance standards, conduct repairs, and maintain necessary records. Provide winter control, road and sidewalk maintenance under the direction of the Lead Hand and Manager of the Public Works Department. Successful applicant will work on a full time basis from November 15 to April 15 annually.


REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to organize tasks and complete them on a timely and effective basis.
- Demonstrated knowledge in the use of appropriate equipment associated with the position: Backhoe, grader, tandem truck, tractor and vehicles.
- Physical ability to undertake significant physical labour.
- Required to be available for emergency response rotations as needed for overtime, including evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- Minimum DZ Ontario Driver's Licence for equipment outlined.
- Post-secondary certificate, preferably from a technical program; or an equivalent combination of experience and education.
- Courses in specific functions and/or equipment preferred (Winter Control, Road Grading, etc).

Resumes will be received until **12:00 noon on Friday, October 15th, 2021** and shall be addressed to:

Andrew Maver – Public Works Manager
Township of Warwick,
6332 Nauvoo Road, R.R. #8
Watford, Ontario N0M 2S0
Work (519) 849-3926 • Fax (519) 849-6136
Email: MEsselment@warwicktownship.ca

For a copy of the job description email: MEsselment@warwicktownship.ca



**Calendar
of events**


**PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



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
Oct 9	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle with 50/50
Oct 14	7pm	Sarnia	Lambton Branch Ontario Genealogical Society Meeting in South Hall of LDS Church. Featuring Penny Walters , searching for ancestors when you are adopted. FREE open to public and members.
Oct. 16	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle with 50/50
Oct 23		Watford	Watford Legion Fish Fry
Oct 23	3:30	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle with 50/50
Oct 29		Forest	Poppy Campaign begins. Forest Legion Flag raising
Oct 30	11am	Watford	Watford Legion Dart Tournament
Oct 30	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion Meat Raffle with 50/50
Nov 7		Watford	Remembrance Brunch
Nov 11			Remembrance Day Services

**email us
your event**
to:
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and we will add it to
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416 Queen Street, Petrolia
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Services also available online:
www.standrews-petrolia.ca
Pastor John MacIntosh

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www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

First Baptist Church
418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia
**IN PERSON
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fbcpetrolia@gmail.com
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Howdy Neighbour

It was a time for neighbours to say hello and get together for the annual Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair over the weekend with the weather both Friday and Saturday encouraging a large turnout



The annual Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair parade drew more spectators than normal as the sun shone brightly Saturday. At the top, Fair Ambassador Autumn Bressette gets a ride on the Brooke Fire Service antique truck. Brooke-Alvinston Councillor Frank Nemcek (middle left) waves to Dan Cumming as he rides by in the parade and Andy Triest - driving a truck from Kucera - helps his little pal greet the crowd. The motocross riders from Brigden were a big hit with the small parade goers.



Heather Wright Photos