

SLIGHTLY SPOOKY



It was a little bit spooky at Victoria Park Saturday night as nearly 40 carved pumpkins were set out on display. Officials say LCCVI students were the biggest contributors to the contest and produced some of the most interesting and scary pumpkins. The carved pumpkins have now made their way to local long term care homes for Halloween.

HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

VPP getting ‘back on its feet’ as capacity limits lifted

Heather Wright
The Independent

Officials with Victoria Playhouse say the removal of pandemic capacity limits is how the theatre can “get back on our feet.”

That from Petrolia’s Director of Marketing, Arts and Communications, Laurissa Ellsworth. Late Friday, the province lifted all capacity limits in many venues which hold larger events including theatres, arenas, event spaces, horse racing tracks and movie theatres. The limits remain on restaurants and outdoor events where the maximum capacity is 20,000 people or more.

To date there has been a limited number of outbreaks in these settings, Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health said in a news release.

Other public health and workplace safety measures continue to remain in effect for these settings. This can include wearing face coverings, screening and the collecting of patron information to support contact tracing.

In settings where capacity limits have been lifted, the requirement for individuals to maintain two metres of physical distancing are being removed, with limited exceptions.

VPP staged one show with capacity limits of 150 people per show but Ellsworth says the announcement was a relief, as the Petrolia theatre is selling tickets for its two winter shows.

“This is how we can start to really get back on our feet and continue to show people that it is safe to be here,” she tells *The Independent*.

But she says the VPP is still planning some distancing measures for the time being.

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St. Clair conservation wants to add staffer to improve speed of permit approvals

Heather Wright
The Independent

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is pitching a 17 per cent spending increase for 2022, and it is not going over too well with municipal politicians who make up the board of directors.

Conservation Authority staff recently introduced the draft budget at a special meeting, asking politicians to give approval to send the spending package on to municipal councils for input.

But that didn’t sit well with some, since they had not had a chance to review the budget in

detail and some municipalities are facing double digit increases.

Girish Sankar, the acting general manager, says most of the increase is due to adding another person in the planning department. Municipalities, developers and ratepayers have complained the process for getting approvals from the author-

ity is too slow, with some approvals taking years. Sankar says \$90,000 has been added to hire another staff person to speed the approvals up.

Sankar says “10 per cent of that (17 per cent increase) would go into the hiring off the staff in the planning and regulation. And the

other seven per cent is being allocated to a three per cent increase allocated to Highland Glen that was approved at the last meeting and then four per cent towards other benefits and insurance and other increases that are (cost of living) related.”

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Vaccine passports helped lure wary theatregoers back to Petrolia’s playhouse

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Ellsworth says there will be one seat between each group of patrons, at least during the winter shows. To accommodate that, the VPP will only be taking ticket orders by phone for the two winter shows.

The self-imposed distancing measures will mean there won’t be any full houses this year.

“It’s anywhere from the loss of probably as little as about 30 seats up to about 100 seats per show,” she says.

Ellsworth doesn’t expect that to be a problem. Theatregoers were excited about the possibility of returning, however even the scaled back show “Songs We Love” in September, didn’t draw 150 people to every show.

People seemed to be wary about gathering in larger groups - at least until Sept. 22.

“As soon as the provincial mandate for vaccination was announced, we noticed that people that maybe we hadn’t heard from at that point or that were a

little bit more trepidatious about rebooking, they were calling us to say, ‘Well, now that you’re asking for two vaccines, I’m feeling more comfortable to meet with people.’”

And while people in the theatre industry are glad to see patrons in the seats, this year’s bottom line is going to be difficult.

Ellsworth says the VPP did everything it could to keep costs down, but the September show may not have broken even.

“We reduced the cast size, we didn’t bring back staff, we

operated with our amazing volunteers; we basically trimmed down to what we did in the early days,” she says.

“We’re aiming for at least revenue neutral. And then if we could get you know, a little bit in our pocket, at the end of the day, we could say, ‘you know, hurray, we’ve done it,’ understanding, unfortunately that it was a real challenge with just 150 seats per show.”

Ellsworth hopes to have the financial details of this year’s

season to council in the near future.

The removal of the pandemic capacity limits also has the potential to increase the number of fans in the stands at hockey games this winter.

Town staff is still working through the details, trying to see if full capacity will be possible and still allow the safe flow of people in and out of the building.

Ellsworth expects a decision on the arena’s capacity in the next few days.

St. Clair conservation authority looks for 17 per cent spending increase for 2022

CON’T FROM PG 1

The total budget of the authority is projected to be over \$9.9 million in 2022.

About \$1.3 million of that is split between the municipalities which are part of the authority. They pass it on to ratepayers in their budgets.

This year, Dawn-Euphemia ratepayers will pick up about \$5,600 more - a 15 per cent increase according to Mayor Al Broad.

That accounts for a lot more cash per ratepayer there. The conservation authority charges each municipality based on the value of the land in its community.

“Because we have high assessment and a low population, we pay more per person than anybody,”

says Broad in an email to *The Independent*.

The authority says each taxpayer shells out about \$7 per year for conservation services but in Dawn-Euphemia, the proposed 2022 budget will bring that up to \$18 to \$21 per person.

In Petrolia, the conservation authority levy will increase 10 per cent. Mayor Brad Loosley wasn’t sure how he could defend that.

“I think the awkward thing is we’re looking at a 17 per cent (spending) increase basically. For this to go back to my municipality - to help justify this puts me in a very difficult position.”

Loosley suggested some of the increase come from reserves. But the authority’s director of finance,

Tracy Prince, says the board has been using reserves for years, and has emptied the planning reserve completely.

She says using reserves “is not a really good business practice” adding “I have grave concerns in regards to using operational reserves for that... if anything were to happen to the McKeough Dam (the channel which diverts water away from Wallaceburg during flooding events) - even at this point, some major repair - I do not feel we have the reserves to cover it.”

Sarnia City/County Councillor Mike Stark suggested doubling the fees charged for permits to make it truly a user pay system.

Pt. Edward Councillor Larry

Gordon pointed out a recent report done for the authority concluded increased fees “are not an issue for the development community” if the service improves.

And in fact, the conservation authority staff had already built in a 10 per cent increase in fees to the 2022 budget.

But Sarnia City/County Councillor Terry Burrell says it wouldn’t just be developers footing the bill - farmers and landowners in the watershed would also pay the higher fees.

And Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott says most of the permits involve work which is for the good of the entire watershed so the fees should not be doubled.

The board was split on the move,

which could have generated another \$40,000, so the increase won’t happen.

Instead, the board of directors agreed to send the budget out for municipal input - hoping to give them a heads up of the increasing costs as they plan for their 2022 budgets.

Chairman Joe Faas of Chatham-Kent offered as the head of the board to take staff to individual councils and meet with local politicians to explain the increases - instead of leaving the representatives - who had just received the document - to explain it.

The board normally approves the budget in February.

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Search continues for victim at Twin Creeks

Heather Wright
The Independent

Nearly two weeks after a body was found in the Twin Creeks Landfill in Watford, police are still looking through the rubble.

On Sept. 30, York Regional Police found a body at the landfill believed to be the Markham murder victims. The department is investigating the disappearance of Quoc Tran, 37, and Kristy Nguyen, 25. Police believe they were victims of foul play in a targeted attack.

They were last seen in an industrial area in Vaughn Saturday Sept. 18 around 5:30 pm. Investigators believe they “were victims of a targeted attack.”

Spring move likely for Warwick Township

The Independent

It will be the spring before Warwick Township moves into its new digs in Watford.

The township will be leasing a space on Nauvoo Road which is being built by Watford Investment Group. It’s part of a three building development which began to take shape during the pandemic.

Frank Callipari recently told council

Media Relations Officer Const. Laura Nicolle says a contingent of the department’s search and rescue team is still at the landfill looking for the second victim. And she says they will continue there until the victim is found.

Sources say the police continue to search in the active cell of Ontario’s largest landfill.

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 is considered armed and dangerous

A second man has been arrested and charged with being an accessory to murder. Recaldo Liburd was arrested and charged with two counts of accessory after the fact of murder.

members construction delays have been caused by pandemic shortages of materials and delays by contractors.

“Everyone’s going back to go install something that showed up three weeks later. It takes away from their time-lines, and that’s what we’re dealing with,” he says. The builder also had to meet a firm deadline of Libro Financial which has now moved to its location.

Callipari says the township building could be ready by April.

CRAFTY DAY



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Artist Patti Cook explains the finer points of felt painting to patrons at Petrolia Discovery Saturday. The foundation was giving tours of the facility and hosted an Artists’ Day at the same time.



The proposed route of the Enbridge pipeline from Corunna to Dawn-Euphemia.

Vaccine mandate for sports coming in Lambton and CK

The Independent

Chatham-Kent’s Medical Officer of Health says he’s working with Lambton Public Health to develop stricter vaccine rules for youth sports.

Under provincial guidelines kids aged 12-17, while eligible for the vaccine, don’t need to have their shots to participate in sports at local arenas.

“All existing provincial restrictions apply right now but we’re going to tighten that up with regard to Chatham-Kent.” Colby says the policy will “align... with Lambton since we do a lot of things in lockstep.”

He also hinted it will be fairly similar to the policy enacted in Windsor-Essex at the start of October, which requires anyone 12 and up entering a sports facility to be fully vaccinated. London-Middlesex, Elgin-Oxford and Huron-Perth are also issuing the same directive.

Colby says the local public health unit has “a letter of direction that’s in its final stages and it’s going to be issued very shortly. We’re just waiting for the go-ahead from the Chief Medical Officer of Health’s office.”

St. Clair supports new Enbridge pipeline to Dawn-Euphemia

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

St. Clair is lending its support to a new 19 km pipeline set to run across the township.

Enbridge Gas is hoping to begin construction of a new steel pipeline between the Corunna and Dawn compressor stations in 2023. The route currently consists of a pair of 30 inch pipelines and the gas company is looking to install a third, this one 36 inches wide.

The entire project is estimated to

cost between \$200-250 million. Wes Armstrong, director of gas storage and pipeline operations, says about 300-400 temporary construction jobs will be needed.

The new pipeline, measuring 19.3 km exactly, will be built along the existing twin pipeline path and mostly on private properties. “The benefit of this route is the minimal disturbance because it’s an existing pipeline corridor for nearly the entire run of the route,” says Armstrong.

The project would also involve the decommissioning of seven of the 11

natural gas compressors in operation at the Corunna plant. Despite this Enbridge says Corunna is “an essential part of our natural gas system and will remain in operation.”

St. Clair’s letter of support will be part of Enbridge’s submission package to the Ontario Energy Board, who must approve the project. Their proposed timeline is for archaeological and other pre-construction field work in 2022 followed by pipeline building from early 2023 to completion late 2024.



The Importance of Prioritizing Your Mental Health

by Dr. Charles Winegard



This year more than ever, I press the importance of prioritizing your and your children's mental health. Adults and youth are experiencing heightened mental health challenges as they continue to navigate the pandemic and all the pressures/stressors that come with it. The month of October marks Mental Health Illness Awareness and World Mental Health Day.

If you or a loved one are experiencing symptoms of depression or anxiety, it's important to seek help early on. The pandemic has pushed us all into a virtual world, but for important health concerns like mental health, I would encourage patients to book an in-person appointment with their family doctor or nurse practitioner.

Bluewater Health's Mental Health Services offers an inpatient unit, and a number of outpatient programs and services located both in the hospital and off-site. These include community treatment orders, crisis intervention, and social work. The Central Lambton Family Health Team, Family Counselling Centre, the Canadian Mental Health Association Lambton-Kent, and St. Clair Child & Youth Services also have a number of programs and services for adult and youth seeking mental health supports.

We've also seen a rise in substance-abuse and addictions in our community as a result of the pandemic. Adults and youth are turning to substances to ease their depression and anxiety symptoms. Bluewater Health offers community addiction support services for those struggling with substance abuse, including drugs, alcohol, and/or prescription medications. Call 519-332-HOPE (4673). A referral is not required. These services are also available on-site in Petrolia by appointment.

I also want to acknowledge caregivers; caring for someone with a chronic illness can lead to decreased quality of life, a decline in psychological health, increased stress, and depression and anxiety. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton and Pathways Health Centre for Children in Sarnia both offer respite programs for children/youth. There is also caregiver respite programs for seniors at Victorian Order of Nurses, Lambton Elderly Outreach, and Alzheimer's Society for patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Remember you are not alone and help is there. If you are in crisis, call the Lambton Mental Health Crisis Line at 519-336-3445 or 800-307-4319. It's available 24 hours per day including weekends and holidays.

For more information on mental health and addiction services available in our community, visit www.eriestclairhealthline.ca

Editorial

Measuring the cost of conservation

The Independent often talks about the importance of politicians spending taxpayers dollars wisely. And in the past, we’ve been critical of councils which pass on one per cent increases - mostly because they weren’t spending what they already had very wisely - in our opinion anyway.

So when politicians start worrying about a 17 per cent spending increase at the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority which will amount to funding increases from local municipalities rising between 10 and 15 per cent, you might expect us to gripe right along with them.

But it’s not quite that simple.

Yes, a 17 per cent increase in spending is a lot more than the current rate of inflation which is about two per cent. But on the \$9.9 million budget, it amounts to about \$198,938.

For the average person, that’s a mortgage. But in government, that’s not a lot of money. For many municipalities in Lambton, that might pay the top administrator and maybe a part-time assistant to boot.

And now consider there are 17 municipalities which will split that increase. Petrolia for example, has to set aside \$5,710 more in 2022 than it did this year, for a grand total of just over \$35,000 to pay for the administration and programs of the conservation authority. It, like other municipalities, will pay more if there are conservation projects in parks managed by the SCRCA for the town. Oil Springs taxpayers will turn over \$385 more on its \$2,700 bill.

Dawn-Euphemia actually pays the highest fees per taxpayers. It will pay another \$5,624 to its \$31,269 bill. That’s about \$18 to \$21 per taxpayer, per year. In fact, taxpayers represented by the conservation authorities pay as little as \$7 per municipal taxpayer per year.

We believe that’s not a big price tag when you consider how much the organization does, everything from maintain parks and conservation areas, to making sure flooding is managed across the Sydenham watershed.

Perhaps, instead of looking at percentages, politicians should be trying to figure out if the services offered are actually serving the public or if the extra \$198,938 will provide better services and preserve the environment.

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Our Story



Petrolia Citizens' Band
Winners of First Prize in Class C1 at C.N.E., Toronto, 1927-28-29.

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The Lambton Concert Band is honouring the history of music in Lambton with a special exhibit at the Sarnia Library Theatre until April. Petrolia plays a prominent role in the display since it was one of the most active band communities in the county. The Petrolia Citizens' Band was one of the most successful, winning three first place prizes at the CNE in Toronto in the 1920s.

Councillors are still on mute 19 months later

After 19 months of Zooming around, you would think the world of municipal politics would be used to the technological leap.

Sadly, it’s not.

As I finish up this week’s paper, I’m listening to yet another council meeting online and as I listen, I am amazed how often the chair of the meeting has to remind people they’re on mute. I wish they would come up with a better phrase. When I was a kid watching Looney Toons, Foghorn Leghorn used to say “Yer gums are flapp’n but noth’n is com’n out boy!” Maybe they could try that? It certainly would make things more entertaining.

There are also councillors who seem unaware that talking while waiting for the meeting to start, end or during the seventh inning stretch while heading to the in camera meeting, E-V-E-R-Y-B-

O-D-Y can hear them.

There is the occasional appearance of a pet, either visually or audibly. That’s especially fun when it’s a barking dog - particularly if you’re wearing headphones.

Staff members are not immune to Zoom gaffes.

Screen sharing often takes time to get right, videos don’t run as they should and yes, they too are sometimes on mute.

You would think after all this time, this wouldn’t be that difficult, but it seems to be.

I think part of the problem may be that it is much more difficult to concentrate on a conversation going on virtually than in person. There is no eye contact, you never know who is actually following along or if they’re reading the latest email from their car

dealer about the servicing their pickup truck needs.

Most try diligently to stay focused, but it’s tough.

I look forward to the day when in person meetings return and people connect again in a way that can only be done in person.

Of course, I’ll have to get back in my car and drive all these places, but I will try not to complain as long as I never have to hear that famous phrase again; “Councillor, you’re on mute.”



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77 per cent in Lambton vaccinated Will it be enough?

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Lambton’s medical officer of health is wondering if it will be enough.

Right now, Lambton County has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the province with 77 per cent of eligible people vaccinated against COVID-19. The provincial rate is over 83 per cent.

The vaccination of those under 30 doesn’t reach 70 per cent. Statistic show 64 per cent of 12 to 17 year olds are vaccinated and 65 per cent of 17 to 29 year-olds have their COVID-19 series complete.

Lambton, and other regions with lower vaccination rates, have higher rates of COVID-19 in the community.

When Dr. Sudit Ranade talked to reporters Thursday, 23 more cases had been reported that day in Lambton; six are from close contacts – usually people who are living with someone already confirmed to have the virus, six haven’t been determined, one is from an existing outbreak and in 10 of the cases, public health can’t trace back the source of the infection.

Public health officials say in the past month, people have reported contracting COVID at home or social gatherings, schools, weddings, and places of worship. The majority of local cases, officials said, are in unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people, and the close contacts identified with those cases continue to be high.

For the week of Sept 26 to Oct 2, public identified 81 new cases and 677 new contacts

And over the weekend, public health noted now over 4,000 people in Lambton have had the virus.

Right now, 68 people are ill with COVID-19 in the county. But only two people are in the hospital because of COVID. The virus is most common in people under 19 in Lambton. There are 15 people in Lambton’s schools with

COVID-19 including three students at Plympton-Wyoming Public School and four at Queen Elizabeth II School in Petrolia.

Ranade says the province needs to look at what rate of vaccination will not only stop the spread of the virus which has affected the globe, it has to see what rate of vaccination will be enough to keep the unvaccinated people from inundating the hospitals in Ontario.

“I tell you what I’m worried about is the unvaccinated population, because that is the majority of the people that we are seeing now who has to get the disease and who have severe disease,” says Ranade.

“I’m much more concerned about the ability of our health system to withstand the impact of unvaccinated people filling up ICU, because I look over at Manitoba and I look over at Alberta, and I look over at Saskatchewan and I say ‘Are we just a few weeks or months away from that situation?’ And if we are, then that is a much more compelling reason to get everybody vaccinated.”

Ranade says Lambton’s vaccination rate is inching up, mostly because of employer vaccination policies or the vaccine passport system the province started Sept. 22.

“There are more people coming into our clinic saying ‘I’m getting this vaccine, either because I need it for my employment or because I needed in order to do things that I want to do with my life.’”

But Ranade doubts Lambton will ever get to the province’s goal of 90 per cent vaccination – at least not without help.

“I don’t think you get to 90 per cent without substantial policy tool, without substantial restriction.

“What we’re seeing now is a small uptake, based on different requirements and mandates that are in place, but it will not be enough to get it to 90 per cent.”

Long term care homes get cash to hire PSWs

The Independent

The province is sending \$270 million to long term care homes to hire more personal support workers, registered practical nurses and registered nurses immediately. The question for many homes is where will the workers come from.

Minister of Long Term Care Rod Phillips says the money is to help improve the level of care for seniors in homes. Right now, on average, residents get two hours and 45 minutes of direct care daily. The funding, Phillips says, will increase that to at least three hours per resident, per day, by March.

“This year’s increase means \$1.2 million more for typical home” with 160 residents.” By 2023, Phillips says that same size home will have six more RNs, 12 more RPNs and 25 more PSWs with the funding. “That will mean an extra bath and more attention at meals.”

In all, about 4,000 new employees are expected to be hired in Ontario’s long term care homes by March.

While the money is becoming available, critics wonder if homes will be able to find people to fill the roles. Homes in Lambton county for example are continuously advertising to hire new PSWs and officials say there is a lack of qualified staff.

Phillips says because of previous program to train new PSWs, 11,000 care workers are expected to graduate by December; and another 6,000 in January.

The minister acknowledges there will be no guarantee the workers will go to long term care, but he hopes with the funding made available, working conditions will improve, making long term care homes more attractive places to work.

Phillips added he plans to introduce new legislation for long term care homes in the fall; it’s widely expected that along with making four hours of care per day per resident law.

Arts groups can apply for county creative money

The Independent

Arts groups in Lambton County with a plan but not enough cash to carry it out have a chance at a grant.

Lambton’s Creative County Grant Program is accepting grant applications for cultural, heritage, and arts initiatives in Lambton County in 2022.

Normally, the funding is for operation of an event or program, but this year, it can also be used to help with the cost of dealing with public health restrictions because of the pandemic.

Construction projects aren’t eligible.

Projects led by or in partnership with Indigenous communities fostering Indigenous heritage and culture will have priority according to the committee.

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Striking up (the history) of the Concert Bands

*New exhibits
highlights the
history of music
in Lambton*

Heather Wright
The Independent

In the time before social media, TV and even organized minor sports, everyone wanted to be in their local concert band, according to Petrolia’s Norm Sutherland.

He should know - he’s been a part of concert bands since he was a young boy. And he, and Don Vander Klok of the Lambton Concert Band, helped chronicle the history of the bands which played around the county starting in the 1890s.

Sutherland and Vander Klok found Alvinston, Inwood, Watford, Petrolia, Arkona, Thedford, Forest, Oil Springs, Walpole Island and Sarnia all had concert bands at one time. They were set up by former military people who had bands in the service.

In Petrolia, the Imperial Band was playing by 1896. Watford’s Silver Band had its first performance at the Watford Fair just one year later. It is not clear how long the Watford Band played on, however Petrolia had a succession of concert bands, some backed by the oil industry, which played all around Ontario until the 1960s.

One of the most successful was the Petrolia Citizen’s Band was renamed the White Rose Band in 1939. The group won first prize in Class B at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1940, 1941 and 1947 - a bragging point for the town. That’s despite the fact that 38 members of the band signed up to serve in the armed forces in the Second World War.

Sutherland joined right after that last big win at the CNE.

“I started music at the age of 10,” he says after being enthralled by a trombone at one of the Petrolia concerts. “I joined a junior band, which met on Tuesday nights - Percy Cox conductor - with 35 of us and after you got good enough, you would be promoted to the senior band,” he told *The Independent* as he gave a tour of the exhibit at the Sarnia Library.

“I got into the senior band in 1948.



HEATHERWRIGHT PHOTO

Petrolia’s Norm Sutherland and Don Vander Klok look over some of the exhibits about Lambton’s Concert Bands, at the Sarnia Library.

And that was the first year that I had the opportunity to go to the Canadian National exhibition.”

The band members were keen to do well, so drawing people to practice was not a problem.

“We practiced in the council chambers - the old council chambers. And we stored our equipment along the wall in big cupboards.

“We would give concerts in the summer every Saturday or Sunday night in the band stand that was removed in the middle of Victoria Park. And then in the wintertime, we would give concerts in the upstairs concert hall that we still have today,” Sutherland recalls.

The concert band was also a big part of community events including performing at the opening of Queen Elizabeth II Public School in 1953.

Sutherland credits bandmaster Percie Cox for much of the Petrolia concert band’s success during that time. Cox was hired by the Canadian Oil Company just to lead the band in 1939. He spent hours, Sutherland says, giving free music lessons to children who normally would not have been able to afford them.

Part of the history of bands in Lambton is the current Lambton Concert Band which started in Petrolia 20 years ago - with Sutherland leading the charge.

Until the pandemic, the Lambton band put on concerts about three or four times a year and Vander Klok says their glad to be able to start performing again this December.

When they do, he and Sutherland hope concertgoers will take a look at the exhibit next to the Sarnia Library Theatre where they perform to see some of the great early concert bands, their instruments and uniforms and to learn a little bit of the history the pair have uncovered.

“It’s just an important part of history and it gets forgotten about - something like this just helps bring it back,” says Sutherland.

The exhibit is on display until April.



Petrolia appeared to have more concert bands than any other community in Lambton. This is one of the first, the Imperial Band in Victoria Hall in 1896.



The first performance of the Watford Silver Band, led by ‘Professor’ Hastings appeared to have been at the 1987 Watford Fall Fair.

Mayor wants end of vaccine passports

Heather Wright
The Independent

Warwick Mayor Jackie Rombouts wants the province to end the vaccine passport system. And she’s asking Lambton County councillors to back her call.

During the November council meeting, Rombouts will ask councillors to consider a motion which calls on the province to end the program aimed to stop the spread of COVID-19 in higher risk settings. Indoor settings such as restaurants, bars, arenas and concert halls must ask for proof of vaccination before letting patrons in.

In introducing the resolution, Rombouts said Ontario has surpassed the original vaccination rate target to reopen Ontario and “the vaccine is working to reduce hospitalizations and deaths.”

Rombouts says the vaccine passport “is creating undue hardships to thousands of small businesses, municipalities, health care facilities and families across Ontario.”

The mayor, who gained attention on social media recently when she called the vaccine passport discriminatory and vowed not to frequent businesses which followed the provincial laws, says “the people of Ontario are intelligent and autonomous beings capable of researching and deciding what health care is right for themselves and their children.”

Rombouts’ motion calls on the province to “remove all mandatory requirements to show proof of vaccination across all sectors in Ontario and return Ontario to a place where everyone is treated as equals.”

It was a point she drove home during

the Oct. 6 county council meeting while questioning Lambton’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade.

“Does it make sense for a government to mandate that everybody has to do what they say, given that for some people, the risk of COVID is maybe not as bad as the risk that they could potentially have from the vaccine? ...Should it not be left to the individual to make that decision for themselves?”

Ranade said yes, but not always adding there has to be “strong and solid justifications” if you are.

He went on to say; “Out of all of the interventions that we have had for COVID, masking, testing, screening... vaccines are the ones that have the greatest level of evidence behind them, they have the highest quality of evidence behind them. And we know that they make the biggest impact out of all of the other interventions. So, if there’s going to be one intervention that you do actually have requirements for... I would say it should be vaccinations over the other things.”

In the last few months, Rombouts has frequently spoken about her concerns about the vaccination and the passport system, however she is always in the minority at county council, with typically only two other politicians expressing similar views. They are Sarnia City/County Councillor Margaret Bird and Oil Springs Mayor Ian Veen.

Typically, when councils pass a resolution, it is circulated to other municipalities for support, in the hopes of giving more weight to the argument.

Heated debate over Lambton vaccine mandate

Heather Wright
The Independent

Lambton County councillors have until Oct. 31 to inform the county whether they are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Councillors passed a vaccine policy at Oct. 6 and the discussion was heated at times, showing the deep divide between those who agree with the measures designed to get more people to be vaccinated against the contagious virus and those who don’t.

Lambton’s policy for politicians is similar to a staff policy already in place. Councillors must disclose to the county if they’re fully vaccinated by Oct. 31. If they aren’t they must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test done within the week of the meeting they attend. If that’s not available, the councillors will attend remotely.

Stephane Thiffeault, general manager of corporate services, told councilors no matter what guidelines you put in place, there is always some risk. “If we adopted what I would call the vaccination or bust kind of position that you would be vaccinated to participate, it will not lend to enough flexibility for those who we do have to accommodate for various reasons.”

The policy concerned some councillors who questioned the testing component – particularly that someone could have a test seven days before the meeting.

Sarnia City/County Councillor Mike Stark was not satisfied and said he would not be attending any in person meetings with people who have not been fully vaccinated.

But, there were councillors opposed to the mandate, including Warwick Mayor Jackie Rombouts who recently took to social media to voice her opposition when the province announced vaccine passports to enter restaurants, bars, concerts and sporting events.

“If you trust that this vaccine is a good vaccine, and it is there to help protect your health, and keep you from being hospitalized, or in the ICU, then you should have no problem with anybody else because you have protected yourself – full stop,” says Rombouts. “I just think to force people to do things against their will to protect somebody who has already protected themselves using the vaccine does not make sense.”

Rombouts also took aim at the staff policy. “I am not sitting here saying there should be rules for you and not for me. I’m saying there should not be a rule that anybody can sit in judgment on anybody else, and how they determine what is right for their health. That’s what I’m saying. They should have the right to do their own risk versus reward. Everybody in Ontario should have that right. And for you, as a council to sit here and say that you know better than the mom of four or you know better than the people driving the snowplows about their health is disgusting.”

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley says it is the local politicians duty to be leaders in vaccines. “The primary obligations of elected people – different than the general public – is to protect the public health... we are mandated in the worst public health crisis in 100 years to do everything we can,” he says. “And the county policy gives options. It gives options to people vaccinated or not vaccinated so it doesn’t exclude anyone.”

Before the vote, where every councillor except Rombouts, Sarnia City/County Councillor Margaret Bird and Oil Springs Mayor Ian Veen approved the mandate, Rombouts added, “History will look down on every politician who tries to force their will over the people that they are governing.”



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Mom avoids jail time in drunken crash

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

A drunk driver who caused a destructive head-on collision along the St. Clair Parkway has been spared jail time.

Christina Bell, 30, plead guilty in March to causing an August 2019 crash while intoxicated at more than double the legal limit.

Bell, with her nine year-old daughter in tow, was driving her SUV north on the parkway. As she passed Corunna, Bell suddenly swung into the opposite lane colliding head-on with a pickup truck.

Inside the Ford F-150 were a woman and her seven month-old grandson. The driver suffered three broken vertebrae, a fractured neck and bruises all over her body.

“I feel that I’ve been robbed in the role as a Grandma. I’m struggling emotionally with the slow pace of my recovery... and how much this has changed my life,” the woman read in her victim impact statement during sentencing. “There hasn’t been a day since the accident that I haven’t had pain... I am very frustrated that someone else’s decision... can affect and change everything for me and my family for the rest of my life.”

will almost always lead to a period of incarceration... On the other hand, is it really the court’s function to knowingly set someone’s rehabilitative efforts back and act as an impediment?” he asked.

Ultimately George felt Dupuis’ actions to curb his fentanyl addiction were enough to give him a chance.

“As I sit here I am confident about two things. First that Mr. Dupuis is not a threat to public safety and second that he will abide by the terms of the conditional sentence order... I am mindful of the state he was in when he committed these offences which... is far different than the place he now finds himself in.”

“Mr. Dupuis and the public at large would be better served if he kicks his habit and leads a pro-social lifestyle. This may be cold comfort to the victim but in reality there is no way for me to restore that person to the place they occupied before they had to deal with Mr. Dupuis on that fateful night” says George.

Dupuis’ conditional sentence will run for 22 months, the first year under house arrest aside from going to work. The last 10 months include a 10 pm to 6 am curfew.

Two years of probation will follow. During his home confinement and probation Dupuis must take counselling, keep a job and not have any drugs or alcohol. He also can’t contact or go near the clerk, must pay back the \$260 he stole and is banned from having any weapons for life.

“You committed a serious crime and for that you should be ashamed of yourself. And I think you are. However you should not carry that with you forever,” said George.

“There is a path forward for you. You have shown that you can achieve sobriety... It will require hard work and you will have to dedicate yourself to this for the rest of your life.”

The Crown, David Rows, asked for up to a year and a half in jail saying “You have only to look as far as the victim impact statement to know and realize just how dramatic these events have been on the complainant.”

Bell, on the night of the accident, admitted “I probably shouldn’t have been driving.” Defence Lawyer Nick Cake says Bell was dealing with alcohol addiction and the morning after the crash threw out all the alcohol in her house and joined Alcoholics Anonymous. Cake says she’s been sober since that day.

“If Ms. Bell were to go into custody there are two children who would lose Mom... The entire family dynamic would be ripped apart,” Cake said.

Bell apologized during sentencing; “I failed my community, my family and everyone that day. Now that I realize I have a problem I am working hard everyday to put myself back on track. And I would like to continue doing that.”

Justice Anne McFadyen imposed an 18 month conditional sentence, the first half to be spent under house arrest and the second half under curfew. Two years of probation will follow. Bell is also banned from driving for three years. A civil suit against Bell by the injured woman is also pending.

Armed robber kicks addiction, avoids jail

Alex Kurial
Local Journalism Initiative

“This was as close a call as I’ve made in my 10 years on the bench.”

Sarnia Superior Court Justice Jonathan George looked across the bench at Trenton Dupuis and told him he was “just a hair away from stepping into custody today for a relatively lengthy period of time.”

“In the end I decided not to do that, but it was close.”

Dupuis, 28, had been found guilty by George of armed robbery at the Circle K on Finch Drive in Sarnia. Wearing a mask and wielding a knife he forced a clerk to hand over \$260 in lotto tickets.

Police found his discarded clothes and tested them for DNA and arrested Dupuis.

The Crown argued real prison time would “reflect the seriousness of what Mr. Dupuis did, taking into account his relative youth but also the fact that he is no stranger to the system.”

Dupuis has several prior convictions for drug and mischief crimes. George noted the weapon and disguise are aggravating and the clerk “must have been traumatized” by the incident.

The court heard Dupuis was addicted to fentanyl when the robbery took place. Defence Lawyer Ken Marley described the incident as a “very unsophisticated attempt... clearly done in an effort to secure drugs and support his addiction.” Since being arrested Marley says his client has made “dramatic efforts to address the underlying causes of his crime: his addiction.

“Incarcerating him will do not much more than to ensure that Mr. Dupuis slides back into the lifestyle he was leading.”

So George had to weigh Dupuis’ rehabilitation against sending a message this behaviour can’t be tolerated. “On the one hand committing a robbery, especially when armed with a weapon,

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

LCCVI students carved some interesting pumpkins for Petrolia’s Harvestfest, including this one of the Petrolia Library. The pumpkins have been donated to local long term care homes.

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Sports

Hockey night in Petrolia as Squires, Flyers host openers

The Independent

The Greenwood Recreation Centre will be a busy place this week with both the PJHL's Petrolia Flyers and the WOOA's Petrolia Squires hosting home openers on consecutive nights. The Flyers entertain Wheatley on Thursday at 7:30, while the Squires open a new senior season against Ripley on Friday night at 8:30. The Flyers are looking for their first win of the season after road losses in

Mooretown and Blenheim to open the regular season earlier this month .It'll be the first PJHL contest at Greenwood since the Flyers beat Amherstburg, 2-1 on Feb. 22, 2020 to force a seventh game in their first-round playoff series with the Admirals. Amherstburg went on to win game seven a night later. Meantime, a handful of players in the Flyers' lineup nearly 20 months ago will suit up for the Squires when they skate up against the Ripley Wolves on

Friday night. Ex-juniors Eric Marsh, Curtis Helps, and Jack Hackett have all joined the Craig Prudhom-coached Squires for the 2021-22 campaign. The senior squad hasn't been on home ice since a first-round playoff loss to Lucknow on February 7, 2020. The Squires were to have opened on the road in Lucknow last Saturday, but the game was postponed to Oct. 30 as both teams would have been short due to the league vaccination policy.

Flags tames Sharks in PJHL action at Mooretown

The Mooretown Flags scored three times on the power play on its way to a 6-3 win over Wheatley on Saturday at the Moore Sports Complex. The Flags are now 2-0 on the young PJHL season.

Greg Hay and Jake Vince led Mooretown with two goals and an assist each with Logan Gardner and Brock Barber scoring the others. Nathan King was the winning goaltender.

Mooretown is at home to Essex on Saturday at 7:30 before heading to Amherstburg and a road game against the Admirals on Sunday night.

Killer Bees lose second straight to Strathroy

Alvinston dropped to 0-2 in Western Ontario Super Hockey League action, bowing 3-1 to the Strathroy Jets on Saturday at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre. Grant Spencer had the lone goal for the Bees. The Jets and

Elora lead the league with 2-0 records. The Killer Bees make the short trek to Strathroy Friday for a rematch at 7:30 before returning home the next night to host the Tillsonburg Thunder.



Fulcher sent to minors by Wings

Kaden Fulcher will start the season with Toledo of the ECHL. He was assigned to the Walleye last week from the Detroit Red Wings training camp. Last season, with the Walleye not playing due to COVID, the Bridgen native was 2-2-3 with Grand Rapids of the American Hockey League with one shutout, a goals-against average of 2.84 and a save percentage of .905. Toledo plays two preseason games this weekend before opening the regular season at the Kalamazoo Wings on Oct. 23. The Wings are an affiliate of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Legionnaires on three game skid

Oil City's Carson Peer and ex-Petrolia Flyers Wil O'Leary-Dilosa scored for the Sarnia Legionnaires on Sunday afternoon in Chatham but it wasn't enough as the Maroons edged Sarnia, 3-2. The Legionnaires have now lost three straight games and are 2-4 on the season. Meantime, Ethan Everaert of Port Franks made his first GOJHL start for the Legionnaires last Friday in St. Marys. He turned aside 33 shots in a 4-1 loss to the Lincolns. The 17 year-old kicked out 15 of 16 shots last Thursday in a relief role in a 6-2 loss to Komoka. Sarnia's next home is Thursday against Strathroy.

Petrolia pitching elite

Regan Jacklin has been named to the U15 roster for an elite softball team that aims to create NCAA opportunities for its players. The 14 year-old LCCVI student and product of the Wyoming Lady Wranglers program will train twice a week with D1 Revolution in Woodstock. The team will play a tournament in Florida in early November and return to the sunshine state for spring training early next year.

Lancer Sr girls 1-1

LCCVI improved to 1-1 on the LKSSAA senior girls' basketball season with a 50-29 win over Chatham's John McGregor. The victory followed a 62-28 setback at the hands of Wallaceburg District to open the regular season. The Lancers play at Northern on Thursday at 7:15. In junior girls' hoops action, LCCVI lost to Wallaceburg and Dresden with Alaina Robinson leading the Lancers in the loss against LK with 13 points. In junior girls' soccer, St. Pat's blanked LCCVI, 6-nil. Wallaceburg dropped the Lancers to 0-2 in baseball with a 7-1 win and Pain Court swept North Lambton, 3-0 in junior boys' volleyball.

OUA REGIONAL WINS



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LCCVI grad Matt Mueller of the Western Mustangs went three-for-three at the OUA Regional tennis tournament in London. He and doubles partner, Shane Bulitka of Ilderton, won both their doubles matches over McMaster and Brock, while Mueller won his singles match against the Marauders. He was an alternate vs. Brock. Mueller was also part of a bronze-medal winning performance by his Mustang team at the recent 2020 national university championships in Toronto. The nationals were delayed a year by the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

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Stand with feet slightly wider apart than shoulders. Bend knees. Shift weight to the right leg. Reach down and across the body with left hand to touch right foot. Point right hand up to the ceiling. Keep back parallel to the ground. Shift weight to the left leg. Repeat 10 times on each side.

HIP FLEXOR STRETCH

Stand with feet shoulder width apart. Step forward with right foot into a lunge position. Right knee should be directly over the toes of your right foot. Keep left leg and back straight. Extend arms straight in front and bring palms together. Turn upper torso to the right, keeping pelvis and hips stationary. Hold for one second and repeat 10 times on each side.

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Aldene Gertrude Snider (nee Gadsby)

October 23, 1930 - September 6, 2021

Aldene Snider died peacefully in her continuing care home, surrounded by loving family and staff in Whitehorse, Yukon. Aldene was born on her family's farm near Oil Springs, Ontario, during the Great Depression.


Aldene attended Petrolia District High School in Petrolia, Ontario. She trained as a nurse at the Sarnia General Hospital in Sarnia, Ontario and graduated in 1953.

In 1955, Aldene left Ontario to move to the North where she fell in love with the people and her soon-to-be husband, Ken Snider. Aldene single-handedly ran the nursing station in Hay River, NWT in the mid-1950s and was later a public health nurse in Dawson City.

As a couple, Aldene and Ken lived and worked in many communities in the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan and the Yukon. They retired in Dawson City, Yukon in 1998. Aldene and Ken had a loving 55-year marriage until Ken died in 2013. In 2016, Aldene relocated to Whitehorse to be closer to family—and then moved into continuing care in 2017. Aldene was well-known for her sourdough pancakes. She made thousands of sourdough pancakes and countless cookies and pies for her family and her community.

Aldene is survived by her children: John, Peter, Hope, Grace (George), Paul (Christine), and Richard (Jody), her six grandchildren: Josh (Desiree), Jarvis (Shelby), Liam, Hailey, Rachel and Carter, her 3 great grandchildren (Markus, Kaden and Lileth), her sister Nancy, her niece Connie and her nephews Gary, Grant and Bryan. Aldene is predeceased by her husband Kenneth Snider, her father Watson Gadsby, her mother Gertrude Gadsby (nee Dawson), her infant brother Charles Gadsby, and her sisters Phyllis Gadsby and Mary Louise Piggott (nee Gadsby) and her brother-in-law Ross Piggott.

Aldene is buried beside her husband, Ken, in the Yukon Order of Pioneers Cemetery in Dawson City, Yukon.



JOHNSON

William Arthur "Bill"

William Arthur "Bill" Johnson, of Wyoming passed away peacefully at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia, at **85 years** of age. Bill is survived by his wife of 65 years Margaret (nee Kells). He will also be missed by his sons Brian (Marie), Dave (Sherry), Jamie, daughter-in-law Cathy, and Rob (Donna). He was a proud grandpa of twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Myrna (Orval) Redick and was predeceased by siblings Minerva (the late Everett), Elmer (Betty), and Don. Bill started William Johnson Construction in 1975 and continued to offer his knowledge at his 4 o'clock shop talks. He was a lifelong member of I.U.O.E. Local 793. Above all else Bill enjoyed having his family gathered around, particularly his grandchildren, and was always happy to share a drink with family and friends on any occasion. **A private service will be held with interment in Wyoming Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (ceehf.ca) of Sarnia and District Humane Society (www.sarniahumanesociety.ca). **Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home www.needhamjay.com.**

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...to the drivers in Petrolia who stopped for my loose dog crossing Petrolia Line and then waited until he was caught. Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Krieger

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.**

Help Wanted

Volunteer Opportunity

The **Petrolia & Enniskillen Agricultural Society** is looking for a volunteer to fill the position of **Treasurer**. A small monthly honorarium will be provided.

Contact:
Demi Krall, President
demikrall@gmail.com
http://petrolia-enniskillenfallfair.org



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

UNWANTED GUNS???
Properly Licenced Buyer
Guns, Cabinets, Estates,
Handguns
705-795-7516

Wanted

WANTED: Small dog for a very caring senior man. Apartment living but senior lives near a park where he will walk the dog. Call 519-491-1574.

Card of Thanks



We would like to thank everyone who took the time to come out to honour Sylvia Edgar's memory at her celebration of life. It was so great seeing you all, talking to you and sharing some stories and memories. Our family felt good seeing how many people love and respect our Mom as much as we do.
Mike & family

Answers to this week's


Sudoku

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4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728
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Death Notices

October 1 - October 10, 2021

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

BRAITHWAITE, Karen Lynn
Age 72
Smith Funeral Home

CHEVALIER, Gerald "Jerry"
Age 59
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

DEJONG, Janna Geesken
(n Froling)
Age 91
Smith Funeral Home

HAMILTON, Teana Eileen
Age 39
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

KAAL, Paulina Sophia
Age 89
Knight Funeral Home

NANNINI, Judy
Age 64
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

CLAXTON, Jack Brand
Age 71
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

MCLEAN, Pauline
(n Strangway)
Age 90
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

OLIVER, Darwyn
(n Dunne)
Age 64
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

ETTINGER, Nelson Murray
Age 75
Smith Funeral Home

KOZIOL, Mary
Age 92
Smith Funeral Home

MOORE, Jordan Christopher
Age 31
Smith Funeral Home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

HAMILTON, John "Hammie"
Age 74
Smith Funeral Home

KELLEY, Bronwen Estelle
(n Ross)
Age 83, of Sarnia
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

WORSLEY, Wayne Joseph
Age 70
Denning's of Forest

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

MACFARLANE, John "Jack"
Age 92
Smith Funeral Home

MCGREGOR, Margaret "Peggy"
Age 93
Smith Funeral Home

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

BELL, Nancy Marie
Age 80
Denning's of Forest

HOPE, Michael Nicholas
Age 65
Gilpin Funeral Home

JOHNSON, William "Bill" Arthur
Age 85, of Wyoming
Needham-Jay - Wyoming Chapel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

FORBES-ROBERTS, Lois
(n Bowles)
Age 87
Smith Funeral Home

WILLAN, Devin Clark
Age 58, of Sarnia
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

MINER, Bruce Allan
Age 69
Denning's of Watford

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

PORDAN, Steve
Denning's of Forest

INCH, Madra "Maidra" Doreen
(n Hunt)
Age 91
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

This information is provided as a community service.
For detailed information, please refer to the funeral home website listing.

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	CONTACT INFO
Oct 23	3:30pm	Watford	Watford Legion Fish Fry	
Oct 23	9am-4pm	Petrolia	Optimist Club of Lambton Central - Petrolia Outdoor Craft & Gift Show	
Oct 29		Forest	Poppy Campaign begins. Forest Legion Flag raising	
Oct 30	11am	Watford	Watford Legion Dart Tournament	
Nov 3	5-7pm	Alvinston	Hope United Church Drive Thru Turkey Supper advance tickets only call 519-847-5494 or email hopeunited1880@gmail.com	
Nov 7		Watford	Remembrance Brunch	
Nov 11			Remembrance Day Services	

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS

DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Mondays	7:00p	Watford	LEGION - Darts (starts Oct 18)	519-876-2360
Tuesdays	7:00p	Watford	LEGION - Euchre	519-876-2360
Thursdays	7:00p	Watford	LEGION - Cribbage	519-876-2360
Fridays	6:00p	Watford	LEGION - Meat Raffle & Catch the Ace	519-876-2360
Saturdays	2-4p	Petrolia	LEGION - Meat Raffle and 50/50 draws	519-882-1557
Saturdays	3:30p	Forest	LEGION - Meat Raffle with 50/50	519-786-5357
E/O Sat	4-6p	Oil Springs	LEGION - Meat Raffle and 50/50	519-834-2537
2nd Tues	7:00p	Sarnia	Lambton Br Ont Genealogical Society Meetings	519-339-8144

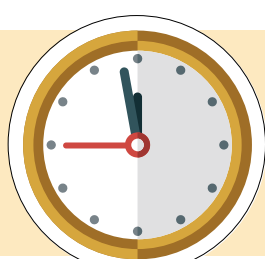
To have your event included in the above Calendar of Events the following information is required:

Date: _____
Time: _____
Town: _____
Event Title: _____
Phone # / website: _____

You can drop this off at our office or email the information to us at office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca

****Deadline for submitting free events is Mondays at noon.****

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414 Oil Street, Petrolia

Welcome Back!
In-person Church Services
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Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee
Church Office 519-882-1430
christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com

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

Pastor John MacIntosh

St. Paul's United Church

4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

In Person Services now taking place Sunday's @ 10:30am

Rev. Carey Wagner
Church Office: 519-882-1390
www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

First Baptist Church

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

IN PERSON CHURCH SERVICE
Sunday Mornings 10:30am

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

Wyoming United Church

730 Second Street, Wyoming

In Person Services taking place Sunday's @ 9:30 am

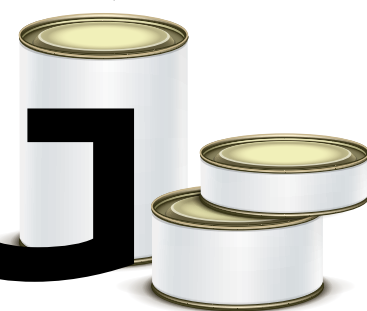
Rev. Steven Longmoore
Church Office 519-845-3963
wyoming_united@outlook.com

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Mac & Cheese (KD)
Canned Pasta (Zoodles, etc)
Instant & Canned Potatoes
Hamburger Helper
Flakes of Turkey, Chicken & Ham
Canned Salmon
Cookies, Social Crackers
Canned Vegetables
Pancake Mix (Just Add Water)
Syrup

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Multi-Surface Cleaners
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October 16, 2021
9 am - 3 pm

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