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PRETTY PUMPKIN



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Lily Thompson, 3, of Petrolia was concentrating on her pumpkin art at the Petrolia Lions Hall Sunday. The LEO Club offered children free pumpkins to paint and enter in their contest as Halloween approached.

Lambton teens will have to be double vaccinated for indoor sports

Heather Wright The Independent

Lambton Public Health is tightening the rules for teens heading into local arenas to play sports.

Lambton's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, says anyone 12 and over will now have to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to get into local arenas and sports facilities. The provincial guidelines allow teens between 12 and 17 to go into arenas and gyms for sports, even if they're not vaccinated. Coaches also will have to show proof of vaccination.

Ranade says this policy, which mirrors others in the region, provides an extra safe guard against the spread of COVID-19.

"If there's enough of a concern that

somebody who's 18, playing a recreational sport in an indoor setting should be vaccinated, then that concern also applies equally in terms of the clinical risk – the public health risks for a 17 year old and 16 year old, and so forth, all the way down to 12," says Ranade.

"As we move into the fall, and we move into more and more indoor activities, if the setting is something that is risky enough, like close contacts, then that should really apply to people who are known to spread the disease in the same way."

Ranade adds it's important to have the same policies as neighbouring communities, like London, who implemented the same policy earlier this month.

"We definitely want to avoid the rink shopping phenomenon, which is the idea that people who are largely unvaccinated will choose to move to other facilities that do not have the same requirements, resulting in the potential for increased transmission events, in places that do not have those requirements."

There will be some leeway for teens and coaches. The policy takes effect Oct. 31 but people will be able to show they have had one dose until the end of November "because there isn't enough time for somebody who decided now to get a dose to be fully immunized by the end of the month."

The move will not impact minor hockey as the Ontario association already required double vaccination to play. The changes are likely to affect other winter sports such as figure skating.

Loosley changes course on bid to reduce public input

Heather Wright
The Independent

Petrolia's mayor says the changes he's suggesting to the way council meetings work will not silence the public.

Brad Loosley defended his proposals at Monday's council meeting after several people voiced concern council was trying to stifle public input.

Among the changes Loosley wanted was to only have a meeting in August if necessary, to approve hearing each delegation by a vote of council, and remove one of two opportunities for the public to speak directly to council. A similar suggestion in 2018 was met with howls of protest. This time around, two residents worried it would remove public input. Former councillor, Liz Welsh, said in a social media post on the weekend some of the changes "created a barrier for participation."

Resident Norm Sutherland voiced his concerns at the meeting. "Our present council promoted a platform of transparency, openness, and good communication. I would say that these proposals are totally contrary to what was promised to us," he said.

But before council could even discuss the mayor's idea, Loosley dropped the plan to end one of the two opportunities for the public to speak and the requirement for delegations to be approved.

"At no time are these proposed amendments directed to remove public engagement. They are in fact to provide the public with strengthened engagement to council. If we are prepared in advance, we will be better situated to speak to their concerns," says Loosley.

And he admonished those who spoke out on social media against the changes prior to the meeting, saying they should have approached him to ask about his suggestions.

Members of council had some concerns about the mayor's proposals particularly going back to in-person council meetings only.

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Woman admits she killed Warwick man

Alex Kurial

Local Journalism Initiative

A 37 year-old woman admitted she killed a Warwick man in his home three years ago after a violent confrontation over his abuse of her sister.

Tina George, from Kettle and Stony Point, appeared by video in Sarnia Superior Court pleading guilty in the death of Jesse Storr. She was supposed to go to trial in December on a charge of second degree murder but plead guilty to manslaughter Friday.

Storr, 29, was found injured in his Egremont Road home the afternoon of April 29, 2018 but what actually happened in the chaotic, drug and alcohol-fueled confrontation came to light with Friday's guilty plea.

Storr was killed, according to Crown Attorney Melanie Nancekievill, after George plunged a steak knife into his chest following a violent domestic argument.

There was a long and rocky history between the victim and George. Storr had three children with one of George's sisters and – following a divorce – began dating another of her sisters.

Both relationships with George's sisters were described as "tumultuous," marred by both verbal and physical abuse. Storr's girlfriend at the time of his death says he was "abusive, controlling and threatened to kill her if she ever left him."

The root of Storr's issues were attributed to addiction. Growing up in Forest and Kettle and Stony Point, his family says he became addicted to cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamine and oxycodone while at Fanshawe College. Failed rehab attempts and an inability to keep steady employment marred the final decade of Storr's life.

Storr's addiction scarred his personal life, too. In addition to his divorce, Storr was convicted of assault in 2016 for throwing George down a flight of stairs during a fight. His father had kicked him out of the family home two months before his death. Storr's children all lived with their mother.

The day before his violent death, Storr, George and her sister were all getting along. They spent a Saturday night with some friends at various house parties and bars in Forest and Sarnia before returning home. The George sisters drank while Storr consumed cocaine and crystal meth as they partied until 9 am.

Storr woke up in the early afternoon and

began drinking. He went to wake up his girlfriend. That started an argument which quickly escalated. Storr beat and bit her, according to the statement of facts. The assault caused her eye to swell shut and bleed.

Storr told her to get out of his house. The woman got her sister, Tina, and said they had to leave. Seeing her sister's injuries, Tina George started yelling at Storr and the argument spilled outside.

Storr broke George's cell phone as she tried to call for help and ripped his girlfriend's shirt open before dragging her back inside.

He then pushed Tina down the front steps and slammed the door on her arm several times before she fought her way back inside. They continued to fight before separating. Storr sat next to his girlfriend and told her she was "not going anywhere."

George left the room briefly, her sister says she heard dishes rattling in the kitchen sink. George returned to the living room and before her sister could look up, she heard Storr exclaim "Ow, what the (expletive) Tina!"

The woman turned and saw Storr clutching his chest. Her sister had driven the steak knife into him and stabbed him another two times in the legs. Storr got up and managed a few steps before collapsing.

George's sister ran over and tried to treat the fatal wound. She called 911, Tina is heard on the call saying "I was scared... He had hurt me."

George's sister pointed her out to the officer as soon as he arrived. "She stabbed him!" she yelled and pointed at George.

"I had to do something, he was hurting us!" was George's reply.

Despite attempts by an OPP officer and paramedics, Storr couldn't be saved. He was pronounced dead at 3:04 pm, about half an hour after being stabbed.

Both sisters were taken to hospital and Tina George was brought to the Petrolia OPP station after being discharged.

After providing a statement George was released and has been out of custody since. Justice Bruce Thomas agreed to hear sentencing submissions, including an in-depth Gladue report which examines Indigenous background and the effects of trauma, when the case returns Jan. 7.

- THE INDEPENDENT

Warwick lifts COVID-19 state of emergency

Heather Wright

The Independent

Warwick Township is the first municipality in Lambton to end the State of Emergency declared when the pandemic began in 2020.

Mayor Jackie Rombouts brought the idea to council Monday.

"I believe that we have gotten to the point now where we can safely end the declaration that we are in emergency, based on the fact that we're over a year and a half out and the numbers are starting to plateau and, in my mind, declaration of emergency is something that's immediate and needs to be dealt with," Rombouts told councillors.

"I don't see this as being a huge thing; we're definitely going to still take this very seriously. I know the community is well educated now in the protocols."

Deputy Mayor Jerry Westgate agreed saying "It should be taken off now. We're not really in an emergency as far as I'm concerned: we haven't been for a while."

But there were detractors to the idea including Councillor Todd White. "I do see

that Lambton is becoming a hot spot. I'm concerned it's too early," he says. "We're going into the cold season. People have not been indoors yet... I just think you don't want to create a situation where it's going to get a lot worse because of a decision we've made in our own community."

Councillor Colin Mitchell was also concerned the province may not provide as much COVID-19 funding. Rombouts says there are municipalities across the province that never declared an emergency and still receive funding. Warwick just received an additional \$29,318 in COVID funding from the province this week.

Rombouts says Lambton has considered the move as well, but so far hasn't acted. And she says if need be, it can be reinstated.

"If we see this going in the wrong way we can declare it again, which would give us the opportunity to really enforce to our constituents how serious it's getting."

Administrators note even though the state of emergency has been lifted, all provincial health rules, including vaccine passports and masks, apply.



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*Minimum water rate = \$3.7955/m3

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- * Minimum sewer rate = \$3.5843/m3
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Minimum Water Charge:
up to 11 cubic metres monthly \$41.75 *

11.00001 to 57 cubic metres monthly 1.9663/m3

Over 57 cubic metres monthly 1.7183/m3

*Minimum water rate = \$3.7955/m3

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Minimum Sewer Rate: up to 11 cubic metres monthly \$39.43 *

11.00001 to 57 cubic metres monthly 1.8561/m3

Over 57 cubic metres monthly 1.6220m3

- * Minimum sewer rate = \$3.5843/m3 or
- ** Subject to rounding on billings.

Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia lose big \$ provincial funding

Heather Wright The Independent

There will be a lot fewer provincial dollars to spend in Brooke-Alvinston and Dawn-Euphemia again this

The province released the 2022 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grants Thursday and the two rural communities have lost thousands in funding. Brooke-Alvinston is out \$72,400, about 12 per cent of its \$594,100 grant. Dawn-Euphemia is out another \$41,900 – that's about 14.7 per cent of its \$285,400 grant.

For both municipalities to make up that cash, they'll have to raise municipal taxes between about oneand-a-half or two per cent.

"We're very disappointed in the ongoing reductions in funding to the municipal townships...The tax burden is being unfairly placed upon rural landowners on - the food production area of Ontario," says Brooke-Alvinston Mayor Dave Ferguson.

Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad echoed his comments. "We're extremely disappointed in the province and the Conservative government. They promised us when they were elected, that they will look at the funding,

The Independent

If your favourite restaurant seems a bit

Ontario started lifting health measures put

more crowded today, don't be surprised.

in place to stop the spread of COVID-19

will be a thing of the past by the end of

Friday saying vaccine passports and masks

Monday, the province lifted the capacity

limits on places where proof of vaccination

Personal care services, like hair salons and

is required, like restaurants, bars, casinos,

photography studios, fairs and amusement

parks could also open up to their regular

capacity if they put a proof of vaccination

system in place. Religious organizations and

wedding venues are also able to start a proof

bingo halls and indoor meeting spaces.

look at the formulas, obviously, their formulas are skewed.'

Broad says the province estimates each household's assessment is worth about \$663,000. The mayor has worried for years the value of the Dawn Hub of Enbridge - the biggest and most valuable landholding - is skewing the provincial numbers.

"We were pretty excited when the Conservatives got into power, they promised that they would review that information. And obviously they haven't - they just continued to knock us down," he says. "And unfortunately, some of the urban areas seem to be getting increases on what was originally a farm tax rebate program, it just doesn't make sense."

While the provincial funding has decreased, the need to fix existing roads and bridges grows. Ferguson says the federal and provincial government rarely offer special grants to fix bridges and roads. Usually, grants are aimed at improving recreational facilities or finding efficiencies.

"There's not a lot of new technology that can help us that can help us on gaining efficiencies, people still need the roads cleaned in the morning when they're

Proof of vaccination, masks out by end of March

heading off to work. They still need water coming through the pipes. They still need the basic services we as a municipality provide... There are very little efficiencies to find once you're past a certain point."

Broad agrees: "All we want is stable funding, something that we can sit there and say, 'five years from now, you know what, we're going to get this many dollars for the funding, let's go and put our budgets together accordingly.'

"But what they do is, they keep knocking back our own funding, they keep throwing some grant money out here and there, which is nice, don't get me wrong, we really appreciate it. But it doesn't sure help us with our long-term planning. It's just too unpredictable.

Broad believes the province has to look at a simpler way of providing operating funds such as giving a fixed dollar amount for every kilometre of roads in the province.

While many municipalities saw their provincial funding drop again, Enniskillen Township is actually getting about \$7,000 more. Over the years, Mayor Kevin Marriott says, the township has to "match it dollar-fordollar" with a tax increase. "So, finally, for once, we won't have to raise taxes to

By Jan. 15, Premier Doug Ford says all

the public health measures put in place early

time, proof of vaccination requirements may

passports and the indoor mask mandate will

'There have to be benefits for all the hard

in the pandemic will be lifted. And, at that

start to ease. Ford says if all goes well, the

work the people of Ontario have done,"

he told reporters adding "if we do not see

numbers in a stable place we are not going

If the number of COVID-19 cases begins

to rise, the province says restrictions like

capacity limits and adding settings where

proof of vaccination is required, could be

reintroduced locally by public health units.

Provincially, restrictions would only be in

be complete by the end of March.

capacity limits will be lifted and some of

make up for what we lost."

Marriott believes his municipality received a little more this year because the province allocated more cash for communities which were predominantly agriculture. Municipalities such as Dawn-Euphemia and Brooke-Alvinston didn't see the increase because the province is still removing transitional funding from them.

Marriott, who is now Lambton County's warden, added to the chorus of disappointments over the Conservatives failure to change the funding formula.

Marriott says it has been one of his municipality's biggest disappointments. "They were pretty adamant

about fixing mess and opposition, so I don't know who to blame more, the ones that caused it or the ones that won't fix it."

He's hoping at some point the province will revamp the funding, making it clear how it determines who gets what and fixing inequities.

Marriott points to the fact that Chatham-Kent, which has virtually the same population as Lambton but is an amalgamated regional government, receives \$20 million in OMPF cash in 2022. All the municipalities in Lambton combined receive just over \$9.6 million.

"To come up with \$20 million versus \$9.6 million? Nothing makes sense

because say we're within 10 per cent of Chatham-Kent's population. you know, that doesn't equate to 100 per cent more OMPF (funding)."

And while Ferguson agrees the formula needs to be changed, he doesn't think that will ever happen.

WHO GOT HOW MUCH

Brooke-Alvinston **♣**\$72,400 Dawn-Euphemia \$41,900

Enniskillen **†**\$7,000 Oil Springs \$4,400 Petrolia **↓**\$38,100

Plympton-Wyoming **†**\$33,300

St. Clair \$4,500 Warwick **†**\$13,700



This Month In Lambton

October 2021





One Book Lambton Returns with 2021-22 Pick

One Book Lambton, an initiative aimed to unite people around Lambton County by reading the same book, is returning for another year with a raw and affecting

In partnership with The Book Keeper, Lambton County Library is excited to announce the selection for One Book Lambton 2021-2022 is My Mother's Daughter by Perdita Felicien.

My Mother's Daughter by Perdita Felicien is available to borrow by using the online catalogue at Iclibrary.ca, through the Iguana Library app, or by calling or visiting a Lambton County Library location to reserve a copy. eBooks and eAudiobooks are also available to borrow through cloudLibrary, Libby or Overdrive using your library card.

One Book Lambton encourages residents of Lambton County to read the book this fall. Starting in January, One Book Lambton will be hosting various programs and events that explore themes of the book, culminating in an Author Talk next spring where Felicien will discuss the book and being an author.

Visit onebooklambton.ca and follow @LCLibraryca on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on upcoming programs and

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Applications for the Creative County Grant Program will be accepted online only at lambtononline.ca/creativecounty. The application period closes on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., Nov. 3, 2021 - Council Meeting 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., Nov. 17, 2021 -Committee A.M. & Committee P.M.

9:30 a.m., Nov. 24, 2021 - Council Meeting

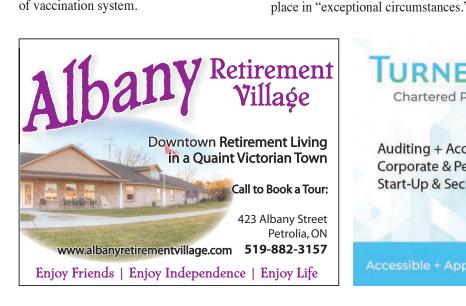
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Editorial

Too soon?

The Ontario government has given a timeline for the end of the pandemic.

After nearly 20 months of living in a perpetual state of COVID-19 restrictions, the province Friday outlined how it would begin ending the restrictions. Monday, restaurants and bars could open for as many butts as they can get into the seats in their business as long as they were following the vaccine passport rules.

It also gave places like hair salons the opportunity to work at full capacity as well, if they started asking their customers their vaccine status.

By Nov. 15, more so-called high risk locations will have capacity limits listed.

In January, the province plans to start lifting the chief medical officer of health directives like those found in long term care. And at that time, the proof of vaccination rules could also be lifted, including in restaurants and bars. By March 28, the vaccine passport rules and mask mandate will be removed.

It all sounds good; who wouldn't want to actually return to normal.

But, health experts are concerned; the first of the measures are being removed in the winter, when everyone is inside where the virus likes to spread - not a great time to take less precaution.

Also, placing time frames on when each COVID-19 measure is removed is more psychic than scientific. If we have learned anything in the last 20 months it is we can set timelines for COVID-19, however COVID-19 often has different plans.

It seems the timelines are more about political timing instead of good emergency planning. It should escape no one that the final restrictions - freeing Ontarians to live as they used to - are a little more than two months before a provincial election. The premier, we're sure, would love to be able to declare the pandemic over in Ontario as an election platform.

Other provinces have tried that; perhaps the premier should ask Jason Kenney, the premier of Alberta, how that worked out. Spoiler alert - not great.

We all want this to be over, but setting timelines which may or may not be met, will only serve at best to be demoralizing or at worst, cause more sickness and death in the name of politics.

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The silly season is starting and I don't think I can take it

I don't think I can handle the next year or so.

When I was a young journalist, an older, much wiser reporter described this time of the year as "the silly

We are about one year - give or take - away from both a provincial and municipal election and for politicians, it is the time to start getting noticed by the electors.

So, some politicians posture and propose preposterous ideas, pontificate on the state of the community, the province, the world in general, all in a bid to start showing voters they're competent leaders. And some are. Others, well...

The premier's outline for ending the pandemic is an example of this. Everyone wants this pandemic to be over.

People don't understand the vaccinated are still masked up. The premier knows this, so he laid out a plan to demonstrate the pandemic is on the way out, just in time for the election.

I'm wondering if that's going to come back to bite him in the "back" as the premier likes to say. If we know anything about COVID-19, it's that it outstays its welcome and it could again.

Closer to home, municipal politicians are watching the calendar and gearing up for their push for re-election by trying to say all the right things - or at least the things they feel are the right

The one I can't figure out though is Petrolia Mayor Brad Loosley's bid to change the way council meetings are run. He's been tinkering with the

format of meetings since he was elected - I figure it is the clerk in him.

But these cosmetic changes, like reading motions aloud or adding more formality to the meetings, are mere window dressings of democracy.

Here's my two cents worth, should

any politicians care, voters re-elect people who are sincere, who listen when they have a problem and do something about it. Voters don't want a year of posturing, they want action right up till election day.



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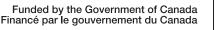
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OIL SPRINGS HOUSE OF HORRORS



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Trick or treaters will be in for a frightening surprise in Oil Springs this year. The owner of this main street building has tricked it out with every scary item possible, including a spider which leaps out at passers-by.

Petrolia compost transfer fees going up in 2022

The Independent

Come 2022, Petrolia residents will pay more for using the new compost transfer station.

The Maude St. facility was reopened four years after council first shut it down. The Ministry of the Environment ordered it to make changes to the way the town was operating the site. Staff at the time suggested the MOE wanted a fence erected around the large property, although the ministry orders did not state that.

During the 2018 election, several of the candidates, who are now councillors, promised to reopen the site. That finally happened this year, although it has become a drop off point instead of the centre which once created its own compost to sell. Residents, who for the previous three years had paid a \$20 fee to use a transfer station operated by Waste Management, were able to use the site for free this year.

Monday, council reviewed the fee schedule for 2022, and Councillor Ross O'Hara noted the town wanted to now charge people \$30 a year for the service.

That didn't sit well with him and asked for the fee to be lowered to \$25 for a one year pass.

Councillor Grant Purdy agreed. "We don't want to discourage people from using it," he told fellow council-

lors.

Town staff says this year there were about 370 free passes handed out. The previous year, 250 residents paid the \$20 fee.

"When it was free, the numbers were up. But, you know, then when we charge they were down lower. So we want to make sure that we don't discourage people.," says Purdy.

"We still have to have some sort of revenue, but we also don't want to discourage people from using it by too high of a price."

Council agreed with the idea. The fee schedule won't be finally passed until budget. Council begins that discussion Friday at 9 am virtually.

Four month at home sentence after Corunna man attacks police

Alex Kurial

Local Journalism Initiative

A Corunna man received 120 days confinement for attacking an OPP officer during a domestic call last year.

But since Michael Clayton, 42, was granted a conditional sentence he'll be able to serve the time at home with a curfew.

OPP officers were called to the Ashwood Court home every few months Justice Anne McFadyen heard. Clayton's mother and brother often called police when Clayton would drink and become combative. He'd been arrested on multiple occasions and always struggled with police and paramedics.

On Feb. 23, 2020, they called again after Clayton tried to fight his brother. He'd also taken several sleeping pills. The responding officer was met by a hostile Clayton who shoved him into a closet after he called for paramedics.

The officer hit Clayton several times in the face and wrestled him to the ground. In response Clayton spat in his eye temporarily blinding him.

Clayton then ordered his dog

to attack the officer, which it did. The officer's partner came inside and fended off the dog while the original officer finally brought the confrontation to an end by tasering Clayton multiple times.

"I would never intentionally put my hands on an officer. I was going through a mental health crisis and have no recollection of that day," says Clayton after hearing a retelling of the incident in court Oct. 25.

"I had no malicious intent... I do take responsibility and I do apologize for that," he says.

Clayton also admitted to a bail breach and later a mischief charge resulting from another family dispute in April this year. After police removed him from his mother's home he threatened the officer and was taken to the Sarnia police station. Clayton, who was highly intoxicated, then urinated all over his cell while giving the finger to a surveillance camera.

"These offences and his criminal record indicate someone with a long standing problem with alcohol. And he does not deny that," says Defence Lawyer Luigi Perzia. He says Clayton

suffered a head injury in a car accident years ago leading to depression, anxiety and alcohol addiction.

Perzia wanted a sentence which would help deal with his addiction and drive home the seriousness of the attacks.

Crown Attorney Nila Mulpuru says Clayton's criminal record – which includes prior convictions for assault, uttering threats and resisting arrest – was a main factor in pursuing a lengthier sentence. And he hasn't taken any recent steps to address his alcohol

But Mulpuru noted he still has his mother's support and seems "prepared to take this conditional sentence and probation order seriously and use it as an opportunity to meaningfully address these long standing issues he has."

McFadyen accepted the 120 day home sentence followed by 12 months probation. Both include the counselling terms along with several people and places Clayton can't contact or go near. He'll be off curfew for probation but must submit DNA and observe a five year weapons ban.

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QUAD STRETCH
Stand with back to a wall or the rink boards.

Kneel onto right knee (use a pad for cushioning) with right foot flat against a wall. Left knee should be bent in front of you at a 90-degree angle for support. Place hand on left knee for balance and lean back slightly to stretch right quad muscle. Hold the stretch for ten seconds. Switch legs and do three stretches on each side.

GLUTE STRETCH Sit on the ground with one leg slightly bent behind and one leg slightly bent in front. Lower chest toward knee keeping back straight and holding chin up. Hold the stretch for 10 seconds. Switch legs and repeat three times on each side.

HIP STRETCH Lay on back with knees bent and feet flat apart on the floor slightly more than shoulder width apart. Lower right knee to the floor and place left ankle on top of it pushing the knee towards the ground. Keep hips on the floor. Hold the stretch for 10 seconds. Switch sides and do three stretches on each side.

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PW park to double as drainage

Heather Wright The Independent

Can a stormwater holding pond double as a park? One developer says yes, and he's about to move forward with a plan in Plympton-Wyoming.

The developers of Errol Woods subdivison want to give the town about three acres of land for parks in the area. It would double as a place for stormwater to go in the case of heavy rainfall.

BM Ross and Associates, who represented the developer, says many communities, including Byron in London, are creating passive parks which can be used to hold excessive amounts of rain. In Byron, a soccer field doubles as a dry stormwater pond. In Toronto, baseball diamonds are built to ac-



A concept drawing of the Errol Woods park which will double as an area for storm water run off.

commodate rainfall. All the parks have signage warning users that the park will flood in heavy rain.

Plympton-Wyoming councillors were skeptical about the move, but after seeing artist renderings of a path which would lead around the area in Errol Woods, they agreed to move ahead with the plan. The developer is expected to spend about \$105,000 to create the park.

Petrolia council needs more time

Councillor Wade Deighton says the electronic meetings have allowed more people to participate in local government. "I believe we still should continue with the Zoom meetings, regardless whether we go back into council chambers or not. I believe it has allowed opportunities for people to take part when they're not able to come." Councillors Joel Field and Don Welton agreed, with Welton adding it was nice to be able to be at a council meeting without coming home from his cottage.

Councillors asked for time to review the changes and plan to discuss the issue again later this year.

WINDOW SHOPPING



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Downtown Petrolia was filled with people looking for unique crafts Saturday as the Petrolia/Lambton Optimist hosted their annual Christmas Craft Show. The club opted to host the event at the Petrolia Farmers' Market this year instead of the Y due to COVID-19 restrictions. The plan worked, with hundreds of people filing past dozens of booths around the market offering everything from cold cuts to stain glass and Santas galore. Councillor Joel Field quipped there was actually a traffic jam downtown Saturday because of the show.







Trick-or-Treat
SAFETY TIPS

1. Stick to familiar,
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visibility.



sections, whenever possible. Stick to the sidewalk, if there is one, and don't weave back and forth across the street.

5. Use an LED candle or flashlight to light your jack-o-lantern rather than candles.

street at cross-

walks and inter-

3. Plan a trick-or-treating route and stick to it.4. Don't allow children to



go trick-or-treating alone.

Younger children should

always been accompanied

by an adult. Older children

should always trick-or-treat

in a group.





Near fatal mistake in Port Franks leads to jail

Alex Kurial

Local Journalism Initative

A near fatal misunderstanding has ended with a drug user being sentenced to 24 days in jail.

Kevin Glassco was in Sarnia Court Oct. 13 to explain the near deadly situation after a woman took a drug she believed to be marijuana. In reality it was fentanyl and the resulting overdose nearly claimed her life.

"I know what I did was completely stupid and I'll definitely make sure it never happens again," he says while pleading guilty to fentanyl possession. Justice Krista Leszczynski accepted a joint position for a 24 day jail sentence.

The 32 year-old Glassco is no stranger to the courts. He'd "frequently come into police attention, largely due to behaviour resulting from opioid drug use," says Crown Attorney Brian Higgins during a reading of the facts.

Glassco was on bail and living at his father's Port Franks home last October when the elder Glassco called OPP to help remove his son when he couldn't deal with his "increasingly unmanageable behaviour" any longer.

Glassco, hearing the call, scooted next door and dropped off a bandana full of items at the neighbour's house. The woman living there, whom Glassco knew, took the package inside. Assuming it was marijuana she ingested

the drug and immediately passed out. The marijuana turned out to be the far more powerful fentanyl. Her husband returned home and called paramedics. After several doses of naloxone they managed to revive the woman.

She was taken to hospital where she spent time recovering from the ordeal.

Her husband went outside and gave Glassco a beating.

Police finally arrived in the early evening and arrested Glassco.

Given what happened Justice Krista Leszczynski wanted an explanation for the short sentence – which is already covered by time served – and why a trafficking charge wasn't pursued.

"The situation that occurred here was very concerning but was not within the spirit of... trafficking," says Higgins.

"It was a very dangerous and reckless thing Mr. Glassco did, and I suppose it was somewhat dangerous and reckless what the individual who smoked the substance did as

Higgins says the Public Prosecution Service has been recommending most simple possession charges be withdrawn entirely, especially in cases of addiction.

"But because there was an individual who nearly incurred serious harm... that is considered a serious manifestation," says

Higgins.

Defence Lawyer David Stoesser adds his client has been in counselling and rehab since being arrested.

"I've been learning pretty good ever since then," says Glassco.

"I've been trying to make the right steps in life to ensure that this doesn't happen again and I can stay away from substance problems and problems arising because of them."

The justice was still concerned.

"What is very aggravating in this set of circumstances is that it would appear you deliberately exposed another person to that dangerous substance and that person as a result suffered what was described as an unanticipated physical reaction to that and required hospitalization," says Leszczynski.

The justice says the sentence "may be on the light side given what transpired" but accepted the joint submission.

"I truly do wish you the very best in terms of your recovery and rehabilitation efforts," she says.

Glassco is now on probation for 12 months. He cannot contact the woman and her family.

He also has to continue taking substance abuse counselling.

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living room, with hardwood floors, 1-1/2 baths, updated windows, central air and an energy efficient propane gas furnace. The lower level is unfinished with plenty of potential to add your finishing touches for family fun and recreation. There is a deck at the rear of the home to sit and observe farm fields as far as the eye can see. MLS

Demo derby draws hundreds to Alvinston



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Fans of demolition derbies didn't mind the inclement weather. They flooded around the demolition derby ring at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre to watch over 66 cars and trucks take turns hammering other people Saturday afternoon. The event was planned as part of the Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair weekend, however it was rained out. Saturday, there were a few sprinkles but it didn't stop people from enjoying the competition.







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Mid 2022 opening likely for new East Lambton Community Complex

Heather Wright
The Independent

The skeleton of the much anticipated East Lambton Community Complex is already up but that didn't stop Warwick Township officials from marking the beginning of the project which has been in the works since 2017.

The council of the day received a report which laid bare the poor condition of the main community gathering spot – Centennial Hall.

The conversations began about what could replace the hall. The plan eventually morphed to a new community hall attached to the Watford arena.

It will be able to host events for more than 400 people and it will have something never anticipated at Centennial Hall – a recreational centre which will be run by the YMCA.

Members of council, contractors, members of the building trades, community groups and staff marked the beginning of construction Friday.

The outdoor ceremony featured an announcement of the first significant gift to the \$2 million fundraising campaign for the \$11.1 million complex. The Watford Rotary pledged \$25,000 to the capital campaign which is now in the "quiet phase."

Construction actually began in the arena in May.

Theresa Klachan, parks and recreation manager, says enough work has been completed that arena users are back in the building, although capacity is limited right now.

Klachan says hockey families will notice some changes.

The foyer has been opened up to make way for space for people to sit with their electronic devices and work if they need to, skate tile has been laid throughout the building, and there is a platform for people with accessibility issues to sit and watch the game.

Everything has a fresh coat of paint and Klachan says by the end October, the public washrooms will be complete.

By the end of November or early December, the three dressing rooms will be improved and a new universal dressing room will be ready for this years' edition of Silver Stick.

Klachan says there have been delays in the project because of supply chain issues. The public washrooms aren't available yet because the partitions haven't arrived yet.

And the construction of the multi-purpose room is behind schedule.

"We were waiting for steel," she says. "But things are moving along pretty good." Klachan says they were hoping to open the building in the spring, but it may be in the



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

A welder works on the roof of the new community centre Friday which will be attached to the Watford Arena.

summer instead.

It's not a big issue to Mayor Jackie Rombouts. She was a councillor when the planning began for the new building and she's excited to see the building take shape. "I

think our staff are doing a fantastic job dealing with the punches and pressing forward," she says.

"It's completely overwhelming and so heartwarming to see it actually coming together and to see the building starting to be framed. And yeah, it's wonderful to be at this stage of the project, with how long we've been working on this. So it's just fantastic to be able to see it come to life."

Petrolia a vaxx bus stop

Heather Wright
The Independent

There will soon be more ways to get a COVID-19 vaccine in Lambton.

Lambton's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, says public health will be offering walk in vaccine clinics at the Lambton Mall on Saturdays and he says a GO Transit Bus equipped as a mobile vaccine clinic will be making its way around Lambton in late October.

The converted Metrolinx bus has been travelling across the province in an effort to make vaccines accessible for all Ontarians. Each GO-VAXX bus operates as a fully functioning vaccine clinic, with the necessary supplies and trained staff to provide assistance to people and ensure vaccines are administered safely.

The bus will be at the Lambton Mall Oct. 29 from 1 pm to 7 pm, Oct. 30 at the Food Basics parking lot from 11 am to 5 pm, the Moore Sports Complex Oct. 31 from 11 am to 5 pm and the Petrolia Farmers Market Nov. 1 from 11 am to 5 pm.

The moves come as the number of people fully vaccinated against the virus inches toward 80 per cent of the population

Public health says 79.1 per cent of people over 12 are fully vaccinated and Ranade says about 100 people a day are being vaccinated right now.

The medical officer of health is hopeful that will be enough to stop the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant.

"Although the Ontario numbers are coming down, and that is reassuring, I think we have an ongoing question about the next couple of months and whether or not 80 per cent is sufficient to avoid a significant strain on the health care system." Ranade told Lambton County councillors Oct. 20.

system," Ranade told Lambton County councillors Oct. 20. "I don't have a clear answer on whether or not the coverage is sufficient to do that.

"It's possible that what will happen if there will be a minor strain on the system and we'll have averted a major strain on the system; that's my best guess at this point."



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216

Legion Poppy Campaign



On Friday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m., the Petrolia Legion's Poppy Campaign will kick off with the flag raising ceremony at the Petrolia Legion at 4129 Glenview Rd, Petrolia. The Poppy Campaign is the only national event of the Royal Canadian Legion and is held yearly from the last Friday in October until Nov. 11.

Poppy boxes will be distributed to all the local stores and business as in the past however due to covid-19 restrictions many events have been canceled.

All wreaths for veterans and local businesses will be pre-placed at the cenotaph on November 7th and there will be a small service at the cenotaph on November 11th.

The executive, members and veterans of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 216 in Petrolia want to thank you for your continued support and invite you to stop by the cenotaph throughout the upcoming Poppy campaign to remember those that gave so much for the







Sports

EYES ON THE PRIZE



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Jalyn Jackson heads to the net for the LCCVI Lancers against the Great Lakes Wolfpack. The Lancers kept pace with the Pack until the fourth quarter, posting LCCVI's third loss of the season with the 52-38 score.

Alvinston's Redick wins softball crown

Barry Wright

The Independent

Sydney Redick and her Durham College Lords are 2021 OCAA women's softball champions.

The Oshawa school beat Windsor's topranked St. Clair College, 8-7 in nine innings in the final Saturday afternoon in Windsor.

Redick, a league all-star from Alvinston, was the starting pitcher for the Lords in the title tilt.

She went four innings, allowing four hits and three unearned runs.

Over the course of the championship weekend, she made three appearances recording a win and a save.

She only allowed one earned run over 11

innings, while striking out ten and walking

She pitched two innings of scoreless relief in a 5-4 win over St. Clair in the semifinals and drove in an insurance run with a sac fly in a 5-3 win over Humber, both last Friday.

Durham, with Redick on the mound, beat Seneca, 11-1 Thursday to begin its championship run of four straight victories.

Meantime, Watford's Jenna McLean and her Fanshawe teammates lost 2-1 to Conestoga in the first round Thursday and were eliminated.

Despite being held hitless in three plate appearances at the provincials, McLean had a solid rookie season, hitting .415 with a homer, six runs scored, a stolen base and 18 RBI in 15 games.

Petrolia's Mueller helps Stangs to championship

Barry Wright

The Independent

Petrolia's Matt Mueller won the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) tennis championship with a convincing victory over the University of Toronto last weekend in the Forest City.

Mueller, an LČCVI grad, won his singles

match in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2 and his doubles match, 8-5.

Western won six of seven matches to claim the provincial title for the third straight season.

Mueller and the Mustangs were third in the recent CIS national tournament in Edmonton that was delayed from last year due to COVID.

Lancers 3-1 in Sr. boys volleyball this season

The LCCVI senior boys squad rallied from two sets down to beat the John McGregor Panthers in five sets Monday at the Petrolia gym. After the Panthers went up 2-0 with 25-18 and 25-19 wins, the Lancers won 25-21 and 25-13 to force a decisive set which

the Lancers won 15-13. Both teams are now 3-1 on the season. LCCVI had swept Great Lakes in straight sets last week.

Meantime, the junior boys also improved to 3-1 with three-set sweeps of Great Lakes and John McGregor.

Flyers still looking for first win

Andrew Jaques' second goal of the game with less than two minutes to play in regulation time lifted the Petrolia Flyers to a 3-3 overtime tie with the Wallaceburg Thunderhawks in PJHL action.

Phoenix Timmington had the other Flyer goal. Noah Harse added two assists.

Tyler Richardson made 42 stops for Petrolia as the home team outshot Wallaceburg, 51-45. The Flyers, 0-3-2 on the season, welcome the struggling Blenheim Blades to the Greenwood Thursday at 7:30. Petrolia travels to Essex next Tuesday.



The Village of Oil Springs

Public Works and Roads Department

Invites applications for the position of

Permanent Part-Time Labourer

The successful candidate will work under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works and will perform road and public works duties as required.

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The position starts Nov 15th, 2021(or possibly sooner). Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume by Friday, November 5th, 2021, outlining experience, education, and skills to:

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Obituaries



DUNCAN

Holly Ione

DUNCAN, Holly Ione - It is with deeply saddened hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Holly Ione Duncan (nee Phillips) on October 21st, just thirteen days before her 82nd birthday. We aré forever thankful for the opportunity to have been loved by such a kind hearted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Holly was born in Regina, Sas-katchewan. She spent her younger years growing up in the town of Petrolia, and often told us how

she had to walk from the east end to the west end, either to go to school or to work at Tobias'. Holly ventured out of town with her best friend and husband, John, to try out life on the farm. John was able to convert Holly to living out in the country and together they created many wonderful memories raising their family. Holly enjoyed road trips in the motor home, drives along the river and stops for ice cream – particularly strawberry flavour. Anyone who knew her could tell you that her favourite colour was pink, and only she could pull off painting the kitchen fuchsia. She always found her way to Sunday morning church service and especially enjoyed bible study group. She loved music, and could often be found dancing along to her favourite tunes. Her quick wit always guaranteed to put a smile on your face and she was one of the most caring individuals we had the pleasure of having in our lives. Family was dear to Holly's heart, and whether it was a card hand delivered to your doorstep or an extra kiss on the cheek, she always found a way to make each of us feel loved. We know she will be smiling, and pass on a hello from all of us, as she reunites with her loving husband of 58 years, John Duncan. Holly is the devoted mother to Mike (Cathy) Unsworth, Reg (Lisa) Duncan, Rod Duncan, Wendy (Rick) O'Hara, Kevin (Jenny) Duncan and Kayleen (Pete) Clubb. Grandma to Derek, Danny, David (Sabrina) and the late Chad Unsworth, Meghan and Tabitha Duncan and Jacob and Jessica Munday, Jason (Christie) and Nicole (Josh) Duncan, Janessa (Matt) and Jaelyn O'Hara and Duncan and Eric Clubb. Great grandma to Kaylyn, Ava, Autumn, Austin, Rylee and Jameson. Holly is survived by her brother, and great friend, Randy (Vinetta) Phillips and by sibling in laws Jackie (Sam) Kay, Rick (Cheska) Duncan, Alice Duncan, Don Metcalfe and Kathy Duncan. Holly is predeceased by her parents, Harwood and Mabel Phillips (nee Young), and by siblings Barry Phillips and Paul (Sophie) Phillips and by sibling in laws Kenneth Duncan, Betty (Bill) Hackett, Don Duncan, Merlyn – 'Pork' (Ann) Duncan, Shirley Metcalfe, Jean (Bob) McDonald, Doug Duncan and Ralph Duncan. Holly leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and cherished friends and neighbours who will miss her visits, warm smile and cheerful laugh. A heartfelt thanks to Dr. Leonard and the staff at CEE hospital of Petrolia for taking such wonderful care of Holly over the past week. A grateful thank you to Rev. Deanna Gibson from Brigden United Church for coming to visit Holly and taking the time to chat with her. We hope you know just how fond of you she was. As Holly would always tell us, it is never a goodbye - just a see you later. A private family visitation and service will take place at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, Brigden with interment to follow at Hillsdale Cemetery, Petrolia. Sympathy may be expressed through donation to C.E.E. Hospital Foundation ceehf.ca/ or Brigden United Church. (Cheques mailed to funeral home). Memories and condolences may be sent online at www. steadmanbrothers.ca. Steadman Brothers 519-864-1193.



ROSE Tina Bess Mari (Rochon)

Tina Bess Mari Rose (nee Rochon) passed away suddenly at C.E.E. Hospital in Petrolia on Friday, October 22, 2021, at 55 years of age. Tina will be missed by her husband of seven years Michael Rose. She was the proud mother of her son Justin Tuckey and his partner Courtney Mae Sisson and her daughter Taelor and her husband Scott Simmons. Tina was a smitten "Nana" to Austin Tuckey and Sawver Simmons. She will be deeply missed by her siblingsGary

(Valerie) Rochon, Cheryl Rochon, Tracy (David) Elliott, and Wendy (Lyle) Vye. Tina was predeceased by her parents Marcel and Joyce Rochon, her brother Genie, and her sister Michelle. She is a proud member of the Rose family, including her father-in-law the late Bob Rose, sister-in-law Barb and Bill Freer and brother-in-law Dave and Paula Rose. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and many cherished friends. Tina enjoyed many things in her life, spending time camping and enjoying a beer around the campfire. Her favourite time of year was Christmas. She put much love into her Christmas decorations and crafting gifts for her family. Her most cherished spot was the farm where she resided with her loving husband and beloved pets. An open house will be held at their farm at 4152 LaSalle Line, Petrolia on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 1 to 4 p.m. Please wear a mask as COVID restrictions still apply. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation (www.heartandstroke.ca). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home www.needhamjay. com.

Obituaries



SCHENK Kevin

Kevin was the youngest of John and Willy Schenk's seven children, born July 27, 1968, on his sister Barb's 4th birthday. During his life Kevin was a giver and teacher of love, compassion and forgiveness. One of his favourite songs was Amazing Grace, and he was an example of how to live fully and gracefully with the limitations and gifts he had. Kevin died on October 19, 2021 at Meadowview Villa in Petrolia, Ontario. He was assured he would be greeted in heaven by those who went before, including

his mother Willy Schenk/Bos (2005), father John Schenk (2016) and oldest niece Melanie (2018). Kevin will be dearly missed by his only brother William (Diana), and sisters Cathy (Steve), Margaret, Yvonne (John), Sharon (Sid) and Barb (Glenn). Kevin cared about every one of his 20 nieces and nephews, their spouses, and their children. In his early 20's Kevin moved into a supported independent living home in Sarnia where he was richly blessed by the support of his Christian Horizons family. Kevin counted on and trusted staff. Special people in his life were his house 'brothers' Raymond (who is waiting in heaven) and Daryl. Staff and family were always being introduced to new friends in Kevin's huge circle. There are too many for us to know, but each one's contribution to Kevin's live was valued. Kevin's lifelong participation in his community has been astonishing and admirable. When living in Wyoming he went to High Hopes Nursery School, was supported by Lambton County Developmental Services, a member of Wyoming Christian Reformed Church, a 4H member, went to Wyoming Public School and then LCCVI, and participated in Special Olympics. In Sarnia, Kevin's community involvement with Christian Horizons included fundraising on Team Hoyt in the Ride for Refuge, and from Christian Horizons he received the Award of Excellence (2015) and Award for Community Participation (2019). For many years Kevin was a person with lived experience on the Board of the Sarnia Association for Community Living and he enjoyed going to their monthly dances. Kevin held part time jobs at the Dutch Market and Stokes Restaurant. He was politically active in election campaigns, a member and helper at Sovereign Grace Community Church, and he met weekly with the Full Gospel Businessman Fellowship. He attended the annual Mayor's Breakfast. Being a helper for baseball was a highlight of his summers. Kevin attended meetings at Sarnia Legion Branch 52, and he routinely cheered on the Legion's Pipe and Drum band, the same band who played at Kevin's epic 50th birthday party. If heaven provides everything he loved in this life, Kevin will be sitting in a comfortable chair in a Dutch tulip field, wearing an orange shirt, drinking a cup of black coffee, eating donuts and Dutch mocha cake, working on his paperwork, watching a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game, and endlessly talking on his phone to family and friends. A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 24, 2021 at 11:30 am and can be viewed at www. facebook.com/NeedhamJay. Interment was in Wyoming Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Christian Horizons (www.christianhorizons.org). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home www.needhamjay.com.



HODGINS Robert Edward

Hodgins, Robert Edward passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, **Oc**tober 21, 2021 at Fiddick's Nursing Home, Petrolia. Robert was 80 years of age. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Marilyn (nee Johnson) for 57 years. He was the loving and proud father of his daughter Marnie and her husband Jamie Majeski, and also a devoted grandfather to his treasures lex and Sophia Majeski. Robert was the son of the late Bernard

and Evelyn Hodgins and was the brother of Jim (Ellen) Hodgins, the late Garry (Linda) Hodgins and the late Betty Jean Hodgins (1939). He was also the son-in-law of the late William and Margaret Johnson and a brother-in-law to the late Kenneth (Gale) Johnson, Doris (the late Robert) Gilkes, and Catherine (the late Allen) Cook, John (Shirley) Johnson, and Ruth (the late Moe) Eskritt. Robert joined his father and brother working as a pipefitter for Local 663. And aside from his family, Robert's loves included his family farm in Wyoming, and his 1965 Lincoln Continental convertible. He enjoyed attending car shows with his best friends and his brother Garry. He also was a longtime season ticket holder to the Sarnia Sting. Robert's family would like to thank the Central Lambton Family Health Team, Dr. Leonard, the staff of Continuing Care C.E.E.H. Petrolia and Fiddick's Nursing Home. A funeral Service was held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. from the Needham-Jay Funeral Home Wyoming Chapel, 650 Broadway St., Wyoming. Interment was in Wyoming Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Diabetes Canada (www.diabetes.ca) and Wheels of Hope through the Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer. ca). Memories may be shared at www.needhamjay.com.

Obituaries



GREEN

Ann (Annie) Marie

June 18, 1956 - October 23, 2021

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we announce Annie's peaceful passing at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia on Saturday evening. Annie is survived by her children, Jessica Abraham of Fort McMurray and Geoffrey Abraham of Petrolia; sisters Cheryl (David) Brown of London and Jan (Moy Sr.) Sutherland of Port Alberni BC, and brother Tom Green of Petrolia. She is the cherished grandmother of Liam and Roan Holland and Taten

MacDougall. Annie was predeceased by her parents Marg and Dr. Bob Green of Petrolia. Being born and raised in Petrolia, Annie was a proud Hard Oiler. As a young adult she moved to the Calgary area where she lived and worked for many years. She returned to her family home in Petrolia almost twenty years ago and helped take care of her parents. Annie lived life to the fullest through enjoying simple pleasures. Her activities, personal travel and her social media interests led Annie to develop many wonderful friendships as well as keep in regular contact with family members scattered around the world. One of her favourite pastimes was scouring local yard sales, auctions and resale stores for collectibles which she turned into a successful EBay business. Annie was also a talented photographer whose passion was recording breathtaking images of the full moon. Many dear friendships were developed through her local volunteer work, especially those at the St. Vincent de Paul shop in Petrolia. Annie adored her birds, which could always be heard squawking in the background and her cats. She was happiest gardening, canning and feeding her family, friends and the local wild life. Her nieces, nephews and grandchildren enjoyed spending evenings with her around a bonfire sharing stories, roasting marshmallows and identifying the constellations. Cremation has taken place. A public celebration of Annie's life will be held at a future date. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at CEE for their exceptional care and kindness. In lieu of flowers Annie would prefer that you support your local branch of the Canadian Legion, local charities or the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www. ceehf.ca). Annie encourages you to buy local, support your community and to feed the neighbourhood birds.

"We see you horseback riding, your manes lifting in the air. On wide open prairies where the fields are so fair. So many family and friends now to greet you, on your journey home. You are loved, you are healed, you will never stand alone. You've worked long, loved hard and left your wisdom behind."

Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home www.needhamjay.com



INCH Maidra Doreen

INCH, Madra (Maidra) Doreen - Peacefully at Lambton Mead-owview Villa, Petrolia Ontario on Saturday, October 9, 2021 in her 92nd year, with her son at her side. Beloved wife of the late Er-nest Grant Inch. Loving mother of Lois (Clayton) Driver of High River, Alberta, Bill (Cathy) Inch of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Jack (Judy) Inch of Wyoming, Ontario. Grandmother to Laura Driver of Calgary, Matthew (Jenna) Inch of Sault Ste. Marie, Ian (Anne) Driver of Camrose, and Heather (Brent)

Bouchard of Desbarats. Great Momma to Mason Wasylkiw, Levi Inch, Nora and Grant Bouchard, Thomas, June, Henry, James and Leo Driver. Predeceased by her parents Charlie and Agnes Hunt. Cherished sister to Jim (Mary) Hunt and Leonard Hunt. Loving Aunt and Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews. For 85 years Maidra was a resident and proud contributor to the community of Rydal Bank. Maidra Frnie married operated a farm and devoted their live cultural and Horticultural advancement in the District of Algoma. Everyone knew Maidra's love of flowers and her green thumb. Maidra was actively involved in both Agricultural and Horticultural Societies serving as President of the Agricultural Society of Ontario, Maidra and Ernie were always involved in community events in Rydal Bank and the surrounding area. Maidra was awarded the Canada 125 Medal for her contributions to her fellow citizens and community. Following Ernie's passing in 2002, Maidra moved to Petrolia Ontario to reside near her daughter and youngest son and carried on her love of gardening there. In her later years Maidra enjoyed her little Dachshund, reading a good mystery novel, a Sunday drive and the company of her family. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held at Arthur Funeral Home - Barton & Kiteley Chapel on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Interment to take place on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 11am at Cloudslee Cemetery. Maidra would welcome your support to any Horticultural Society or the Humane Society. Memories and condolences may be shared online www.needhamiav.com. Thank you to Dr. Mather, Dr Buckton, everyone at Lambton Meadowview Villa and especially Finch Avenue staff who created a comfortable and caring environment for her. It was certainly welcome in her final days.

"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

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Obituary



WILSON **Harvey Rae**

May 15, 1935 - October 14, 2021. Suddenly, the love of my life, Harvey Rae Wilson, passed away at Fiddicks Nursing Home on the morning of October 14, 2021. Harvey was 86 years of age and born and raised in the Forest area. He moved to Sarnia and ran his own electrical business, Wilson Electric, for 48 years. Survived by his wife of nine years, Ruth Jane (McCabe) (Montgomery), and his three children Michael (Point Edward), Laurie Annee (Courtright), and Kelly of Winnipeg, seven grandchildren, one greatgrandchild, two step-children: Scott and Roxanne Montgomery (Red Deer, Alberta) and Cathy (Al) McCormick (Alvinston), six stepgrandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren, and sister Betty Trickett. Predeceased by his first wife Margaret Cundick in 2011, his parents Norma and Murtle, and eleven children. A memorial service was held at Smith Funeral Home on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

In Memory

Georgine Mitchell

STRANGWAY

In loving memory of a dear sister Georgine who passed away October 29, 2007.

We miss your wonderful smile and your sparkling brown eyes and caring ways. You will always be in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

Memories fade over time, but our sister isn't a memory; she is part of us.

Love Always, The Mitchell Family

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In loving memory of our beautiful daughter and sister, Kristy Dec. 12/84-Nov. 1/96

Dear Kristy,

You left us broken-hearted Not knowing what to do. But now we find such comfort In all our memories of you.

The legacy you left us Was of happiness and love, And that shines on forever From the glorious skies above.

You brought joy and beauty From the moment of your birth, In Heaven you're an angel Just as you were on Earth.

Forever Loving and Missing You, Mom & Ricky

In loving memory of our precious granddaughter **Kristy**, who was tragically taken from us 25 years ago on Nov. 1, 1996.

The sadness never goes away The silent tears still flow, You're thought of and so sadly missed More than you'll ever know



Loved & sadly missed, Nana & Papa

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.

Love always, Tom, Nancy, Kaitlyn, Courtney and Cami



In Loving Memory of Kristy

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In loving memory of my husband Wilford Mitchell, who passed away a year ago,

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CROSS COUNTRY IN PETROLIA



Brooke Central won four divisions at the recent Petrolia regional elementary cross country meet at Bridgeview Park. Duncan MacKellar won the boys nine-year-old race, Connor MacKeller captured the boys 11 year-old competition while Belle Stewart and Kole Chapman won the girls and boys 12 year-old race respectively. The other winners are Jackie MacDonald (Brigden) who came in third regionally, Khloe Baron (QE II, Petrolia) who took fourth, Paige Hunt (Hillcrest) and Madison Japp (Brigden),12 and Leah McKay of Centennial, who came in second regionally. On the boys side the winners were Liam Beveridge (Centennial)who placed second regionally, Rhys Marriott of Centennial who placed fifth regionally and James Grant (Hillcrest) 13. Here, Cash Stephenson of Centennial finishes his race.

Amherstburg hands Flags first loss

The Lakeshore Canadiens won the battle of unbeaten clubs in the PJHL's Stobbs Division with a 3-1 home ice win over the Mooretown Flags.

Ayden Letang had the lone Mooretown marker tying the game at one in the second

The Habs scored the game-winner in the final minute of the middle frame and added an insurance marker with a minute to play in the third period.

Nathan King took the loss making 25

Lakeshore is now 6-0 on the season. The Flags drop to 4-1. Mooretown's next game is at Dresden next Friday night. They host Amherstburg Saturday at the Moore Sports Complex. Game time both contests is 7:30.

Squires chalks up first win of the season

Tavistock is in Petrolia to take on the Petrolia Squires Friday.

The Squires are 1-2 on the season after winning at home and losing on the road last week.

Friday, Isaac McLean scored twice, including the game-winning marker late in the third period, and added an assist to lead Petrolia to a 5-3 win over Clinton. Josh Barraclough iced the game with an empty net goal. Corey Pawley and Jesse Ferguson also scored for the Squires.

Anthony Hurtubise won his first career senior hockey game for Petrolia between the pipes.

The Squires jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period, but the visitors tied it up through 20 minutes of play. Petrolia led 3-2 after two periods.

On Sunday afternoon in Milverton, the home team jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first period and went on to beat the Squires 6-3 in their home opener. McLean, Ferguson and Mike Bush scored for Petrolia.

Killer Bees score early but still haven't found first win

The Alvinston Killer Bees took their show on the road to Glencoe on Sunday and it appeared that the Middlesex community might just be their good luck charm.

The Bees jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Brendon Merritt and Grant Spence but Strathroy rebounded for a 4-2 victory to drop Alvinston to 0-6 on the Western Ontario Super Hockey League

Merritt had the lone goal in a 10-1 loss to Stratford in Alvinston Saturday night.

The Bees hit the road this weekend with back-to-back games in Elora on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Alvinston's next home game is Nov. 6 against Tillsonburg.

Meantime, the team is hosting a Halloween skate with the Killer Bees event this Sunday from 1-2 pm. There will be door prizes and prizes for the best costume.

Mooretown U13's win tournament in dramatic fashion

The Mooretown U13's beat the host Collingwood Blues, 2-1 in a five-round shootout to capture their division at the annual Huronia tournament over the weekend.

Mooretown trailed 1-0 for much of the championship contest but scored with an extra attacker on the ice with just 14 seconds left in regulation time to send the game into extra time.

The teams played two periods of overtime before heading to the decisive shootout. Liam Lahey only allowed one goal

through the five games.

He blanked Garden City (St. Catharines), Mississauga, and Collingwood in the preliminary round and Garden City again, 4-0 in the semifinals.



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