

WYOMING WATER FUN



Arthur McGuire, 1, was engrossed in the water at the Wyoming Splash Pad Saturday as dozens of kids played around him. The pad in McKay Park was the centre of the action for the town's Picnic in the Park. See more photos on page 6.

Rural Lambton mayors races heating up

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The race for the top municipal jobs is heating up in rural Lambton, with three incumbents facing challenges - including one race where a former mayor trying to make a comeback.

It will be the current mayor against the former mayor in Warwick. Todd Case has filed his papers to run for the township's top spot. Incumbent Jackie Rombouts has also filed her intentions to run.

Rombouts beat John Cowenberg by just 77 votes after Case retired from municipal politics in 2018.

Rombouts has come under fire in her term voicing opposition to vaccination mandates and her support of those protesting against them with the intent to remove the current government in Ottawa.

In Brooke-Alvinston,

Incumbent Dave Ferguson filed his papers to run a second time for mayor early. But the list of candidates now shows Councillor Jamie Armstrong seeking to unseat the one-term mayor.

The pair have often clashed during council meetings. Armstrong, a member of the Alvinston Optimist, has been dogged in his efforts advance a building project at the arena. That has led Ferguson to seek advice from the Integrity Commissioner to see if Armstrong is in a conflict by pushing the projects forward. He wasn't.

Incumbent Petrolia Mayor Brad Loosley is also facing a challenge by former town employee, Richard Poore. Loosley is currently under investigation by the town's Integrity Commissioner.

In Plympton-Wyoming; Deputy Mayor Muriel Wright is the first to toss her hat in the ring to replace the retiring Lonny Napper.

Wyoming native helping settle Ukrainians in Lambton County

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The effort to bring Ukrainians to Lambton County is stepping up. Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu says up to 50 families have expressed an interest in hosting people from the country which is fighting off an invasion by Russia. They could take in as many as 120 people, she said.

So far, 15 families have already arrived in the area, with one family expected in Petrolia this weekend. The rest, Gladu says, should arrive by July.

Gladu is among dozens of people trying to help those who have lost family and homes in the war. Another is her former Sunday School student, Wyoming Native Johnathan Verroen.

He has been working in Poland for weeks. He'd lost his job during the pandemic and says "COVID was my restart."

When Russia invaded Poland, Verroen "felt this calling" to go to help. Verroen had worked for a time in Edmonton and knew many people of Ukrainian background and wanted to help. But he first ignored the calling because "it

sounded crazy in my head."

But Verroen kept watching what was going on and the calling got stronger.

After talking with friends, including his former Sunday School teacher and now Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu, "I took my credit card and got on a plane to Poland."

Verroen met up with a man from Britain who had come to Poland to help refugees and found him through social media. They met and started working together.

One of the first things Verroen did was bring humanitarian aid to

people in Ukraine.

He also kept in touch with people in Sarnia-Lambton; particularly those from a group called Save Ukraine – Sarnia-Lambton. The social media group was organized to help link Ukrainians with people her who wanted to host them.

As he started working, Verroen found there was not a lot of information about how to get to Canada so he prepared a document people could print out and know what they're facing.

Verroen and Save Ukraine have been able to link about eight to 10

families to come to Lambton.

But he said there are many more waiting.

"Currently we have had lineups of refugees at the Center in Przemyśl wanting to come," says Verroen. "Our partner group Pathfinders for Ukraine have a list of over 500 who have visas and hosts waiting for flights."

The federal government recently announced three charter planes would be landing in Poland to bring Ukrainians to Canada. Verroen calls it a good start.

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The co-chairs of the East Lambton Community Complex fundraising committee, George and Rhonda Noll, announce the group has already surpassed the halfway point of its \$2 million goal, unveiling a fundraising thermometer Monday. Warwick is adding a community centre to the Watford arena to replace the aging Centennial Hall. Work has been underway for months, and like other projects during the pandemic, has faced some delays. It's expected the new community centre which will house the Watford Y, will be open in the fall. But that hasn't stopped the fundraising group from knocking on doors. And they've found some very receptive people - including Lambton Mutual Insurance which donated \$200,000 to the project. George Noll told the crowd of about 50 people Monday at the arena that \$1.1 million has already been pledged during what they called the 'quiet phase' of the campaign. "They say the first million is the easiest one, but I don't think that's the case because we still have a lot of doors to knock on." The committee is now looking for public donations and has set up a page on the township's website to help direct people to the best way to make a donation.

PW needs \$16.8M in waste water upgrades

Draft plan now under public review

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming will need to spend an estimated \$16.8 million to improve its waste water plants. That's from the newly released draft Plympton-Wyoming Wastewater Master Plan which is now up for public review.

The town has been talking about the issue since 2019, when Public Works Director Adam Sobanski told council some of the current pumping stations were not working to capacity.

The town hired Jacobs Engineering to look at the problems. Jacobs revealed in April 2021 that some of the pumping stations are operating far below capacity.

The pumping station on Queen Street - where builders are putting up homes at a furious pace - is only working at 58 capacity.

Plympton-Wyoming is the fastest growing municipality in Lambton. Planners are predicting 20 per cent growth in the next five years, much of it in the Lakeshore area.

Sobanski, in his report to council, says that pumping station "receives all the wastewater flows from the area south of Bonnie Doone which has experienced the highest rate of growth within the system."

He says there is simply no room at the station to allow for "significant expansion."

"Jacobs is recommending significant improvements throughout the collection system including but not limited to the construction of a new regional pump station and equalization tank near Queen Street and Bonnie Doone Road," he writes.

Sobanski added the report is calling for

"replacement of the pump station in Camlachie, and the re-direction of all wastewater flows from Egremont Road west of Errol Village, The Maples Subdivision and Errol Woods Subdivision away from pump station two to the new pump station four."

The study also recommends work on the Wyoming waste water plant.

All that work will come with a big price tag. The municipality had already set aside \$14 million for waste water upgrades. Jacobs says with the rising cost of construction, that's more likely to be \$16.8 million including \$3.2 million for a new pumping station and nearly \$7 million to divert some of the waste water in the Erroll Village area to the new pumping station.

"Many of the recommended projects have been previously identified by staff as a priority and have already been incorporated into the annual budget.," says Sobanski in his report to council.

Much of the cash needed for the repairs and expansion for the next 20 years is generated by development fees.

And Sobanski points out the pump station at Lakeshore Park needs the upgrades because of development and the developers will end up paying those costs.

Council received the draft master plan with little comment. However earlier in the meeting, a resident, Randal Dayman, who had worked in the field before retirement, expressed his concerns saying the town should be halting development - particularly of high density housing - until the issues can be resolved.

The general public has until June 11 to review the document.

Anyone can make requests to the Ministry of the Environment to expand the study of the issue before the deadline.

After the public comment period is over, the study will be reviewed by the ministry.

Ukrainians heading for Lambton

CON'T FROM PG 1

Verroen says it is also a good sign that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in Kyiv to reopen the Canadian Embassy recently although it's not clear how much embassy workers can help refugees. "The mayor of Kyiv has warned people the city it's still not safe and that the capital of Ukraine is still

Russia's main target." Verroen will be working in Poland until the end of May and then fly back to Canada with a refugee family. But he won't stay there. Verroen already has plans to return to Poland June 12 knowing there are many more people who need help. "I like helping people; I get joy out of that."

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Application will commence on **May 30, 2022** weather permitting, and ending **July 1, 2022.**

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# Damage at historic Petrolia bank pegged at \$100K

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

Petrolia-North Enniskillen Fire Chief Jay Arns says investigators aren't sure what caused a fire in one of Petrolia's heritage buildings. But he says it has both smoke, fire and water

damage.  
Just before noon Sunday, the Petrolia/North Enniskillen and Wyoming fire departments were called to the corner of Petrolia Line and Oil Street to the Little Red Bank after passers by saw smoke and flames coming from the

eaves of the building.  
The intersection of Petrolia Line and Tank Street was blocked as firefighters worked to put out the flames. At noon, firefighters could be seen with heat sensors, trying to find any hotspots left in the building.  
A hole was cut in the roof of the cedar shake building near the chimney.  
The bank has an Ontario Heritage designation. The building, the home to the Vaughn and Fairbank Bank, opened August 10th 1869 in Oil Springs. It was moved to Petrolia when the oil industry began to boom in the town. It was the only bank in Petrolia for several

years at the start of the oil boom. It also became the world's first oil exchange.  
Vaughan and Fairbank operated as a private bank until 1924 when the remaining accounts moved over to the Bank of Toronto. The building is still owned by the Fairbank family and houses the law office of local solicitor Wally Lang. Staff at the law office could be seen Sunday afternoon removing some of the files from the building.  
Arns says there is smoke, fire and water damage. He's estimating it will cost about \$100,000 to fix. Arns is not sure what caused the fire yet.



BEN COULBECK AND DAWSON CURRIE PHOTO  
Firefighters use the ladder truck to reach the flames on the roof of the historic building.

# St. Clair's mayor steps down

**Heather Wright**  
The Independent

One of Lambton's longest serving mayors is not running for re-election.  
And there is already a race to replace Steve Arnold in St. Clair Township.  
Arnold, who has been in municipal politics for 37 years serving as a councillor, deputy mayor, mayor and Warden of Lambton as well as the head of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, said he told council in February he would not run in the 2022 municipal election. Arnold says that would give councillors wanting to move up the opportunity to consider it. "Maybe it would look different to them if I wasn't in the chair or in the running for the chair."  
Arnold has loved serving his community. "I've had a lot of great opportunities to meet people and to try and make the community better," he says. "When I started as mayor, I had a vision for what I wanted to see done. We had no water lines in the rural part of the township. When I started on council, we had no sewers up and down St. Clair River."  
"We've done the shoreline protection, we've done splash pads, arena upgrades...fountains in the township for just recreational purposes, to cleaning up campground for people."  
Arnold adds there are things that didn't move quickly, including getting high speed internet and sanitary sewers to places like Wilkesport.  
Arnold was on county council when Sarnia rejoined the county and he says he still "struggles" with the amalgamation. "There's things in the county system that you would not have done if it was independent from the city." Arnold believes it was inevitable and expects to see more municipal amalgamations in the future.  
As he finishes his term, both Councillor Tracy Kingston and former Councillor Greg Agar have filed to run for the top job in St. Clair. The election is in October.

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## PADDLING TO THE SYDENHAM



DEAN MCROBERT PHOTO

Members of the 1st Petrolia Scouts had perfect weather as they headed out down Bear Creek for a weekend paddling trip to the Sydenham River Saturday.

## No money for OPP COVID cleaning from PW

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Plympton-Wyoming won't be giving the Lambton OPP an extra \$5,000 to deal with costs of cleaning during the pandemic.

The police services board in Lambton has been asking all municipalities to provide costs incurred by working through the pandemic. Each is expected to pay \$5,000.

Some municipalities, like Petrolia, say the province should be responsible for the costs since the OPP is a provin-

cial body.

St. Clair Township, which hosts a satellite office in Corunna, provided \$12,000 for the added expenses.

Dawn-Euphemia and several others are waiting for negotiations which are underway with the province to try to find provincial cash to cover the costs.

In Plympton-Wyoming, councillors were reluctant to provide extra finds.

"If we had this a year ago, we could have put it with our own COVID reimbursement funds," said Councillor Mike Vasey. "We've gotten some money back that way."

"I'm a little put out that they brought this to us and asked for money. We have no way of recouping it ourselves."

Councillor Bob Woolvett agreed. "This is the Ontario Provincial Police; if they can't get it in their budget properly...and they start adding things after, to me it's just not acceptable and I won't support giving them one thing," he says.

Council agreed unanimously and will write the board outlining the decision. Other municipalities have yet to respond to the request.

## Three pedestrian crossings going up in Corunna

Heather Brouwer  
The Independent

The third time was the charm for new pedestrian crossings in St. Clair Township.

The push to have three new crossings installed has gone to tender three times. The first yielded zero bids, and the second tender was grossly over budget. Bids came back well over budget during the third tendering process, too, but staff recommended proceeding with the project.

"Although this project is significantly over budget, this trend is becoming

quite common with inflation and supply chain issues," wrote Paul daSilva, coordinator of engineering, in a report to council.

"Staff is of the opinion that this tender resulted in the best value for goods."

There was \$200,000 earmarked for this project in the 2022 capital budget, and the lowest bid came in at just under \$340,000. "I just can't see spending \$140,000 more than what we budgeted at this time," said Councillor Pat Brown at Monday night's regular council meeting.

He suggested that only two of the

three crossings be installed, but in that motion was defeated 4-3.

Instead, council voted to install three crossings at Hill Street at Queen Street, St. Clair Boulevard at Sir John Moore School, and St. Clair Parkway at Brander Park. Council also agreed to request that the County of Lambton install an electronic speed sign at the Hill Street Location.

According to daSilva's report, the pedestrian crossing installations on Hill Street and St. Clair Boulevard are being installed following a decision to phase out the usage of crossing guards within the township.

## DOUBLE DUTY IN DAWN-EUPHEMIA



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As temperatures climbed above 30 C, farmers fired up their tractors to get out on the fields. In Dawn-Euphemia, this farm family on Lambton Line was cultivating and planting at the same time to get the work done.

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# Turbines, taxes, wages and the pandemic issues in LKM debate

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Wind turbines, electricity costs, the minimum wage and the pandemic were some of the topics the people running to be the MPP for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex hit during one of the first debates for the June 2 election.

The group was at the Portuguese Canadian Club in Strathroy Monday where Incumbent Progressive Conservative candidate Monte McNaughton leaned heavily on the government’s record, claiming 550,000 more people are working in Ontario since the current government took office in 2018, indicating there were 300,000 manufacturing jobs lost during the previous Liberal government.



**Monte McNaughton**

He pointed the funding to rebuild Wallaceburg’s hospital. Natural gas was also expanded to residents in Lambton County - although some municipal councils, including Warwick say their municipalities were left out - and license plate fees were eliminated. McNaughton says the PCs are committed to growing the economy, noting the expansion of electric vehicle manufacturing. An expanded economy will allow for more investment in health and education, he said.



**Vanessa Benoit**

NDP candidate Vanessa Benoit said her party would increase the minimum wage up to \$20 incrementally over four years and would appeal Bill 124. This was passed in 2019 which keeps annual wage increases to one percent over three years for nurses and health care professionals. The NDP would also regulate the price of gas and revert Hydro One back to public ownership. Small businesses would also continue to get relief in 2022 and 2023 due to the pandemic.

New Blue Party candidate David Barnwell pledged to reduce the HST from 13 percent down to 10 percent to reduce the tax burden on people. He called for the end of wind turbines as he felt this was a way to lower the electricity rates.

McNaughton fired back that his government cancelled 300 wind turbine contracts and got out of those bad deals after the Progressive Conservatives took office



**David Barnwell**

“The passport system should be banned,” said Barnwell, as he called for any health care employee who lost their job because they refused to get vaccinated against COVID-19 be rehired. He also spoke out against the federal government’s carbon tax, saying the province needs a strong leader who will push back against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and not just enable him.

Dean Eves of the None of the Above Party said that many of the issues the province is facing are long term consistent problems. “We really need to investigate why this hasn’t changed. We don’t seem to know what it is,” he said.

In reducing the deficit, he said the government needs to look at where all the spending goes, suggesting much of it goes into corporate pockets. Eve’s main campaign plank was to put democracy back into people’s hands, by something he called the three Rs, responsible government, recalling politicians and referendums.



**Dean Eves**

The Green Party candidate Wanda Dickey couldn’t be at the event and instead London West candidate Colleen McCauley was sitting in her place and spoke about the need for more affordable housing in the province.

One party, which was absent, was the Liberals. Bruce Baker is the Liberal candidate in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex according to the party’s website.

# Picnic in the Park draws Wyoming neighbours



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO  
Neighbours got reacquainted and kids had some fun as Plympton-Wyoming hosted a picnic in McKay Park Saturday. Left, Bobby Harwood, 5, of Petrolia, climbed into the driver’s seat of the new pumper. Josie Kelders, 8, of Wyoming patiently waited for her lady bug to be painted and there were lots of children enjoying the splash pad in the 30 C weather.



# It’s not just for farmers and clerks anymore says Dawn-Euphemia

The Independent

Dawn-Euphemia is changing some of the rules around its scholarship program to attract more interest. The township established the \$1,000 award in 2018.

This year, there were no applications - the second time that has happened. Mayor Al Broad says council has agreed to broaden the scope of the scholarship allowing any township resident going to college or university to apply instead of those heading to

agricultural or government services training. Broad says the requirement for community service will also be lifted because of the lack of opportunities in the pandemic in the hope of attracting more applicants in 2023.

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ARTSY IN PETROLIA



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The Petrolia Farmers' Market was swarming with people as the Petrolia and Central Lambton Optimists put on their annual spring arts and craft show. Dawn Greco of Port Franks was one of the many artisans not only selling, but creating during the six hour event.

New program targets downtown growth

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership and the Town of Petrolia are working together to improve business in the downtown. The town has been promoting the idea of a Petrolia Business Association and May 11, members of the board met with local merchants to talk about their upcoming plans. Leena Bourne was on hand. The Petrolia

resident now works for SLEP on a downtown revitalization project. Bourne plans to canvas local businesses and merchants who have already received an online survey asking about their business, growth and succession plans. SLEP and the town hope to gather the information to figure out what supports local merchants need and the possible new programs which might encourage growth in the downtown. Forest is also part of the revitalization project.

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- Role of Committee:**
- Stimulate interest, particularly that of Lambton County, among residents of the County
  - Collect, preserve, exhibit and/or publish historical documents and artifacts in ways that tie with our historical past
  - Establish and maintain liaison with historical societies in communities within the County and with organizations in other counties and communities
  - Exchange information and further a close relationship between and among such groups

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## NOT YOUR GRANDMA’S FAIRY TALES



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

The Big Bad Wolf is about to get a surprise as Red Riding Hood takes her fate in her own hands in the Lambton Young Theatre Players latest production “A Topsy Turvy Fairy Tale.” The youth group has been performing the play around the county including Sunday in Oil Springs. The last performance is Saturday at the Wyoming Fairgrounds at 2 pm.

## Petrolia pizza places putting on a party

The Independent

After two years online, Petrolia’s Pizzafest is back live and in person. This year’s event – the ninth – will be held in Victoria Park June 4 from noon to 7 pm. “Petrolia is not short on pizza restaurants looking to fill hungry bellies, and event organizers are pleased to boast seven participants for 2022 – Bud’s Family Pizza,

Godfathers Pizza, Helen’s Hideaway Family Restaurant, Johnny G’s Premium Pizza, Petrolia Pizza & Subs, Pizza Hut, Petrolia, and Wise Guys Inc.,” say organizers in a news release. Vendors are keeping their prices at \$2.50 per slice despite rising food costs as a way of saying thank you for the community for their support over the last two years.

## Two Stratford men charged in Grand Bend murder

Two people from the Stratford area are facing murder charges after a man was stabbed in Grand Bend. Lambton OPP and the Anishinabek Police Service were called to a Huron Street parking lot Friday night. Paramedics took Zachary Hartman, 27, of Exeter, to hospital

where he died. OPP sent out a bulletin of a vehicle involved and Perth OPP arrested three people, two men are charged with second degree murder. A 21 year-old woman faces accessory after the fact to murder charges.

## Trucker charged in \$47M bust denied bail

Blake Ellis  
Local Journalism Initiative

A Quebec trucker is still in jail as he waits for his next court hearing Wednesday after one of the biggest drug busts at Sarnia’s border crossing. Justice of the Peace Helen Gale denied bail for a 24-year-old Quebec City trucker, who was charged after approximately 265 kilograms of suspected illegal drugs, valued at \$47 million, was allegedly attempted to be smuggled across the border from Michigan on Jan. 13. Suspected heroin, pink cocaine and methamphetamines were found among garbage bags and spare tires during a

secondary inspection of a commercial transport truck at the Blue Water Bridge in Point Edward. Arshdeep Singh is charged with three counts of importation and three counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. The bail decision was made in Sarnia court on May 4. He is currently in custody at Maplehurst Correctional Complex in Milton. He will be appearing in Sarnia court again for a Crown pre-trial on May 18. All evidence heard during the bail hearing is protected by a publication ban, which also includes the reasons Gale had for denying bail.

- THE INDEPENDENT

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519-331-1684



### Notice of Completion for the Plympton-Wyoming Wastewater Servicing Master Plan

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming Wastewater Master Plan is a long-term plan that investigated the Town’s wastewater system capacity and condition to ensure the Town will continue to meet current and anticipated demands over the next 20 years. This plan presents:

- Existing and future capacity constraints and other existing deficiencies within the Town’s wastewater collection system, pumping stations and wastewater treatment plants.
- The preferred long-term solution to provide reliable wastewater servicing in the Town.

The Wastewater Master Plan project file is accessible at <https://www.plympton-wyoming.com/en/my-plympton-wyoming/utilities-sewer-and-water.aspx#Wastewater-Servicing-Master-Plan-2021> and is available for public review and comment for 30 days, from May 12th, 2022 to June 11th, 2022. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the Master Plan, please see the contact information included in the notice on the Town’s webpage.

Thank you for your participation.

The Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming  
P.O Box 250, 546 Niagara Street, Wyoming Ontario N0N 1T0  
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[www.plympton-wyoming.com](http://www.plympton-wyoming.com)



# Sports



A scramble in front of the net during the Tier Two championship in Guelph Sunday.

## Heartbreaker as Flyers fall to Hagersville

Barry Wright  
The Independent

The Petrolia Flyers lost the PJHL Tier Two title 3-2 to Hagersville in a heart breaker. The Flyers advanced to Sunday’s final with a win over Walkerton in the weekend series. Peyton Armitage was player of the game leading Petrolia to a 4-1 win over Walkerton. Armitage had the game-winning goal and added two assists. Andrew Jaques scored twice and added an assist with Landon Marcy adding the other Petrolia marker. Daniel Gibson, Michael Vanek, Keegan Watson and Logan O’Leary-DiLosa all picked up assists. Tyler Richardson stopped 22 of 23 shots for the win between the pipes. Petrolia outshot Walkerton, 32-23. The Flyers took on Hagersville in the championship contest Sunday. Logan O’Leary-DiLosa tied up the game in the second. Michael Vanek’s

goal at 18 minutes in the third put the Flyers out in front. But Hagersville’s Marcus Lazareth scored 43 seconds later – his second of the afternoon – tying up the game. Hagersville Forward Joey Stimac scored at 7:14 to lift the Hawks to the Tier Two victory.



Tyler Richardson turns away a puck during the final.

## Doxtator, Bressette national champions

The Independent

Corunna’s Bo Doxtator of the Mooretown Flags and Team Ontario beat Saskatchewan 3-2 in overtime on the weekend to capture the male division at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Nova Scotia.

Ontario was coached by Sarnia’s Brandon Biggers and the trainer was Bob Bressette of Kettle and Stony Point and the Petrolia Flyers. Goalie Tre Altiman from Bkejwanaang First Nation (Walpole Island) and Defenseman Noble Stonefish (Munsee

Delaware First Nation) who plays for the Dresden Jr Kings (pictured above with Doxtator and Bressette) were also part of Ontario’s championship team. In the women’s final, Ontario lost 3-2 to Team Manitoba. Taryn Jacobs of Walpole Island was on the Ontario female roster.



On behalf of the 2021-2022 Petrolia Minor Hockey Association’s Players, Parents, Executive Members and Volunteers, we would like to extend our heartfelt thank you for the wonderful support of our local sponsors. This year our players, parents and coaches were so glad to get back to some normalcy on the rink. We look forward to an exciting 2022-2023 season.



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## Death Notices

May 9- May 16, 2022

MONDAY, MAY 9

**GEDDES, Marguerite**  
Age 87  
Smith Funeral Home

**MELANSON, Jean Margaret**  
Age 87  
Denning's of Forest

TUESDAY, MAY 10

**RUSTON, George Arthur Paul**  
Age 83, of Sarnia  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

**BURGESS, Margaret Leone**  
(n Waite)  
Age 67  
Smith Funeral Home

**LAEVENS, Gary John**  
(P. Eng.)  
Age 47  
Smith Funeral Home

**MOORE, Joseph "Joe" Huston**  
Age 95  
McCormack Funeral Home

**ROSS, Maisie**  
(n Kerr)  
Age 82  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

THURSDAY, MAY 12

**AUSTIN, Fredrick Anthony**  
Age 63, of Sarnia  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**CANIE, Bruce**  
Age 61  
McCormack Funeral Home

**MILLER, Kenneth "Ken"**  
Age 79  
Smith Funeral Home

**NOVAK, Henry Michael**  
McKenzie Blundy Funeral Home

**WELLS, Seigred Eleanor**  
(n Wedin)(Plosz)  
Age 89  
Smith Funeral Home

FRIDAY, MAY 13  
**DRURY, David Harvey**  
Age 75  
Smith Funeral Home

**HARWOOD, Robert "Bob"**  
Age 83  
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, MAY 14

**FRASER, Doris**  
(n Morgan)  
Age 91, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**McLACHLIN, Linda Gayle**  
(n Shaw)  
Age 77, of Alvinston  
VanHeck Funeral Home

SUNDAY, MAY 15

**DEMARCO, Terrance "Terry"**  
Age 80  
Smith Funeral Home

**GRAY, Robert "Bob" Douglas**  
Age 68  
Smith Funeral Home

**LUKIANENKO, Emma**  
Age 92, of Sarnia  
D.J. Robb Funeral Home

**McNALLY, Larry**  
Age 78, of Inwood  
VanHeck Funeral Home

**RUNNING, Thomas "Tom"**  
Age 36  
Smith Funeral Home

MONDAY, MAY 16

**PREVETT, Frances Joyce**  
Age 95  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

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

### Obituaries / Death Notices



**MCNALLY**  
Larry

At his home in Inwood, surrounded by family, on **Sunday, May 15, 2022, Larry McNally, 78 years**, passed away after suffering a stroke on April 5th. He is predeceased by his father Garnet (2005) and mother Irene (2010). He is survived by his wife of 30 years Brenda, and his children; Terry (Yvette), Todd (Lesley), Tim (Leanne), Beth (Tian Wigmore), Jill (Jeff McIntyre), Maelynn (Dustin Cook) and Mark (Mikaela Dupuis), grandchildren; Josh (Jessica), Kaitlyn (Corey), Emma Kewley (Quinn), Ben Kewley, Dillon (Shannon), Brittany, Mitchell (Kalie), Brooke (Stefan), Poet and Rowan Wigmore and Duncan Cook and great-grandchildren; Macy and Millie McNally, Jayden and Lily McNally and Isla McNally. Also survived by his brothers Phil (Lori) and Don (Kathy). Larry was a part owner of McNally Farm Equipment with his father and brothers for 45 years. He was a 31 year member of the Inwood Fire Department and former Fire Chief. He was also a member of the Alvinston Legion and Inwood Masonic Lodge. **Friends and family were received at the Van Heck Funeral Home, 3232 River Street, Alvinston on Wednesday with a Firefighter's walk through following. Funeral service from the Funeral Home on Thursday, May 19 at 11 a.m.** Mrs. Marie McNally officiating. Interment will follow at the Alvinston Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alvinston Legion Branch 249 or charity of your choice and online condolences at [www.vanheckfuneralhome.ca](http://www.vanheckfuneralhome.ca)



**FRASER**  
Doris

**Doris Fraser** (nee Morgan), **91 years**, of **Petrolia** passed away peacefully with family by her side on **Saturday, May 14, 2022**. Doris was the loved wife of the late Ross (2012). She will be missed by her children Joan Helps of Wyoming, Dale Fraser and his wife Debbie of Petrolia, Kathy Fraser of Petrolia, and Mark Fraser and Candace Holmes of Chatham. Doris was a proud grandmother to Jason and Jamilee Helps and their children Jack, Jamison, and Jaylen; Jacki Helps and her son Owen; Jeffery Helps and Rene Coughlin; David and Karrie Fraser and their children Evie, Hope, Deklynn, and Owen; Donovan and Casey Fraser and their son Brooks and Calihan; Darryl and Bin Bin Fraser and their daughters Christina and Naomi; Dallas Fraser and Kristen Ruetz; Morgan Kavanagh; Dayna and Andy Bright and their children Raylynn and Harper; Toni Fraser and Alex Mellis and their children Gracie and Elliott; Ryan Fraser and Jenna Horton; and Leah Fraser and Curtis Helps. Doris was predeceased by her parents Fred and Martha Morgan, sister Irene Caley, and brothers Ken, LaVerne, Clayton, Burton and Robert Morgan. **A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the Needham-Jay Funeral Home. A private interment in Hillsdale Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's United Church or the Petrolia Food Bank. Memories may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).



**PREVETT**  
Frances Joyce

On **May 16th, 2022** peacefully in her **96th year Frances Joyce Prevett** was called home through Christ to her Heavenly Father. Joyce was predeceased by mother Lillian (1939), father Cecil (1970), step-mother Margaret (1993), sister Kathryn (1998), nephew Terry Holmes (2010) and nieces Gayle Talaskavich (2005) and Peggy Holmes (2021). Joyce will be dearly missed by grandnephews Andrew Holmes (Kim) and his children, Spencer and Curtis, and Nathan Talaskavich (Krista) and his son Josh. Joyce also held a special place in her heart for a family friend Bettina Hart (Mike) and children Timothy and Spencer. Joyce spent many happy years as a close personal friend of Murray Bradley predeceased (1994). She continued to be a vital influence with Murray's entire family, attending milestone accomplishments, dinners, get-togethers often and day-trip excursions. She will be so very missed by the Bradley/ Parr families. Joyce at a young age and upon graduation from the Petrolia Business College became employed by the Oil Well Supply Company. She continued her employment there well into her 80's. Joyce was highly respected as a diligent office administrator and a great asset to the running of the oil drilling business. She was a devoted and faithful member of St. Philip's Catholic Church, regularly attending mass, and assisting with the administering of the Holy Eucharist to fellow believers who were not physically able to attend Mass. Joyce was well loved for years by her three Amigo friends Joyce, Vivian, and Betty. Over her lifetime Joyce endured the loss of many near and dear to her, most recently her niece Peggy Holmes only a few months past. Joyce was a model of courage and perseverance and inspired many with her determination and positive outlook. **Her funeral mass will be celebrated this Friday May 20, 2022 at 10:00 am at St. Philip's Parish, 415 King St. Petrolia, with internment following in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wyoming.** In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Phillips Parish, St. Joseph's Hospice ([www.stjosephshospice.ca](http://www.stjosephshospice.ca)) or the Sarnia Humane Society ([www.sarniahumanesociety.com](http://www.sarniahumanesociety.com)). Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com)

### In Memory



*In Memory of*  
**William & Ethel BRIDEKIRK**  
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**Sandi, Marie and Grandchildren**

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# Church DIRECTORY

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Church Office 519-882-1430  
[christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com)

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4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street  
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Rev. Carol Ferguson  
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[www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net](http://www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net)

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Church Office 519-882-2480  
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**Wyoming United Church**  
730 Second Street, Wyoming  
*In-Person Services taking place Sundays @ 11 am*  
*Those attending will be physically distanced, must wear a mask and be fully vaccinated.*

Rev. Steven Longmoore  
Church Office 519-845-3963  
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**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
416 Queen Street, Petrolia  
(Behind the Post Office)  
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Pastor Katherine Hawley



Classified Deadline:  
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## Coming Event

The Alvinston Cemetery Board invites you to attend  
**ANNUAL DECORATION WEEKEND**  
**June 12, 2022**  
to place flowers on the graves of your loved ones

The Cemetery will be open from early A.M until late afternoon for your convenience.  
Cemetery Staff will not be in attendance this year.  
Please follow masking guidelines & COVID-19 rules.

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**Wanted to Buy: Bikes**

**WANTED TO BUY - Adult bicycles womens & mens.** All sizes. Good to fair condition. All types of bikes wanted. Please call **519-882-2548** and ask for **Dave**.  
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**Notice**



**INFORMATION SESSION** – Any and all people wanting to help in any capacity or just wanting more information about helping with **Ukrainian refugees** can attend the upcoming information session that will be held **Wednesday, May 25 starting at 6:30 pm** at the People's Church at the corner of Camlachie and London Roads.



**Monday  
May 23  
2022**



## Real Estate

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## Lost & Found


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## For Rent

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**TOWN OF PLYMPTON-WYOMING  
NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE  
REGARDING 'BACKYARD CHICKENS'**



**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming will hold an Open House on **Tuesday June 21st, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.** at the Wyoming Fire Hall (530 Main Street, Wyoming) and **Thursday June 23rd, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.** at the Camlachie Community Centre (6767 Camlachie Road, Camlachie) to consider allowing 'backyard chickens' in residential areas within Plympton-Wyoming. Please attend only one meeting to allow participation from as many members of the community as possible.

**THE 'BACKYARD CHICKEN' CONSULTATION** may revise any or all the policies regarding 'Backyard Chickens' in the Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law through consultation with the public, various Town and County departments, and external agencies to which the policies may be applicable. Additional information and project updates are found on the Town website at <https://www.plympton-wyoming.com/en/my-plympton-wyoming/resident-engagement.aspx>.

**THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT** of the proposed Open House is to provide Plympton-Wyoming residents an opportunity to obtain information, ask questions, propose regulations, or make comments regarding 'Backyard Chickens'.


**A KEY MAP** of the affected area within the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is provided below.

**ANY RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF PLYMPTON-WYOMING** may attend the Open House and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed permission to have 'backyard chickens' in residential area.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS** in respect of 'Backyard Chickens' can be made to the Clerk of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

As this meeting is to gather thoughts and ideas about permitting 'backyard chickens', there is no information available for public inspection. Please contact the Planning Department during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices at 546 Niagara Street, Wyoming; by phone at 519-845-3939; and at the Open House.

**DATED AT THE TOWN OF PLYMPTON-WYOMING THIS 17th DAY OF MAY 2022.**



# Calendar

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

*of events*

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

CLUBS AND REGULAR EVENTS					
DAY	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO	
Mon	1:30p	Alvinston	Seniors Cards @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100	
Tues	1p	Wyoming	Wyoming Fair Bd - Euchre + coffee & cookies	519-312-0578	
Wed	7p	Forest	Darts @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357	
Wed	7:30p	Alvinston	LA Cards @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100	
Thurs	7p	Alvinston	Pool League @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100	
Fri	1:30p	Forest	Shuffleboard @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357	
Fri	7p	Petrolia	Card Party @ St Philip Church Hall	519-882-4840	
Fri	7:30p	Alvinston	Dart League @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100	
Sat	3:30p	Forest	Meat Raffles @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357	
Sat	6p	Alvinston	Catch The Ace @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100	
3rd Wed	7p	Sarnia	Monthly Meeting @ Horticultural Society	519-332-5837	
3rd Thurs	7p	Oil Springs	Optimist Meat Bingo @ The Youth Centre	519-834-2152	

UPCOMING EVENTS					
DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO	
May 20	1p	Zoom	"Voting Basics" Virtual Workshop. Email <a href="mailto:virtualcommunity-lawschool@gmail.com">virtualcommunity-lawschool@gmail.com</a> for the link by May 19.		
May 21	10a	Petrolia	RC Legion Br#216 presents a <b>Car Show</b> with Sarnia Street Cruisers @ 4129 Glenview Dr.		
May 27		Sarnia	<b>ARLANXEO Retiree Annual Dinner</b> cancelled until 2023, to be added to database email <a href="mailto:mikenagle00@hotmail.com">mikenagle00@hotmail.com</a>		
May 28	10a	Pt Edward	<b>Bluewater Anglers Annual Kids Training Day</b> @ Point Edward Hatchery. Registration required- Call 5193-83-0873.		
May 28	10:30a	Brights Grove	Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre - <b>Inspire 2022</b> tickets via Eventbrite		
May 28	11a	Sarnia	<b>Community Picnic</b> @ Lamrecton Park.		
May 28	8a	Camlachie	<b>Garage &amp; Bake Sale</b> @ Camlachie United Church		
May 30	2p	Zoom	<b>Lambton Branch Ontario Ancestors Meeting</b> . Email <a href="mailto:lambton@ogs.on.ca">lambton@ogs.on.ca</a> for link.		
Jun 2	7p	Camlachie	<b>Synergy 150 "Telling the Story" Concert: Night 1</b> @ Camlachie United Church. Call 519-786-3075 for tickets.		
Jun 3	6p	Sarnia	<b>First Nations "Three Fires by the Water" Exhibit</b> @ the Lawrence House. 519-337-0507		
Jun 4		Watford	<b>WWHS Perennial Plant Sale</b> @ corner of Centennial Ave & Confederation St. at storage sheds. 226-402-0116		
Jun 4	2p	Camlachie	<b>Synergy 150 "Telling the Story" Concert: Night 2</b> @ Camlachie United Church . Call 519-312-3618 for tickets.		
Jun 11	8a	Oil Springs	<b>Bottle Drive</b> fundraiser @ Oil Springs Legion 519-834-2537		
Jun 12	2p	Sarnia	Sarnia Bluewater Chordsmen present <b>"Harmony Revival"</b> @ Sarnia Imperial Theatre. David Burrows - MC and P.A.C.K. - guest entertainers. 226-402-3060		
Jun 18	12p	Petrolia	St. Paul's United Church <b>Time &amp; Talent Auction</b> , call 519-882-1390 or <a href="https://stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net">https://stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net</a>		

**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](mailto:office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca)

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Tyler McGrail medalled in triple jump with a leap of 11.77m.

## Lancers head to SWOSSAA track and field

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LCCVI top athletes are in Windsor Wednesday and Thursday for the regional championship after winning big at the Lambton-Kent Track and Field Championships in Chatham.

A number of athletes took top prizes in multiple events at the LK championship

Ty Moffatt took the top spot in the Sr Men’s 100m with a time of 11.2 seconds. He also took second in the Sr. Men’s 110m hurdles in a time of 16.64 seconds.

Megan Jaques earned first in the Sr. Women’s Shot Put with a throw of 9.09m and she placed third in the Sr. Women’s Discus with a throw of 23.45m

Tyler McGrail won the Junior the Men’s high jump competition and claimed the Jr.

Men’s Long Jump title as well as second in the Jr. Men’s Triple Jump with an 11.77m finish.

Hunter Kedwell won the Novice Men’s 300m hurdles and placed second in 100m hurdles. Hunter Campbell won the Novice Men’s Discus and placed second in shot put.

Jack Helps took first place in the Jr. Men’s Javelin and placed third in 300m hurdles. Hannah Daniel took top spot in the Novice Women’s Javelin. Pavla Gerrits took home the top prize for Jr. Women’s High Jump

Bea Lopez came in first in the Jr Women’s Discus.

The SWOSSAA championships start Wednesday afternoon in Windsor. The top five finishers are eligible to compete.

You can see all the finishers from the LK meet at [www.petrolialambtonindependent.ca](http://www.petrolialambtonindependent.ca)

## Verbeek, Ducks tenth on NHL draft board

Pat Verbeek’s first selection as a general manager in the National Hockey League will be the tenth overall selection at the draft in Montreal this summer.

The Ducks placing remained unchanged at the league draft lottery last week.

Verbeek was named the general manager of the Ducks in early February replacing long-time executive Bob Murray who resigned late last year.

Montreal received the first overall pick and is expected to select Kingston Frontenacs star Shane Wright when the proceedings begin on July 7.

## Petrolia’s Perry named MVP for Rockets

Carson Perry has been named the Most Valuable Player for the GOJHL’s Strathroy Rockets.

The former Petrolia Oiler had a career best 13 goals and 40 pts in 43 games this season to lead the Rockets in regular season scoring. He finishes his four-year career in Strathroy with the 16th most points in the history of the franchise.

Perry and Oil Springs’ Blake Hull both received their jerseys as graduating players at the yearend banquet last week.

Hull had seven assists in 39 games from the back end this season.

## McLean throws no-hitter for Sarnia Brigade

Petrolia’s Alex McLean got his senior baseball season started on the right foot. He tossed a no-hitter last week to lead the Sarnia Brigade to a 10-0 win over the Lakeside Tigers in London. McLean struck out five while throwing 95 pitches.

He also helped got things rolling offensively with a hit and a run scored in the four-run first inning.

## Florence golfers fare well at season opener

Kassandra and Karolyn Rombouts of Florence cracked the top three at the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour near Hamilton.

Kassandra, 14, had rounds of 83 and 78 to take third place U15 play, while Karolyn, 18, tied for third with rounds of 80 and 81.

## High school soccer and rugby playoffs on tap this week

LCCVI is involved in LKSSAA girls’ rugby playoffs this week, while the Lancers and North Lambton are both competing in senior girls’ soccer playoffs, but scores were not available at our weekly press time.

LCCVI closed out the girls’ rugby regular season with a 5-5 draw against Northern, while the girls’ soccer side tied Great Lakes at 3 and lost to the Wolfpack, 2-1.

The North Lambton boys are hosting Pain Court in the A soccer final Thursday afternoon after the Eagles disposed of LKCS, 9-0 in a semi-final match Monday.

And the LCCVI boys’ rugby team ends its regular season with round robin matches at St. Pat’s next Tuesday.

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