

STRONG START



Charlie Shaw heads around the turn at SWOSSAA at Sandwich South Secondary School in the Sr. Boys 4x400m relay. The team, which included Victor Tang, Shaw, Ty Moffat and Elijah Brown, placed seventh, just out of the running for Regionals this weekend. Shaw did qualify for the 2000m Steeplechase. For more results see pg. 8.

BRUCE SMITH PHOTO

From a bathtub bomb shelter to a Petrolia home

Heather Wright
The Independent

It wasn’t that long ago that 14 year-old Olha Slobodianiuk was lining the bathtub with pillows and blankets to be a safe haven if the Russians began bombing her home.

Now, Slobodianiuk has a bed of her own and it led to tears of joy.

The 14 year-old and her grandmother, who is also named Olha, are living in Petrolia with Carol and Rory Roddy. They’re among the first Ukrainians to make the community their home as war rages on in Ukraine.

Carol Roddy and her husband started thinking about offering their home to someone fleeing the war as soon as they saw the images of Ukraine across their TV screen.

“We had just seen it on the news, and we thought how awful it was. We could help financially and so many people are doing that. I just think

we’re so fortunate, really. So, we talked about it, I said, ‘What do you think about having them here?’”

Her husband agreed and they contacted a group in London working with Ukrainian refugees. She prepared all the paperwork and had a police check. She was told it would likely be the summer before someone arrived in their home.

Then, Roddy found the Save Ukraine Sarnia-Lambton group and contacted them. It only took a little while for the Slobodianiuks to be matched with the Roddys. They arrived in Petrolia Sunday.

The Slobodianiuks have shared some of what they faced. They lived in a mining town between Mariupol - which has been decimated by Russian bombing with thousands killed - and the port city of Odessa - another Russian target. The threat of bombs dropping in their village was constant.

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Fighting for justice for their mother

Children of Fenny Campbell oppose parole bid

Heather Wright
The Independent

Three Lambton County siblings will face the parole board Thursday in an attempt to keep their father behind bars.

Nearly 25 years ago, Donald Campbell killed his wife, Fenny, in their Wyoming home and then tried to cover up her death by disguising it as a traffic death. During the trial, it was revealed Donald Campbell had abused his wife, often humiliating her, and was seeking a way out of his marriage when he killed her in the garage of the family home.

He was convicted of first degree murder and has spent the last 25 years in prison.

In a social media post, the children

of Fenny Campbell, Brent, Joel and Alicia, revealed the pain they’ve suffered.

“Our lives were forever changed in that moment, and though much time has passed, we continue to feel the impact of her loss even to present day. Our family went through times of unimaginable pain and grief, and experienced and emptiness that can’t even be described,” writes Brent who was just 15 when his mother was murdered.

“As a result of one man’s selfish actions, we were robbed as children of any sense of normalcy or stability. We didn’t get to have our mother present at our graduations, weddings, and other significant milestones. Our mother didn’t get to hold or spend time with any of her grandbabies. Our lives were literally shattered because of the actions of one man.

Brent says Campbell is now applying to the Parole Board of Canada for both unescorted temporary absences as well as day parole.

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Brent, Alicia and Joel Campbell with a picture of their mother, Fenny, who was murdered in Wyoming 25 years ago by her husband, Donald Wayne Campbell. He’s applying for day parole May 26, a move the siblings will oppose.

Campbells ‘fighting for justice’

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“If successful in his application, this would mean that he would be transferred from the federal institution where he is currently serving his life sentence, and moved to a halfway house where he would have unsupervised access to the community, while seeking eventual full parole,” writes Brent. The family believes he wants to live in southwestern Ontario, perhaps London or Windsor.

The trio plan to be at the parole board hearing to oppose the move.

“At this point, Donald Campbell has never taken responsibility for his actions, he has never shown any remorse for the pain he has caused, and to this day insists that he is innocent. Every court and appeal process to date has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is fully responsible and fully guilty of his crime,” Brent writes.

In 2018, Donald Campbell tried to get early parole under the faint hope clause which allowed those convicted of first degree murder a chance to be paroled after 15 years. At that time, The London Free Press reported Superior Court Justice Kirk Munroe said Campbell continued to deny responsibility for his wife’s murder. “Donald Campbell continues to be the cold, selfish, lying manipulator who murdered his wife 20 years ago,” he said, denying his request.

But after serving nearly the entire sentence, Campbell is eligible to apply for absences from federal prison.

“On May 26, 2022 we along with our families, friends, and community will continue the fight for justice for our mother Fenny, as we attend a Parole Hearing in Donald Campbell’s bid to gain freedom,” Brent says in the social media post.

“It is our hope that justice will again prevail, and that Donald Campbell remains in prison where he belongs.”

The family didn’t wish to be interviewed about their bid to keep Donald Campbell behind bars. “Through the love, support of our amazing family, friends, and community, and rooted in our unshakable faith in God, we were able to slowly pick up the pieces and build lives of our own. We have been busy raising our families and living our lives in a fairly private manner over the past number of years, but we knew this day would come.”

The siblings did ask friends to share their concerns publicly “to create both support for our family, but also awareness among communities in Southwestern Ontario so

that they are aware of the potential for this convicted murderer to be released into their communities.

“Please reach out to your local federal MP’s, provincial MPP’s, and municipal leaders to express your concern about this offender’s potential release into the community,” Brent writes.

“We thank you all for your continued prayers, support, and positive thoughts as we navigate through these new and challenging times.

“As long as we have breath, we will fight for justice for our mother whom we loved and miss so much.”

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36 died from opioids in 2021

Heather Wright
The Independent

New statistics show 36 people in Lambton died of opioid overdoses in 2021.

That’s not as many as in 2020, when Lambton Public Health officials reported 42 people died of overdoses, but it is still much higher than the provincial average. About 124 of every 100,000 people in Lambton have been to the emergency department with a drug overdose compared to 114 per 100,000 in the rest of the province.

It could have been worse, public health says about 27 per cent of the people paramedics attend for drug overdoses don’t go to the hospital after being revived.

Lambton County councillors got a look at the figures last week and voiced concern about what is being done to deal with the ongoing crisis.

“It clearly became evident that this is gone way beyond a policing issue and now it has become the social responsibility of all of us to address,” said Sarnia City/County Councillor Mike Stark.

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley says over the past few years public health has been working with others in the community to deal with the issue, including Ryan’s House and a commitment from the province for more withdrawal management beds. But he says the province needs to provide more help. “We’ve been dealing with this now for years, we asked the province in the last term to declare a provincial-wide emergency on this issue... and put all the resources possible toward the problem.”

Public health is working on a new drug strategy document but Mike Gorey, the manager of health promotion, says the opioid crisis is about more than just drugs; it’s about everything from housing to community supports.

And St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold believes the problem is also about a lack of hope - something he says Lambton’s Circle’s Out of Poverty program gives. “My own hope is that there’s more information in regards to how to instill hope in people that there is a future that’s worth living.”

Ukrainian teen and grandmother settle in Petrolia

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“At one point, the air raid sirens are going off, and the Russians were 17 kilometres from the city. And the air sirens had been going off Olha - the granddaughter - she has lined the tub with pillows and blankets and she was sleeping in the bathtub for fear that they were going to start shelling,” Roddy says.

While the Ukrainian army has pushed back the Russians from their home, it is a likely target because it is a mining town.

The Slobodianiuk have been in contact with friends and neighbours by cellphone, but even that is difficult. A neighbour has a key and recently gave them a video tour of their home. “That just really broke her heart,” says Roddy.

And the Petrolia woman does her best to provide not only a place to stay, but a bit of comfort. “We share a lot of hugs,” Roddy says of the elder Slobodianiuk who is close to her age. “She is very religious person and she keeps saying that her inner voice or God is telling her to continue to look forward. Don’t look back.”

After the video tour of her apartment, Roddy says Slobodianiuk said “I gotta listen to that voice. I just gotta move forward.”

The pair have settled into the Roddy’s home. At first, they were together in a room. Roddy was concerned they might wake up in the night and be frightened because they didn’t know where they were so she placed them together.

Young Olha has already moved into a bedroom downstairs after a bed was donated for her. “She crawled onto the bed after we’ve made it and she started to cry out of joy.”

Roddy says the community - both in Sarnia and Petrolia - have been incredibly generous, donating whatever the pair needs. That includes a keyboard for young Olha who is an accomplished pianist.

The group Save Ukraine Sarnia-Lambton is continuing to look for people to house refugees. The first of three chartered flights of people fleeing the three month old war arrived in Winnipeg on the weekend. One of the flights will be landing in Toronto by the beginning of June.

Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu says 50 families have offered to house some of the refugees. Roddy says if people



PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK

Olha Slobodianiuk and her granddaughter, who is also named Olha, arrived in Petrolia from Ukraine Sunday. They’re fleeing the violence in their home country as Russia tries to claim the territory they live in near Mariupol and Odessa.

are able, they should become involved.

“It’s been a great experience in the community. I can’t believe that community between Sarnia and Petrolia and just people coming out of the woodwork ... People have just been phenomenal. It is just such a loving community.”

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Let’s talk about the issues

We’re seeing a disturbing trend in the past two elections, one that will only lead to a further division of our country if we’re not careful.

During the past federal election and now the provincial election, we have noticed the people who want your vote don’t feel the need to state their opinions and debate them publicly.

Around the world, when people vie for public office, they place their views in the public square and are prepared to defend them in a debate. Normally, this is done during an all-candidates.

Organizations like service clubs and chambers of commerce contact the candidates, organize a time and publicize the event. They see it as their civic duty to help the people of the community be informed.

While there has always been some sniping across political lines, there is also an exchange of ideas. People could clearly state why they thought, for example in 1990, that the NDP government in Ontario was spending money we didn’t have. The Conservatives under Mike Harris laid out a plan to reduce spending and the local candidates talked a lot about that. It was a clash of ideas and ideals on both the provincial and local stage. There has been at least some substance to the debate.

But in our social media world, where most voters have a 20 second attention span, even the most important issues may get a brief mention, but are rarely discussed locally with all views represented at one time.

In both the federal and provincial elections, candidates are now avoiding the most obvious form for debate - the local all candidates debate.

In both Sarnia-Lambton and Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, multiple candidates simply didn’t show up to debates. For one of the candidates, the event was in their hometown and they still didn’t show. If you can’t - or won’t - articulate what you and the party you represent believes in a public forum, why are you running?

Residents need to hear from candidates, to understand what they stand for, to know if the candidates understand the important issues and if they should represent your community in Queen’s Park. And in a time when politics is more about them versus us, we need all-candidates meetings to make space for honest conversations about the issues shaping our lives so we can face the big challenges together.

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Our Story



FROM THE DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION

A lovely postcard of the historic Stirriet Store which was at the corner of what then was Main Street (Petrolia Line) and King Street. A department store still stands at the corner, however the historic building is no more. Further up the street you can see the what is now St Paul's United Church and apartment block which includes the former Squire Tavern.

Dad is on my mind as I choose my next MPP

This election, we have four voters in our home. Our youngest, John, turned 18 in January and can now cast his ballot.

As you can imagine, we talk a fair amount of politics around our dinner table with two reporters in the family.

And as we get closer to the June 2 election, we talk about how you decide who to support. It’s not an easy question to answer - at least not anymore.

When I first started in journalism, people could point out the Liberals and Conservatives in the crowd. Everyone knew this politicians family had “always been a Grit” and the other guy had “always been a Tory.” Those connections for some families dated back almost to Confederation.

But in the last 20 years, I’d say, a Tory isn’t always a Tory and Grit certainly isn’t a Grit anymore.

The Liberals spend too much money,

but then, so did the Conservatives. Those Liberals are voting Conservative and those Conservatives who don’t agree with the Tory way formed a couple of new parties instead.

And then there is the possibility you like a certain candidate, but don’t like what the party they represent. It’s a difficult choice for new and experienced voters alike.

So how do you choose? Some, I know, will shrug and vote for “the devil they know” or simply not vote at all. Neither are great options. We just end up with more of the same.

This year, I’ve decided to vote with one person in mind; my dad.

Dad died in long term care in Dec. 2020 - not of COVID-19 like 4,417 who have passed since this began - but of neglect. The people who were supposed to be keeping a close eye on Dad missed troubling signs of a

problem either because they weren’t properly trained or they simply didn’t have enough time to notice a simple medical issue which spiraled out of control.

It’s not an issue that will be fixed with more beds; it’s about valuing the most vulnerable in our society. We have failed so many of our seniors miserably. This election, I’m studying what the politicians plan to do to improve the situation for seniors and other vulnerable people. Because for my family, our collective inaction was a matter of life and death.



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CROSSWALK ACCIDENT



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Lambton OPP have charged a driver after a 35 year-old Petrolia woman was injured Friday. Police say around 7:45 am a woman using the crosswalk at the corner of Petrolia Line and Greenfield Street was struck by a vehicle. She was taken to hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries officers say. Police later charged the driver of the vehicle involved with failing to yield for a pedestrian under the Highway Traffic Act.

Corunna felt the earth move

Heather Wright
The Independent

There was a bit of rocking and rolling in Corunna over the weekend. Natural Resources Canada confirms there was a small earthquake centered near Corunna Monday just before 8 pm. It registered 2.5 magnitude and was likely about 5 kilometers underground. The website Volcano Discovery says normally earthquakes below three magnitude are very rarely felt. People only notice if the epicenter is only a few kilometers beneath the surface,

people are very close to the epicenter and there isn't a lot of noise, wind, vibrations or traffic. People from around Corunna started asking questions about the shaking shortly after it happened. "I thought someone hit my house," says Yvonne Mackenzie. Paul Beauchamp felt it was "more like a boom." While Melanie Lewis compared the sound to someone falling out of bed hard. The earthquake was felt down river in Mooretown as well. It's not unusual to feel earthquakes in Canada. In May so far, there have been 242 quakes across the country.



Natural Resources Canada says there have been over 240 small earthquakes in Canada this month including the one in Corunna.

Fire doesn't take a holiday; department stresses detectors

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

The Victoria Day weekend usually kicks off the summer season for many at conservation areas and campgrounds around the area. So members of the Brooke Fire Rescue were out at the AW Campbell Conservation area Saturday morning talking to campers about the importance of installing and keeping their smoke detectors in working order. The firefighters were getting a good response from those at the conservation area, as they went from trailer to trailer knocking on doors and informing campers on the simple thing that can save lives in the case of a fire. Rachel Bryan, the department's fire protection officer, said in most cases, campers were asking for new batteries for their existing detectors. Last year, Brooke Fire Rescue had been called to the park before for trailer fires. In that case it was during the winter and there was no power to the structure at the time and no one was injured. Bryan wants to make sure if there is a fire this summer, everyone will get out safely.



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Brooke Fire Rescue's Fire Prevention Officer Rachel Bryan talks to campers Chris Myers and Shannon King about the importance of having a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm in their camping trailer at the A.W. Campbell Conservation area on Saturday morning. Every type of camper, trailer, cottage, recreational vehicle and boat with a living, cooking or sleeping quarters requires a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas, she says. All of these dwellings can also be at risk of exposure to carbon monoxide so there must be at least one carbon monoxide alarm, too. Wood stoves, wood and gas fireplaces, boat motors, portable generators and propane stoves are the source of carbon monoxide.

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SL candidates look at housing crisis

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“It is not the government’s job to provide the housing for people who are taking the jobs. It might be the government’s job to get out of the way,”

That’s according to Keith Benn, of the New Blue Party, during an all candidates debate hosted by the Sarnia-Lambton Real Estate Board May 18.

Benn - on of three candidates who showed up for the debate - also commented on affordable daycare saying he could see the government making a financial contribution to help with daycare but the first thing to do is to talk to the industries, which are coming to Sarnia-Lambton and see what they can do to provide child care for their workers.

Incumbent Bob Bailey touted the Progressive Conservatives housing plan. “Just last year, there were 100,000 homes built in the province, which is the highest it has been in 30 years.” His government has set a target of 1.5 million homes being built over the next 10 years. He knows there have been homes built in Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming and St. Clair Township, even in Oil Springs where there were six homes constructed.

“Doug Ford had his chance to fix this but things have only gotten worse over the last few years,” said Dylan Stelpstra of the NDP.

But the first -time candidate is most concerned about the cost of living saying Ontario needs a government which acts in

the best interest of those who have been left behind.

“The NDP have a pharmacare plan and a dental care plan which has been costed out and is absolutely doable,” he said. This would put more money into people’s pockets and could make it easier to put money down on a down payment for a house or to pay rent, Stelpstra said. He did say the NDP plans to crack down on buying homes on speculation and change exclusionary zoning to make it easier to build different kinds of homes in all neighbourhoods..

Bailey wants to see zoning decisions being made by professionals and keeping them away from municipal councils. Benn disagreed. “I am a big believer of keeping politics as local as possible.”

Bailey says bureaucrats in ministries like the environment and natural resource, force people to spend thousands to meet their standards.

Benn reminded Bailey the bureaucrats just enforce legislation that has been passed by the government. “If that legislation is bad, it needs to be changed,” he said.

The housing debate was the second of three in this riding leading up to the June 2 vote. Wednesday night, the candidates were scheduled to debate agricultural issues in Brigden.

Leading up to the election, *The Independent* offers a brief overview of the candidates in the Sarnia-Lambton riding below.

MEET THE SARNIA-LAMBTON CANDIDATES

BOB BAILEY, PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Bailey, 71, was born and raised in Petrolia. He worked Nova Chemical and was a councillor for Enniskillen Township before being elected as MPP in 2007. Bailey is seeking his fifth term as MPP.

“Our party has a plan to build new homes, new roads and highways. We have a plan to give you a break and put more money in your pocket. We have a plan to create new and better jobs and keep the province open for business.”

KEITH BENN, NEW BLUE PARTY

Benn resides in Port Lambton. He is a professional geoscientist and former university academic. He works as an independent consultant in the mineral industry, serving in several senior executive roles since 2008.

“Our party was founded on the core principles of transparency, accountability and the respect for the rights of the dignity for the individual. That last part has been sorely lacking in Ontario in the last few years.”

MASON BOURDEAU, GREEN PARTY

Bourdeau, 21, is studying to become a registered practical nurse at Lambton College. Originally from Woodstock, he currently works as a personal support worker at a Sarnia nursing home.

“Ontario Greens are the only ones with a real plan for climate action. We’ll create thousands of good, green jobs, crush climate pollution and make Ontario a global leader in the new climate economy.”

CARLA OLSON, POPULIST PARTY ONTARIO

Olson, 52, has lived in Camlachie since 2003 with her spouse, Matthew, and is a mother of three and a grandmother of three. She has been a small business owner, missionary and is currently a nurse. She worked at Bluewater Health until Nov. 1, 2021, when she was fired for not complying with the hospitals COVID-19 vaccine

mandate.

She has also been a clinical instructor, teaching practical nursing students at Lambton College and volunteers at a local shelter.

“We can no longer trust a government who have imposed restrictions and mandates which have destroyed small businesses, countless relationships and our economy. Thousands of Ontarians have been either terminated or placed on unpaid leave for making the personal choice to refuse an experimental medical treatment.”

IAN ORCHARD, ONTARIO PARTY

Orchard is the candidate for the Ontario Party. The Ontario Party was established in 2018. It is a conservative populist party with ties anti-vaccination advocates and organizers of the freedom convoy protests that took place earlier this year

MARK RUSSELL, LIBERAL PARTY

Russell, 41, was born and raised in Sarnia. He teaches business and computer programing at Lambton College. He has been a business analyst and small business owner. Russell also ran for Sarnia Council in 2014.

“The Ford government has been starving public services to trick us into thinking that we have to privatize. Their kangaroo-like bouncing in and out of lockdowns, opening and closing schools and sacrificing lives for the sake of commerce was too much for me.”

DYLAN STELPSTRA, NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Stelpstra, 33, was born and raised in Sarnia and works with the Sarnia-Lambton Children’s Aid Society as a social worker and community advocate.

“I want to contribute to a government that puts people first, and not corporations or big business.

“The NDP is planning to invest in everyday people, in schools and education, and in health care including mental health care and seniors care.”



PUBLIC NOTICE

SEEKING ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE LAMBTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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- 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

The appointment will be for a two (2) year term for 2022 and 2023; and the successful applicant shall be a resident and/or ratepayer in Warwick Township.

Submit letters of interest outlining interest and/or qualifications by e-mail to agubbels@warwicktownship.ca, in person or by mail to Warwick Township, 5280 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0.

Contact the Township Office at 226-848-3926 or visit the website for more information.

All submissions must be received by 12 Noon on Friday, May 31, 2022.

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This Month In Lambton

May 2022



Warden Kevin Marriott
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Prevent the Bite!

Lambton Public Health has identified Pinery Provincial Park and 20 kilometres of the surrounding area as a high-risk area for Lyme disease.

Even if you have not or do not plan to go to areas of elevated risk for Lyme disease, it is important to still take precautions including always doing a tick check when you return from outdoor activities.

If you are experiencing symptoms of Lyme disease or have been bitten by a blacklegged tick from our designated high-risk area, consult a health care provider.

Learn more at lambtonpublichealth.ca.

PA Day Event: Meet Our Wild Neighbours

Drop in to the Oil Museum of Canada on Friday, June 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and enjoy some fun PA Day activities, including a presentation from Heaven’s Wildlife Rescue!

Regular museum admission rates apply.

One Seed Lambton

Stop by your local library and participate in the community gardening initiative, One Seed Lambton. This program encourages everyone to grow their own produce and save their own seeds for next year’s planting.

This year’s chosen garden seed is a Royal Burgundy Bush Bean, a richly flavored pod bean that grows purple and turns green after cooking.

From May to October, programs and workshops that explore the life cycle of a plant from planting to harvest will take place throughout Lambton County.

All levels of gardening experience are welcome. Learn more at lclibrary.ca/oneseedlambton.

Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., June 1, 2022 - Council Meeting

9 a.m. & 11 a.m., June 15, 2022 - Committee A.M. & P.M. Meetings

Agendas, minutes and links to meeting live stream videos can be found at www.lambtononline.ca/meetings.

To read more, go to lambtononline.ca



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Strategic voting firm puts support for LMK’s McNaughton at 42 per cent

Blake Ellis
Local Journalism Initiative

The votes for the next Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP are being cast now, even as the candidates continue to campaign.

As the advance polls opened for voters Victoria Day weekend, at least one source indicates the race in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex could be closer than a lot of people believe.

Votewell - an online strategic voting website says Incumbent MPP Monte McNaughton is in the clear lead with about 42 per cent of the support when the results of local polls are combined. But the NDP is also making a strong showing in the riding, garnering 26 per cent of the support in polls. Vanessa Benoit from Alvinston is carrying the NDP banner.

Votewell’s numbers show the Liberals sit at about 16 per cent support while other parties, including the Ontario Party, the New Blue and the Populist Party of Ontario, are pulling about seven per cent support.

Votewell - which is meant to help those with left leaning views to choose which party to vote for to defeat those on with right leaning views.

As we head into the last week of *The Independent* offers this brief look at those running to be the next MPP of Lambton-Kent Middlesex.

MEET THE CANDIDATES BRUCE BAKER, LIBERAL PARTY

Baker has spent time working in the tech industry, as well as six years as a publisher of academic journals and has founded activists societies focusing on forward thinking causes. He focuses on fighting climate change and equity for 2SLGBTQ+ people.

He’s a graduate of Queen’s University and currently lives with his partner of six years.

“The contributions of diverse communities, people of different races, religions, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities, have built the Ontario we call home. Rural, Northern, Franco-Ontarians and Indigenous peoples bring vibrant, dynamic life to every corner of this province. Each of these communities deserves protection, support and hope that tomorrow will be better.”

The Liberals main campaign promises include hiring 100,000 more health care workers and cancelling the construction of Highway 413 and using the money to invest in schools.

DAVID BARNWELL, NEW BLUE PARTY

Barnwell has called Ilderton home since 2018. He was born in Chatham but raised in Brampton. He has been running his own telecommunications and security consulting firm for over 13 years.

He first became interested in politics when former Premier Kathleen Wynne sold 53 percent of Ontario’s ownership of Hydro One.

“The New Blue Party will be supporting small business by alleviating the government associated tax burden that is imposed upon them through years of overspending and over taxation of individuals.”

The New Blue Party was founded by Jim Karahalios saying “there is no party in the Ontario legislature defending the taxpayer, defending small business, defending places of worship, promoting freedom, promoting democracy or fighting political corruption.”

VANESSA BENOIT, NDP

Benoit lives in Alvinston with her husband, Bruce and is the mother of one son.

She is a library worker, singer-songwriter and a private music educator. She has served on the planning committee of the Alvinston Arts and Music Fest and the Friends of AW Campbell Park.

“I believe that everyone has to have reliable access to public health care, schools and day cares. It was the Conservatives that further broke our essential services by continuing the chronic underfunding and cuts started by the Liberals.”

The NDP plans to increase the Ontario Disability Support

Program by 20 per cent, end the ban on suing private long term care homes for pandemic deaths, raise the minimum wage to \$25 per hour and include dental and mental health care under OHIP.

WANDA DICKEY, GREEN PARTY

Dickey is originally from Newfoundland. She first moved to Ontario in the 80s but now resides in Strathroy.

“The past two years have revealed cracks in the systems we rely on, from climate ready jobs to mental health to housing. We need new solutions to decade long problems that the old line parties have simply failed to solve.”

DEAN EVE, NONE OF THE ABOVE

Eve and his wife, Roslynn, bought their dream property in Bothwell on Highway 2. They had previously lived in Chatham, and Cambridge. He is the owner of Total RE Investment Management for residential and commercial properties.

He has put his name on the ballot because he has seen democracy deteriorate in the last two years.

“We are standing up for true democracy, full transparency and accountable government. We want recall of politicians who are not for the people... We want referendums on major issues to put the power back in people’s hands.”

MONTE MCNAUGHTON, PROGRESSIVE

CONSERVATIVE

McNaughton, 45, has served as the MPP of Lambton-Kent-Middlesex since 2011 and this is his fourth election campaign. He is currently the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. He lives in Mount Brydges with his wife, Kate and is a father of one. He has previously been the president of the Strathroy Chamber of Commerce.

“We are going to rebuild our economy coming out of the pandemic. We are working for workers. We are investing in key infrastructure and our plan is going to ensure Ontario remains open in the time ahead.”

The Conservatives have been promoting skilled trades, offering numerous programs for unions to train young workers. It’s promised a six month break on fuel costs, removed the vehicle registration fees and will spend \$20 billion next year on infrastructure including hospitals.

AARON ISTVAN VEGH, ONTARIO PARTY

Vegh is the Ontario Party candidate. The Ontario Party was established in 2018. It is a conservative populist party with ties to right wing Christian groups, anti-vaccination advocates and organizers of the freedom convoy protests that took place earlier this year. It promises to protect the “conscience rights of a citizen” at all costs.

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Lancers leap into OFSAA regionals

Victor Tang takes the baton from Charlie Shaw in the 4x400m Sr. Boys Relay at SWOSSAA. The 4x400 team missed the regionals by one place. Below Megan Jaques tosses her way into the regionals with a six place finish in shotput. And Jace McGrail moves on to OFSAA regional competition in the Sr. Boys 110m hurdles. The regionals are Friday and Saturday in Windsor

BRUCE SMITH PHOTOS



Heather Wright
The Independent

LCCVI's high jump team was flying high at SWOSSAA this week. Five Lancer leapers landed top six finishes to advance to the OFSSAA regional meet Friday and Saturday in Windsor. Jayln Jackson took home first in the Sr. Girls High Jump with a jump of 1.47m. Darius Landon and Tyler McGrail tied for second in Jr. Boys High Jump with a leap of 1:65 m. McGrail also placed second in Jr. Boys Long Jump with leap of 5.88 m. Pavla Gerrits placed second in the Jr. Girls High Jump with a leap of 1.40 m. Katelyn Nicholson placed third with a jump of 1.35 m in the Novice Girls High Jump. She also placed sixth in the Novice Girls 80m Hurdles with a time of 15.70. Here a list of the other LCCVI athletes who advanced to regionals:

- Hunter Campbell placed first in the Novice Boys' Discus with a throw of 40.25 m
- Ty Moffatt came in third with a time of 16.78 in the Sr. Boys 110 meter hurdles
- Jack Helps placed third in Jr. Men's Javelin with a throw of 39.67 m
- Hunter Kedwell placed fourth in the Novice Boys' 300m hurdles with a time of 47.90 and Kedwell came in fifth in the Novice Boys' 100 m hurdles. He also placed fourth in the Novice 100 m Hurdles with a time of 17.74

- Hunter Duncan placed fourth in the Novice Boys' 200 m with a time of 24.90 and placed fourth in the Novice Boys' 200 m dash with a time of 25.04.
- Charlie Shaw came in fifth in the Sr. Boys 2000 m Steeplechase with a time of 7:14.11
- Bea Lopez came in fourth with a throw of 19:30 in the Jr. Girls Discus.
- Maeve O'Brien qualified for regions with a time of 16.05 in the 800 m Hurdles in the Junior division. She also took fifth in the 80 m Jr. Girls Hurdles with a time of 15.94
- Jace McGrail came in sixth in the 110 m Sr. Boys' Hurdles.
- Megan Jaques placed sixth in the Sr. Girls' Shotput with a throw of 9:12m
- Michael MacKeller moves on to regionals with a sixth place finish in the Novice Boys 3000m
- The LCCVi Girls Novice 4x100m relay team qualified after placing fourth.
- The Sr. Boys 4x100m relay team of Elijah Brown, Jace McGrail, Victor Tang, Ty Moffatt also qualified for regionals with a sixth place finish.
- Sarah Douglas advances in the Novice Girls 3000m with a time of 12:42.58
- Rachel Clark earned her spot to regionals taking sixth in the Novice Girls 300m hurdles



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Sports

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Camlachie native Jacob Zerko crests the railroad bridge in Watford heading for the finish line of the Watford to Alvinston Road Race for a second place finish. Lucas Salazar-Reid of London covered the 16K race in just over an hour Monday to capture top prize in the return of the race after two years of the pandemic. Mike Kirkland of Bright's Grove and Jared Bourque of Corunna were the top local male finishers placing third and fourth, respectively. Danielle Quinn of Corunna was the top female finisher narrowly beating out Sarnia's Hailey Walker. Thedford's Owen Peter's of North Lambton captured the 8K run, with Alvinston's Michael MacKellar of LCCVI placing third. Jackie Stanton of Plympton Wyoming was the first female finisher in the 8K event. She placed fourth.

Wyoming's Myers and Gray named to all-conference

Noah Myers has been selected as a First Team All-Conference player in the Big South Conference. The Wyoming native hit .326 in 55 games this season for the University of South Carolina Upstate Spartans. He had 23 extra-base hits, including eight homers, 26 RBI, 59 runs scored and a school record 20 stolen bases. Myers and the second-seeded Spartans open play Thursday afternoon at the conference tournament in North Carolina. The Spartans had a 17-6-1 record in conference play this season

and were 34-20-1 overall. They ended the regular season with a split against the Buckeyes at Ohio State last weekend. Meanwhile, fellow LCCVI and Great Lake Canadians grad Kaden Gray has been chosen as a first team all-conference and all-region player following his freshman season as a catcher at Harper Community College near Chicago. Gray hit .337 in 32 games with 18 extra-base hits, including 13 doubles, he had 35 hits, scored 34 runs, and drove in 19. Hi team was eliminated from its postseason tournament this month.

DuChene to be inducted into Hall of Fame

The accolades continue for Krista DuChene. The Brooke Central and LCCVI grad from Alvinston will be among those inducted into the Sarnia Lambton Sports Hall of Fame later this year. DuChene represented Canada in the women's marathon at the Olympics in 2016 and is the

reigning national record holder over 50 km. She has previously won the Canadian marathon and half marathon championships and was third in the Boston Marathon in 2018. The enshrinement dinner will be held on October 15 at the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club for the first time in two years.

Giants stand tall in Western Counties opener

The Corunna Giants, coming off an 11-0 win over Courtright last week, are scheduled to host Dresden Wednesday at Eric Mackenzie Field in Courtright. Meantime, Wyoming's home opener is Friday night against the Giants at Canton Park at 7:30.

The Cattlebarons then travel to Dresden for a Sunday afternoon contest at 1 pm while the two Port Lambton squads play each other on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at VanDamme Park. Petrolia's scheduled season opener last week against Corunna was rained out until June 3.

North Lambton wins two LK soccer crowns

Plympton-Wyoming's Austin Harper had one of the goals to help North Lambton beat Pain Court, 2-1 last week to capture the LKSSAA boys A soccer crown. The Eagle girls also won their title beating Pain

Court, 3-2. LCCVI came up short in the girls' AA semi-finals last week losing on penalty kicks to Great Lakes. The Wolfpack went on defeat Wallaceburg on penalty kicks for the title.

Flyers search for a coach

Barry Wright
The Independent

The Petrolia Flyers are in the market for a new head coach. After four seasons on the job, Dale Timmermans has stepped down from behind the P-town bench. "Thank you for the time and commitment you have given our boys and our organization," said the team in a short post on social media. "We wish you all the best in the future and hope you enjoy your second retirement from junior hockey."

The Flyers finished seventh in the regular season standings this year and were eliminated by Essex in the first round of the league playoffs. But, the team caught lightning in a bottle in the league's newly instituted Tier II playoffs going 8-2 and making it all the way to the finals losing in



overtime to Hagersville earlier this month. Flyers GM Dennis Meston says a search for a head coaching replacement is ongoing. Meantime, the general manager of the Mooretown Flags, John Baker says Mark Davis and his coaching staff will all return for the 2022-23 campaign.

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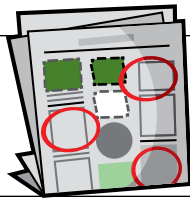
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Paul Dalton, C.R.S.S. – Public Works Superintendent

Classified Deadline:
Monday @ 12 noon

Classifieds



Obituary



KRALE John

John Krale, 78 years, of Wyoming, passed away peacefully with family by his side on **Monday, May 16, 2022** at Victoria Hospital, London. John was the loving husband for 54 years to Gertie (VanArragon). He was a proud father to the late Jim (2010) and Trish Krale, Stephen (Claudine) Krale, Andrea (Greg) Schinkel, Tracy (Charles) Ritchie, Judith (Chris Kanakos) Krale, and Brian (Stacey) Krale. He will be missed by his grandchildren Lauren, Jenna, Lucas, Nathan (Danielle), Kaitlyn (Mark), Desiree, Destiny (Josh), Gabriella, Garret, Sterling, Christian, Mackenzie (Ryan), Hannah, Adyson, Ethan, Noah, Alex, Jacob, and Benjamin, his honorary grandson Ruben, and his great grandchildren, Macormic, Camden, Luke, Jaxon, Sophie, Devyn, and Eli. John was predeceased by his parents, Arend and Vroukje Krale and his brother Albert, and is survived by sisters Janny (the late Adriaan) de Vries, Ann (the late Martin) Den Boer, and Marjo (Koert) Nieuwenhuis. He was loved by his many nieces and nephews. John was a lifelong member of Wyoming Christian Reformed Church, where he served on the council and played organ for many years. He also served on the boards of John Knox Christian School and Lambton Christian High School and he volunteered as a driver for Wheels of Hope and the Children's Aid Society. **A funeral service was held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. from the Wyoming Christian Reformed Church, 4524 Confederation Line, Wyoming. Interment was in Wyoming Cemetery.** As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Wheels of Hope (<https://cancer.ca>) or C.E.E. Hospital Foundation (www.ceehf.ca). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home www.needhamjay.com.

Celebration of Life



KING Jessie

A celebration of life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 388, 493 Erie St. Wyoming, on **Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 2-5 pm for JESSIE KING (nee Anderson), of Wyoming, who passed away in her 97th year June 7, 2021.** She is the mother of Wayne (Wren) King and Pat (Roy) Van Damme. Granny to Derek (Lyndsey) King, Mia (Andy Sit) King, Katie King, Corey (Stephanie) Wilkinson, and Kyle Wilkinson. Great Granny to Dawson, Jacob (2003), Reid, and Hunter King, Ryann Wilkinson and Estelle Sit.

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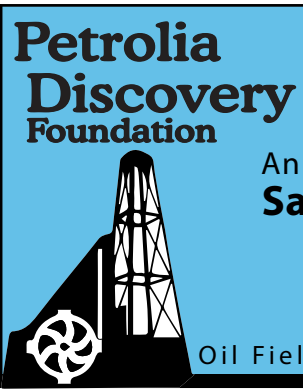
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Museum talks sustainability

The Lambton Heritage Museum is getting some help from the Oil Heritage Museum in Oil Springs to understand the petroleum's environment impacts and how it meshes with the sustainability movement.

Lambton County is the home of the first commercial oil exploration in North America. The history books are full of stories of Hard Oilers striking large veins of oil. In some cases it would be what we would now consider an environmental nightmare.

The petroleum industry has been under fire as the nation turns its attention to climate change and the affect our use of petroleum has had on the planet.

Christina Sydorko, Education Program Coordinator with the Oil Museum of Canada, will look at our local oil history and sustainability in a virtual presentation. Sydorko will explore how waste and pollution was produced in early refining and drilling operations, and how outsiders viewed these environmental impacts.

The discussion will also include a look at the industry today.

"Lambton County has deep roots with the oil industry," said Colleen Inglis, Education Program Coordinator with Lambton Heritage Museum in a news release.

"We're at a crucial turning point with climate change and it's important that we reflect on our history as we acknowledge the changes needed to minimize environmental impacts and create sustainable solutions."

The June 2 presentation will be online and can be viewed on the museum's social media sites later.

FARMERS' FUN



Blake Ellis/Local Journalism Initiative

Annie Kaplin of Alvinston was serving some of her new customers at the Petrolia's Farmers' Market on the weekend. This Saturday, the Town of Petrolia hosts an grand opening for the Saturday market. It is open until October.



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Lambton spared worst of storm

Heather Wright
The Independent

The storm that rocked the province on the Victoria Day weekend started here, but it seems to have done the least damage in Lambton.

Saturday morning, a weather phenomena called a derecho started in Michigan, moved across Lambton and blew through the rest of the province with wind speeds of up to 132 km/h according to Environment Canada.

A derecho is a long line of very active thunderstorms or microbursts caused by a sudden downward movement of cold air. This derecho stretched over 1,000 kilometres.

The worst of the damage was north of Toronto in Uxbridge and around Ottawa where on Tuesday thousands were still without power. Police say 10 people died in the storm throughout the province.

In Lambton, power outages were the biggest problem. There were six outages in the south west Lambton with about 4,000 people without power for a number of hours.

In Oil City, North Enniskillen/Oil Spring firefighters were called to Main Street between Rose and Thistle after a branch landed on a hydro wire and started a fire.



STACEY CHARLTON PHOTO

North Enniskillen/Oil Springs firefighters keep watch over a branch of a tree which was blown off in Saturday's storm. They had to put the branch out several times.

Firefighters remained on the scene until the arrival of hydro crews to fix it.

Happy birthday - then back to work Mr. Mayor

The Independent

As Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Lonny Napper heads toward retirement after the Oct. 24, he's not about to let work slide.

Town officials are planning an open house Wednesday (May 25) to celebrate Napper's 80th birthday. The longest serving mayor of the community announced earlier this year he wouldn't seek re-election. Napper was first elected 34 years ago, before Plympton and Wyoming merged into one municipality.

Municipal staff saw his birthday as a good time to celebrate Napper's long service to the community.

An open house will be held between 3 and 4:30 pm at the municipal office before the regular council meeting.

But then, it's back to work. "For my remaining time in office, it is business as usual," he said in a news release adding Wednesday is a "regular council meeting; I've got a couple more months to help ensure this municipality is well looked after."

DOUBLE TROUBLE



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

A Petrolia/North Enniskillen firefighter Jeremy Henderson checks for heat spots in a car which caught fire in the Tim Horton's drive thru May 18. A driver pulled his car through the Tim Horton's saw the front end on the driver's side was in flames. A fast-thinking passerby used a fire extinguisher from a near by business to put out the flames before it got out of hand.

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