

# ‘A whole lot of shovels in the ground’

McNaughton predicts more infrastructure projects as PCs win majority

Heather Wright  
The Independent

“There is going to be a whole lot of shovels in the ground.”

That’s from Monte McNaughton, the Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP elect. McNaughton, a cabinet minister in the Progressive Conservative government, easily reclaimed his seat and predicted Ontario is poised for growth.

McNaughton talked about the redevelopment of the Sydenham Campus of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance as one of the key Conservative wins in the riding.

“And there’s further expansion of natural gas projects, further expansion of broadband. I mean, by the end of this term, we’re going to have every single household in the province of Ontario connected to broadband, a high speed internet, so that’s going to benefit the people from Middlesex.”

And McNaughton says he’ll continue to build relationships with trade unions. The Conservatives widely touted the endorsements of more than a half dozen construction unions including LIUNA, pipefitters, sheet metal workers, boilermakers and electrical workers, as one of their paths to electoral victory June 2.

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## PIZZA FACE



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Finn Chapman, 11, of Alvinston was sinking his teeth into a piece of hot, gooey Pizza during Petrolia’s Pizzafest Saturday. He was one of an estimated 2,500 people who came down to the park to get their pizza on. You can see more photos on page 12.

# Plympton-Wyoming teen charged after threats close LCCVI for a day

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Lambton OPP have charged a 16 year-old from Plympton-Wyoming in the wake of threats which closed LCCVI for a day.

June 2, Lambton-Kent District School Board officials called in the OPP after graffiti was found in a bathroom which was under renovations. While officials downplayed the idea, sources

told *The Independent* the threats made were linked to PRIDE Day activities which were expected to take place the next day.

Students were kept in the classrooms and bathrooms were off limits while officers investigated. And after consulting with police, the board closed the school building Friday concerned about the threats.

“Student and staff safety are a top priority for the LKDSB and

we follow the direction of local police regarding matters of school safety,” said Director of Education John Howitt in a memo to parents.

Howitt says the board acknowledges that while they want everyone to feel welcome at Lambton-Kent schools – that is still not always the case.

However, Howitt cautioned against “heavily linking” the incident at LCCVI with PRIDE day activities while police were

investigating the threats.

In a news release Tuesday, OPP say a teen – who will not be identified because those 16 and under are covered under the Young Offenders Act which protects their identity – was arrested Monday night and has been charged with uttering threats and mischief.

“The OPP recognize the importance of school safety and how a threat of this nature can be difficult for all who are affected,”

officials said in the news release.

“The OPP take these incidents very seriously and will continue to work closely with the school boards to help identify the individuals responsible when these investigations arise. Criminal charges will be laid when suspects are identified in these matters.”

At press time, police had not responded to questions about who or what had been threatened in the graffiti.

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# Enniskillen man wants dirt bike track curfew

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Corey McKinnon says there needs to be a curfew at the dirt bike track that borders his Enniskillen property on the Marthaville Road.

He made the request at the Township of Enniskillen Council meeting June 6.

“I have never heard anyone say they moved to the country to enjoy the sound of dirt bikes,” said McKinnon.

The track was built only 20 feet from his property line and he says the noise can reach over 120 decibels.

He can still hear the noise while he is inside his home with the doors and windows closed. He has even had his sleep disrupted at night and can hear the dirt bikes when he gets up in the morning.

The track, he says, was not there when he purchased his property.

But the owner of the track disputes McKinnon’s claims.

Kristen Kelvin was also at council and said the track has only been used three times this year, twice after school for two to three hours and once on a Saturday afternoon for two hours.

“The most dirt bikes that have been on the track are

four, because I have four children,” Kelvin said. The dirt bikes vary from 65 cc to 250 cc, she said.

McKinnon said he has a number of photographs of the activity on the track, saying at least one shows 10 dirt bikes on the track.

Mayor Kevin Marriott said McKinnon has called him a couple of times about the issue. McKinnon said he had a list of names of neighbours who are also concerned about the noise issue.

“I know you have mentioned some names but I don’t think I had anyone contact me,” said Marriott. The other four members of council all said this was the first time they had heard of this issue.

McKinnon said he would gather the signatures of other concerned citizens and submit it to the township. Council will wait for this additional information before moving forward.

The Township currently has an off-road vehicle bylaw, which limits off-road vehicles being driven from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. This only applies to two specific areas in the township and this Marthaville Sideroad location is not one of them.

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## FLYING IT WITH PRIDE



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Chris Tripp, co-owner of Truckin’ Mamas On the Run at Bridgeview Park in Petrolia, raises one of PRIDE flags on June 1. “This one is not coming down,” he vowed. He had previously taken down a PRIDE flag after an argument with a customer over its presence. Tripp has been flying PRIDE colours for years and has dealt with vandalism because of it. But Tripp says no more and plans to keep the flags up in support of young people in the community.

“This event is not about me,” said Tripp. “There are too many LGBTQ youth who are wanting to get out of small towns like Petrolia because they don’t feel supported. There are too many youth dropping out of high school, attempting or dying by suicide. It is important to speak out and show the youth that they matter,” he said. Customers came out to support the event giving donations to Diversity Ed, a Sarnia group which provides services for 2SLGBTQAI+ and their families and provides diversity training.

## Warwick to acknowledge Indigenous land rights

The Independent

Warwick Township is joining the ranks of municipalities acknowledging the lands of Indigenous people.

At the May 30 meeting, council adopted a land acknowledgement policy which will see the head of council read a statement before each meeting.

It acknowledges Warwick is located on the traditional lands of the Anishnabe and other Indigenous nations in Ontario “whose footsteps have marked them for centuries.”

The acknowledgement also promises to “strive to educate residents about our history through programming and events. We pledge to our First Nations neighbours that we will not tolerate systemic racism and commit to advancing reconciliation by building trusting relationships and fostering ideas for future consultation and partnership opportunities.”

The acknowledgement will also be posted public areas in the public areas in the township, including the arena, community hall and library.



Councillor Mark McGuire congratulates Heather Childs  
**Childs Senior of the Year**

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Heather Childs thought she was going to Dawn-Euphemia council give an update of her latest volunteer project, the Barn Quilt trail.

But, as she was stunned to find out, it was just a ruse to get her to the meeting to honour her as Dawn-Euphemia’s Senior of the Year.

Childs was nominated by her daughter, Robin, who wrote; “throughout her entire life, my mother has been a consistent volunteer in her community.”

While her kids were in school, Childs volunteered for fund raisers and as a chaperon for school trips. Robin added she “created



a Kids Club that met once a week in the library where we learned songs and listened to stories.” Childs also started up a Kids Club at her church, Zion Free Methodist in Beaver Meadow.

Childs was also a volunteer with the Dawn Historical Society and, for over a decade

Right now, Childs volunteers with the Into the Dawn Barn Quilt Trail volunteers. They created over 50 barn quilts which are now hanging around the municipality.

Childs down played her role in the project saying she likes the hands on work - tape off and paint it green - that’s what I can do,” she said at the end of her presentation to council.

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## Five Senior-Friendly Health Tips as Recommended by a Geriatrician

by Dr. Amanda Giffin, Internal Medicine & Geriatric Medicine Specialist

**1. Be physically active!** This is the most important thing you can do for your physical and cognitive well-being. Focus on functional strength and balance. There are many community centres offering exercise classes for older adults.

**2. Be social!** Interacting with others is important for cognitive and mental health. This has been tough to do throughout the pandemic, but it’s time to engage in social activities safely with friends, family or seniors organizations.

**3. Eat well!** A brain healthy diet is usually described as a Mediterranean diet. This means

eating lean meat, fresh fruits and veggies and using olive oil for cooking. A heart healthy diet, low in cholesterol and salt, is also recommended if you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or heart disease.

**4. Continue with regular health maintenance appointments.** For example, dental, eye, and hearing exams. Oral health and eye health should not be neglected; an annual check is important for your health. Checking hearing is also important and hearing testing is free! Correcting hearing loss can help preserve and protect your memory.



**5. Ask your doctor about your medications!** Over time, you may not need all the medications you are taking OR, you may need a different dose! A medication review helps to cut down on taking too many medications and avoiding unwanted side effects.

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## 100 KMS TO SAVE LIVES



BONNIE STEVENSON/THE BEACON

OPP officers and firefighters completed a 100 kilometre walk from Grand Bend to Corunna in an effort to raise awareness and cash to place defibrillators in public buildings. Four first responders, OPP Sgt. Patrick Armstrong, Det. Sgt. Dave Matheson, OPP equine care specialist Sam Crozier, and London Firefighter Bob Geilen - wearing his bunker suit - left Grand Bend early June 4 and arrived in Corunna Sunday morning. The group only stopped for about two hours during the 24 hour trek. The effort was for the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund, which raises money to place defibrillators in public buildings. Mounsey was an early supporter of the program. He died of injuries in a collision while on the way to an emergency call. To date, six of the donated defibrillators have been used to save a life. The walkers brought one to the Corunna Legion in the name of Corunna's own Graham Esmie. He was a Sarnia firefighter who died five years ago of cancer.

## Developer plans 69 unit Alvinston subdivision

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Brooke-Alvinston council has approved the rezoning of 12 acres of farmland in Alvinston which will pave the way for 69 new housing units. And not everyone is excited with the news.

Steve and Deb Durham of Norwich purchased the land and plan to build 19 single family homes, 30 semi detached homes and 20 townhouses in the Broadway/Lisgar area. It would be the largest housing development in Alvinston in decades. The last large development would have been on Broadway when about 20 homes were built.

Lambton planners voiced some concerns, including the entrance to the subdivision

would be very close to the neighbours' homes, but said those issues could be resolved as the Durhams submit a plan of subdivision.

But some neighbours were not pleased with the concept. Several, including Susan Upshall, wrote letters. Upshall who lives beside the proposed entrance says the development will "transform a quiet, naturalized pretty spot into a barren, busy thoroughfare - precisely the urbanization and commotion I moved to Alvinston to avoid."

Mayor Dave Ferguson says the land was always zoned for homes, but the rezoning will allow a higher density. He added the lots will still be relatively large.

It's not clear when construction would begin.

## GRIMM NIGHT



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

It was a Grimms night at LCCVI as the Drama Club presented Grim and Gruesome Grimms - a selection of Grimms fairytales which director Christina Langstaff says "are far from sweet, naive, innocent, syrupy, or charming" telling the audience "not to keep a body count through the June 1 performance. Here, Ireind Farr directs Kennedy McCarthy to a building so she can set it, and him, on fire.



## TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK "ANNUAL" SPRING CLEANUP

(For Watford / Warwick Township Residents ONLY)

**WHEN: Saturday, June 11, 2022** **TIMES: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

As a Warwick Township resident you can take your unwanted items of refuse and e-waste to the following depots, at no charge:

**LARGE ITEMS** taken to Twin Creeks Landfill – 5768 Nauvoo Road

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- Only large items that will not fit into a regular size garbage bag (ie furniture)
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners (freon must be removed & certification paperwork provided to the scale attendant)
- Steel - it must be sorted and put in the recyclable steel bin, at the landfill.

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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.**





# Editorial

## An electoral problem

Ontario has another Progressive Conservative government even though the majority of Ontarians couldn't be bothered to vote. Elections Ontario says 10,760,433 people voted; that's about 43 per cent voter turnout - the lowest in Ontario's history.

Since the 1970s, the people of this province have exercised their right to vote fairly faithfully with the highest turnout around 66 per cent and the usual turnout anywhere from the low 60s to mid 50s.

Our previous low was in 2011, when Dalton McGuinty returned the Liberals to power with a minority government for his third term. At the time he gained 37.6 per cent of the popular vote with 48 per cent of Ontarians casting a ballot. He had 53 seats.

Doug Ford, on the other hand, gave the PC's a commanding 83 seat majority government earning just 40 per cent of the votes cast with 43 per cent voter turn out. In all, about 1.9 million Ontarians in a province with 10.7 million registered voters gave Ford his majority. One calculation shows the PC's increased majority was endorsed by just under 18 per cent of the eligible voters.

On the flip side, the Liberals once again failed to gain enough seats to be an official party and the NDP lost nine seats yet the two parties - with very similar platforms - had the votes of 2.3 million Ontario voters - That's still only 21 per cent support.

Clearly, Houston, we have an electoral problem.

There have long been calls to reform the 'First Past The Post' voting system. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau even acknowledged the problem saying he would introduce proportional representation. He didn't. Doug Ford, when asked about the obvious problem after Thursday's election said there was nothing wrong with the current system.

It's obvious why both Liberals and Progressive Conservatives don't want to change - they have learned how to win with the least votes possible to hold onto power. Proportional representation would hold them to account and have them share power.

As long as we continue to return the established parties to power, it unfortunately isn't going to change and neither will the way they govern.

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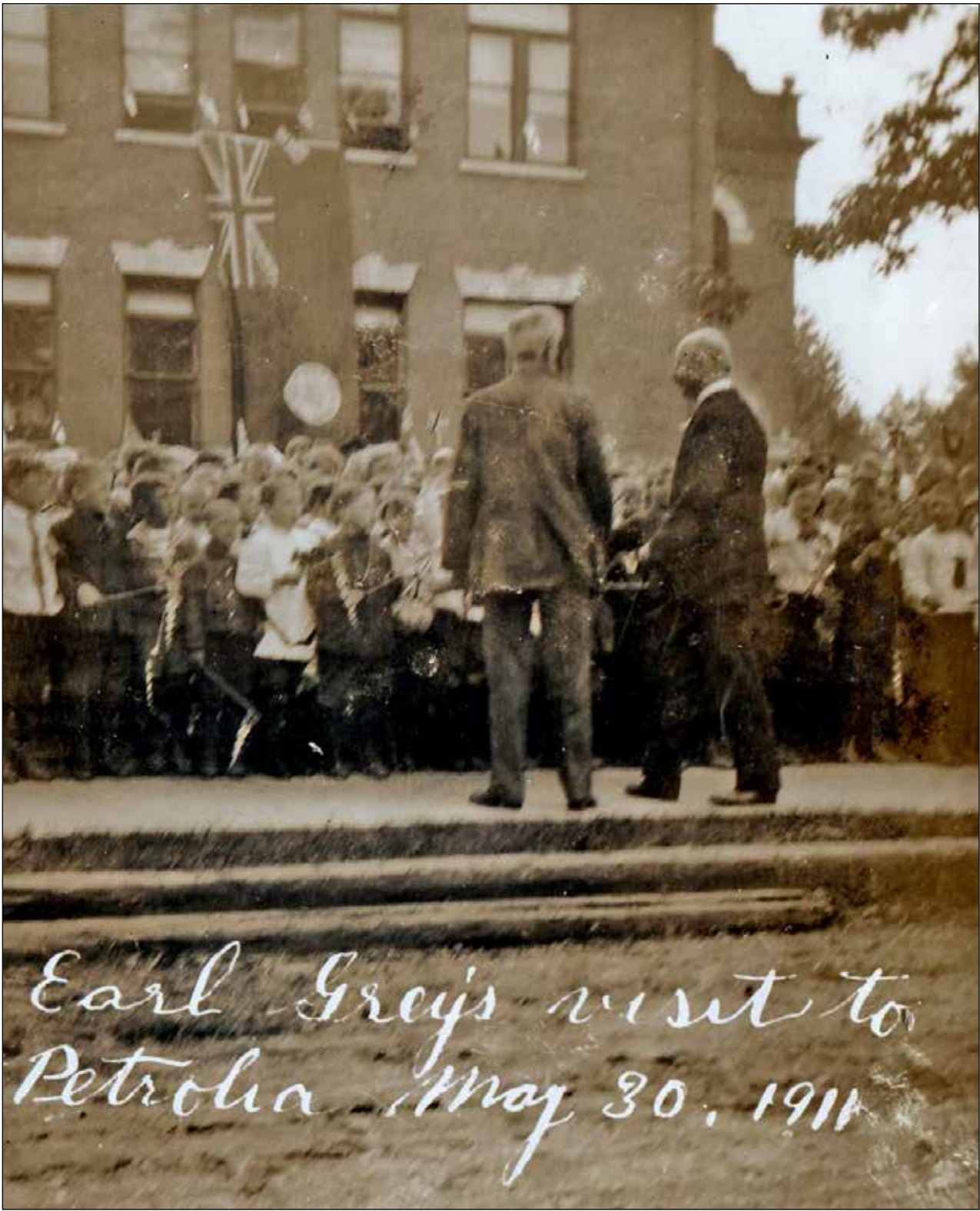
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# Conservatives cruise to victory in Lambton

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The Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP was given much of the credit for moving the party toward labour. McNaughton told reporters he spent 100 days meeting with union leaders across the province when he became the Labour Minister. He also championed an issue important to the skilled trades - the need to draw more young people to the industry. By the time the election rolled around, several construction trades announced a Ford-led government would be good for labour.

McNaughton told supporters in Mt. Brydges on election night his vision of bringing members of the trade unions into the party paid off.

“Leading this change in our Conservative family at Queen’s Park hasn’t always been easy, but you stuck with me and our hard work tonight has paid off; for the first time ever eight major construction unions representing tens of thousands of men and women who build Ontario endorsed Doug Ford and the Ontario PC party for the first time in history.”

McNaughton told his supporters at the Mt. Brydges Legion that came at the expense of the NDP and Liberals; “The reason for this is crystal clear; the Liberals and NDP are migrating to boutique social issues of the woke elites. They care more about statues and street names than good jobs with pensions and benefits,” he says.

While the Conservative were able to win the support of trade unions, several major organizations threw their support behind either the NDP or Liberals.

The Ontario Federation of Labour, which has over 1 million members and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, with about 180,000 members, endorsed the NDP. The Service Employees International Union - which represents health care workers - endorsed Liberal Leader Steven del Ducca in his riding.

These unions want the government to repeal a bill which caps wages of public sector workers at one per cent in a time of rapidly increasing inflation.

When The Independent asked McNaughton how he would deal with those unions he said; “I think where you can find common ground, you have to work here together. And we’ve been able to find common ground with the unions that represent tens of thousands of workers, you know, always more work to be done on this file. But, you know, it’s pretty historic what we’ve done and we’re seeing in the election results.”

McNaughton’s win in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex was expected; even the NDP candidate, Vanessa Benoit, who came in second, more than 16,000 votes behind him, admitted she knew going in McNaughton would be nearly impossible to unseat. But as she campaigned door-to-door, people were



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP elect Monte McNaughton shares a moment with his daughter, Annie, and wife, Katie, before addressing supporters on Election Night.

talking about their concerns for health care and the cost of living.

“It makes me makes me wonder what happened, whether it’s voter turnout, or you know, what it was that made things tip that way? And I don’t have the answer.”

Elections Ontario said this was one of the lower voter turn outs in recent memory. Elections Ontario says 10,760,433 people voted - about 43.03 per cent voter turnout.

McNaughton told reporters he would like to continue on as the Conservatives Minister of Labour, but that was up to the premier-elect.

# Bailey wins fifth term as Sarnia-Lambton MPP

Blake Ellis  
Local Journalism Initiative

Elated. That’s what Bob Bailey was feeling after being re-elected to serve his fourth term as MPP for Sarnia-Lambton. “I am elated. I am very happy,” said Bailey told his supporters as it became clear he would win this election in a walk with 52.7 per cent of the votes - a total of 21,183 ballots.

“People ask me why I am running again,” said Bailey. “Because I am not done yet.”

He pointed to three initiatives which he would like to see completed, twinning Highway 40 from Wellington Street and Indian Road in Sarnia, the construction of a new withdrawal management centre in Sarnia and the Water Treatment Plant upgrade for the Town of Petrolia.

The money is there for the withdrawal management centre and the water treatment plant, the work just has to be done, he said.

Bailey, known for his folksy ways, added he put a lot of time into campaigning to ensure the victory. “I have been to every restaurant and every small town.” Bailey said to supporters during his acceptance speech getting a laugh from the crowd. “I should start a food column. My waist line says I should back off.”

While Bailey was elated to be re-elected in a Conservative majority government, others who ran this time around were surprised by the strength of his win.

The NDP’s Dylan Stelpstra placed second but gained just 23.6 per cent of the vote. He says that number didn’t reflect his internal polling nor what he

was hearing as he campaigned. He and his NDP volunteers were able to knock on a lot of doors and they heard from a lot of “good people” who are not happy with the direction the province and the government is going.

Stelpstra said people told him they didn’t plan to vote for him, but yet he would have a 10 minute conversation with them giving him a chance to correct some misconceptions about the NDP platform and in some cases, sway their vote.

Stelpstra the conversations and the local polling had him expecting more than the 9,492 votes the NDP captured. Stelpstra said it is possible the low voter turnout could have had an impact on his numbers.

And he recognized he didn’t have a high profile to start the campaign. “People were getting to know me,” said Stelpstra. He says while the next provincial election is four years away, he would consider another run at the job of MPP.

In the meantime, Stelpstra is hoping the Ford government will “continue to listen, especially to those who are left behind and forgotten.”

The New Blue Party - whose signs were prominent across Central Lambton - received 6.8 per cent of the vote, organizers are excited about the party’s future.

“The future looks bright,” said Bob Maniuk, campaign manager for Keith Benn and Samia-Lambton Riding Association president for the New Blue Party. “You always hope for the best, but for a first time outing, I am happy with the campaign.”

The party managed to nominate candidates in all 124 ridings but failed to win any seats. It received 2.72



BLAKE ELLIS PHOTO

Bob Bailey celebrates with a support at the Petrolia Legion election night.

percent of all votes province wide with Sarnia-Lambton candidate Keith Benn coming in fourth in the riding with 2,719 votes.

It wasn’t hard to get people involved with the fledgling party, Maniuk said, as there were enough unhappy people.

Maniuk said people are not happy with the federal or provincial governments, suggesting the Premier Doug Ford and his Progressive Conservative government have “behaved like Liberals.”

One of the criticisms of the New Blue Party is it was splitting the vote. This is something Maniuk rejects saying the Progressive Conservative Party has “slid right to the left” leaving the New Blue Party as the only right wing party left.

The Progressive Conservative party has increased its number of seats and strengthened its majority government so “there will be more of the same,” said Maniuk, in the next four years. He feels the New Blue Party is well positioned to build on its momentum in the next election. “We are already looking to the next one,” he said.

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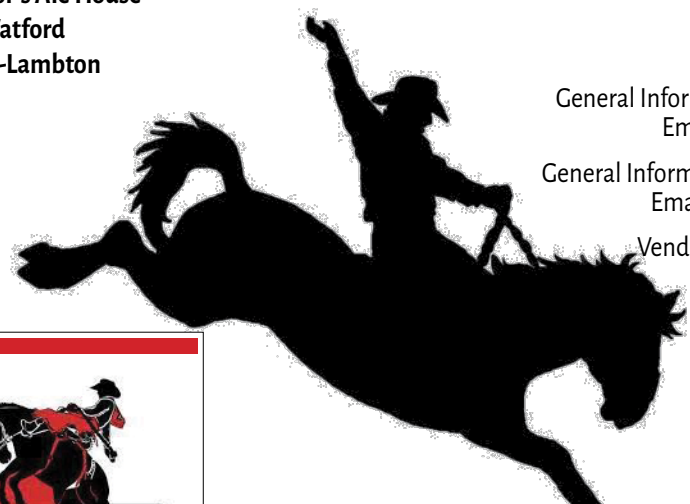
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### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, June 17, 2022

5:00pm - Gates Open  
7:00pm - Rawhide Rodeo Professional Rodeo Performance

Immediately following the rodeo (9:30pm) - Barn  
Dance Featuring Rumblefish (Rocking Rodeo Night)

#### Saturday, June 18, 2022

5:00pm - Gates Open  
6:30pm - Mechanical Bull Competition with Adult  
and Children Divisions  
7:00pm - Rawhide Rodeo Professional Rodeo Performance

Immediately following the rodeo (9:30pm) - Barn  
Dance Featuring Scott Manery & The Barn Burners  
(Kickin it Country Night)

#### Sunday, June 19, 2022

9:00am - 12:00pm - Cowboy Father's Day Breakfast  
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## HARDER THAN IT LOOKS



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With Hard Oiler John Shaw watching over her, Della Snow, 9 from Bothwell tries to drill for oil the old fashioned way at the Oil Museum of Canada. Snow and here family were taking advantage of the self-driving tour, Unlock Lambton, Saturday. It lead people through Lambton's tourist sites.

## Second person charged in Marthaville murder

The Independent

A second person has been arrested in the murder of a Sarnia man at the Marthaville Wildlife Habitat. On April 14 – just before Easter – a resident out for a walk discovered the body of Andrew Chute, 45, in the parking lot of the popular trail. He’d been shot.

Lambton OPP closed the habitat and the Marthaville Road for days as they combed for clues. In late May, police announced Jason Nahmabin, 43, had been arrested April 29 and charged with first degree murder. Police explained the nearly month long delay in releasing the information saying “There were some investigative reasons to hold that info

back for a short time.” June 2, police released James Armstrong, 45, of Sarnia was arrested May 31 – a full month after Nahmabin – and also charged with first degree murder. Armstrong has also been charged with conspiracy to commit murder. OPP have described Chute’s murder as a “targeted” death.

## TAKING IN TRACTOR DAY



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Rob and Karen Adams brought their grandchildren to see the tractors for LCCVI's annual Tractor Day. Young Jack was excited to see about 30 tractors of all sizes and colours in the parking lot of the high school June 1.

## Florence residents okay testing

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Officials in Dawn-Euphemia are pleasantly surprised with the number of Florence residents ready to test their septic systems. In a report to council, Clerk Donna Clermont says 21 homeowners have agreed to a dye test to determine if their private septic systems are working well.

The township is working with the Ministry of Environment to determine the source of pollution in the Sydenham River.

Thirty years ago, the MOE flagged a problem: some samples had 1,000 times the allowable limit of E. Coli and Phosphorus was 100 times higher than the ministry guidelines. That problem has persisted for the 30 years and is caused by private septic systems which are leaking

But finding a solution has been difficult and costly. A sewage treatment plant would cost millions and a less complex system proposed by the municipality was also over \$1 million. And there was no guarantee of provincial funding to help build it. The cost, politicians said, was simply too high for 67 homes.

Now, Dawn-Euphemia is working with the MOE to determine

which private systems are causing the problem. Clermont recently sent out a letter to the affect homeowners, hoping - but not expecting - to get Florence residents to volunteer for the testing. If there is a problem, homeowners will be expected to repair it at their own cost. That could cost tens of thousands of dollars. Clermont said 21 had signed up for testing in June. Clermont is hopeful more residents will step forward.

The township expects some homeowners will avoid the testing. They’ll use inspection cameras and send homeowners a report of their problems with orders to fix them.It’s not clear when that testing will take place.

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# Sports

## LCCVI’s Campbell fourth at provincials

**Blake Ellis**  
Local Journalism Initiative

Hunter Campbell’s first ever throw at OFSAA wasn’t what he had hoped but it didn’t stop him from placing in the top five across the province.

The Grade 9 LCCVI student faulted on his first discus throw en route to place fourth in the Men’s Novice Discus Throw.

“I was not going to let it get me down,” said Campbell, as he described the feeling he had after he faulted on his first throw at the OFSAA Track and Field Championship in Toronto June 4.

This was especially difficult because he had to wait for the other 23 competitors to throw before he got his next chance.

“I did something I should never do,” Campbell said, as he looked down at his feet during his second throw to make sure he didn’t over rotate. That throw was 40.42 metres, good enough to put him into the next round.

He then threw three more times,

42.43 metres, 42.68 metres and the final throw and his personal best, 43.02 metres. He was in third place at one point but moved down to fourth as others bested his mark.

Campbell’s win very special for LCCVI’s discus coach. The coach is Hunter’s dad, Joel, who has been a track coach 16 years. He is proud of the teen’s accomplishment. “Getting out of the West Regionals is very hard,” said Joel. “You have to have a lot of focus.”

This is the first year Hunter has competed in discus. He started to train for the sport last summer. He started to throw once or twice a week all summer then practiced again in April as the track and field season approached.

Joel stressed Hunter was motivated to learn and was always the one who asked to practice. And there was a team approach to Hunter’s training, as discus throwers Joe and Brendan Wilson also had a hand in his development.

Joel coached Brendan in his first year

of coaching at LCCVI in 2005 and Joe gave some of Joel’s first training as a coach. “I can’t thank them enough,” said Hunter of the Wilson’s, saying it was a big deal for them to be involved.

Hunter will be taking his weight training more seriously, as he has an eye already on next year’s season. He noticed many of his opponents were much bigger than him at OFSAA.

He will be a member of Sarnia Athletics Southwest Track and Field Club where he will continue his training over the summer. He hopes to take up shot put and javelin as well.

It will still be a few years away, but competing for a Canadian or American university is a goal. “It would be a dream to get to that level,” said Hunter.

But for now, Hunter and his coach are happy with this year’s results.

“It is nice to know that I am the fourth best novice discus thrower in the province right now,” said Hunter.

- THE INDEPENDENT

## Robinson wins triple bronze

Marlowe Robinson captured three bronze medals at the Canadian Junior and Juvenile Weightlifting Championships last weekend in Quebec.

The 17 year-old LCCVI student had a 62 kg snatch, a 72 kg clean and jerk for a 134 kg total in the women’s 59 kg category.

She finished third in both lifts and in total.

Meantime, Declan Watson, 15, broke both the snatch and clean and jerk provincial records in his weight class and finished fifth.

The Errol Village athlete was the youngest lifter in the 89 kg category.

The pair will compete in the Young Hercules event in St. Thomas next month.

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Marlowe Robinson

## Fryfogle joins Flyers

Long-time Petrolia Minor Association coach Chris Fryfogle is now the man behind the bench for the PJHL’s Petrolia Flyers.

The 51 year-old was introduced at a news conference Monday. He replaces Dale Timmermans who retired at seasons end after four years at the helm.

Fryfogle, the two-time PMHA Coach of the Year, says his team will be prepared and relentless, something younger players in the area can aspire to. “Everyone should want to play for the Flyers and if we move in the right direction, I hope everyone does.”

Erin White will return as an assistant coach and former Sarnia Legionnaire GM Tom Norris is joining the staff in that capacity, too. Norris is a former Flyer head coach in Alvinston.

The Flyers have agreed to move from the Stobbs Division to the Yeck Division. “Geographically, it’s a good fit,” said GM Dennis Meston. “Our longest bus ride will be an hour and ten minutes, as opposed to two-and-half hours to get to Amherstburg.”

“Our goal is to not just to make the playoffs but be a top three team and advance from there,” said Fryfogle. “We can probably move up the ladder at little faster (in the Yeck) than in the Stobbs and if we put in the work, we’ll get there.”

The new coach is familiar with many players having coached some on an OMHA winning squad with the Petrolia Oilers but is excited to see what other talent is available during training camp in mid-August.

“We’re going to have some fun, but you have to put the work in....Put your hard hat on and get to work—that will be our philosophy.”

## Crummy, Policicchio qualify

Liam Crummy of Oil Springs carded a one under par 71 to win the Golf Ontario Junior Boys qualifying event at Roseland in Windsor.

Petrolia’s Jackson Policicchio also qualified for the provincial event next month finishing in a tie for eighth at 81.

Both players are members of the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club. The 100th anniversary of the Ontario Junior Boys Golf Tournament with be held near Sudbury from July 5-8.

## Corunna native called up to coach Philiadephia

Rob Thomson is now the interim manager of the Philadelphia Phillies.

He was handed the reigns last week after the Phils fired Joe Girardi. Philadelphia was 22-29 and 12 games back of the New York Mets in the National League East at the time of the change. The Corunna native had been the bench boss with the Phils since 2018. He was part of the New York Yankees coaching staff from 2008-17 winning a World Series with the pinstripes in 2009.

## STRONG FINISH



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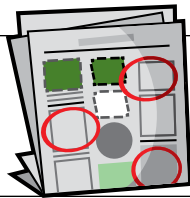
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# Calendar

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
Wed	7p	Forest	Darts @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357
Wed	7:30p	Alvinston	LA Cards @ Alvinston Legion	519-898-2100
Fri	1:30p	Forest	Shuffleboard @ Forest Legion	519-786-5357
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	Samia	Monthly Meeting @ Horticultural Society	519-332-5837

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Jun11	8a	Oil Springs	<b>Bottle Drive</b> fundraiser @ Oil Springs Legion	519-834-2537
Jun11	9a	Pt Edward	Bluewater Anglers <b>Annual Shoreline Cleanup</b> between Samia and the Point Edward Water Treatment Plant. Free hot dogs, pop, and coffee available. Call 519-331-6253 for more info.	
Jun12	2p	Samia	Samia Bluewater Chordsmen present <b>"Harmony Revival"</b> @ Samia Imperial Theatre. David Burrows - MC and P.A.C.K. - guest entertainers. 226-402-3060	
Jun13	7p	Samia	<b>Open Stage</b> @ the Lawrence House. Free admission. 519-337-0507, <a href="https://lawrencehouse.ca">https://lawrencehouse.ca</a>	
Jun14	7p	ZOOM	Lambton & Kent Branch of Ontario Ancestors, Zoom Meeting <b>"Diligence Has Its Rewards: A Remarkable Discovery Regarding My Early Lambton &amp; Kent Ancestors"</b> . Registration is free. Link to meeting email <a href="mailto:lambton@ogs.on.ca">lambton@ogs.on.ca</a>	
Jun18	11a	Corunna	<b>Kids Bike Safety Day</b> @ Corunna Legion - for more info go to <a href="http://www.MooreOptimist.com">www.MooreOptimist.com</a>	
Jun18	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>	
Jun20	7p	Samia	<b>Open Stage</b> @ the Lawrence House. Free admission. 519-337-0507, <a href="https://lawrencehouse.ca">https://lawrencehouse.ca</a>	

## In Memory

### PHIL TETREALT

August 11, 1940  
- June 6, 1992

*Sadly missed  
along life's way,  
Quietly remembered  
every day.*



Always Loved & Never Forgotten  
Betty



## PUBLIC NOTICE Town of Plympton-Wyoming

May 31st 2022 - Please be advised that the Town of Plympton-Wyoming has updated the By-law that oversees the Management and Control of the municipally owned Wyoming Public Cemetery and all Inactive Cemeteries in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

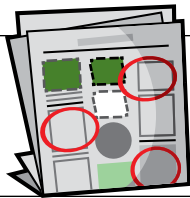
Copies of the updated By-law are available upon request at the Municipal Office – 546 Niagara Street, Wyoming ON.

For any questions or additional information, please contact:

Rebecca Vandenberg – Executive Assistant Corporate Services  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming  
(519) 845-3939  
[rvandenberg@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:rvandenberg@plympton-wyoming.ca)



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# Classifieds

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**4156 Petrolia Line – Call 226-738-0728**  
**or email: [office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca](mailto:office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca)**

## Obituary



### WELLINGTON

**John David**

**John David Walter Wellington**, of **Petrolia**, passed away on **Saturday, June 4, 2022** at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia, in his **85th year**. Beloved husband of Dorothy (nee Clark), Cherished father of Dan (Nancy Walker) and Mike (Peg Tedball) and proud grandpa of Ellis, Elsie, and Kurtis. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Linda (the late Eugene) Smith, and nephew Patrick Hackett. John was predeceased by his parents Ellis and Alice Wellington, an infant brother, and a step-mother Bertha Climie Wellington. John was an employee of Dow Chemical for over 30 years. **Cremation has taken place and a private burial will take place at Hillsdale Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation ([www.ceehf.ca](http://www.ceehf.ca)). **Arrangments by Needham-Jay Funeral Home [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).**

Ellis and Alice Wellington, an infant brother, and a step-mother Bertha Climie Wellington. John was an employee of Dow Chemical for over 30 years. **Cremation has taken place and a private burial will take place at Hillsdale Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation ([www.ceehf.ca](http://www.ceehf.ca)). **Arrangments by Needham-Jay Funeral Home [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com).**

## Cards of Thanks

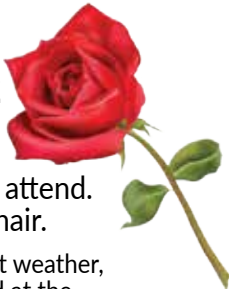
*The family of the late Doris Fraser thanks everyone so much for the cards, flowers, food and kind words in memory of our Mom. A special thank you to Dr. Li, the nurses at Petrolia Hospital, and the retirement hall staff at Fiddick's Nursing home for taking such good care of Mom. Your kindness will always be remembered.*



Pleased to welcome everyone again:

## WYOMING PUBLIC CEMETERY ANNUAL DECORATION DAY SERVICE

450 Isabella St, Wyoming  
**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**@ 2:00 pm**



Everyone is cordially invited to attend.  
Please bring along your lawn chair.

Note: In case of inclement weather,  
the service will be held at the  
Wyoming Legion – 493 Erie Street



## Thank You

Many thanks to all who spoke a kind word, sent flowers or cards, or helped in any way over the last months. You are a blessing to the Pratt Family and we appreciate you.

**Wanda, Laura, Anne Marie and families**



## Death Notices

**May 29 - June 6, 2022**

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

**SNIDER, Ila**  
Age 100, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**MONDAY, MAY 30**

**DAVIDSON, Evelyn Mary**  
(n Cowen)  
Age 77, of Sarnia  
McCormack Funeral Home

**JOOSE, Lammie**  
(n Vanderlinde)  
Age 87  
Smith Funeral Home

**TAYLOR, Judy Lynn**  
(n Frayne)  
Age 67  
Smith Funeral Home

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**

**BAYEN, Robert "Bob"**  
Age 89  
Van Heck Funeral Home

**HOOGENDAM, Hubertus**  
"Bert"  
Age 87  
Smith Funeral Home

**KARI, Jorma Antero**  
Age 76, of Sarnia  
McCormack Funeral Home

**KIRKPATRICK, Marguerite**  
(n Van Osselaer)  
Age 94  
Smith Funeral Home

**MARSHALL, Harold Eugene**  
Age 93, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**

**GRANT, Shirley Ann**  
(n Stennett)  
Age 67  
Smith Funeral Home

**JOHNSON, Harold Wayne**  
Age 77, of Arkona  
Gilpin Funeral Chapel - Forest

**KING, Kyle**  
Age 31  
Gilpin Funeral Chapel - Forest

**LACEY, Billy Gordon**  
Age 69  
Smith Funeral Home

**PLAIN, Karen Merle**  
(n Wilson)  
Age 76  
Smith Funeral Home

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

**HARTLE, Leslee Anne**  
(n Gark)  
Age 80  
Denning's of Forest

**VAIL, Howard Ernest**  
Age 85, of Sarnia  
McCormack Funeral Home

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

**DAWSON, Bettee**  
of Corunna  
Knight Funeral Home

**STATHIS, Akrivi**  
(n Karageorgio)  
Age 87  
Smith Funeral Home

**WELLINGTON, John David Walter**  
Age 84, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**

**HENDERSON, Bennie**  
Age 72  
Smith Funeral Home

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

# Church DIRECTORY

**Christ Anglican Church**  
414 Oil Street, Petrolia

*Join us for  
In-Person Services  
Sundays  
@ 11:15 am*

*Everyone Welcome*



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

**St. Paul's  
United Church**

4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

*In-Person Services*

*Sundays  
@ 10:30 am*



**Rev. Carol Ferguson**  
Church Office: 519-882-1390  
[www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net](http://www.stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net)

**First Baptist Church**  
418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

**IN PERSON  
CHURCH SERVICE**  
Sunday Mornings  
@ 10:30 am

Pastor: Alex Craig  
Church Office 519-882-2480  
email: [fbcpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:fbcpetrolia@gmail.com)  
[www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca](http://www.firstbaptistpetrolia.ca)



**Find us on Facebook!**  
[www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia](http://www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia)

**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



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

**St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church**

416 Queen Street, Petrolia  
(Behind the Post Office)

*In-Person Service  
Sundays  
@ 10:00 am*

*Services also available online:*  
[www.standrews-petrolia.ca](http://www.standrews-petrolia.ca)



**Pastor Katherine Hawley**

## THAMESVILLE THRESHING FESTIVAL - JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022



[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THAMESVILLETHRESHINGFESTIVAL](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THAMESVILLETHRESHINGFESTIVAL)



# Serious pizza lovers devour 7,200 slices at Pizzafest

TOWN OFFICIALS ESTIMATE 2,500 IN PETROLIA'S VICTORIA PARK FOR THE EVENT



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTOS

Pizza is very serious business in Petrolia. About 2,500 people descended on Victoria Park Saturday to scarf down 7,200 slices with the proceeds going to charity. Elizabeth Dramnitzke, 2, top, was taking in her favourite band as a variety of music filled the park. Kids kept the beat in the bouncy castle, right, and Wylie Wernham, 5, climbed the giant slide. Siblings Kole, 12, and Harper, 9, Chapman of Alvinston, middle, were having a contest to see who could take the largest bite of their favourite pizza. And Loki leaned in to see if he could get some of Brian Vickery and Melissa Levi's lunch time treat. This was the first in person Pizzafest since 2019.

