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Loosley re-elected to lead new look Petrolia council

Heather Wright The Independent

The man in the mayor's chair will be familiar but many of the faces around Petrolia's council table have changed.

Brad Loosley has been re-elected as the mayor of Petrolia, but with three incumbent councillors defeated and one stepping down for health reasons, there is a much different look to this council.

Loosely - the incumbent and former municipal administrator in Petrolia and Sarnia - earned the position with 1,264 votes over Richard Poore - who retired from his position with the town leading the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia recently - who garnered 759 votes. Loosley said he was pleased with the result but didn't

Loosley said he was pleased with the result but didn't have any insights to share as to why three incumbents -Wade Deighton, Grant Purdy and Marty Souch - were knocked out of the race.

"I'm still proud of what the last council completed, because I still think we had a lot of things that were completed, we got done, and I'm happy with that," says Loosley.

SEE PETROLIA PG 2

Atkinson to lead PW

Blake Ellis Local Journalism Initiative

Gary Atkinson is the new mayor of Plympton-Wyoming. He topped the polls at 1,458 votes, with Tim Wilkins at 1,215 and 376 votes for Muriel Wright.

"There is so much running through my head," said Atkinson moments after the results were announced. He thanked the residents of Plympton-Wyoming for their support and confidence in him. He was pleased with the team he will have over the next four years, saying there was a lot of talent around the council table.

Lonny Napper's decision not to run for the mayor's chair this time, led to three sitting councilors to run for the top job this time out which cleared the way for a lot of new faces on Council.

Both incumbents, Mike Vasey and Bob Woolvett were successful in their re-election bids with newcomers, John Van Klaveren, Kristen Rodrigues and Alex Boughen rounding out the Council.

Vasey made an unsuccessful bid for a council seat in 2018 but was appointed to council to fill a vacant seat two years ago. "It is unbelievable," said Vasey. You often don't know whether you are doing good or bad during the campaign until the results are announced, he said.



Ryan Minten hangs on to the football as he makes his way down the field in the LCCVI Jr Football Teams Red and White Revival Game Friday in Petrolia. While the hometown crowd was enthusiastic, the Lancers were defeated by Ursuline College Chatham 46-7.

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO Wendy Loosley congratulates her husband moments after the Petrolia election results were announced Monday at Victoria Hall.

Petrolia re-elects Loosley CON'T FROM PG 1

'We can now move on and get the new council in place committees lined up and move ahead," he added.

Loosley said he hoped to continue and finish what was started in the last term of council. "I want to finish things like the water line going out into the lake for the water treatment plant. So I want to finish that it's gonna take two or three more years. I also want to work away with our 150th next year, and work away with that."

Former councillor Liz Welsh topped the polls - even out pacing the mayor-elect, with 1,318 votes.

"It's quite something, Welsh said after the results were released adding she is "honored and humbled... I'm thrilled to serve for another four years for the residents."

When Welsh was on the 2014-2018 council, she helped created the town's asset management plan which tracks what capital projects should be done and when. That's something she will be talking about in this term of council.

Welsh says the town has been "trying to play catch up" on the backlog of repairs for years.

And she'd like to see more people paying engaged in council decision making including young people.

Joining Welsh are long-serving councillor Joel Field who polled second behind Welsh with 1,291 votes. Newcomer Chad Hyatt polled third with 1,086 votes, just 45 more than the veteran councillor Ross O'Hara, who pulled in 10.3 per cent of the vote with 1,041 ballots. Debb Pitel, a downtown landowner and suicide prevention advocate, ran fifth and Bill Clark - who has served on a number of council committees earned the last seat on council.

A relaxed-looking Clark said he had no expectations leading into election day - and neither did the other candidates.

"I think this election put the current council on their heels," Clark told The Independent.

"Nobody walked in here tonight thinking they were winning. And I think that's what needed to happen. Everyone gets put on their heels and people are watching and then everyone knows that. And I think that it should make this group even better councillors."







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OFFICIAL RESULTS

SEAT OF MAYOR

Brad Loosley, 60.9 per cent of the vote 1,187 ballots Richard Poore, 37.1 per cent of the vote, 722 ballots Spoiled ballots 11, Declined ballots 28 SEAT OF COUNCILLOR

Liz Welsh 13.1 per cent of the vote, 1,318 ballots Joel Field 12.8 per cent of the vote 1,291 ballots Chad Hyatt 10.8 per cent of the vote 1,086 ballots Ross O'Hara 10.3 per cent of the vote 1,041 ballots Debb Pitel 9.8 per cent of the vote 990 ballots Bill Clark 8.2 per cent of the vote 822 ballots Grant Purdy 7.9 per cent of the vote 796 ballots Marty Souch 7.3 per cent of the vote 737 votes Wade Deighton 6.8 per cent of the vote 688 ballots Shalen Hunter 6.8 per cent of the vote 684 ballots Allison Mevis 5.9 per cent of the vote with 593 ballots



VILLAGE OF





Gary Atkinson and his wife, Sandy, watch as he was proclaimed the next mayor

Vasey tops the PW councillor poll

CON'T FROM PG 1

Vasey had 1,828 votes followed by Van Klaveren with 1,697 with Rodrigues at 1,555, Woolvett at 1,542 and Boughen at 1,535. Mike Thompson failed to gain a seat with 1,508 votes, Conner Weed had 995 and Randy Dayman had 704. Netty McEwan, who was the top vote getter in the 2018 council election, was acclaimed as deputy mayor.

The race to succeed Napper had its moments, including word of a video showing Wright removing Wilkins' election signs on Egremont Road. The pair didn't speak about the incident publicly saying they had forgiven each other and were moving on. Monday, Wilkins was gracious in defeat. "Gary was a very tough opponent," said Wilkins, calling the election a great race adding the new mayor and council would be very successful.

"I feel good," said Wright, after it was announced she came in a distant third. "It's a gamble. I spent 24 great years on council." Atkinson said the previous council has done well, but moving into the future, there are some unknowns, including a looming recession being predicted. One of the issues before the council is the municipality's infrastructure, said the new mayor.

Vasey agreed, as he pointed to infrastructure as being the major issue before the council. "There is money in the reserves. We just have to get shovels in the ground," he said. "Nothing snuck up on us."

Atkinson wants more communication, planning town hall meetings being organized twice a year, one in Wyoming and the other in Camlachie.

Outgoing mayor, Napper couldn't resist not making a comment during the evening, as he congratulated the new mayor and council, saying that his door is always open to any of them wanting to discuss any issue before them. "Just don't make me want to come back," said Napper.

Case is the mayor again in Warwick

Heather Wright The Independent

Todd Case says Warwick residents are looking for someone to bring the township's spending back in line.

The five-time former mayor of Warwick is about to become the head of municipal government again after defeating Incumbent Mayor Jackie Rombouts in Monday's municipal election.

Case garnered 907 votes to Rombouts 494.

While the past term of council, with Rombouts at the head, saw the construction of both a new municipal office and the East Lambton Community Complex as well as a fundraising campaign to support it which has drawn in nearly \$1.8 million, it may have been the mayor's actions during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic which influenced the vote.

While publicly supporting vaccination to slow the spread of COVID-19, Rombouts was adamant employers - particularly Lambton County where she had a say in the matter - should not be implementing vaccine mandates. She told councillors who passed the measure that they were "on the wrong side of history."

Then, in January, Rombouts went to visit a friend who was among the truck drivers blockading downtown Ottawa. The photo posted on social media drew wide spread criticism and led to council members asking the Integrity Commissioner to look at her actions. He said Rombouts support of the group was 'inappropriate' but clearly her own view.

Case, after winning Monday, said he's

not sure if it played a role in his win. "That was never anything that we brought up and spoke about publicly or with anybody behind the scenes. I know people have opinions on that, but I'm looking for our community to heal and move forward. And I wasn't looking to get involved in that discussion at all."

Instead, he says people were talking to him about spending. "A lot of people were worried about the spending that has taken place," he said noting the lease on the new municipal office was a bone of contention. "I think a lot of people were just wanting somebody that was going to be fiscally responsible."

Case added many talked about the possible expansion of Twin Creek's landfill. He believes the community has to hold the company's feet to the fire to fix the environmental concerns before talking about any sort of host agreement should the expansion be approved.

The make up of council is also changing significantly. Long-time councillor Todd White failed in his bid to be re-elected as did one-term councillor Colin Mitchell. John Couwenberg was returned to

Warwick Council after a one term absence after losing the mayor's job to Rombouts. Incumbent councillors Wayne Morris and Jerry Westgate are also returning to serve for another four years.

And local businessman Joe Manning will serve his first term as councillor.

Rombouts did not return multiple calls from *The Independent*. On a social media post, she said "It has been an honour to serve my community for the past eight years. All the best to the next council."

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That was the easy part

For those who were elected to serve on their municipal councils in Central Lambton Monday night, congratulations. That was the easy part.

After over 70 days of campaigning, candidates learned their fate Monday and may have felt relief when they attained the goal of being a member of council.

And we can understand that. But it is only the beginning.

First, there will be a time of training, understanding what their role is under the Municipal Act and their local council's code of conduct. For those who ran because they wanted to serve but really had not been actively following municipal politics, they'll have to start learning the issues.

They also have to understand the protocols of council meetings, what they can and can't do as councillors and how to read a budget book, because that's coming up faster than a train at a country cross road.

While they're trying to learn as much of this as they can, they can't just take everything at face value; they have to consider the source and whether they can back up with legislation or proof of what they're saying.

And while they're figuring all that out, it's likely a few friends will bend their ear about what should be done by council on any particular issue. They may even get stopped in the grocery store for a discussion.

All that before they've even been sworn into office or sat in the comfy chairs around the council table.

But even when they get there, full of knowledge and hope to do well for the people they serve, it is bound to be an uphill battle. Canada and indeed the world, are looking down the barrel of a recession, families are having a hard time making ends meet and making choices about whether to pay the hydro bill or buy food. And of course, the governments still have to deal with the thorny issue of reassessing homes to current market value and what affect that will have on people's pocket books.

Like we said, getting elected was the easy part. All the best to those about to serve; may the hill be not as steep as we're predicting it to be.

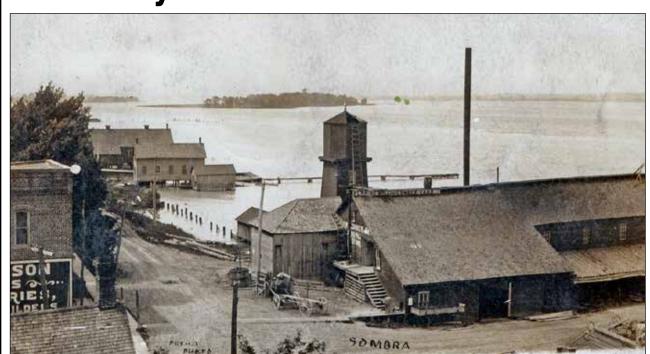
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Editorial

Our Story



DAVE BURWELL POSTCARD COLLECTION

This Pesha photo postcard is of the St. Clair River in Sombra. The writer said the view was beautiful The large building in the foreground is a lumber mill.

Councillors take a cue from hockey bad-boy Brad Marchand

Even if you're not a hockey fan, you may have heard of Brad Marchand.

The diminutive defenseman from Boston is quick and feisty and well, gross. In 2018, after years of annoying his opponents however possible, Marchand found a new way to get attention. He licked them. A full-on, stick-out-the-tongue, act-like-a-dog slurp. He did this not just once but twice, exacting a collective "Eeewww" around the world.

But here's the thing about Brad Marchand; hockey players, even those on the other end of his tongue lashings both verbal and slimy, know he's good at what he does.

A poll placed him at the top of an usual list of the hockey player you hate to play but would love to have on your team.

Marchand is unique, not afraid to stand out and good at what he does. And I think municipal councillors

should be like him - minus the licking part of course.

I've been a journalist for 34 years and I've covered more council meetings than I care to count all over

names on the ballot, win a seat and serve their community. Those characters who use to test the limits of the phrase 'there's no such thing as a stupid question' stopped asking questions. Instead, they became part of a team.

Being part of a team is a good thing most of the time. But it is unfortunate that in today's political world, that becomes a threat; you must be part of the team by showing loyalty to the mayor and council, by not asking questions staff may not want to answer, by declaring everything is great news in Small Town, Ontario. Anyone who thinks otherwise isn't part of the team.

That's where the Brad Marchands of the world throw a wrench in things. Marchand marches to the beat of his own weird drum - embarrassingly so sometimes - but his teammates know he's doing it for the good of the team. And they love him for it. Those on the other end of his tongue have a grudging respect for him and wish he was on their side.

I've seen politicians like Marchand. When they raise their hand to make a point, you can almost hear the room roan. They may take a while to get to it, but they have a point, and what they say does make a difference. It expands

the thought process and encourages discussion. And that is a good thing.

Municipal councillors are not there to rubber stamp what administrators want or what the mayor believes is a good idea.

The people we have just elected are there to speak on behalf of their constituents, to

ask the questions they would ask, to pose solutions to problems from a different perspective than one of a bureaucrat. The Municipal Act says they're there to shape the policies of the community. They can't do that if they rubber stamp everything without probing the why of the issue. And the taxpayers need to hear that discussion to know politicians are doing their job.

So, soon to be councillors, you can be a team working for the best in your community, but don't be afraid to stick out your tongue once and while.



Wright

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Over the years, something happened to the unique individuals who put their



Agar ready to serve St. Clair as mayor

Heather Wright The Independent

When Jeff Agar lost in his bid to become mayor of St. Clair in 2018, he knew he would run again.

It was hard, but Agar says after four vears of waiting, he's thrilled to be able to realize his dream of serving St. Clair as mayor.

Agar had been a three-term councillor in the riverside community when, in 2018, he decided to take a run at the top job. It was held by Steve Arnold, who had been the mayor of the amalgamated community for almost its entire existence. Agar lost by almost 1,300 votes.

But he knew he would be back.

"It took forever to go by because I knew I was going to try again. And, yeah, it was a long four years where it was hard to lose, because I lost my council seat back then to too and so I was away from it and I just had to watch it from afar."

It has been hard, Agar concedes but "actually, I learned probably just as much in last four years as I would have, if I had still been on council - so it was it was a good thing."

Monday, Agar garnered over 50 per cent of the vote to beat current councillor Tracy Kingston for the job which had been left vacant when Arnold said he would not run again.

A day after the results, Agar could barely believe he'd won.

Agar says over the course of four years, he had a chance to really listen to his neighbours, about what they wanted in St. Clair Township.

He says he was able to think more about "what actual the vision is for our township, and what more of what the residents think, because, you know, you get to talk more with people when



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Steve Arnold, the current mayor of St. Clair, congratulates Jeff Agar. Arnold decided not to run in the 2022 municipal elections. Agar defeated Tracy Kingston and Chad Shymko for the position.

you're not involved in it, you learn a lot more."

Agar, who works in the construction trades as a material controller, says maintaining the community's infrastructure is the top priority in the next four years. He says not only should the municipality look after the roads, water and sewage in the community it has to keep high environmental standards for the waste facilities and local plants, noting everyone has to live together.

Agar says he'd also like to see the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course clubhouse renewed and the plans to improve the Moore Sportsplex move forward.

Agar says the clubhouse is not accessible to those with mobility issues and the kitchen needs to be brought up to standards among other things.

Without a complete "redo" he says, the township won't be able to attract

as many tournaments as they have in the past.

And, he isn't sure why the multimillion dollar plan to renovate the Sportsplex has stalled but says he'll work with the community to find grants and solicit donations from local industries in the hopes of getting the project restarted.

And Agar is excited about getting started.

"I'm gonna do my darndest to achieve everything I've personally have talked about over the last few months.'

Joining Agar around the council in November will be Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, who was acclaimed; Ward 1 Councillors Cathy Langis, Holly Foster, Pat Brown and Ward 2, Bill Myers, Brad Langstaff.

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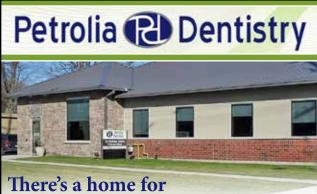


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Bradley wins in Sarnia, Strathroy mayor out

The Independent

In southwestern Ontario, some longtime politicians had some big wins, and others got the boot.

Sarnia has re-elected Mike Bradley for another four years.

Bradley – one of the longest serving mayors in Ontario - was first elected in 1988. Monday, he defeated Councillor Nathan Colquhoun by nearly 4,000 votes.

Rounding out Sarnia council is Brian White, David Boushy, Bill Dennis and Chrissy McRoberts who will serve on Lambton County Council as well as city council.

Anne Marie Gillis, Adam Kilner, George Vandenberg and Terry Burrell

will serve on city council Lambton Shores has a new mayor – Doug Cook.

Cook, the deputy mayor, becomes the new head of council after defeating Marilyn Smith – a former Forest business leader by a margin of about 2-1.

He fills the vacancy left by the retiring Bill Weber.

Rounding out the council there is Dan Sageman as the deputy mayor, taking the position vacated by Cook, and as councillors Jeff Wilcox, Dave Marsh, Scott Ferguson, Ronn E. Dodge, Lorie Scott, Dave McGuire and Glen Baille.

mavor Joanne VanderHeyden has gone down to defeat.

Colin Grantham defeated VanderHeyden, a three-term veteran who had served as the head of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities during the past term.

And in Chatham-Kent, incumbent Darrin Canniff cruised to a landslide victory with nearly 13,000 votes more than his nearest competitor.

In nearby North Kent, Jamie McGrail was elected to council along with Rhonda Jubenville, who does not live in North Kent.

In Wallaceburg, Councillors Aaron Hall and Carmen McGregor were

In Strathroy Caradoc, long-time

acclaimed to their positions.

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Residents not looking for arena upgrades: Ferguson

Heather Wright The Independent

David Ferguson says his election shows the people of Brooke-Alvinston aren't looking for extensive renovations to the local arena.

Ferguson - the incumbent mayor - faced a challenge from Councillor Jamie Armstrong - who is also a member of the Alvinston Optimist Club which has championed the project to renew the local arena.

The issue put Ferguson and Armstrong at loggerheads during the last four years as Armstrong tried to move the project forward with the help of council and the Optimist Club.

Monday night, Ferguson defeated Armstrong in the race for mayor winning 51 per cent of the vote - with 644 ballots cast compared to Armstrong's 524.

Ferguson believes the arena question played a roll in his reelection. During the election, Ferguson says the people he talked to didn't see arena renovations as a must have item.

"If you're a hockey family, I don't know if you could really make them all happy when you're in a small municipality with arena the size that we have. But surprisingly, hockey families were very satisfied with it. And in they were satisfied the we don't need more for the size of town we have."

Instead, Ferguson says, many people were asking for better sidewalks to make both Alvinston and Inwood more walkable and he even had requests to investigate a splash pad for the young families in the community.

Ferguson says his top priority for the time being is getting the new members of council trained and ready to begin work.

Only one incumbent councillor was returned to work by Brooke-Alvinston voters - Frank Nemcek who was once again drew the most votes.

Close behind him was long time farm politician Don McCabe who has years of experience being the president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

And two younger councillors will be around the table; Craig Saunders - a farmer and small businessman from the northern part of the municipality - and Jenny Redick - who has recently been active organizing a fundraising ball tournament in memory of her son, Tanner.

Ferguson says it will be important for the new members of council to get up to speed on how council works.

He hopes between the experi-



LIANE RUSSWURM PHOTO

Candidate Vanessa Benoit congratulates Mayor-Elect David Ferguson at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre Monday night.

ence of himself, Nemcek and McCabe, and fresh ideas from Redick and Sanders, the new council will be able to move the municipality forward in the next four years.

THE RESULTS

Mayor

Jamie Armstrong 524 votes, 45.6 per cent of the vote David Ferguson 634 votes for 55.1 per cent of the vote. Councillor - four elected Frank Nemcek 610 votes Don McCabe 598 votes Jenny Redick 587 votes Craig Sanders 570 votes. Vanessa Benoit 410 votes Wayne Deans 494 votes Jeannette Douglas 350 Les Douglas 326 votes Greg Hilliard 116 votes



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Joan Spalding performed her 50th anniversary concert t the Wyoming Legion

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Applications for the Creative County Grant Program will be accepted online at **lambtononline.ca/creativecounty**.

The application period closes on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The County of Lambton has allocated a



Lambton County Library, in partnership with The Canadian Great War Society, is hosting military historian and author Andrew Robertshaw for a Talk and Film Screening event at the Sarnia Library Theatre on November 2. Starting at 7:00 p.m., Robertshaw will discuss his experience as a historical and military advisor for films including *War Horse*, *1917* and *They Shall Not Grow Old*. The talk will be followed by a screening of *They Shall Not Grow Old*.

Lambton County Library will also be hosting additional *Lambton Remembers* programs leading up to Remembrance Day to honour veterans. Learn more at **Iclibrary.ca/lambtonremembers**.

Saturday.

Spalding celebrates 50 years on the stage

Heather Wright The Independent

For the record, Joan Spalding's first official concert was 50 years ago when the then 16 year-old climbed up the back stairway to the Kenwick with her friends in the Ramblers.

But Bluewater's First Lady of Country music was already singing for a few coins from family when she was just three.

Spalding's long love affair with music was nurtured by her family. Her parents brought her to venues which she was too young to be in so she could perform. Fifty years later, on Saturday night in Wyoming she is still on the stage, entertaining a big crowd - raising money for the local hospice.

Spalding - who gained new fans when she played every day during the pandemic to a social media audience - says she can't imagine not performing. "This is the only thing I know how to do. It's the thing that brings me pleasure, so I probably will keep on going until I don't have a voice ... and I'd be still getting up there playing my harmonica if I lost my voice.

"I was put in the world to do this. I guess. I'm always happy doing it." budget of \$75,000 in available funding for the 2023 program year.

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Looking Ahead

9:30 a.m., Nov. 2, 2022 - Council Meeting 9:00 a.m., Dec. 7, 2022 - Warden's Election Agendas, minutes and links to meeting live stream videos can be found at www.lambtononline.ca/meetings.

To read more, go to lambtononline.ca

Discoveries That Matter

ROUNDABOUT READY



After months of construction, Lambton County's second roundabout at Nauvoo and London Line - seen here in an aerial photo during construction - is complete. Lambton County officials agreed to move ahead with the project despite rising construction costs from the original \$1.2 million estimate. Officials say the roundabout is likely to cost \$3.3 million.

Six Lambton care homes in outbreak

The Independent

Lambton Public Health says 143 seniors living in long term care and retirement homes have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in ongoing outbreaks.

Over 55 residents of long term care homes in Petrolia alone have tested positive in recent outbreaks.

As of Oct. 19, there were three active outbreaks at all three care homes in Petrolia according to Lambton Public Health. Fiddick's has 27 residents who have tested positive

since the outbreak at their facility started Oct. 6. Albany Retirement Village has been dealing with an outbreak for over a month where 24 residents have tested positive. There are six residents at Meadowview Villa who were COVID-19 positive since Oct. 8. The worst local outbreak is at Sarnia's

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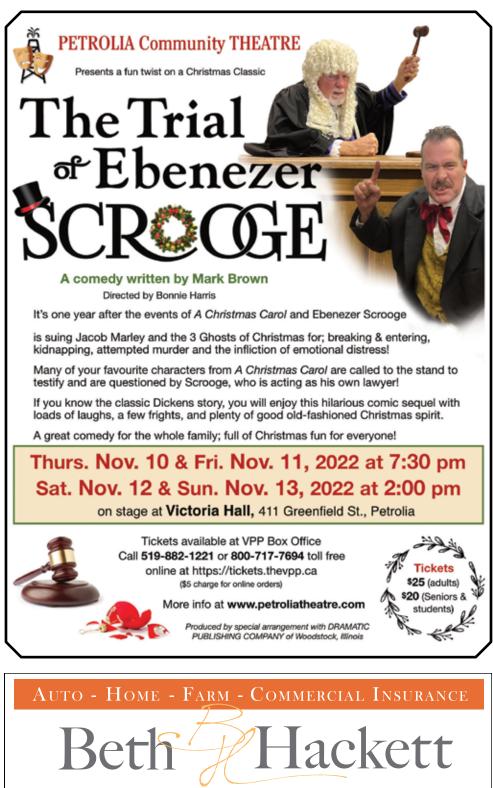
Marshall Gowland Manor where 55 residents and 10 staff have been ill. Bluewater Health is also dealing with a COVID-19 outbreak in the inpatient medi-

cine unit.

Five people have tested positive.

PLANTING A FOREST





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Dozens of volunteers spent two days planting 750 trees at the Sydenham Nature Reserve south of Alvinston. The Ontario Trillium Foundation provided \$35,000 for the project which transforms an agricultural field into a Carolinian forest habitat, like the rest of the reserve which straddles the Sydenham River. Ontario Nature Reserve acquired the 193 acres of land in 2016 to establish the reserve and protect one of the richest collections of freshwater mussels in Canada.

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Heritage St. Clair members Dave Taylor, Paul Smith, and Jan Smith, St. Clair Township Councillor Tracy Kingston, Heritage St. Clair Chair Dave Pattenden, St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, and St. Clair River Trail Committee Chair Mary Jane Marsh were part of a ceremony marking the remarkable life of Stewart James in Courtright.

A reminder of a Magic Man in Courtright

The Independent

St. Clair residents are getting to know the remarkable life of a Magic Man from Courtright.

Heritage St. Clair unveiled story boards at Riverfront Park Oct. 15 which tell the tale of Stewart James.

The story boards reveal the life of a modest man with a remarkable gift for puzzles and magic. His skills became apparent when he was only nine.

James, who lived in Courtright his entire life, developed over 1,000 magic tricks and wrote a ground-breaking book outlining them. The only time he left home was to serve in the Canadian army theatre and entertainment group The Haversacks during the Second World War.

James' talents drew powerful friends including Canadian rock and roll radio pioneer and magic enthusiast Allan Slaight, who became a good friend.

A portion of the funding for the story board installation was donated by the Slaight Family Foundation. Today, the name Stewart James looms large as one of the most revered magic innovators. His book is still a valuable reference for aspiring and professional magicians.

The tricks he devised and the many variations they have inspired continue to be mainstays for even the most famous magicians.

Though he did not have the benefit of a formal education, Stewart James is acknowledged around the world as one of the most prolific inventors in history.

Stewart James spent the last 21 years of his life delivering mail on a rural postal route while still working on magic

The display on the St. Clair River has been five years in the making according to Heritage St. Clair's David Pattenden.

The project took much longer than expected because there were not enough people to research James' life.

Pattenden says more story boards are being developed for installation along the river trail in the future to raise awareness of the rich heritage that exists in St. Clair Township.





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The Sarnia Rotary is one of the community groups which have come on board to support the Petrolia Community Refrigerator project. The group stocks a small, refridgerated shed next to St. Paul's United Church in Petrolia with food items donated from the community for anyone to take 24 hours a day. Pictured above are Ruth Syer, Lorna Garton, Marie Currie, Larry Leckie and John Wallington, all of the Community Refrigerator project along with Rick Marsh and Hani Dajani of the Sarnia Rotary which donated \$2,000 to the cause.



Sports

EYE ON THE BALL



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

LCCVI closed out the LKSSAA junior football league schedule with a 46-7 loss to Ursuline last Friday before a large and boisterous crowd in Petrolia. LCCVI finishes the season at 0-4.

Corunna manager heading to Fall Classic

The Independent

When the Philadelphia Phillies take the field this Friday against the Astros in Houston, Rob Thomson will add to his historic season. The Corunna native will become the first Canadian to manage in a World Series.

Thomson and the Phillies captured the National League pennant with a 4-3 win over San Diego last Sunday to win the NLCS in five games and the right to play the Astros in the Fall Classic.

Flyers knock off Trojans

In arguably their best game of the young season, the Petrolia Flyers beat the Thamesford Trojans, 3-1 in PJHL action on the road last Friday. Going into the contest, Thamesford was unbeaten in its first nine games and in first place in the Yeck Division.

Kyle Flamminio had the game-winning goal when he broke a 1-1 tie at 5:29 of the third period. Colby Ackworth iced the contest with an empty net marker late in the game.

Houston advanced with a four-game sweep of the Yankees in the ALCS.

Thomson guided Philadelphia to a 65-46 record over the last four months of the season after he was named interim manager following the firing of Joe Girardi. The Phillies are 9-2 in the postseason.

Philadelphia removed the interim tag from the manager earlier this month when they signed Thomson to a two-year contract as its full-time skipper.

Rob Thomson

Mooretown splits two

Brody Genyn registered the hat trick and Tristen Konrad added a goal and two assists to lead the Mooretown Flags to a 6-3 win over Dresden in PJHL action at Walpole Island last Saturday.

Jimmy Simpson and Masen Flett also scored for the Flags while Gavin Black, Logan Gardner and Blake Howard registered two assists each. A night later in Blenheim, the Blades prevailed 5-4 despite four power play markers by the Flags. Jace Dupius scored twice and Genyn and Gardner had the others. Howard pitched with four assists. John Chartrand made 37 saves. Mooretown is 4-4 on the season. They travel to Wheatley tonight (Wednesday) and host Wallaceburg on Saturday.



Marty Souch

me over the last 4 years, and again most recently during the '22 Municipal Election





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

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

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



Dr. Marty



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THANK YOU to all of Brooke-Alvinston for your support over the last 4 years.



Noel Sanderson had the other Petrolia goal in the second period after the home team had taken a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

Elijah Grant picked up the goaltending victory with 39 saves.

Petrolia is now 2-8 on the season. They host Aylmer on Thursday at Greenwood at 7:30 and play the Bulldogs in Mt. Brydges on Friday.

Legionnaires lose tough overtime decision in Chatham

Former Mooretown Flag Logan Phillips made 42 saves last Sunday in Chatham but the Maroons rallied from a 2-0 deficit midway through the third period to beat the Legionnaires, 3-2 in overtime in GOJHL action.

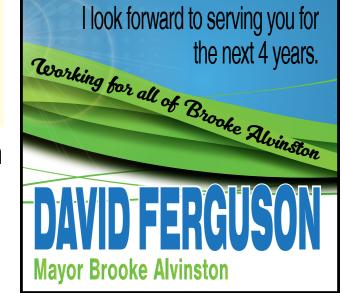
Wyoming's Jace McGrail drew an assist for Sarnia and is now tied for

fifth in team scoring with nine points in 15 games.

The Legionnaires lost 4-1 to St. Thomas last Thursday.

Sarnia is at home to LaSalle on Thursday at 7:10 before road games in Strathroy on Saturday night and Leamington on Sunday afternoon.

Among other Junior "B" contests last week, Oil Springs' William Hull scored for Strathroy in a 4-3 overtime win over Learnington and Corunna's Bo Doxtator notched his second goal of the season in Stratford's 9-1 decision over Caledon.



Squires tied for second

The Petrolia Squires are tied for second place in the WOAA senior hockey standings after a weekend split of games at Greenwood. They lost 6-3 on Friday to Ripley and rebounded for a 5-3 victory over Durham Saturday. Scoring details were not provided by the Squires for either game.

Petrolia is 3-1. Seaforth leads the league at 4-0. The Squires and Centennaires will play on consecutive weekends in November. The teams tangle in Seaforth on Nov. 5 and then back in Petrolia on Nov. 11.

The Squires host Saugeen Friday at 8:30.

Killer Bees rally falls short

The Alvinston Killer Bees roared back from 4-0, 5-1 and 6-2 deficits to force overtime but ultimately lost 7-6 in extra time to Strathroy in Western Ontario Super Hockey League action last Saturday night in Alvinston.

Carson Perry led the Bees with two goals and two assists and Robert MacLean added four assists. Bayly Fryfogle also scored twice for the Bees with singles going to Dawson Winchester and Josh Jamieson. Tye Johnson had three assists.

Alvinston is at home to Tillsonburg Saturday at 6:30.

LCCVI's Grant wins Lambton Kent cross country title

James Grant is the LKSSAA novice boys' cross-country champion. The LCCVI runner claimed the crown with a 19-second victory in his race last week in Chatham.

Meantime, teammates Charlie Shaw

and Noel Sanderson were second and 11th respectively in the senior boys' race

Dahlia Bulgin, Sara Douglas and Danielle McKay were the top LCCVI finishers on the girls' side of the

bracket. Douglas was 12th in the junior girls'

race and Bulgin and McKay were both15th in the senior girls' and novice girls' races.





Alvinston's Redick second at provincials

The Independent

Sydney Redick and her Durham Lords teammates from Oshawa took second place at the OCAA women's softball tournament in London. Over the weekend, Durham lost 4-0 to Windsor-St. Clair in the championship game.

Redick went four innings of three-hit ball against the heavily favoured and unbeaten Saints. She only allowed two earned runs.

Over the course of the weekend, the Alvinston product went six-for-14 with a double, two walks. three runs scored and three RBI.

Meantime, Fanshawe with Watford's Jenna McLean on its roster went 1-2 and was eliminated by Humber.

McLean had two hits in three games for the Falcons.



Sydney Redick

LANCERS LOSE ON PENALTY KICK



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTO

St. Pat's scored twice in the second half to rally from a 2-1 halftime deficit and edge LCCVI, 3-2 in the Lambton Kent junior girls' soccer final last Thursday in Sarnia. Gabrielle Benoit had the game-winning goal on a penalty kick. Farrah Lucas had the other two Irish goals. Emma Pullman scored both goals for the

Wyoming's Jarvis wins title with McGill

LCCVI grad Jett Jarvis had a hit, two RBI and two runs scored to help McGill beat Concordia, 8-1 to capture the Quebec university baseball title in two straight games. McGill had



Jarvis

won the opener over the weekend, 4-0.

Jarvis, from Wyoming, had a stat line of .377/.448/.558 over 29 games this season. He had five doubles, a homer, 15 RBI and nine stolen bases.

Fraser out in quarters

Brianna Fraser came up short in her quarterfinal match at the World Under-23 Wrestling Championships in Spain.

The St. Pat's grad from Corunna lost 8-0 on points to Sumire Niikura of Japan. Fraser finished in 10th place in the 72-kilo class.



FORM 6 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER Municipal Act, 2001 Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF OIL SPRINGS

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 24, 2022, at the Oil Springs Municipal Office, 4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Oil Springs Municipal Office, 4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 38 18 000 010 21200 0000; 4590 0il Springs Line, Oil Springs; PIN 43498-0130 (LT); PT LT 16 CON 3 ENNISKILLEN AS IN L936964; OIL SPRINGS; File 21-01

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$14,900.00

Minimum tender amount: \$69,617.91

2. Roll No. 38 18 000 010 11907 0000; RICHMOND ST; PIN 43499-0369 (LT); LT 27 RANGE 2 PL 2 (FORMERLY LT 17 CON 2 ENNISKILLEN) OIL SPRINGS; OIL SPRINGS; File 21-02

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$30,500.00

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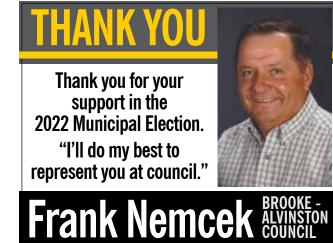
Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

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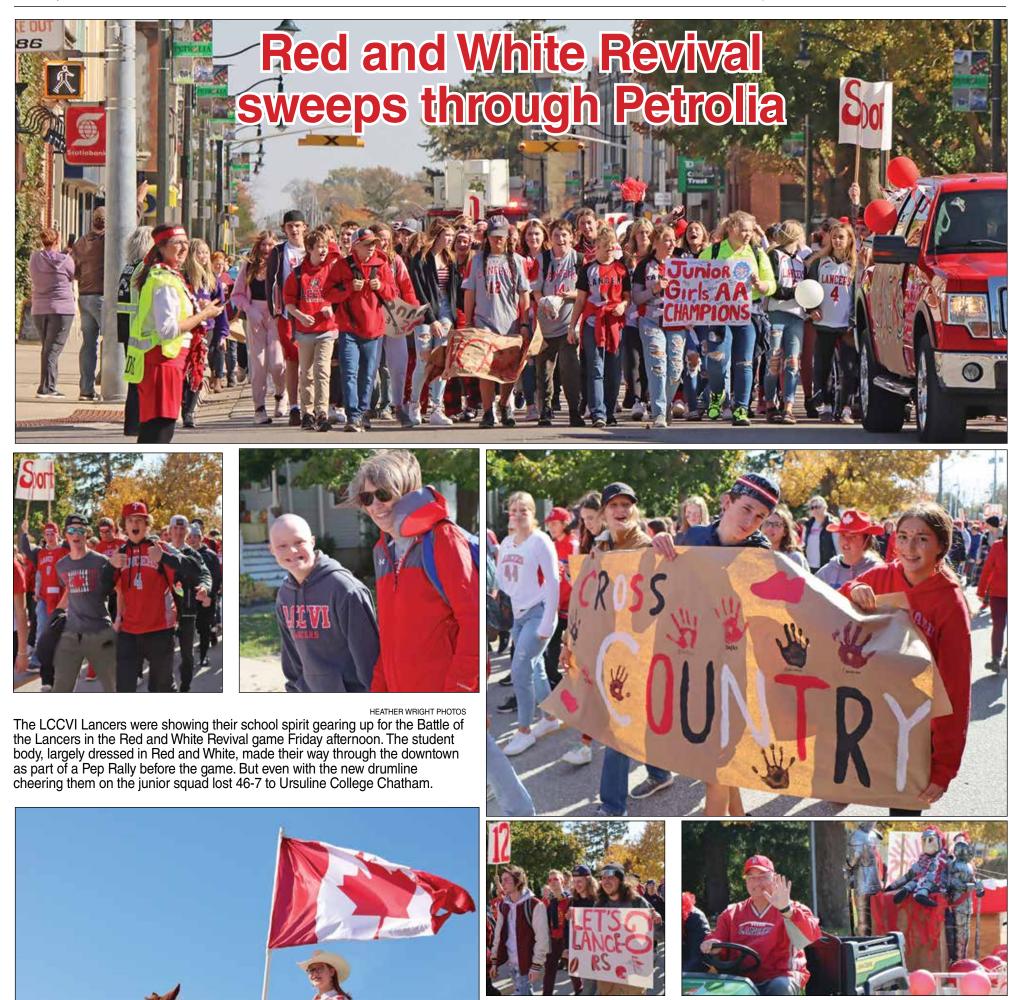
The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender visit:

www.OntarioTaxSales.ca

or if no internet access available contact: Martha Gawley, Clerk-Treasurer The Corporation of the Village of Oil Springs 4591 Oil Springs Line, PO Box 22 Oil Springs, ON NON 1PO 519-834-2939 clerk@oilsprings.ca www.oilsprings.ca





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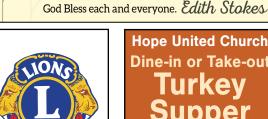
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Loved & Sadly Missed, Nana & Papa

Thursday, October 27, 2022



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Kristy,

We think of you every day, but sometimes our hearts ache more than others. When we walk the dogs through the park we stop and look at the big oak tree where you and Ricky had your fort. There are times that it is hard to hold back the tears. By the way you would absolutely love Stanley and Blaze. They adore your mom and give her lots of love when she comes to visit. We often fill our visits with Kristy stories and Kaitlyn, Courtney and Cami now know them all! We miss you as much today as we did the day you left us to go to that better place.

Love Always, Tom, Nancy, Kaitlyn, Courtney & Cami



Every day in some small way Memories of you come our way Though absent, you are always near Still missed, loved and always dear.

Aunt Bonnie, Brittany, Brianne & Bailey Kristyn

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into flames.

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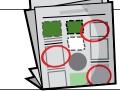
• Use props made of cardboard rather than wood or metal and insist your trick-or-treaters carry a flashlight.. • Establish boundaries and a curfew for your trick-ortreaters and enforce them.

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Obituaries / Death Notices



BYERS Catherine "Nancy" erine "Nancy" Byers

Catherine "Nancy" Byers (Nee Padghm) – Age 91 of Petrolia, formally of Oil Springs, passed away on Friday, October 21, 2022 at Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia. Nancy was born on October 28, 1930. Beloved wife of the late George (1997). Loving mother of David (Laurie) Byers and Denise (Rick) Moran. Cherished grandmother of Christopher (Laura) Byers, Marcia (Zach) Zavitz, Eric (Katrina) Moran and Matt Moran. Great-grandmother of

Blythe and Audrey Byers, Colin and Henry Zavitz. Dear sister of John (Marilyn) Padgham. Survived by niece's Susan (Randy) and Christine (Cam). Predeceased by Harold and Florence Padgham. Nancy loved her family deeply and enjoyed farming, horses, and dogs. Friends and family were received at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPELS, Brigden on Monday, October 24, 2022 from 10 am to 12pm, with the funeral service being held at STEADMAN BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 12pm. Interment followed at Oil Springs Cemetery. Sympathy may be expressed through donations to Sarnia and District Humane Societywww.sarniahumanesociety. com. Memories and condolences may be sent online at www. steadmanbrothers.ca. Steadman Brothers 519-864-1193.



LEITCH Mabel "Ruth"

Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospice, Sarnia with her family by her side **Mabel "Ruth" Leitch** passed away on **Monday, October 17** , **2022**, in her **90th year**. She was predeceased by her parents Charles "Winston" and Gertrude (Dodd) Sifton and her siblings Mary Parsons (2022) and Donald Sifton (1959). She leaves behind her five children, Beth (Jim) Lucan, Marilyn (Bob) Walsh, Ross (Cindy) Leitch, Dawn (Bill) McNally and Malcolm (Cheryl) Leitch. She will be missed

by her grandchildren Jessica (Jake) Clark, Jennifer (Tony) Cruz, Jillian Lucan, Christopher Lucan, Jorhan Walsh, Arlan (Ariel) Walsh, Kelby (Eric) McNally, Kane Leitch, Dawn (Ed) Michrina, Brett (Nicole) McNally, Thera (Tyler) Wagner, Travis (Taylor) McNally, Jody Leitch, Kristin (Rick) Antolak and 27 great-grandchildren. Ruth fulfilled many roles in her lifetime: teacher, librarian, photographer, many volunteer positions and maybe best known as the Transcript and Free Press news reporter. If things were happening in her beloved Alvinston or area, she was there. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday October 25, 2022 at Inwood United Church at 12 noon with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Inurnment took place at Strathroy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to St. Joseph's Hospice, Sarnia or charity of your choice and online condolences at ww.vanheckfuneralhome.ca



McGUIRE Richard Chadwick

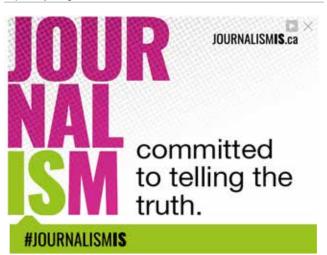
Today is a day that no parent ever wants. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of a young man. **Richard Chadwick McGuire**, born on January 29, 1989, passed away suddenly at the family farm on **Wednesday, October 19, 2022.** He will be missed by his family and friends too many to mention.

Richard struggled with the rules that life has for all of us. He tried hard, had some good jobs, and some not so good. He could run any piece of equipment, some

even from a young age, and for a while he operated large equipment out west. Ricky struggled with mental anguish and addiction. No person is ever born wanting to grow up with these challenges. During his abbreviated life, his father stood by him, always. Some of us set limits. All of us never lost hope that Ricky would be able to overcome these challenges. He maintained a huge heart for all that he touched along the way. He could brighten your day with a simple smile or by lending a helping hand, no charge. He had a huge love for his daughter Mya, the outdoors, his dog, but most of all he loved his motor sports and the thrill of the chase. Ricky had a carefree spirit with the touch of an outlaw attitude. And for those who knew and loved him…have you been told today.

Born in Chatham, son of Richard McGuire Sr. and Jayne McGuire. Cherished father to Mya McGuire. Step-brother to Jason McGuire. Forever missed by his aunts and uncles, Jill & Brian McFadden, and Mary Beth & Allan Nethercott. Predeceased by his grandparents Morley & Helen McGuire. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 113 on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Interment of ashes at Shetland Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Badder Funeral Home & Reception Centre, 679 North St., Dresden. Those wishing to leave an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Chatham Hope Haven. Online condolences and donations may be left at www.badderfuneralhome.com.

From one of his grandma's favourite sayings "Some people come into our lives and go too quickly...some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same." Ricky you have left too early but you have left footprints on our hearts. Today we say so long, may you be at peace young man.



KING Joan

Peacefully, surrounded by family on **Saturday October 22, 2022** at Vision Nursing Home, Sarnia, **Joan King (nee Esseltine)** passed away at the age of **78**. Beloved wife to the late Bill King (2017). Loving mother to Carolyn King, Vicki (Patti Dobbin) King, Don (Karen) King, Virginnia (Carl) Bright. Proud grandma to Abigail, Emma and Clara Mitchell and Kelsey, Taylor and Greg Bright and will be fondly remembered by Matt and Josh Harper. Joan is survived by her



siblings, Barb and Charlie Birdsey and Robert and Elizabeth Esseltine and her in-laws, Ron and Delores King, Anne and Bob Wilkinson, Marg and Craig Smith, Murray King (Marjolein Potvin), Norm and Gwen King, David and Teresa King and Judy King. Predeceased by her parents, Archie and Jean Esseltine and in-laws, Gordon and Reba King, Marie Kernohan, George King, and James King. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Joan was a Secretary for Errol Village Public School for 32 years, a lifelong member of the Women's Institute and was heavily involved with 4H, Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society and Camlachie United Church. She was an active community member for numerous organizations and projects and a proud farmer's wife.

Visitors were received by the family on Tuesday October 24th at the Wyoming Chapel of Needham-Jay Funeral Home. A Funeral Service took place on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Camlachie United Church. Interment was in Mount Carmel Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made by cheque to Vision Nursing and Rest Home or Camlachie United Church (https://www.camlachieunited.ca/online-donations/). Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.NeedhamJay.com

BROOKS Phyllis

Phyllis Brooks (nee Berglund), 88 years, of Wyoming died peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday October 22, 2022 at Bluewater Health, Sarnia. Phyllis was predeceased by her husband Frank "Bud" (2021), her son David Brooks (2021), and her grandson Jeff Brooks (2021). She will be missed by her sons Doug (Pauline) Brooks and Rob (Angie) Brooks, her daughter-in-law Susan Brooks, her grandchildren Lawrence (Tammy) Hartley, Randi (Ken) Urquhart, Jesse Brooks



(Mike), and Billy Brooks and step grandmother to Mike Freer and Tim Gamble. Great grandmother to Kayden and Carter Urquhart, Alexis Brooks, and Victoria and Joey Hartley. Phyllis was sister to Bob (Nancy) Berglund and the late Kurt (the late Barbara) Berglund. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Phyllis was librarian for many years at the Wyoming Library. **Cremation has taken an place and a private interment will be in Wyoming Cemetery.** As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer.ca) or Literacy Lambton (www.literacylambton.org). **Memories and condolences may be shared online at www.NeedhamJay.com**



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Fiery Faces Fun in Petrolia



BLAKE ELLIS/LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE PHOTOS The boomtown at the Petrolia Discovery Centre was a light with many jack o' lanterns. People could view the displays on the evenings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It was all part of Fiery Faces - a Halloween fundraiser held in Petrolia. Kyra Bigras was dressed for Halloween while doing crafts while other carved some pumpkins, including Kylie Humphrey. The event was a fundraiser for the Petrolia

Kiwanis Club.









Joe Cebulski, Petrolia's YMCA manager took a turn in the Gunk N Dunk as part of the Fiery Faces event at the YMCA. People bid on the chance to dunk each of the 12 brave participants who ventured into the tank. Petrolia Kiwanis was raising money to pay for free swim and gym time for the youth during school professional development days.



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