

Storyboard installations introduced in south St. Clair Township



Heritage St. Clair (HSC) has been hard at work researching valuable information that leads to the historical preservation of local history. Three story boards based on their findings were introduced on Saturday, July 20 with two unveilings entitled *Rum Runners* and *Passenger Ships*, along the waterfront in Brander Park, and one that describes the *Railway* that used to be so important to the community. That story board is located in Port Lambton at 507 Stoddard Street at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Above: On hand for the dedication, from left, are: HSC Treasurer Jan Smith; St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Mayor Jeff Agar; HSC member Bob Goodearle; HSC Past Chair Dave Pattenden; HSC Chair Tracy Kingston; HSC Secretary Dave Taylor; HSC member Miria Pelltier; HSC Council Rep Alt Holly Foster; HSC member Paul Smith. HSC photo

Lambton County Library's 2024 Summer Reading Challenge in progress

The Summer Reading Challenge, with the theme of Tales Through Time, will continue until Sunday, August 11. It is available to people of all ages, and incentivizes people to read and take part in free activities and games for a chance to win prizes. The goal of the challenge is to help students keep their literacy skills up during the summer, retaining the skills they worked so hard to develop during the school year.

The Challenge is also open to teens and adults, and prize draws are available for all participants who complete various activities.

To register, participants can sign up online with Beanstack, a user-friendly platform with a website and mobile app, or visit any Lambton County Library location during operating hours.

Once registered, participants aged 0-17 can pick up a Summer Reading Challenge kit from any Lambton County Library location. Each age group (0-4 years, 5-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-17 years) will receive an age-specific French or English kit that includes a canvas tote, painting supplies, an activity book, and stickers. One lucky winner in each age category will find a Golden Ticket hidden



The Lambton County celebrates 175th anniversary

175th anniversary of Lambton County is being marked in several ways this year. The new online database of photos and historical materials from county museums and archives, compiled from the collections of three different institutions, allows visitors to the website to search material from Lambton Heritage Museum in Grand Bend, the Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs, and the Lambton County Archives in Wyoming. All three institutions are owned and operated by The Corporation of the County of Lambton.

Containing the digital records of more than 8,000 historical artifacts, photographs, and archival documents, the new database offers patrons the ability to search records from all three institutions at once. The current available records represent material from each institution's collection, with plans to continue adding records as cultural services staff digitize and upload them. Anyone interested in viewing non-digitized materials or artifacts is encouraged to contact the institution directly to arrange for research or an in-person viewing.

This digital collection is always growing and being updated, so visitors should check the website regularly for new material. The three institutions can be reached for more information regarding research at our facilities and to arrange in-person appointments by using the links in the webpage footer.

The site can be found at:

lambtonmuseums.pastperfectonline.com

Other special activities that have taken place this summer include the *Heritage Champions* ceremony that took place on June 5 at a Lambton County Council meeting. Another special activity included the planting of 175 trees at the Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs, where free admission was in effect. Admission was also free at the Lambton County Archives and the Lambton Heritage Museum.

The popular *Doors Open* event will be reintroduced this fall and a meeting room at the Lambton Shared Services Centre will be renamed the Ottissippi Room to recognize traditional indigenous place names. Ottissippi translates as "clear water".

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MODEL TRAIN EVENT DRAWS A CROWD AT MOORE MUSEUM



The annual Model Train event at Moore Museum in July presented visitors with a world of railway wonders.

Left: Getting a bird's eye view of the Riley Station tableau, young Felix Huang enjoys flying high thanks to his dad, Youming Huang. The Huang family was visiting from Petrolia.

Middle left: In the train room, a locomotive circles an aircraft museum setup which features a tour through the history of aeronautics. Aircraft on display range from a WWII Lancaster bomber to the short-lived Canadian-made Avro CF-105 Arrow Mk1 and the space shuttle.

Below left: Also on hand for the occasion were the talented folks from the Triple C Wood Carvers.

The event continued to fascinate in the museum's main building where weavers were demonstrating their craft.



Below: Far removed from the crowd, in the museum's duly consecrated Trinity Chapel, a special private event was taking place. The Beacon is grateful to have captured a moment when the chapel hosted the beginning of one couples' journey together.



At the Moore Museum, the Model Train event was not the only thing happening on July 7. In the quiet of the museum's Trinity Chapel, a happy couple was saying their vows. Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Archer (Jody Strangway and Joseph Archer) and their adorable young attendants Ava, 5, and Alice, 7.

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