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Veterans Memorial Cup draws hockey fans of all ages

The Royal Canadian Legion Coruna Br. 447 hall recently hosted the Veterans Memorial Cup. Known originally as the OHA Memorial Cup, it was donated in 1919 by the Ontario Hockey Association in honour of the soldiers who died fighting for Canada in World War I. In 2010, the trophy was rededicated to honour all soldiers who gave their lives for Canada while serving in any conflict.

The cup's visit to Corunna was facilitated by Brian Prout, a former Saginaw Sting player and now, a Legion member. Brian said bringing the cup to the Legion "made sense". He discussed the matter with Br. 447 President Shawn MacNeil, who contacted the people in charge of the cup and was able to arrange the visit.

The cup is currently held by the Saginaw Spirit after the team won the cup from the London Knights in the 2024 finals.

When the cup was on display on July 11, one of the Saginaw players made a surprise appearance to share the occasion. Defenseman Josh Glavin, another Corunna area hockey graduate, plays for the Saginaw Spirit since being drafted from the Lambton Junior Sting.

While the cup was on display, the significance of its title was honoured with the presence of uniformed Legion members and Br. 447 Padre Paul Woolley.



Above: The Veterans Memorial Cup was the hub of admiration for a crowd of hockey fans while it was on display. These four young Jr. Flag players all admitted their goal was to be on a team that wins it some day. From front left: Hudson Maw, 7; Logan Maw, 12; Emery Maw, 8; and Rowan Piper, 7. Shown standing behind the cup are, from left: Br. 447 President Shawn MacNeil; Brian Prout; and Saginaw Spirit defenseman Josh Glavin.

Bonnie Steven-

Please support your local food bank



MUNICIPAL NOTES



Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, and can also be seen online by going onto the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca.

The summer council schedule will be reduced to one meeting per month.

Upcoming council meetings will be:

- Monday, August 12 at 3 p.m.,
- Monday, September 3 at 3 p.m. and
- Monday, September 16 at 6 p.m.

Have a safe, happy summer!

To make a presentation to council or for more information, call the St. Clair Township municipal office at 519-867-2021 (1-800-809-0301).

NOTE: This information is accurate at publication time and may be subject to change.

St. Clair Township 2024 Final Property Tax Due Date

Thursday, September 26

Payment options available as follows:

- Monthly pre-authorization
- Pay online or by telephone at your bank
- In person at your bank branch
- Drop a cheque into the secure drop box at Civic Centre front door
- Mail a cheque
- Debit, cash, or cheque at Civic Centre
- Credit card, debit available for a fee on www.paysimply.ca

Does your canine companion have a 2024 dog tag?

Please make sure your dog(s) has a 2024 St. Clair Township tag. Application forms are available online at: stclairtownship.ca or tags can be obtained at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown. If there are changes/errors on your renewal notice, please call the township immediately at 519-867-2021.



Reporting a loose dog?
St. Clair Township now has a 24/7 dog catching line!
Please call 519-312-1322 to report stray animals.

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Please be courteous to Township staff

Township office staff and personnel conduct the business of the township as it is written in the by-laws and in the decisions made for the smooth operation of the municipality. When interacting with these people, remember they must adhere to these by-laws and decisions when trying to assist you. **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO THEM.** Remember they are doing their job. Even if the answers you receive in the course of your interaction are not satisfactory to you, ask them politely who would be able to help them and how to contact them.

Please treat our staff the way you want to be treated.



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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

Poor Bell cell phone service discussed

The ongoing issues being experienced by township Bell cell phone users was discussed by council during the July 15 meeting in response to a letter from resident Nathan Burger. His letter, regarding Bell's continued failure to repair the shortcomings of its local cell tower service, reflected the frustration many St. Clair Township residents, including members of council, are feeling because of Bell's continued indifference to this potentially dangerous problem.

Mr. Burger pointed out that cell phones have become life-lines for many people who have given up their land lines, and cell customers expect their cell phones, and the cell towers to which they are connected, to function dependably on a daily basis, especially in emergency situations. He added that power outages should not affect cell service, yet they continue to interrupt dependable service when it is most needed. Further, he notes Bell has been aware of this alarming problem for a long time and has failed to take any steps to repair and adequately maintain the service. In the letter, Mr. Burger reasons, "There are many people (myself included) paying top dollar for cell phone service and getting nothing but poor service from Bell and the run around, and no answers from Bell about the issue."

During council's discussion, it was pointed out that Bell currently had permission for their people to solicit sales

door-to-door in the township, but that could change.

Council is seeking an in-person discussion with a Bell representative during a regular council meeting. Should the company decline this request, council may find it necessary to withdraw its permission for solicitation.

Kiwanis Club makes presentation

The Kiwanis Club recently attended council seeking permission to form a club in St. Clair Township. Kiwanis Division 3 Bluewater representative Donna Kelso explained the club is a worldwide organization with a focus on improving the lives of children both locally and worldwide.

Acknowledging the township already has seven active clubs, Ms. Kelso assured council the intent is not to disrupt their memberships. "We don't take members away from other clubs," she said.

Kiwanis Clubs run local programs for children from the primary school level up to secondary and post-secondary levels, as well as programs to address the needs of children around the world.

To start a club, a minimum of 15 members must be registered. Membership is open to all people over the age of 18.

A council motion in support of the new club was passed.

For more information, contact Donna Kelso at: kelsodonna@gmail.com or 519-336-5767.



Operation of any motor vehicle on St. Clair River Trail is illegal

Recent complaints to the St. Clair Township office indicate there are still some people operating their motor vehicles on the St. Clair River Trail.

It is not only a Provincial offence to operate a motor vehicle on the trail, but it violates [St. Clair Township By-Law #45 of 2018](#), in which motor vehicles are defined as any type of vehicle drawn, propelled, or driven by any kind of power except muscular power. This includes automobiles, motor scooters, mini-bikes, motor-

ized snow vehicles, golf carts and ATVs.

The St. Clair River Trail exists to provide pedestrians of all ages with a safe place to walk and enjoy the natural beauty the St. Clair River Trail affords.

Every person who contravenes any provision of the by-law is guilty of an offence and if convicted, faces a set fine of \$200.



Grow your business with free expert guidance

We are here to help your business thrive in Sarnia-Lambton. Take advantage of our complimentary consultation and business visits to explore expansion opportunities and enhance your business strategy. Email: chantelle@sarnialambton.on.ca to book an appointment.

CRIME STOPPERS SARNIA-LAMBTON

Your information can be submitted by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or going online to: www.p3tips.com Callers are guaranteed 100% anonymity. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to any call display services. If your tip leads to an arrest or charges being laid, you may receive a cash reward.

**St. Clair Fire cautions: NEVER leave a grill or kitchen stove unattended!
Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of fires.**



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Major turnaround plan for Shell Corunna should reduce impact to community

By Dana Mitchell,

A turnaround will be done this fall at the Shell Manufacturing Centre in Corunna. A turnaround is a period of planned maintenance, where parts of the operation are shut down while they are inspected, with maintenance activities completed. These events are instrumental in keeping the site running safely, reliably, and profitably.

Shell will execute two large turnarounds in every 6-year cycle. "This model results in less disruption to neighbouring communities and the site overall", said Turnaround Manager Jason Woodward.

The upcoming fall turnaround will see a peak workforce of upwards of 1,000 people onsite and millions of dollars injected into the local economy for materials, prefabricated equipment, staffing and more.

To minimize the impact on the community, police will be on hand to ensure traffic flow is as unobtrusive as possible. Notifications will be issued for elevated flaring, and the team will strive to execute activities that involve increased noise during periods of the day that are the least disruptive.



During a recent open house, Councillor Pat Brown, left, Craig McEwen, Production Manager, and Dana Mitchell, Shell Site As-

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Corunna entrepreneur chosen for SLEP Summer Company Program



The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Small Business Enterprise Centre recently launched five new businesses in the region under its Summer Company Program. One of them is **Max's Mowing**, a Corunna-based business established by Max Maoriat.

Customers receive comprehensive lawn maintenance services including mowing, trimming, and edging. Max's commitment to sustainability is reflected in his decision to invest in emission-free, battery-powered equipment. "The grant will help me reduce my carbon footprint and provide quieter, cleaner services," Max told SLEP. He emphasized the importance of quality and reliability to his business.

"The Summer Company Program is a cornerstone of our efforts to support young entrepreneurs in Sarnia-Lambton," said Alison Minato, Small Business Enterprise Centre Manager. She added the program not only provides financial assistance, it also offers mentorship and training to help build skills and confidence a participant can use to succeed in his or her chosen business.

-Information from Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership

Lambton Public Health releases extreme heat safety information



Extreme summer heat has already hit St. Clair Township once this year, and Lambton Public Health has issued information that will help residents cope with extreme weather conditions throughout the year.

Warming/cooling stations operate throughout Lambton County operate when extreme temperature alerts are issued. They offer short-term relief during these times, are open during normal hours of operation and are not expected to provide extra amenities and services. They include recreation centres, health centres, libraries, and other public and municipal centres.

In St. Clair Township, Warming/Cooling centres include: Brigden, Corunna, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton, Sombra and Wilkesport libraries; and Mooretown Sports Complex.

Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health for Lambton County, says, "Heat-related illnesses are a high risk for the elderly, children, and those with chronic illnesses." She warns that although these are the people most susceptible to heat, others can be adversely affected as well. "Any individual can be impacted...especially if they work or are active outdoors." Dr. Dueck recommends these people should take steps to cope with the heat. Recommendations include: drinking plenty of fluids, especially water;

reschedule strenuous activities if possible between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the sun's rays are strongest; avoid the sun if possible, apply spf, wear a hat, sunglasses and light clothing; take cool showers or baths; if you take medication or have a health condition ask a health provider if heat will increase your risk and follow directions; NEVER LEAVE ANYONE/PET in a parked car.

If you know anyone at risk for heat-related illnesses, including older adults and those with chronic illnesses, check on them to see if they are staying cool and well hydrated.

Dr. Dueck notes heat strokes are medical emergencies. Symptoms include: high body temperature, dizziness or fainting, confusion, or has stopped sweating. The victim should be moved to cooler location like a air conditioned space and given lots of water. If symptoms persist or cooling and hydration is unavailable, call 911 immediately if these symptoms are observed.

For more information on this subject, go online to: LambtonPublicHealth.ca or call 519-383-8331 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839.

Please remember that pets can be affected by heat just like humans. They need a cool place to shelter through the day and frequently replenished water bowls.



Public Works Department

PW General - Roads/Drainage - Water/Sewer - Utility Billing - Engineering

St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily St. Mooretown, ON N0N 1M0

After Hours Emergency 1-888-441-4204

(519) 867-2993 (T)

(519) 867-3886 (F)

stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca

www.stclairtownship.ca

<http://fb.com/stclairwppw>

Water utility appointments require 48 hours notice

St. Clair Township By-Law 11 of 2024 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

Hydrant Flushing

Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township Water Distribution system, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 2024 – November 2024

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some water discolouration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry etc., as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears.

Sewer Main Flushing

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township Sewer System, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 2024 – November 2024

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some gurgling noises in your drains. If conditions Persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993



Mosquito Control Set for Township

The County of Lambton will be running the annual Mosquito Larvicide program thought the County. Larvicide tablets will be placed in catch basins thought the Township three (3) times during the upcoming season.

Contact information for recycling provider

- Residents wishing to report any recycling collection issues are to contact the Contractor (Emterra Environmental) directly at 1-888-597-1541.
- Alternatively, visit their website at: emterra.ca, and click on "Customer Service" section.
- For further recycling issues / concerns residents may also contact



For more updates on information related to Public Works, including Waste and Recycling collection, follow up on Facebook @stclairwppw.

A SHORT RINSE GOES A LONG WAY

Rinsing food residue from containers prepares them to be recycled.



Learn more: circularmaterials.ca/ON

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New Where to Recycle website

There is a new "Where to Recycle" website that has launched that offers residents the ability to look up items they are unsure of where to recycle:

<https://rpra.ca/where-to-recycle/>

RPRa (Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority) - RPRa's 'Where to Recycle' map displays locations across

Ontario where you can drop off used materials to be recycled, such as batteries, electronics, household hazardous waste, lighting and tires, for free. Materials collected at these locations are reused, refurbished, recycled, or properly disposed of to help keep them out of landfill, recover valuable resources and protect our environment.

Yard Waste

Yard Waste Collection:

*Brush collection (bundles of sticks) is no longer provided. See below chart for suggested disposal sites.

*Yard waste collection (leaves, grass, etc.) will be collected for the spring season between April 22 and June 19, and again for the fall season between Oct. 2 and Nov. 20.

*Christmas tree collection will remain the same for Jan. 6, 2025.

Suggested locations to take brush:

(All locations require a fee)

Transco Recycling, 387 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia;
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon;
519-332-4045

Curran Recycling, 526 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia;
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon: 519-332-0849

Waste Depot, 456 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia;
Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
519-333-08252

Wallaceburg Leaf and Yard Depot, 505 Water St.,
Wallaceburg Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon
519-627-8101

NOTE: Call ahead to confirm hours and fees which are all are subject to change.



DIG SAFE! Contact OntarioOneCall first!

Property owners who dig without knowing where buried utility, pipelines, and cables are located are looking for trouble, expensive repairs, and maybe even tragedy.

Contact on1call.com or call 1-800-400-2255 to be sure you know where the buried hazards are and what they are.



PUBLIC WORKS IS NOW LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

Follow or like our page for all the latest updates and notifications. Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/stclairtwppw>

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Grass on the road can be DANGEROUS!

When mowing your lawn this summer please refrain from throwing/spreading grass clippings on the road surface. It is recommended to direct lawn mower discharge away from the roads edge and inward towards private property.

Dangers of grass clippings on gravel roads:

- 1) Poor gravel road conditions— once the organic matter is mixed with the gravel materials and decomposes, it can lead to increased potholes and soft spots.
- 2) Difficulties in road grading— when grass is mixed with gravel material during grading operations, it becomes a mixed rolling mat or gravel/grass that can not be properly graded or disposed of.
- 3) Rotting organic matter— if the road is not graded and this mat of grass clippings remain on the surface, it can become a wet and dangerous situation.

Dangers of grass clippings on a hard surface road:

- 1) Plugged catch basins—grass can be carried during rain events to catch basin locations and plug either the lid or storm piping.
- 2) Rotting organic matter— this mat of grass clippings can remain on the surface and create a slippery, wet and dangerous situation for motorcycles, pedestrians and bicycles.

Please help protect the Townships infrastructure, equipment and your neighbors by directing yard waste inwards toward your private property!



Lambton Public Health warns—TEST YOUR WELL WATER SUPPLY

Lambton Public Health (LPH) urges residents with private wells to regularly test their well water to ensure the water is safe to drink. Recent high-water levels, flood conditions, and saturated grounds could allow harmful bacteria to enter the drinking water, making it unsafe to consume.

LPH recommends wells be tested routinely several times a year or after flood conditions to test for harmful bacteria such as E.coli. Bacteria testing and water sampling kits are available FREE OF CHARGE at: **Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia**, Monday—Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30p.m. **OR Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street in Point Edward**, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10

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Summer on the St. Clair River Trail

Planning to spend the summer taking in the sights that the St. Clair River Trail has to offer? While doing so, please remember that motorized vehicles are not permitted on the St. Clair River Trail.


“Motor Vehicle” includes an automobile, motorcycle, motor scooter, mini bike, motorized snow vehicle, or any other type of vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power, excluding muscular power.

Emergency preparedness starts with you **be prepared**



make a plan **build a kit** **stay informed**

ontario.ca/beprepared 



Power Outage/Emergency Line
1-800-434-1235 (operates 24/7)

Residents can call this number to report power outage, fallen trees or power lines.

More Foodcycler® units available soon

The Foodcycler® Waste Diversion Pilot composter trial, in which St. Clair Township participated in 2023/2024, resulted in the township selling 277 Foodcycler® units and having a waiting list of 19. The success of that trial has prompted Council to approve another order of Foodcycler® units; the original FC-30 and the larger capacity ECO 5 Maestro.

To learn more about the program, please contact Public Works at: stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca




FC-30 **ECO 5 Maestro**

BEACON BITS **RECYCLE TODAY - SAVE TOMORROW!**



Have a fire-safe summer with these simple strategies

As temperatures rise, so does the risk of fires. Here are key safety tips to keep in mind this summer:

Grilling Precautions: Always use your BBQ outdoors, away from structures and flammable materials. Never leave it unattended, and regularly clean the drip tray.

Campfire Safety: Build campfires in designated areas in accordance with the by-law, away from dry vegetation and overhanging branches. Keep water and a shovel nearby, and fully extinguish the fire before leaving.

Home Safety: Regularly test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, replacing batteries and expired alarms as needed. Ensure your family knows the fire escape plan.

Weather Awareness: Check wind conditions before lighting any outdoor fires. Strong winds can quickly spread flames.

By following these tips, you can enjoy a fun and fire-safe summer season.

Lambton County museums and County libraries partner up to showcase Lambton's history

To mark the 175th anniversary of the County of Lambton, Lambton County museums and Lambton County libraries are encouraging residents to show off their historical items and share their stories at *Show & Tell* events.



At these *Show & Tell* events, residents will also have the benefit of accessing the expertise of staff from the Museums and Archives, who may be able to provide additional insight about the item and may be able to record, digitize, or photograph the item to allow future generations to learn about Lambton's history.

Said Adrienne Lebert, Public Services Coordinator, Lambton County Library, "Whether it's a family photo capturing generations gone by, a handwritten diary chronicling local life, or a treasured heirloom passed down through the ages, every item holds a piece of Lambton's heritage." In the interest of public safety, event organizers are asking residents not to bring firearms.

"Lambton's 175th Anniversary has created a great opportunity for us to reach out to residents in an effort to celebrate and learn more about our local history and ensure we are taking steps preserve it for future generations," said Nicole Aszalos, Archivist / Supervisor, Lambton County Archives. "Every household in Lambton County is likely to have a treasured photo of their ancestors posing outside their Lambton farmhouse, a

family favourite recipe that has been passed down by each generation, a ledger from the family business, or a school or team uniform in their attic. We would love to see these types of local historical artifacts and learn about their history." Lambton's 175th *Show & Tell* events will take place at various locations throughout Lambton County from June to September. Residents are required to register in advance at lambtonmuseums.ca/show for event planning purposes. Lambton 175th *Show & Tell* will take place at the following locations:

- ◆ • Camlachie Library: Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ • Oil Museum: Thursday, August 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ • Florence Community Centre: Thursday, September 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

◆ • Petrolia YMCA: Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

◆ • Brigden Library: Wednesday, September 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Lambton 175th *Show & Tell* events, a presentation highlighting some of the most interesting artifacts will be held at Sarnia Library Theatre on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit lambtonmuseums.ca/show



Reading lifts you up!



Mark your calendar and get ready for the **Corunna Street Festival** Saturday, September 21, 2024

LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME 2024 INDUCTEES



Above: On hand for the happy occasion were, standing left: Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu; Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey; Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees James Goodhand and Jim Duffy; Warden Kevin Marriott. Seated left: Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees Davis, Mary, John and Chris Bryans.

The Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre Complex was filled with well-wishers and dignitaries on July 13 to honour the 2024 Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees. The honourees were presented with commemorative plaques that will be displayed in the Hall of Fame along with those awarded to inductees from years past. This brings to 28 the number of outstanding agricultural practitioners who have been acknowledged since the Agricultural Hall of Fame was established in 2010.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



Left: Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott congratulates the inductees on their outstanding achievements.
Below: The reception was well-attended with friends and family who came to celebrate with the inductees.



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".

HERITAGE CORNER

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.

B. Stevenson photo

Heritage Sarnia-Lambton museum passport challenge celebrates Lambton's 175th anniversary

Heritage Sarnia-Lambton, a network of eight local museums, invites visitors to celebrate 175 years of Lambton County history by participating in the *Heritage Sarnia-Lambton Passport Challenge* this summer. During July, August, and September, residents are invited to obtain a passport at any participating museum and embark on an adventure of discovery that could result in the winning of a fantastic prize. Each passport will contain a trivia question specific to each participating museum. The passport holder will have to visit each museum, find the museum's corresponding page in the passport, and seek the answer to the trivia question on that page somewhere within that museum. Once the passport holder has the correct answer to each question, the passport will receive a stamp/sticker. When the passport is completed, it can be turned in for a chance to win the grand prize of a Tourism Sarnia-Lambton gift certificate and a heritage swag bag. *Participating museums include: Moore Museum; Sombra Museum & Cultural Centre; Plympton-Wyoming Museum; Oil Museum of Canada; Lambton Heritage Museum; Lambton County Archives; Forest Museum; and Arkona Lions Museum. Admission rates will apply where applicable. The contest will end on Sept. 30.*



Libraries in rural and underserved areas to offer Wi-Fi hotspots

People in rural and underserved areas will be able to find a Wi-Fi hotspot at their local library thanks to a new initiative by Lambton County Library. Paired with a library cardholder's own device, such as a smartphone, tablet, or computer, a Wi-Fi hotspot will provide reliable internet service. "This initiative underscores our commitment to empowering our community with the tools and resources we all need to thrive in an increasingly digital world," said Library Services Manager Darlene Coke. "By bridging the digital divide, we strive to ensure equal access to information and opportunities for all residents."

Wi-Fi hotspots are available for a 14-day lending period for adult and teen borrowers. The hotspots offer unlim-

ited data access, but *content restrictions are in place to comply with vendor policies. These restrictions include streaming services like Netflix, Prime, and Disney+, as well as gambling and adult content sites.*

Hotspots must be reserved and can be delivered to any Lambton County Library location for pickup. *(Library cards are free for anyone who lives, works, or studies in Lambton County, owns property in Lambton County, or lives in a First Nations community in Ontario. Identification, including proof of address, must be presented.)*

Visit lclibrary.ca for more information on Lambton County Library's locations and collections.



Weekly St. Clair Township libraries hours of operation

***Brigden** 519-864-1142): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

***Corunna** (519-862-1132): Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

***Courtright** 519-867-2712): Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***Mooretown** (519-867-2823): Monday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***Sombra** (519-892-3711): Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***Port Lambton** (519-677-5217): Monday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

***Wilkesport** (519-864-4000): Tuesday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Get a copy of the ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP BEACON at your local library!

Recycle used batteries at Lambton County Libraries

Lambton County Library has partnered with *Call2Recycle Canada, Inc.* to host battery recycling collection boxes in select Lambton County Library locations to encourage the proper disposal of used batteries.

Anyone wishing to recycle batteries must prepare them for recycling by following the *Call2Recycle* guidelines, which include bagging the battery in a provided

clear bag or taping over the battery's terminals before depositing them in the *Call2Recycle* collection boxes. **Lambton County residents can drop off their used single-use and rechargeable household batteries (weighing up to 5 kg each) at the following Lambton County Library St. Clair Township locations: Brigden, Corunna, and Petrolia.**



Volunteers needed!

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is looking for volunteers to run fundraising Bingos that will help fund local environmental initiatives. The games will be held at Riverview Gaming/Jackpot Time in Chatham Kent. Volunteers must be: age 18

and over; live in or near Chatham; trained or willing to complete training from CGCK (<https://cgamingck.ca/training>); able to commit to two to three two-hour sessions per month; and willing to abide by the Riverview Gaming Compliance Policy and Code of Conduct. Initiatives funded by the bingos include: outdoor environmental programming; the monitoring and safeguarding of vital species at risk in our watershed; and other important projects.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ashley Fletcher at: afletcher@scrca.ca

COMMUNITY CONTACT

FOOD BANKS NEED OUR HELP

Sacred Heart food bank helps community thrive

The Sacred Heart Food Bank continues to aid the community address food insecurity all year long. Nourishing food items and daily supplies like personal hygiene items, baby needs, and household cleaning supplies, as well as grocery store gift cards and monetary donations, are always gratefully accepted. Food bank shelves need to be replenished on a regular basis.

The Sacred Heart food bank appreciates all donations and the basics are always in high demand. **Drop off bins are located for your convenience at: DG Grains Becher location; Mainstreet Credit Union in Port Lambton; Port Lambton Food Market; Port Lambton United Church; Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Port Lambton.**

St. Andrew's food bank continues to help those in need

The food bank at St. Andrew's Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is open every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The food bank serves those in need, offering a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including dairy products, bread, and meat, as well as daily requirements like household cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and baby needs. The fresh food supplied at the food bank costs approximately \$75 per week to purchase. **Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the food bank can do so through Food Bank, C/O St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0. Gift cards to Foodland and No Frills are also welcome.**

Sombra Optimist Clubs welcome new members

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members who want to help their community thrive. This volunteer organization exists to make their community a better place by doing great things for the youth in their area. Be a friend of youth - join the Optimist Club of Sombra. For more infor-

mation or to become a member, call Carla Aarssen at 226-402-3870.

Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites new members to get involved

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites youth from age 10 through 18 to join and discover the fantastic feeling of volunteering in the community. Members put on their own programs and find creative ways to fundraise for other youth programs. Hours spent volunteering with the club count toward the volunteer hours needed at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. Meetings are now held at the Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the intersection of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Brigden United Church activities/service

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. More information regarding the Brigden United Church schedule is available on Facebook.

Courtright Friendship Club activities

The Courtright Friendship Club meets every first Thursday of every month next to the Courtright Library, 1533 Fourth Street. Annual membership is \$10, but non-members are welcome to come out to weekly card games. Euchre is played on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., and **as of June 7, Pepper is played on Fridays at 1 p.m.** The cost per game is \$3 per person.

Mental health group and resources

Recovery International, a self-help group for those who struggle with mental health issues, meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For more information about support options, contact Rita at 519-867-2932. More mental health resources include: Lambton Mental Health Distress Line, 519-336-3445 or 1-800-307-4319; Lambton Public Health mental health and addiction line, 519-464-4400, ext. 5370. For those who face the mental health or addiction challenges, the Samia-Lambton Ontario Health Team can help. To talk to someone about local resources, call Connex Ontario, 1-866-531-2600, or the Family Counselling Centre Care Pathways, 519-336-3600.

In crisis? Call CMHA Lambton-Kent and talk to a mental health professional 24/7 at 1-800-307-4319.



TINY CHARMER: Oliver Langstaff smiles for the camera while escorting his mom, Nelke Boekhorst, to the Moore Museum Volunteer Dinner. The wee man was a perfect gentleman all evening and he favoured all visitors with his winning smile. On his right, Sue Agar had much to smile about as well; she and her husband, Jeff, recently welcomed their first grandchild.

B. Stevenson photo

Lambton County Library and Huron Shores Area Transit introduce bus service with Smart Card library pass



Lambton County Library cardholders can now borrow Smart Card library passes that will provide unlimited travel fare for up to five days on Huron Shores Area Transit, an inter-community public transit service linking Lambton Shores, South Huron, North Middlesex, Bluewater, and Kettle & Stony Point First Nation with each other and Sarnia, London, Goderich, and Strathroy. The pass can be borrowed by any Lambton County Library cardholder from the following library locations: Sarnia, Arkona, Forest, Grand Bend, Port Franks, and Thedford.

Further details regarding library locations, services, and hours of operation can be found at lclibrary.ca.



Mooretown Sports Complex - July 2024

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS - REGISTER NOW!

Register online or call the Mooretown Sports Complex. Log in to your account or view our website for our Summer Swim Lesson schedule.

SUMMER CAMP - REGISTER NOW!

Come try our Summer Camp where we will be focusing on a different skills and movement each day! Each day will also have age-appropriate activities planned. Each week will have a unique theme!

Junior Summer Camp: ages 5 - 8 years

Begins July 2 to Aug.30: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Early Drop off (7:30 a.m.)/Late Pick up (5:30 p.m.) available for an additional fee)

Fees \$45/Day, \$190/Week, \$1,500/Summer!

Senior Summer Camp - Ages 9 - 12 years

Begins July 2 to Aug. 30: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Early Drop off (7:30 a.m.)/Late Pick up (5:30 p.m.) available for an additional fee)

Fees \$45/Day, \$190/Week, \$1,500/Summer!

GOLF CAMP - REGISTER NOW!

Junior Golf Camp: ages 5 - 9 years

Week 1 Begins July 15 to July 18: 10 a.m. -1p.m.

Week 2 Begins Aug. 5 to Aug. 8: 10 a.m. -1p.m.

Week 3 Begins Aug. 26 to Aug. 29: 10 a.m. -1p.m.

Senior Golf Camp: ages 9 - 14 years

Week 1 Begins July 8 to July 11: 10a.m. -1p.m.

Week 2 Begins July 22 to July 25: 10a.m. -1p.m.

Week 3 Begins Aug. 19 to Aug. 22: 10a.m. -1p.m.

Fees \$225/Week

GOLF CAMP - REGISTER NOW!

Golf is a great game to keep kids active while having fun and helps to develop new skills as well as hand eye coordination! Lunch will be included each day.

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Fees \$225/Week

SPRING INTO FITNESS!

Join Guns and Buns, Mat Pilates, Yoga, Nordic Walking, Aqua Fitness or Water Therapy!

Check out our Brochure for more information!

\$10/class (\$7/seniors) or \$70/\$10 visit pass!

Campgrounds are now open!

And we are already booking for 2025 Camping Season.

Looking for a Seasonal site for 2024 season? We have 2 Seasonal Sites at Branton Cundick available. Call 519-867-2651 for more information.

For more information or to register for any of the programs contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.



Golf Course is Open!

Yes, we are still in the construction phase of our new Clubhouse BUT our temporary conversion of the cart barn into a temporary Clubhouse with Pro Shop, Bar and Kitchen is working well! Come for a round of golf or join us for dinner - there are daily specials available! Check out our Facebook Page! See MENU ABOVE

Enjoy cool summer fun on ice!

The MSC will be sizzlin' all season because we've got ICE! ICE BABY!

Two Ice Pads are open all Summer!

Call today to book your ice rental OR lace up your own skates and enjoy these rink side activities.

NEW FAMILY SHINNY - Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-11a.m. and for July and August Sundays and from 1:30-2:30p.m.! \$5/person, Registration is required. Please see our website for Family Shiny Rules.

Regular Shiny Hockey (18+) Tuesdays 9-10a.m. - \$5/person

Summer Sunday Public Skates

11:45am - 1:00pm

\$3/child, \$4.25/adult, \$10/ family

Weekday Public Skate

Mon, Wed and Fri. 10:30am - 12p.m. (cancelled dates include Aug. 12, 16, 19, 21 & 23)

\$2.00/person, \$10.00/family.

Sombra Days 2024

Sombra Days 2024 had a moist beginning, but the weather took a turn for the best during the weekend. The baseball tournament fielded two divisions of 8 teams each and on Sunday, when the volleyball courts took centre stage, there were 30 teams competing.

According to Sombra Days volunteer Blair Anderson, the community’s enthusiasm for sports is a mixed blessing. “We never have to look for teams,” she said. “A large part of the community participates (on the teams) so it’s hard to get volunteers.”

It’s Sombra Days at the volleyball court and the joint is jumpin’



A jumping spike shot sends the opposing team scrambling to return the ball.



Left: The adults weren’t the only ones having fun at Sombra Days. The bouncy inflatables sent happy squeals and shouts across the park. *Bonnie Stevenson photos*

Sombra Museum hosts sweet harmonies, blueberry treats, and kids’ fun



The Blueberry Social at Sombra Museum is always a sweet place to visit, but it’s especially tasty when the blueberry desserts are plentiful and the air is full of sweet, familiar tunes. **Left:** Visitors to the Sombra Museum during the Blueberry Social feasted on sweet desserts created by museum volunteers and staff while listening to the Bluewater Chordsmen perform tunes from their extensive repertoire. The new exhibits in the Marine Room were also a popular draw. **Above:** Museum staff member Christine amazed visitors with tiny “smart” OZOBOTS.

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MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



Trail Talk

Members of the St. Clair River Trail Committee are continually impressed with the intentional efforts of those living along the trail. Our *Trail Neighbours* take pride in the River Trail; it shows in the way they help keep it safe and attractive for cyclists, walkers, mobility scooters, strollers, etc.

THANK YOU for your KINDNESS!

- K** - Keeping an eye on the trail and picking up litter when necessary
- I** - Influencing others by sharing your amazing landscape photos on Facebook or sending to rivertrail@stclairtownship.ca
- N** - Notifying the Township Office (519-867-2021) when a trail repair is needed to prevent injury
- D** - Doing your best to trim branches from adjacent trees and shrubs that may obstruct the trail
- N** - Nurturing the positive growth and development of the St. Clair River Trail
- E** - Edging grass & weeds along the trail to maintain a comfortable width for strollers, mobility scooters, or people walking pets
- S** - Sweeping the trail regularly to remove sticks and stones (especially after high winds)
- S** - Sharing a wave, smile, or word of greeting as trail users pass by your property

www.stclairrivertrail.com

-St. Clair River Trail Committee

SHARE THE TRAIL. WHEN YOU'RE OUT WALKING YOUR PET, PLEASE KEEP IT ON A LEASH AND REMEMBER TO STOOP AND SCOOP.

Morning coffee with friends

The morning coffee group at Thompson Gardens Cruickshank Centre is open to everyone who enjoys good conversation and good coffee (or tea). Join us from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for just a dollar.



Games at Thompson Gardens Cruickshank Centre

Monday and Wednesday evenings are a lot of fun at the Thompson Gardens Cruickshank Centre. On Mondays at 7 p.m. its time for *Wi bowling*, the virtual game that everyone can enjoy. And on Wednesday at 7 p.m., the game is *euchre* at a cost of \$3 per person to be awarded as prize money. Beginners are welcome. Come and join the fun!



The Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton website focuses on adults age 55+. It has expanded to support active, healthy, and engaged living for people at all stages of life. It was launched through a grant from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, and has evolved with the help of several other grant opportunities.

Challenges faced by older adults are often difficult to handle, both for themselves and for those who care about them. Aging at home is a preference for many, but self-sufficiency issues can make that choice impossible.

The goal of *Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton* is to make access to community supports and health services easier. It's a convenient, easy one-stop access point for finding over 600 social and health supports in Lambton County.

For more information about

Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton, go online to: agefriendlysarnialambton.ca

The age-friendly content of the website, which includes a wide number of *Help At Home services*, is informed by feedback gathered from community members and care providers within Sarnia and Lambton County.

For those who prefer to speak to someone about local supports, please call: The Older Adult Care Pathway, or 519-336-3600 or 1-888-347-8737.



Are you looking for work?

In Corunna, help is as close as the Corunna Library, 417 Lyndoch Street on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Lambton Works employment team can connect you with employers and local community service providers to help you reach your goals and support your well-being. Job seekers and employers can access resources and support to navigate the job market or check out **Facebook**:

www.facebook.com/lambtonworkcentre

New EarlyON website launched

A new EarlyON website highlights drop-in centres for young children and their families across Lambton County.

It showcases the many resources offered through EarlyON Centres. These centres offer free programs and provide a place where parents, caregivers, and children from birth to age six can play and learn together. They promote learning through play and encourage parents/caregivers to participate in their children's growth and development.

VISIT: Earlyonlambton.ca to explore the new website and to find your local EarlyON Centre.

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FREE **CORUNNA STREET FESTIVAL** **FREE**

SAT. SEPT. 21 10-3

LYNDOCK STREET
BETWEEN FANE & CAMERON STREETS



Come & play on the street!

CHECK OUT THE VENDORS!

Zumba Wakeup, Giant Butterflies, Rodeo & Circus Themed Shows, Face Painting, Giant Games, Bouncy Houses, Vendors, Classic Cars, Indigenous Dance & Drumming Showcase, Balloon Animals, Meet a Mermaid (tentative), Street Chalk Zone & MORE!

Breakfast (\$12) & Wagon Rides (free)
8-10 am **St. Joseph's Parish Hall**




LEGION Trust your special events to **Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary**

For your special event, check out the banquet facility at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 hall, 350 Albert Street in Corunna. From weddings and sports banquets to corporate/business meetings and trade shows, Branch 447 Ladies Auxiliary Banquet Hall can comfortably accommodate up to 289 people, with plenty of parking and fully accessible. The more intimate atmosphere of the Club Room offers space for 143.

The recently renovated facilities offer their own L.C.B.O. licensed bar and share a large industrial sized kitchen with an experienced staff that can handle food offerings for any occasions. For information regarding food and table information, please call Ladies Auxiliary President Denise Taylor at 519-491-5627. For banquet hall bookings and prices, please call 519-862-1240.



Tentative Entertainment Schedule 2024



Starting at: **10 a.m.** - Zumba Wakeup; *Giant Butterflies stilt walkers* and Balloon Animal Creations ; **11 a.m.** - Ring Master K, *circus themed street show*; **11:45** - Zumba; **12 Noon** - Indigenous Dancers and Drum Show; **1 p.m.** - Rhinestone Rodeo, *a rodeo-themed interactive street show roaming street entertainment*; **1:45** - Ring Master K - *circus themed street show*; **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** - Meet a Mermaid and enter the draw for a one-night stay at Frog Point Inn!

COMPLETE YOUR SUMMER WITH SOME FAMILY FUN AT THE CORUNNA STREET FESTIVAL!

Greenhill Gardens near Wilkesport : A Special venue for special occasions

Greenhill Gardens will be available to rent for special occasions and functions, (i.e. weddings, anniversaries, group photos). The rental fees will be used to ensure the maintenance of this beautiful property. For more information, contact Tim Payne, SCRCA Manager of Forests, 519-245-3710, ext. 224, or email: tpayne@scrca.on.ca

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Royal Canadian Legion Zone A-4

DRUMHEAD CEREMONY

Sunday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Corunna Legion 350 Albert St., Corunna

FORM UP: 1:45 p.m. at corner of Paget and Albert Streets.

Hosted by Corunna Br. 447

Everyone is welcome!

Refreshments and light lunch after ceremony BRING BRANCH COLOURS

The Drumhead Service is a tradition dating back to the 1700s. On the battlefields, there was often no way for soldiers to attend church, to worship, and to pray. Instead, the Padre or Chaplain would hold a Drumhead Service, creating a temporary altar on the field using military drums draped with regimental or national flags. Drumhead services are still held as a salute to those who fought on the battlefields around the world and made the ultimate sacrifice.

For more information, please contact Br. 447 President Shawn MacNeil at: 519-862-1240 or

TRIVIA NIGHT

New Date! ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH
7:00PM - 9:00PM
At 3476 St. Clair pkwy
With groups of 1-6

Tease Your Brain & Enjoy Light Snacks!
\$10 per person

RSVP BY AUGUST 8TH
519-892-3982
sombramuseum@stclairtownship.ca

@sombramuseum



Sombra Museum hosts Fall Speaker Series

September 24 at 3 p.m. - IMPERIAL AT WAR
Speaker Christina Sydorko from the Oil Museum of Canada discusses the role of Imperial Oil and its fleet during WWI. Admission \$10 at the door.

October 29 at 7 p.m. - MARINE TALK
Local marine historian Bill Moran will present a ship-themed talk appropriate for the spooky Halloween season. Admission \$10 at the door.

November 19 at 7 p.m. - SHOW-AND-TELL
Show-And-Tell with the Lambton County Archives as head archivist Nicole Aszalos shows off artifacts from the vault. Our audience members will be welcome to bring their own historical or family artifacts to show and share. Admission \$10 at the door.
sombramuseum@stclairtownship.ca

The Brigden Fair Ambassador Team is looking for YOU!



ATTENTION individuals 17 to 24 who are enthusiastic, open to new adventures and learning new skills, and eager to become part of a dynamic team.

Applications are available at: www.brigdenfair.ca/fair/ambassador

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUG. 2

CONTEST DATE: SUNDAY, AUG. 11@2 p.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. EVERYONE WELCOME!



Would you like to be a part of our new Brigden Fair Mini Ambassador Program?

Are you starting Grade 1 or Grade 2 as of September 1, 2024?

Registration closes Friday Aug 2. Contest is Sunday, Aug 11 at 2 pm
Applications and information available online at www.brigdenfair.ca/fair/ambassador.
All contestants can ride in the parade on Saturday and will win a prize package.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



Corunna Legion Br.447
350 Albert St., Corunna
519-862-1240

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Every Monday - Pepper at 1 p.m.
3rd Tuesday - Executive meeting at 7 p.m.
Every Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday
Every Thursday - Crib at 1 p.m.
Every Friday - Bridge at 1 p.m.
Every Saturday - Meat draw at 4 p.m.

Corunna Branch 447 will host
ZONE-A4 DRUMHEAD CEREMONY
Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

More information: call President Shawn MacNeil
at 519-1240 or email:
smacneil.br447@hotmail.com
See page 19 for details

*Legion membership is NOT necessary
to enjoy the facilities.*

**Our hall is wheelchair accessible
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Contact: arodgers89@hotmail.com

FB: Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Br 447

More information on the above events
is available by calling (519) 862-1240
or on Facebook: The Royal Canadian Legion,
Leslie Sutherland Br.447



Brigden Legion Br. 635
3021 Brigden Road, Brigden
519-864-1395

Everyone is always welcome at Br. 635!

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME

Sombra Museum hosts TRIVIA NIGHT!

**TRIVIA NIGHT COMING IN AUGUST! See page 19*

**Sombra Rangers, St. Clair River League: Do you remember
the Sombra Rangers hockey team and/or the St. Clair River League?
The Sombra Museum wants to hear your stories about the team and the
league. Contact us by phone (519-892-3982), email:
(www.sombramuseum.ca), or Facebook or Instagram*

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Moore Agricultural Society

BRIGDEN COUNTRY CAMPOUT JAMBOREE

This annual summer event will be held from July 31 to Aug.5.
There are lots of events slated for this event, including: the
Brigden Market on Saturday, Aug. 3, music, dancing, fun, fellow-
ship, and 50/50 draws.

Please watch the Brigden Fair Facebook page and Website
for this and additional events that are being planned as well
as details on the above items. Details will also be found in the
Around the Township column of the St. Clair Township Bea-
con.

STUDENTS, DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Students who need volunteer hours are invited to collect them
by helping the Moore Agricultural Society (Brigden Fair). To dis-
cuss opportunities call 519-864-1197 or email: in-
fo@brigdenfair.ca OR michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca .

Tickets for 2024 quilt available

Tickets will be available for the Brigden Fair Homecraft Divi-
sion Annual Quilt Raffle from any Homecraft member (in per-
son), at events such as the Downriver Craft Show at Moore
Museum this autumn, at the Brigden Fair office, or Always
Quilting in Brigden. They can also be purchased by e-
transfer: quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca Let us know how
many tickets you want to purchase.

ATTENTION SUMMER SHOPPERS!

Brigden Market is on the way

The Brigden Market will be held on Saturday, August 3 from
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **More information is on the way here in The
Beacon or on the Brigden Fair website.** VENDORS are invit-
ed to participate in this great summer event. For more infor-
mation or to reserve a display site, please email:

alison.dion@brigdenfair.ca

Brigden Market day will be bigger and better than ever as
Brigden and Wilkesport United Churches hold their annual
yard sales at the fairgrounds.

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Email:
beacon@stclairtownship.ca

Please type "Subscription" in the Subject line and include your full name.

To find THE BEACON online, visit the township website homepage at:
www.stclairtownship.ca

and click on The Beacon icon.

Items that qualify for publication
THE BEACON is open at no charge to not-for-profits in St. Clair Township (i.e. service clubs, youth/seniors groups, agricultural groups, charity initiatives, etc.) and groups, events, or activities that will benefit and/or interest residents of St. Clair Township.

To submit information, photos, or notices email:
beacon@stclairtownship.ca

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER MONDAY, AUGUST 16

Early submissions are welcome

Find The Beacon in black & white paper format at any St. Clair Township library branch or for the colour version, go to:
www.stclairtownship.ca>beacon