



THE ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP BEACON



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First Brigden Fair Mini Ambassador chosen



The 2024 Brigden Fair Ambassador, Taner DeGurse and her court, standing, Kenzie Ross, left, and Savannah Denomme, right, are joined with Mini-Ambassador Everly Grant, the first Mini Brigden Fair Ambassador ever named. *Bonnie Stevenson photo*



Mini-Ambassador a first for the Brigden Fair

The 2024 Brigden Fair Mini-Ambassador contest attracted seven young contestants in its inaugural year. All of the contestants were impressive, exhibiting poise beyond their years with some displaying surprising stage presence. After an unusually long deliberation, the judges agreed that 7-year old Everly Grant should wear the Ambassador's sash.

After the contest, Everly's mom, Becky Grant, said Everly wasn't even aware of the contest until she heard people talking about it. "When she heard, she asked to be in it," said the proud mom.

Left: After receiving her sash and her Ambassador's bouquet, Everly and her beaming grandmother, Pauline Barrett, shared a big hug before the rest of her proud family received their share. Pauline summed up her granddaughter's character by saying, "She's the kindest little soul I've ever known."

As for the precocious Mini-Ambassador, she took a pragmatic view of the responsibilities Ambassadors take on. "It helps me experience new things," she said.



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 regular Council schedule of two monthly council meetings, held the first and third Mondays of each month, has resumed.

(Schedule may be altered to accommodate holidays.)

Upcoming council meetings will be:



- Tuesday, September 3 at 3 p.m.
- Monday, September 16 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, October 7 at 3 p.m.

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 but 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.

See page 3 to find out about the new *Responsible Pet Ownership By-Law*.



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 STAFF**. 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 you and how to contact them.

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



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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

Responsible Pet Ownership by-law By-Law 40 of 2024

New draft By-Law 40 of 2024 provides for the regulation, restriction, and prohibition of the control and keeping of Dogs and other animals within the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair.

The by-law has been developed to protect township residents and their dogs. It includes subjects such as: Prohibiting dogs from running at large or trespassing; Control of animals; Dog kennels and runs; Pound keeping and penalties for such infractions as abandoning a dog or litter; Leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle if weather conditions are not reasonably suitable for that containment; **Not having a current license for the dog and the fine for failing to do so.**

While discussing the new by-law, council also discussed the inclusion of cats that run loose unlicensed and unrestrained. This subject has been discussed at other council meetings in the past and issues such as enforcement have rendered such a by-law impractical. But should current circumstances change, amendments can be considered.



Mayor weighs in on diesel spill

The CSX spill was handled wrong from the start. We live among industrial sites and there are going to be accidents. I realize that, but if all protocols are followed from the start, it gives all emergency services, including those in St. Clair Township, time to respond and issue warnings to all residents.

It took years to develop BASES (Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment, and Sustainability) a leading advocate for worker safety, emergency preparedness, and environmental monitoring. The BASES membership includes major local industries such as Shell Canada Products and Arlanxeo Canada Inc.

Why wasn't the system activated?

I think BASES should have the authority to fine companies that fail to report a threatening situation to all vulnerable communities.

I am pushing for an investigation into what went wrong with the notification process so it does not happen in the future. I would like to see any industry that has outfall to the river equipped with a boom protocol ready to be deployed if needed. All downriver residents deserve this safety measure.

I still believe if the river flowed the opposite way there would have been a lot more investigation by now. I promise I will not let up on this until some changes are made.

~Mayor Jeff Agar

BE SAFE!

TRAIL TALK

BE SEEN!

With thanks to our supportive community, the 35-km St. Clair River Trail has been growing and improving for the past 25 years, and the number of residents using the off-road/on-road trail continues to grow with each passing season!

Visibility is vital when using the River Trail and it is encouraging to see an increasing number of trail users dressing to ensure they are highly visible to others.

Whether you are cycling, walking, jogging, skateboarding, rollerblading, or tidying the trail, being safe and seen is crucial!

Always dress to be seen

During daytime hours always wear bright-coloured clothing. This helps motorists on the parkway and other trail users see you from a long distance. Add a reflective vest at dawn and dusk, and in the dark, light up your bike.

Bicycles are classified as vehicles under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. By law, all bicycles must have a horn or bell (in good working order and audible). By law, it is mandatory to use a white front light and a red rear light or reflector when cycling between 30 minutes before sunset and 30 minutes after sunrise. These lights and reflectors help others see you.

Be heard

You will encounter pedestrians and other cyclists on the trail; a bell is a polite way to let them know you are approaching or passing. Ring your bell from a good distance away and shout "passing on your left".



CF Industries donates to St. Clair Fire at safety event



The presentation of a \$10,000 cheque was attended by: CF Industries representatives Natasha Robbinson, CF Administration; Shawn McCann; Luke Kittmer; and CF GM Steve Jonkhans; and St. Clair Township representatives Mayor Jeff Agar; St. Clair Fire Chief Richard Boyes; and Kirk Bridges, St. Clair Fire deputy fire chief, Operations. For more information, see page 14. Submitted photo

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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

Ontario providing \$33,872,000 to fund important expansion

St. Clair Township has received \$33,872,000 in funding to support the critically important expansion of the Courtright Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project will create water system capacity for 624 new housing units while increasing system capacity for future economic and industrial investment in the township.

The funding is being delivered through the first round of investments under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, which includes \$970 million to help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate, and expand drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar says this funding is something that has been needed for a long time and the township is grateful for the opportunity to forge ahead with improvements that will facilitate growth, both residential and industrial.

"I want to thank MPP Bob Bailey, the Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, and our Premier Doug Ford," said Mayor Agar. "With this money, we are able now to proceed with the expansion of our Wastewater Treatment Facility. St. Clair Township will now be able to add to our industrial base and aid in our residential growth, which not only helps St. Clair Township, Lambton County and all of Ontario; it proves to me Doug Ford is a man of his word."

In this year's budget, Ontario announced more than \$1.8 billion in housing-enabling infrastructure funding through the \$825 million Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and the \$1 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, in addition to funding announced previously through the province's Building Faster Fund.

MPP Bob Bailey remarked, "Sarnia-Lambton is primed for growth and economic investment. This funding from the province will ensure that we are building a Sarnia-Lambton where everyone can find an affordable home and good paying job."



St. Clair Township Councillors and MPP Bob Bailey took a tour of the current Courtright Wastewater facility, the subject of new provincial funding. From left: Councillors Cathy Langis, Brad Langstaff, Holly Foster, MPP Bob Bailey, Mayor Jeff Agar, Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, Councillors Bill Meyers, Pat Brown, and CAO John Rodey.
-Photo by Anthony Rizzetto

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.

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.

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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

Bell cell tower issue not isolated problem

The unreliable performance of the Bell cell tower and the cell phone service in St. Clair Township is still up in the air. Mayor Jeff Agar says his latest contact with Bell yielded the response, “We’re working on it.”

But St. Clair Township is not alone in the fight for dependable service.

A recent letter to council from Plympton-Wyoming Council indicates that our township isn’t the only one wrestling with cell phone follies. Plympton-Wyoming is still waiting for two fully approved cell towers to be built. Like our township, Plympton-Wyoming is not able to depend on reliable cellular service coverage, making it impossible for their fire services to use modern technology to provide timely response and

action. The letter also cites the ISED (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada), as saying “Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities, but also other critical infrastructure sectors and government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

The letter ended with a resolution that, “the Federal Government and ISED make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner, and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved cell tower installations.”

Council supported the resolution.



Operation of any motor vehicle on St. Clair River

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.



Lambton Public Health to host workshops on youth substance abuse

Lambton Public Health will host two free “Talk Early, Talk Often” workshops aimed at providing parents and caregivers with strategies to have meaningful conversations about substance use with youth. They will be led by Steve Keller of Drug Free Kids Canada, who will offer attendees a deep dive into how young people are using cannabis, alcohol, and nicotine as coping mechanisms. The sessions will cover the subsequent effects of these substances on their mental health and brain development, while also arming parents and caregivers with tools to effectively discuss substance use with youth.

The goal of these workshops is to reduce the demand for, and related harms of, these substances. Donna Schmidtmeier, Health Promotion Supervisor with LPH said, “We are grateful to have Steve Keller joining us for these sessions. His extensive experience and engaging approach will provide attendees with valuable insights and tools to better support youth.”

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coping mechanisms. The sessions cover the subsequent effects of these substances on their mental health and brain development. They will also arm parents and caregivers with tools to effectively discuss substance abuse with youth.

Various community organizations that offer programming to support youth will also be in attendance with booths and resources available to attendees.

The Sarnia workshop will be held at the Sarnia Library Theatre on Tuesday, September 24. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for networking and light refreshments, and the presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Forest workshop will be held at the Forest Legion on Thursday, Sept. 26. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for networking and light refreshments, and the presentation begins at 6 p.m.

Workshops are free. Interested individuals are required to register in advance of the event. For either one of the workshops, visit: LambtonPublicHealth.ca

Correction—August, 2024 Beacon

In the August 2024 issue of *The Beacon*, front page, the Memorial Cup information contained several inaccuracies. The correct information should read: Brian Prout is the assistant general manager for the Saginaw Spirit, the winners of this year’s Memorial Cup. Brian wanted to share the triumph with the people of Corunna, the community where he grew up. He thought the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 in Corunna was the appropriate place to display it since the cup was named in honour of all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. He is not a Legion member, but he spoke with his father, Leo, who is a long-time Legion member, to see if the cup could be brought to Corunna. Leo’s request was forwarded to those who look after the cup and the request was granted. *Brian was a Sarnia Sting staff member before he went to the Spirit.*

THE BEACON REGRETS ANY CONFUSION THE INACCURACIES MAY HAVE CAUSED.





Public Works Department

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

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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 "Circular Materials" by email at: customerservice@circularmaterials.ca



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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Public Works Department

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>

Public Works Department

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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 a.m.** See More Works Department, page 9

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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.

More Foodcycler® units NOW AVAILABLE!

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



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.



St. Clair Fire cautions: NEVER leave a grill or kitchen stove unattended!

Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of fires.

Emergency preparedness starts with you **be prepared**



make a plan



build a kit



stay informed

ontario.ca/beprepared



Rail Safety Week teaches awareness

Canada’s 21st annual Rail Safety Week and its Operation Lifesaver (OL) campaign is set for the week of Sept. 23-29. The campaign has been developed to raise public awareness about rail safety and to remind Canadians that taking risks near trains and tracks can cost them a limb or their lives.

Railway crossings, whether they have traffic control arms and lights, or are simply marked with signage, should be approached with caution. And using the railway tracks as a shortcut or a recreational path is not worth the risk you’re taking. Put rail safety first!

Graffiti artists have lost their lives while engrossed in the process of using freight cars as their canvas. Whatever your pastime, put your safety first and stay off the tracks. Walking home on the tracks with your tunes turned up may be fun, but it puts your life at risk, especially at railway crossings. No song is worth the risk.

If you have questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, call 1-888-888-5909.



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.

“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:

- ◆ • **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



Shell Sarnia Manufacturing wins prestigious 2024 Best Site Award

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership recognizes Shell Sarnia Manufacturing Centre’s Projects team and their partners for their outstanding achievement in winning the 2024 BEST SITE AWARD from the International Benchmarking Consortia (IBC) of Independent Project Analysis (IPA). SLEP notes that this award is a reflection of this community’s exceptional local talent and commitment to excellence in project management. IBC from IPA is a globally recognized authority in project evaluation, providing rigorous and independent assessments of project performance. IPAs Best Site Award is given annually and highlights exemplary project execution and management. This prestigious award is given annually to only one site globally.

2024 SCRCA Scholarships presented for post-secondary studies

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) has awarded its 2024 Scholarships to three deserving students. The conservation scholarship program rewards graduating high school students who are pursuing post-secondary studies in a conservation-related field and who have demonstrated high academic standing and involvement in environmental initiatives. **Mackenna Zavitz**, who was awarded the 2024 Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship, graduated from Northern Secondary School in Sarnia and will be studying Zoology at the University of Guelph. **Lily Demaiter**, from Lambton-Kent Composite School in Dresden, was awarded with the 2024 A.W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Guelph - Ridgetown Campus this fall pursuing a degree in Agriculture. And **Gracie Hobbs**, a graduate from LCCVI in Petrolia, was awarded the Tony Stranak Conservation and will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of New Brunswick.

SCRCA photos

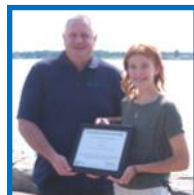
Left: The scholarships were presented by Ken Phillips, Executive Director of the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation Executive.



Mackenna
Zavitz



Lily
Demaiter



Gracie
Hobbs

Civic Holiday keeps township citizens busy

CAPTAIN KIDD DAYS

The Civic Holiday brought with it several opportunities to enjoy some family activities in both sectors of St. Clair Township. The ever popular Captain Kidd Days was back with some new, more challenging inflatables in addition to the baseball and volleyball tourneys, great activities, and first-rate entertainment on the stage.



Left: Captain Kidd and his scurvy crew patrolled CAP park. In no order, the crew includes: Ezra, Taya, Dahlia, Lindsay, Madison and Chase.



Left: Trying his marksmanship in the new Jellyball inflatable game, River, 7, prepares to slime his foe with jelly balls.



An impressive alley filled with inflatables and people of all ages waiting to try them was just one of the many new features the Captain offered this summer.

GALA DAYS

Port Lambton Gala Days brought out the athletes in the community with volleyball and baseball tournaments of their own. There were three volleyball courts in action with six teams on each. The penny table overflowed with donated treasures and a local radio personality stopped by to check out the action.

Right: A special visitor from local media made a surprise appearance at the event. On-air radio personality Gemma Gascoyne from 99.1 CKXS dropped by as part of her tour of the various holiday events being held in the Chatham-Kent area. She brought with her a Yeti cooler to be raffled off and some give-aways.



The volleyball courts were sizzling under the hot summer sky but that didn't stop the players from dishing out some brilliant returns.



The Brigden Fairgrounds hosted the Brigden Market during its annual Brigden Country Campout Jamboree. Everything from donated furniture to fine China and household items filled the shelves in one of the large exhibition buildings and items were sold for free-will donations to benefit the Brigden United Church.

BRIGDEN MARKET

Left: At the end of the day, a lot of merchandise remained and volunteers took on the job of packing it up.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

BRIGDEN FAIR PREVIEW

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR! OCT. 11-14.

You don't have to be a kid to enjoy **WORLD'S FINEST SHOWS MIDWAY**

EARLY BIRD COUPON tickets on sale: 18 coupons for \$23.00
(no price increase for 2024) Coupons can be used all weekend.

For Discount Coupons, purchase online.

Go to www.worldsfinestshows.com Home page and scroll down. You will see the Brigden Fair price package. Coupons are available online until Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

You will be presented with "Download" link(s) upon completion of your order. The download links will also be within the confirmation email you receive after purchase. NOTE: If your tickets do not arrive in your inbox, please check your Spam/Junk folder(s) because sometimes our emails end up there.

TOM BISHOP'S WILD WEST SHOW

Tom Bishop's Wild West Show began over 100 years ago when Thos. W. Bishop debuted his Wild West Show. He thrilled his audiences at local fairs around Ontario with stagecoach hold ups, cowboys and cowgirls, and a remarkable liberty horse named Saladin. Now, over a century later, Tom R. Bishop continues the family Wild West Show tradition with the longest running wild west show in the world. Don't miss this opportunity to see Tom Bishop's Wild West Show in action on Saturday, Sunday and Monday!

THE MAGIC AND ILLUSION OF RON GUEDEL

Witness the impossible as things appear, disappear, change, and even float, including people. Experience some of the wildest mindreading imaginable.

SEE THE SHOW BEFORE IT DISAPPEARS!

CHARITY AUCTION - NEW DATE/TIME

Monday October 14th, 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds to: Lambton County Developmental Services. Everyone is welcome to support this great cause! Watch the Brigden Fair Facebook for items up for bid.

PUMPKIN CATAPULT AND CANDY SCRAMBLE

Check out Granny Greenthumbs in the Ploughman's Farmyard Children's Educational Activity Centre along with all the animals.

WATCH BRIGDEN FAIR WEB AND FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS for EXCITING FEATURES OLD AND NEW.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

WE NEED YOU

BRIGDEN FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER & WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET READY!

WORK BEES...
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING IN SEPTEMBER
STARTING
AT 9 A.M. TIL NOONISH
MEET US AT THE PLOUGHMAN!

GREAT WAY TO GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS OR HELP A GREAT CAUSE!

TASKS FOR ALL AGES AND SKILL SETS
- FEEL FREE TO BRING RAKES, SHOVELS, HAMMER, GLOVES, ANY TOOLS THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED.



Mooretown Sports Complex-What's happening?

Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651

Check out our schedule at:

stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

Experience meteor showers and more with Lambton County Library's new telescope kits



Lambton County Library cardholders can now use their library cards to borrow telescopes from their local library.

Telescopes are used to view terrestrial and celestial objects such as planets, the moon, and stars. The Library's telescope kits include a Celestron Travel Scope 80 Telescope, a tripod, and a smartphone adapter for taking photos.

"Our new telescope kits aim to spark curiosity and encourage exploration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics," said Darlene Coke, Manager, Library Services. "The compact size and convenient backpack carrying case make stargazing accessible and enjoyable for all ages and experience levels."

Telescope kits can be borrowed for up to seven days

with a valid Lambton County Library card. Library cards are free for anyone who lives, works, studies, owns property in Lambton County, or is a resident of a First Nations community in Ontario.

For more information on how to become a Lambton County Library cardholder visit: lclibrary.ca/apply.



Left: Paolo Viola, Technical Services Clerk, uses the new telescope kit from Lambton County Library. ~Library photo

A celestial Beacon Bit

August was a prime time to view the Perseid meteor shower and the NASA blogs site notes that the Orionids meteor shower is coming up this year from September 26 to November 22. Space.com writes that in the northern hemisphere, which includes Lambton County, the southwestern night sky will be the best place to look for the meteor shower (shooting or falling stars) at the peak time of between midnight and dawn. With the telescope,

or even with the naked eye, you can see the International Space Station go by. If you go online to the NASA website: spotthestation.nasa.gov and type in the location of the nearest city - Sarnia or Windsor will do - you will see the orbital path the ISS will take over your location and you will be shown the date and time it will occur. The ISS reflects the sun, resembling a star as it passes. Just look for a star that is moving noticeably across the night sky. With a good telescope, the sky's the limit!

Stay active with new sports kits from Lambton County Library

To promote health and wellness by encouraging physical activity and learning through play, Lambton County Library is expanding its collection to include new Sports Kits.



There are four separate Sports Kits, each one focused on a particular sport, containing basic equipment needed to play the sport.

The four Sports Kits include:

- Basketball: Includes a basketball and pump.
- Pickleball: Includes two paddles and balls.
- Baseball: Includes four bases, a pitcher's marker, bat, and ball.
- Soccer: Includes a ball, cones, and pump.



Patrons can enjoy a seven-day lending period for each Sports Kit. This timeframe allows them to explore a new sport at their own pace, practice their skills, or enjoy a friendly game.

"Adding sports kits to our library collection helps us address our strategic goals of creating and delivering great experiences to the library's patrons, and maximizing the value of our collections," said Darlene Coke, Manager, Library Services. "In recent years, libraries' traditional collections of books have grown to include other items like binoculars, walking poles and snowshoes. This new addition to our collection allows us to help people learn a new hobby or skill and experience a new sport."



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Lambton County celebrates 175th anniversary

The 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.

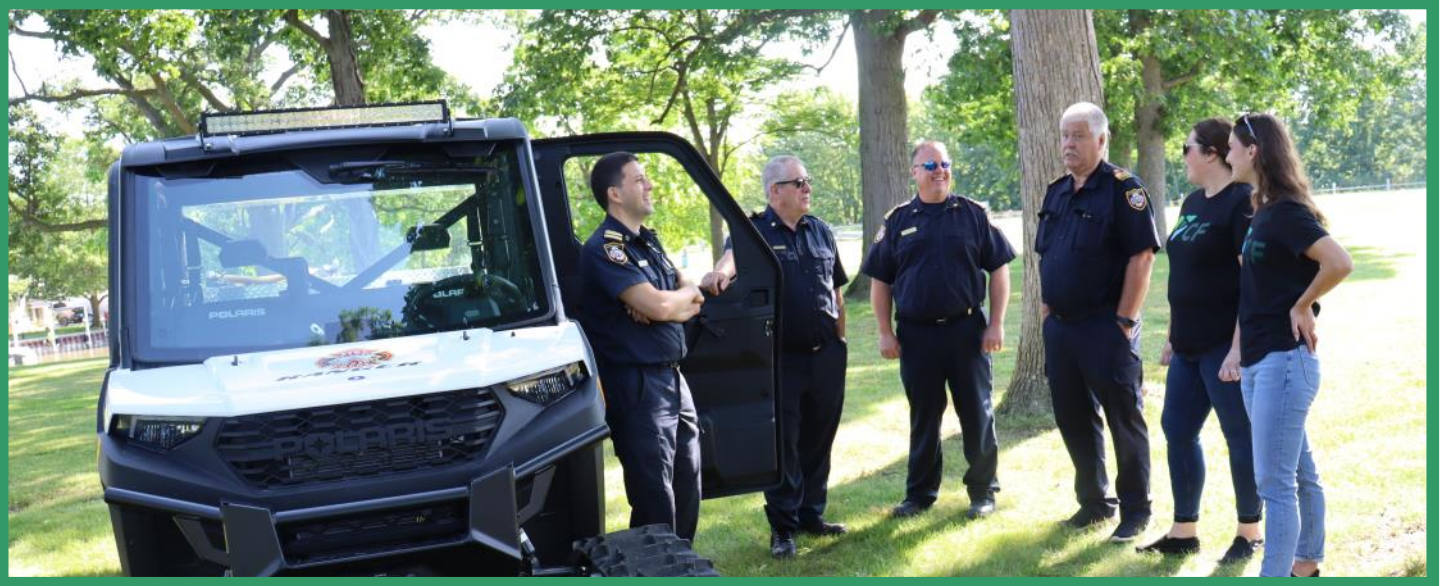
This digital collection is always growing and being updated, so visitors should check the website regularly for new material. The three institutions can be reached for more information regarding research at our facilities and to arrange in-person appointments by using the links in the webpage footer.

The site can be found at:

lambtonmuseums.pastperfectonline.com

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".

St. Clair Fire safety outreach includes its mighty mini rescue SUV



Above: St. Clair Fire personnel, left, Andrew McMillan, fire prevention/public information officer; Steve Bicum, fire prevention officer; Kirk Brydges, deputy fire chief operations officer; Doug Lester, district chief, station 4 operations officer; Natasha Robinson, CF administration; Erin Anderson, summer student, health and safety.

The new rescue vehicle in the St. Clair Fire fleet is a small but mighty all-weather Bombardier workhorse that recently attracted a lot of attention during an appearance at a fire safety outreach event in Cathcart Park. The tracked vehicle carries 70 litres of water to put out fires; a stretcher that can be strapped to the back of the vehicle to evacuate victims; bogey wheels and tracks that can handle harsh terrains, and many other features like drone connectivity that can be useful in situations like locating a lost child or rescuing a snowbound accident victim. As the climate continues to generate more severe weather challenges, this multi-talented vehicle will be a handy helper to have around.

The CF Industries/St. Clair Fire outreach event also featured CF Industries personnel who were on hand to inform campers about the nearby CF facility.

CF General Manager Steve Jonkhans noted the CF Courtright facility was up for a Wilson Award for developing a solution to an ongoing problem known as “hydroblasting.” See item below.

CF Industries Courtright facility has safety in the bag.

CF facility processes, which produce ammonia, urea ammonium nitrate, and diesel exhaust fluid, use heat exchangers which must be cleaned using water sprayed at 40,000 psi. This high pressure water stream can turn bits of harmless loosened debris from the exchangers into harmful flying projectiles. In the past, make-shift containment shields called “hoarders” were created using scaffolding, tarps, and plywood. In shutdown scenarios, it was a time consuming method of protection. Now, huge hydroblast containment bags capture and confine the effluent and debris, increasing safety on site and promoting environmental sustainability. The debris is safely collected for disposal and the effluent collected in the bag is directed to the appropriate disposal area. This is the innovation that has made CF Courtright a finalist for the Wilson Safety Award.

Left: Prior to the outdoor event, CF General Manager Steve Jonkhans made a \$10,000 donation to St. Clair Fire. Mr. Jonkhans said, “Health and safety is at the heart of our core values as a company.” He added community support was also one of the core values, including donations to local causes like Sarnia-Lambton Rebound and the Inn of the Good Shepherd.



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, 10a.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!

Annual Special Olympics soccer tournament held at CAP park



On Saturday, July 27, the Special Olympics annual soccer game was held at Corunna's Athletic Park. Buses carrying teams from Stratford, Brantford and Sarnia filled the field with players ready to test their skills.

Special Olympics Sarnia is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals in the Sarnia-Lambton area with intellectual disabilities through the power of sport.

Left: The players were welcomed by St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar. Some of the Sarnia Storm players are shown here with event organizer Tana Manchester, right side.

-Susan Agar photo



Hockey fans **MUST SEE Hockey** exhibition at Lambton Heritage Museum

Hockey fans will be in Hockey Heaven at the Lambton Heritage Museum when they experience the **Hockey** exhibition now being shown until November 9.

The one-of-a-kind traveling exhibition is an engaging two-dimensional display that uses photographs and reproductions of key artifacts, memorabilia and works of art to present hockey highlights from yesterday and today. Listen to audio archives from hockey history and get into the game by recording your own running commentary, just like legendary sportscaster Foster Hewitt.

From Paul Henderson's winning goal for Canada in the 1972 Summit Series to Manon Rhéaume's debut as an NHL goalie to Sheldon Kennedy's advocacy on behalf of sexual abuse victims, Hockey revisits game-changing moments and players. By highlighting tabletop hockey games, Roch Carrier's classic story "The Hockey Sweater," and Shania Twain's NHL-inspired stage outfits, the exhibition also reminds us of how deeply hockey is woven into the tapestry of Canadian life.

In addition to the travelling exhibition, Lambton Heritage Museum has added a special local addition. Explore local artifacts and hear stories with deep ties to Lambton County. These treasures offer a glimpse into how hockey has shaped and influenced our own community, providing a richer understanding of its significance on a local level.

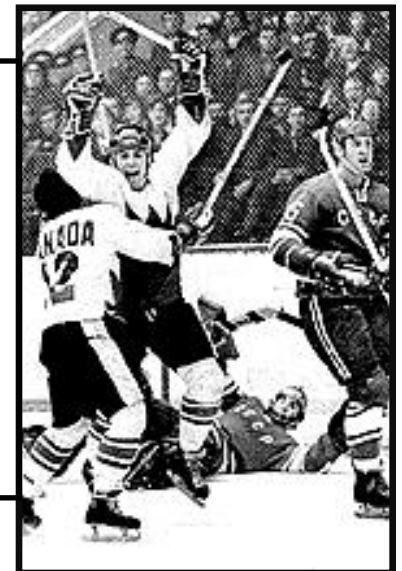
The exhibition, which originates from the Canadian Museum of History, looks at how hockey has influenced our lives, and what that reveals about us as a people.

"Whether we hit the ice or cheer from our living rooms, hockey is more than just a game to Canadians. It has helped shape our history and our national identity

from coast to coast to coast," said Caroline Dromaguet, President and CAO of the Canadian Museum of History.

On a local level, Dana Thorne, Curator / Supervisor of Lambton Heritage Museum, feels the exhibition will also fuel the passion Lambton County hockey enthusiasts bring to the community. "Thanks to generous contributions from our community, we've been able to include local artifacts, photographs and stories that highlight Lambton County's rich hockey history. This adds a personal touch and connects our local stories to the broader national narrative, making the exhibition even more meaningful for our visitors," she said.

Left: During the eight-game Summit Series with Russia in September, 1972, Paul Henderson becomes a national hero as he intercepts a rebound off Russian goalie Vladislav Tretiak and flicks the puck into the net to win the series with only 34 seconds remaining in the game, which had been tied 5-5.



COMMUNITY CONTACT

FOOD BANKS NEED OUR HELP

Sacred Heart food continues to serve the community

The Sacred Heart Food Bank continues to aid the community addressing 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 information 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 Sarnia-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.



Powering a Sustainable World®

Grow your business with free expert guidance

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership is 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.

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Br. 447 Memorial Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament

Enjoy 9 holes of golf and pizza at the Legion hall after the game.

Sign up at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 44 by September 7 (Albert and Beckwith Streets in Corunna).

Pay at the golf course in Mooretown.

Golf only \$30 with cart included. Pizza only \$10. DRESS CODE IN EFFECT.

Contact Br. 447 at: 519-862-1240

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



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West Lambton Community Health Centre offers accessible Sit and Stand exercise class

Accessible Sit or Stand exercise classes are now being offered by the West Lambton Community Health Centre. Classes will begin on Friday, September 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Sarnia at Dunlop Central United Church, 757 Rosedale Avenue.

Registration is required. To register please call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email: revera-ert@nlchc.com.

BENEFITS OF CHAIR-BASED EXERCISE

Chair-based exercise improves joint mobility and helps support good posture and maintain or gain strength. It can also help increase flexibility and upper-body mobility.

Join us in a group setting and exercise at whatever pace feels good for your body.

Thompson Gardens Cruickshank Centre

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

GAMES ANYONE? Monday and Wednesday evenings are Games Nights. Monday is Wi virtual bowling and Wednesday is euchre at a cost of \$3 per person, to be awarded as prize money. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN. JOIN US!



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. For more information about

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

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. 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 provides 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.



United Way
Sarnia-Lambton



Remember the 60s & 70s? CRYPT MEMBERS DO!

It's time for the **Crypt 55 Year Reunion!**



Attention all people who remember the fun we had dancing to the music of the 60s and 70s.

The Crypt 55 Year Reunion will be held Saturday, October 5 from 7 p.m. to ? at the Port Lambton Community Hall.

A live band will play OUR music and attendees are invited to dress for the era.

Tickets are \$15/person and available by calling Barb (Johnston) Kerwin. 519-813-9424



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

No appointment needed

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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**CORUNNA STREET FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 21
FUN FOR ALL!**

Prepare to bid farewell to summer in style at the Corunna Street Festival! Everyone had a blast last year at the summer-ending *Almost Canada's Capital Corunna200* street festival, so back by popular demand, the 2024 Corunna Street Festival promises to offer another year of family-friendly joy and excitement.

Lyndoch Street between Fane and Cameron Streets will be transformed once more into a bustling party zone on September 21. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., this free community fiesta will be a whirlwind of entertainment where the fun never stops. Features include over forty vendors, Zumba dance, bouncy castles, face painting, rodeo- and circus-themed street shows, and even stilt walkers. And don't miss the thrilling Indigenous Dance, Drum and Song Showcase at noon.

Don't forget to fuel up before the festival. Before the festivities kick off, fuel up at the Knights of Columbus breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall beside St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Lyndoch Street at Beckwith Street. For just \$12 per adults and \$6 for kids, you can indulge in a scrumptious meal. Then mosey outside for a free horse-drawn wagon ride from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Committee chair, Tracy Kingston, shares the community's enthusiasm for this lively event that brings smiles to both young and old. Let's fill Lyndoch Street with festive vibes once again!

More information can be found at: www.CorunnaStreetFestival.com and on their Facebook and Instagram pages.



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.

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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Legion  **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
email: smacneil.br447@hotmail.com*



**Sombra Museum
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 is \$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

LEO DINERS Clubs

SEPTEMBER dates

SOMBRA - cost \$12

**Location: Sombra Museum
Cultural Centre**

3176 St. Clair Parkway

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Speaker from "Life Line"

This monthly noon event is a pleasant way to enjoy a light lunch and entertainment or a speaker. **Registration is required.**

CORUNNA - cost \$17

**Location: Wellings Corunna
180 Bunker Avenue, Corunna**

Wednesday, Sept. 18

"Canadian Dental Care Plan"

This monthly noon event is a pleasant way to enjoy a hot meal and entertainment or a speaker. Registration is required. To register:

dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org

Diner's Club Corunna - Monthly hot meal

and entertainment. Entertainment could be informative speaker to music. Cost \$17, Located at Wellings of Corunna, Registration Required Please Contact Della 519-845-1353, ext. 301, or dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org

Diner's Club - Sombra/Petrolia - Monthly light lunch is available. Entertainment is dependent on the choices made by the attendees, with an emphasis on informative speakers. Registration is required with a cost of \$12 for either location. Contact Della to register.

Forever Fit - Low impact exercise program offered in Corunna 9:30am-10:30am at Thompson Gardens. Facility fee of \$20 Sept. to Dec.

Please Contact Della for further information. Contact Della 519-845-1353 ext. 301 or dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org



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

**Br. 447 Memorial Mixed Scramble
Golf Tournament**
Sunday, Sept. 15
St. Clair Parkway Golf Course
Mooretown
For full details, see page 16

*Legion membership is NOT necessary
to enjoy the facilities.
Our hall is wheelchair accessible*

Free Online Subscription Available
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.
THE BEACON is open at no charge to not-for-profits in St. Clair Township (i.e. service clubs, 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 OCTOBER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

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

Thursdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 - **CATCH THE ACE**
Legion opens at 6 p.m. Ticket sales close at 6:30 p.m.
Draw at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7th - progressive Euchre at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14 - Meat Raffle starts at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21 - Trivia starts at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28 - Meat Raffle starts at 4:30 p.m.
Everyone is always welcome at Br. 635!

Sombra Museum seeks info - Sombra Rangers
*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

Moore Agricultural Society

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 discuss opportunities call 519-864-1197 or email: info@brigdenfair.ca OR michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca.

Tickets for 2024 quilt available

Tickets will be available for the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division Annual Quilt Raffle from any Homecraft member (in person), 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: quiltaffle@brigdenfair.ca Let us know how many tickets you want to purchase.

DOWNRIVER CRAFT AND GIFT SALE

The annual Moore Museum Downriver Craft and Gift Sale is on the way on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 100 vendors will be on-site to offer lots of goodies including jewelry, woodworking, seasonal crafts and much more, and a food booth will have just what shoppers need to enjoy a pleasant lunch break. Admission is just \$2 per adult and children are free with an adult. The museum site is located at 94 Moore Line in Mooretown. For more information, check out www.mooremuseum.ca

CRYPT 55 YEAR REUNION!

If you remember the CRYPT group, dancing to 60s and 70s records as a young adult, see page 17.