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MOORE FOUNDATION GRANTS PRESENTED



Moore Community Recreation Foundation grant recipients gather in the fountain court after the presentation at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. From left to right: Logan Mitchell, Mike Mitchell (Brigden decoration/flowers); Kailyn Shepley, Sombra Museum; Mary Jane Marsh, MCRF; Michelle Evanitski, Moore Ag. Society; Tracy Kingston, Moore Optimist Club; Fiona Doherty, Moore Museum. (Learn how these recipients will use their grants to enhance our community. See page 3)

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Brigden Fair Ambassador Taner DeGurse will see YOU at the fair!



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:

Monday, October 7 at 3 p.m.

Monday, October 21 at 6 p.m.

Monday, November 4 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.

Parks (Encampment) By-law discussed

The subject of homelessness has become a difficult matter for all municipalities of late. St. Clair Township is currently trying to develop a by-law that acknowledges the circumstances and rights of the homeless while safeguarding the rights of all township residents. At the September 3 meeting, a new Parks (Encampment) By-law was discussed.

Presenting the by-law for consideration, Clerk Jeff Baranek noted, "This is just a first draft...this can be amended any way council desires." He said the document was based on research he had done on articles released by the Canadian Bar Association.

The research made it clear that prohibiting encampments completely and making it impossible for the homeless to have a place to go was not a feasible option. "The courts will quash it as if their rights are violated," said Mr. Baranek.

To create a guide that will help the township regulate encampments, a chart of setbacks is being developed to ensure they do not encroach on private or public properties. A setback of 60 metres was proposed for locations that would include: public recreational areas like skateboard parks, splash pads, and tennis courts; horticultural display areas, ornamental gardens and sports fields. For public parks, the setback will be established using measurements from the largest of the township parks - Brander Park.

Councillors Foster and Brown applauded Mr. Baranek's efforts in the development of the draft by-law. "I understand that our Clerk did look at case laws...and by putting the 60 metre I think you are trying to capture the Charter of Rights so that people can't be totally prohibited," said Councillor Foster.

The enforcement of the setbacks will be possible with the County's assistance. "If we become aware of any of these campers, including a single person, we contact the County's response team," said Mr. Baranek. The mobile crisis response team can provide support for people experiencing homelessness, mental health, or addiction issues. "That's always going to be an option," he said.

In an interview Mayor Jeff Agar explained, "Encampments

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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

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are only created when no other options are available. Emergency housing solutions were made available to meet local needs, and extra programs were created; 28 more beds were added,” he said. “We all have to understand the county has enough shelter spaces available to accommodate them. In 2023 the county took the position not to allow or fund the encampments and that has not changed. Millions of dollars are spent through our social services to run the shelters and send crews out 24/7 to check on people in the streets and guide them to shelters.” He continued, “The biggest problem is the drug issue. To stay in a shelter, you must turn in all illegal substances. If encampments were sanctioned it would result in a duplication of supports being offered at the *Housing and Homeless Resource Centre (HHRC)* and through the *Out Of The Cold* program.”

After a brief modification, By-Law 32 of 2024, Public Parks By-Law, Option B, was approved.

Business coalition proposed

Tracy Manchester, co-owner of Dynamic Graffix Sales in Corunna, addressed council to discuss starting a small business coalition in the area. She said two other businesses were interested in the idea as well. Her purpose in attending was to establish a comfortable working relationship with council. Council pointed out such groups had been tried before in Corunna and had not thrived.

Manchester believes such a group is needed to market the area and attract new businesses, and that the effort would begin with Corunna, expanding to the surrounding area if enough interest is shown. She will continue to see if there are local businesses interested in the concept of a business coalition.

Crosswalk at Riverview School being ignored

Council has become aware that the crosswalk across the St. Clair Parkway at Riverview School is not providing the degree of pedestrian safety it was meant to offer.

A letter to council from a resident who lives near the crossing



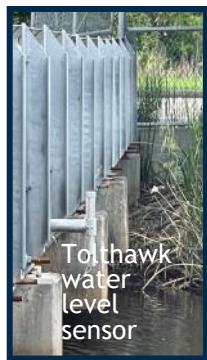
The Beacon remembers Councillor Jim DeGurse for his many years of public service to the people of Moore Township and St. Clair Township

says many motorists are failing to stop even when there are people waiting by the side of the road at the crossing. The letter went on to suggest the crossing should have lights like the pedestrian crossing in service south of Port Lambton at Brander Park. Deputy Mayor Steve Miller agreed there should be lights and staff has been instructed to look into the matter.

Moore Community and Recreational Foundation grants

The Moore Community and Recreational Foundation grants were presented at the Sept. 16 regular meeting of Council. Six grants were handed out by MCRF Chair Jane Marsh. [Moore Agricultural Society](#) representative Michelle Evanitski accepted a donation of \$5,000 that is needed to fix the badly damaged Bridgden Fair exhibition hall roof. [The Community Decoration Team from Brigden](#) received two different donations for two different groups. Rick Mitchell accepted \$1,500; \$1,200 toward the Brigden committee that keeps the downtown area looking beautiful and the remaining \$300 will be used to develop the Fast Grower Club, which began this year as a kids garden club. [Sombr Township Museum](#) \$5,000 Kailyn used the grant to make the museum property more accessible for those who use mobility devices and to build a protective shelter for the Smith log cabin from 1829. [Optimist Club of Moore](#) received a grant to buy new lights for the trees and new season signs to replace the failing ones at the Corunna Clock Tower. And the Moore Museum received \$1,500 to make an accessibility walkway outside the Shaw building, improve drainage, and hopefully, build a picnic shelter.

Government grant bolsters flood monitoring in SCRCA watershed



The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) was able to obtain \$27,000 in funding through the Ontario Government’s Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, which helps communities and organizations purchase critical supplies, equipment, training and services to improve local emergency preparedness and response. The grant will fund the addition of 10 to 15 water level sensors and two precipitation gauges across the SCRC watershed to support flood monitoring in that area. The Tolthawk water level sensor and the AquaSwift Water Depth and Temperature Logger will be placed throughout the watershed and used to monitor water level. When placed at locations that experience frequent road closures and at other key areas of interest, they will compliment the Authority’s existing 12 monitoring stations. The project and the addition of these sensors, will improve early warning communications to municipalities during future flood events.

The SCRCA effort to strengthen the flood monitoring system is to help authorities, communities, and organizations to make informed decisions, significantly reducing the loss of life and property.

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

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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 keep-

ing 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.



Township of St. Clair streamlines Grant/Donation Program

Council's latest milestone, sanctioned in April 2023 and poised for implementation in 2024, is an innovative initiative that marks a significant departure from the former *budget meeting voluntary request-based model* utilized until 2023.

Eligibility Criteria-To be eligible to receive a grant from the Township of St. Clair, an organization must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a registered charitable organization with the Government of Canada or a volunteer organization within the Township of St. Clair.
2. Have a minimum operational history of at least one year.
3. Provide services directly benefiting the residents of St. Clair Township.
4. Demonstrate community volunteer support.

Supported Focus Areas: The Corporation of the Township of St. Clair will provide support to organizations engaged in the following areas:

1. Promotion and maintenance of neighbourhood parks.
2. Development and upkeep of recreational facilities.
3. Preservation of heritage and environmental initiatives.
4. Implementation of community and social groups / programs.

Grant Purpose and Criteria:

Grants will be awarded for specific purposes and for projects with defined timelines and outcomes. Successful applicants must clearly demonstrate a community-based activity.

Application Process: All prospective applicants must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Complete the designated grant request form.
2. Furnish required reference information.
3. Submit applications by the specified deadline of October 15th.

Reporting Requirements: Grant recipients are obligated to provide comprehensive annual reports, indicating proper utilization of grant funds as outlined in their applications. Final reports must be received prior to additional funding being distributed and should encompass the following components:

1. Financial statements from the previous year.
2. Detailed budget breakdown.
3. Statistical data showcasing program impact.
4. Summarized program overview.
5. Measurable outcomes aligning with Council's priorities.

Ineligibility Criteria: The following categories are not eligible for grant consideration:

1. Annual fund drives.
2. Institutional statutory programs.
3. Core operating expenses.
4. Political activities.
5. Travel expenses.
6. Debt reduction.
7. Endowment funds.
8. Direct religious activities.

Frequency: Grants will be awarded on an annual basis, with application due by October 15 each year. By adhering to these comprehensive guidelines, the Township of St. Clair aims to ensure fair and transparent grant distribution that aligns with its commitment to community development and enhancement.

To apply for the annual grant/donation for 2025, go online to this page:
<https://www.stclairtownship.ca/annual-grant-donation-requests/>

It can also be found under the COUNCIL tab on the St. Clair Township website.

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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

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, motorized 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.



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Fire Prevention Week is set to take place from October 6 to 12, and this year's theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!". The campaign aims to emphasize the critical role of functional smoke alarms in ensuring home safety. With modern homes burning faster than ever, residents may have as little as two minutes to escape once a smoke alarm sounds. The St. Clair Fire Department encourages all community members to take proactive measures, including testing smoke alarms regularly and developing a home escape plan. The department also highlights the availability of specialized smoke alarms for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, which include strobe lights and bed shakers to ensure everyone can respond promptly in an emergency.

SCRCA Receives Funding to Implement Technology Upgrades



Thanks to an investment of \$30,500 from the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority was able to procure new hardware and professional services to implement this project. The Community Services Recovery Fund was a one-time \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support community service organizations, including charities, non-profits, and Indigenous governing bodies, as they adapt and modernize their organizations.

"These upgrades were necessary for a modernized work environment" says Chris Durand, GIS/IT Manager for the SCRCA. "In our new hybrid work environment, we needed to improve staff availability and communication with the public and do it in a secure way."

Enhancements to the SCRCA's servers, network, and

phone system ensure that staff can remain accessible regardless of their location, while also providing secure remote access to resources.

The implementation of Cyber Awareness Training helps SCRCA employees safeguard critical information by distinguishing between genuine and fraudulent email communications. Technological advancements are continuous, and this funding has allowed the SCRCA to "catch up" and deliver better services to the community. The Community Services Recovery Fund was administered in part by the Sarnia Community Foundation, who supported the SCRCA throughout the project's implementation.

Staff at the St Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) have been working to modernize their work environment via network/server upgrades, a new phone system, and Cyber Awareness training.

For over 60 years, the SCRCA has worked in partnership with its 17 member municipalities, local communities, and other organizations to protect life and property from flooding and erosion; improve water quality; promote habitat creation and stewardship; provide outdoor recreation and education opportunities and monitor and protect our most vulnerable species. To offer improved services, secure access to resources, and ensure business continuity, several technology upgrades were required.



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.

More meteor showers on the way: see them 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

Meteor showers still visible

From now until 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!



Portrait of new monarch received

Left: A formal portrait of King Charles was presented to the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 recently. On hand for the presentation were Br. 447 President Shawn McNeil, left, and Treasurer Dan Watson.

The King’s portrait replaces the portrait of his mother, Elizabeth II, that once hung in the branch hall.

NOTICE: For information regarding the annual Remembrance/Honours and Awards Banquet (Nov. 9) and Remembrance Day Service (Nov. 11) please see page 20 of Around the Township.



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.”

Sports kits can be borrowed 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: www.lclibrary.ca/apply





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 in Township

The County of Lambton is running the annual Mosquito Larvicide program through out the County. Larvicide tablets will be placed in catch basins thought the Township three (3) times during the 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 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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Public Works Department

AUTUMN ON THE ST. CLAIR RIVER

While you're out enjoying the scenic beauty of the St. Clair River Trail, please remember that motorized vehicles are NOT permitted on the trail. "Motor Vehicle" includes: automobile, motorcycle, motor scooter, mini bike, motorized snow vehicles, or any type of vehicle drawn propelled or driven by any kind of power, excluding MUSCLE 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

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.



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 



“COUNTRY ROOTS AND RUBBER BOOTS”

BRIGDEN FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEE YOU THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AT THE FAIR
OCT. 11 -14, 2024

LEGEND

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| C - Coliseum | G - Grandstand |
| ET -Entertainment Tent | HHR - Heavy Horse Ring |
| FY - Ploughman’s Farmyard | HR1 - Horse Ring 1 |
| MCS - Mainstreet | HR2 - Horse Ring 2 |
| Community Showcase | HR3 - Horse Ring 3 |
| EXH - Exhibition Hall | LS - Lumberjack Stand |
| | PB - Poultry Barn |

FREE PARKING ON THE GROUNDS

- *At Courtright Line Entrance
- *Point of Sale available at the Entry Gates as well as cash
- NO dogs, pets or animals (unless registered for exhibiting or showing) will be allowed on the grounds. No pets allowed in any buildings.**
- *Exception will be given for legitimate Working Service Animals.

Friday October 11

Seniors/Student Day Admission \$5 until 5 p.m. then \$20.00

Weekend Pass - \$30 for Four (4) days admittance
Elementary Students & Younger - Free

- 9:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9:00 am Mainstreet Colouring Contest (MCS)
- 10:00 am Agriculture Awareness Day (until 3 pm) (C)

~~~Emergency Response Displays~~~

- 10:00 am Chippewa Point Dancers (MCS)
- 11:00 am Crystal Gage (ET)
- 11:30 AM OFFICIAL FAIR OPENING (ET)**
- 12:15 pm Crystal Gage (ET)
- 1:30 pm Chippewa Point Dancers (MCS)
- 2:00 pm Pickin’ n Fiddlin’ at the Fair (ET)
- 6:00 pm Tractor Pull - Southwest Ontario Tractor Pullers Association (G)
- 8:00 pm Exhibit Buildings close at 8 pm

Saturday, October 12

Admission \$10 Adults; Elementary Students & Younger - Free

Weekend Pass - \$30 for Four (4) days admittance

- 9:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9:00 am Mid Western Horse Show (HR1/2/3)
- 10:00 am Tom Bishops Wild West Show (LS)
- 10:30 am Poultry Show (PB)
- 11:00 am Open Sheep/Market Lamb Show (C)
- 11:00 am Team T&J (MCS)
- 11:25 am Bluewater Chordsmen (ET)

PARADE AT NOON

- 12:30 pm Too Country (ET)
- 1:00 pm Haflinger Horse Demonstration after Parade (HHR)
- 1:00 pm Tom Bishops Wild West Show (LS)
- 1:00 pm Ron’s Magic Show (MCS)
- 1:00 pm Beef Cattle Breed Show (C)
- 1:00 pm IPM Awards Presentation (ET)
- 1:15 pm Too Country (ET)
- 1:30 pm Pumpkin Catapult (HHR)
- 2 am - 4 pm “Be a Firefighter” Children’s Program - Emergency Trailer Area
- 2:00 pm ProRider Freestyle MX (G)
- 2:00 pm Team T&J (MCS)
- 2:30 pm Twisted Chris (MCS)
- 3:00 pm Tom Bishops Wild West Show (LS)
- 3:00 pm Team T&J (MCS)
- 2:45 pm Steppin’ Up Dance Club (ET)
- 3:30 pm Christine Storey and Friends (ET)
- 3:30 pm Candy Scramble (PB)
- 4:00 pm ProRider Freestyle MX (G)
- 6-8 pm Team Outfitters - Team Sorting (C)
- 7-9 pm Colt McLaughlin (age of majority event) (MCS)
- 9-12 pm **Scott Manery & the Barnburners Dance (age of majority event) (MCS)**
- 8:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Close at 8:00 pm**

More Brigden Fair Schedule of Events, see page 11

BRIGDEN FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

Sunday, October 13

Admission \$10 Adults; Elementary Students & Younger - Free

- 9:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9:00 am Mid Western Horse Show (HR1/2/3)
- 10:00 am Brigden 4-H Sheep Show (C)
- 10:00 am Tom Bishops Wild West Show (LS)
- 10:00 am Children's Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show (PB)
- 10:00 am Adult Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show (PB)
- 10:00 am Elite Star Dance (MCS)
- 10:00 am Ontario Vintage Tractor Pullers Association (G)
- 11:00 am Gospel Hour with Susan West (ET)
- 11:00 am Team T&J (MCS)
- 11:30 am Twisted Chris (MCS)
- 11:30 am Candy Scramble for Kids (PB) after Rabbit Show
- 12 noon ProRider Freestyle MX- Show (G)
- 12 noon Team T&J (MCS)
- 12 noon Tom Bishops Wild West Show (LS)
- 12 Noon Working Wagon Teams Show (HHR)
- 12:15 pm Borderline Band (ET)
- 12:30 pm Highland Cattle Show (C)

- 1:00 pm People Tractor Pull (Charity) (G)
- 1:00 pm Ron's Magic Show (MCS)
- 1:15 pm Girls Night Out (ET)
- 1:30 pm Intercounty 4-H Sheep Show (C)
- 2:00 pm Tom Bishops Wild West Show (LS)
- 2:00 pm ProRider Freestyle MX- Show (G)
- 2:00 pm Neufeld Dance Troupe (MCS)
- 2:15 pm Borderline Band (ET)
- 3:00 pm Pumpkin Catapult (HHR)
- 3:15 pm Joan Spalding and Friends (ET)
- 4:00 pm ProRider Freestyle MX- Show (G)

6:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Close at 6:00 pm

Monday, October 14

Admission \$10 Adults; Elementary Students & Younger - Free

- 9:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9:00 am Heavy Horse Show (HHR)
- 9:30 am Brigden 4-H Beef Show (C)
- 9:30 am Open Light Horse & Miniature Horse Show
- 9:30 am Brigden Fair Open Speed Show (HR1)
- 10:00 am Baby Show 9 - 12 months (MCS)
- 10:00 am Tom Bishops Wild West Show (G)
- 11:00 am Twisted Chris (MCS)
- 11:00 am Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 11:30 am Baby Show 5 - 8 months (MCS)
- 12 noon Tom Bishops Wild West Show (G)
- 12 noon Sarnia School of Irish Dance (ET)
- 12:30 pm Charity Auction - Proceeds to LCDS (MCS)
- 1:00 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 1:00 pm Inside Out (ET)
- 1:00 pm Intercounty 4-H Beef Show (C)
- 1:00 pm Beef Cattle Breed Show (C)
- 2:00 pm Tom Bishops Wild West Show (G)
- 2:00 pm Baby Show 0 - 4 months (MCS)
- 2:00 pm Mark Blayney (ET)
- 3:00 pm Inside Out (ET)
- (HR3) 3:00 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 3:00 pm Harvest of Gold Draw (ET)
- 3:30 pm Annual Quilt Draw (EXH)
- 4:00 pm Exhibit Buildings close at 4:00 pm to all patrons

- 4:30 pm Buildings re-open for exhibitors to claim their items

Note: Times & location subject to change

Check www.brigdenfair.ca or Brigden Fair Facebook page for Attractions schedule and program time adjustments.

SEE YOU IN 2025!

Agriculture Awareness Day-Agriculture in the Classroom

(Opening day of Brigden Fair)

This event will be held on Friday, Oct. 11 from 10 am to 3 pm in the Coliseum / Barn area and Jr. Fair Building.

Learn how agriculture is important in our daily lives.

The Coliseum features include: Geological Soils by Oil Museum of Canada; St Clair Regional Conservation Authority; Workplace Safety and Prevention Services; Farm Machinery - cost comparisons; Jansen Homestead & Highlands; Miniature Farm Machinery; Corn Shelling; Atoucha Honey]; Garden to Table; What is Gluten Free; Backyard Chickens; Composting & Soil; Comparing Jansen Tractor Sales to Great West Realty.

Cattle Barn #1 features; Forbesvue Farms - Dairy; Lambton Cattlemen's - Beef; Lambton Pork Producers; and Community Wildlife Management Workshop

Horse Barn features; Beaver Meadows - Haflingers; Veralane Percherons; Bear Creek Stables - Draft Mules.

Sheep Barn features; Brigden 4-H Sheep Club; District 1, Ontario Sheep; MorLo Goats

Jr Fair Building features; Moore Museum - Butter Making

Lambton Dairy - Replica Cow Milking

Lambton 4-H - What's in it for you?

Food Farm Care Ontario 360` Virtual Reality Kiosk

Antique Farm Machinery & Trashing Demo Area

Emergency Responders Area:

- *St. Clair Fire Department's Smoke House, *Fire Extinguisher Demos; *Fire Trucks
- *Ontario Provincial Police Vehicles



**PLOUGHMAN'S
FARMYARD
in
Cattle Barn #2**

Port Lambton Pirates have FANTASTIC 2-24 season!

BELOW: 15U Pirates finished the season 22-13-1 finishing 1st in WCBA. Hosted in Mitchell, the 15U's lost their first OBA game to a tough team from Listowel. They went on to win the next three games vs Blenheim, Thorold and finally a nail biter win over Hanover which would advance them into the semi-final on Sunday vs Mitchell. A strong battle of batting from both sides but Mitchell took the victory 11-9 in the 7th inning.



15U Pirate team: Parker Wigle, Aussie Lozon, Jaxon Jacobs, Daynen VanderVeecken, Matt (Scooter) Johnston, Luke Avery, Jared (JRod) Ritchie, Graeme (Ghad) Hazzard, Bennett VanDeVelde, Cole (Sandman) Shipman, Max Broadbent, Zach (Murray) Allaer and Seth (chicken wing) High-field.



LEFT: U-18 Pirates went UNDEFEATED in Western Counties finishing with a record of 12-0. They won Gold in 4 out of 5 Tournaments this season with a team record of 35-3-1. The U-18 Pirates Won their OBA Championship in the C division in Essex.

NO NAMES AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION.

Beacon Bit



“It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball, and I did it in one afternoon on the golf course!”

~Baseball great ~ Hank Aaron

Colourful characters at Downriver sale



ABOVE: The Moore Museum's Downriver Craft and Gift Sale attracted a fantastic crowd on the hunt for handmade and original items on Sept. 15. Fabulous needlework was on display in several places including a stand that featured two very different applications of needle and yarn. Above: Peering out from behind a crowd of cuddly yarn stuffies is Martina Carr of Corunna. To her right is a

shy yarn doggie modeling one of her elegant toques. The characters, from Capt. Kidd to whimsical animals, were made by Martina's friend Gena Hayward of Corunna who was away from the table when the photographer dropped by. Both needle masters can be reached via Martina at 519-344-8741.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Lambton County Library offers Culture Days

Two great cultural events will be hosted by Lambton County Library in October.

Indie Author Night will be presented at the Sarnia Library on Friday, Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event for all ages will celebrate independent authors and the new "Indie Author" collection at the Sarnia Library. Browse and purchase books directly from local independent authors, enjoy readings and book signings, and learn about independent publishing and the writing process in a live Question and Answer session.

Best of Show and Tell will be presented at the Sarnia Library Theatre on Oct. 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This adult historical event will journey through local history with Lambton County Museums and Archives. See the discoveries of our community Show and Tell events showcased through video clips, images, and live commentary.

To find out more free Culture Days events, visit culturedays.ca.

To learn more about these programs and other events at the Lambton County Library, visit lclibrary.ca.



TRAIL TALK

AS SUMMER TURNS TO AUTUMN...

Did you notice the increase in the number of cyclists on the trail this summer? For many people, 2024 seemed to be the summer of 'Rediscover Your Bike' after spending many years exclusively driving cars. We say "welcome back to two wheels!" We learned of the popularity of off-loading bicycles at Branton Cundick Park or Courtright's Waterfront Park to cycle the distance between the two. Cycling from Guthrie Park to No Frills also seemed to be a popular ride...both sections offer the opportunity for an icecream treat along the way. As the days become shorter it is vital to remember to always wear your bright-coloured clothing adding a reflective vest at dawn, dusk, or in the dark. It is also a good time to check that your bicycle lights are working well. Updates: The trail section between St. Clair Boulevard & Rokeby Line was recently re-paved. Try it out while the weather is so welcoming. Annual trail edging will start soon. This process helps to establish clean lines to preserve the intended width of the trail.

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.

COMMUNITY CONTACT

Remember your food bank when you shop

Help Sacred Heart food bank help others

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 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.

Friends of the St. Clair present *Celebrating the St. Clair* Digital Photo Contest



Friends of the St. Clair River (FOSCR) invites all amateur digital photographers to focus their cameras on the majestic St. Clair River in the next two months to capture images of how efforts to restore the St. Clair River have succeeded.

"Celebrating Recovery on the St. Clair" is the theme for this fourth digital photography contest organized by FOSCR. The organizers hope the contest will raise public awareness and appreciation for this beautiful body of water just steps from our door and provide some motivation for people to capture photographs that demonstrate the ongoing improvements to the natural conditions on the river.

The contest is open to all amateur photographers living in the St. Clair River watershed in both Canada and the United States.

"The '*Celebrating the St. Clair River*' photo contest is another measure of FOSCR's commitment to fostering an appreciation within the community for the water treasure that is the St. Clair River. The contest is a worthwhile effort to get people thinking about the river and we are hopeful for a robust participation," said Craig Griffith, FOSCR President.

Contestants may submit a maximum of three photographs. Contest categories are:

"Nature and Wildlife" - a focus on the St. Clair River's natural features: water, flora, fish and wildlife.

"Youth (Under 18)" - may include any activity, scenic view, people, buildings, etc. related to, along, in, under, or from the St. Clair River.

"Digital Perspectives" - an opportunity for digital editors to add an artistic touch and present a new perspective of the St. Clair River.

The contest began Wednesday, September 4, and closes Friday, November 1.

A panel of judges will select the winning photos and cash prizes totaling \$3,000 will be awarded.

All photographs are to be submitted via the FOSCR by way of the following email address: rapcoordinator@scrca.on.ca.

All entries must include the photographer's name, address, phone number, and contest category. File size cannot exceed 5 megabytes. Photographers will receive credit for photos used in FOSCR and Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC) materials to promote greater public awareness of environmental conditions on the St. Clair River.

Photographs will be posted in a special "*Celebrating the St. Clair*" photo gallery on the FOSCR web site after they are received and for the duration of the contest.

West Lambton Community Health Centre We Now Offer Online Program Registration!!

Please visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/>



Anger Management: Identify your anger triggers and patterns while learning positive and effective anger management skills. Classes run from Sept. 26 to Nov. 7 on Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at West Lambton Community Health Centre, 100- 429 Exmouth Street in Sarnia.

Coffee Time Social Drop-in Brigden: New Location! Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. (@ Brigden United Church—2420 Jane Street, Brigden). We will be meeting in the lower hall. The church has an elevator, so is accessible for all.

Garden Fresh Box: The Garden Fresh Box is an inexpensive monthly food buying program for anyone who wants fresh vegetables and fruit all year round. *For info, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email reveraert@nlchc.com Orders are accepted in person with payment. Cash ONLY*

Brigden Low Impact : Low impact cardio, bodyweight and resistance band exercises will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning on Thursday, Oct. 10 at Brigden United Church. *To register, call 519-344-3917, ext. 237 or email: reveraert@nlchc.com*

Mooretown Low Impact: Low impact cardio, bodyweight and resistance band exercises will be held on Wednesdays beginning on Oct. 2 at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. *To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email reveraert@nlchc.com*

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Advanced Care Planning Workshop: April 15 @ 2:30p.m. Prepare yourself and your loved ones by creating an Advanced Care Plan that works for you. *To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 277 or email mhyatt@nlchc.com*

Eat Well, Live Healthy Wellness Workshop: Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss about healthy eating, nutrition tools, resources and more! For more information about dates/time and *to register, call 519-786-4545 ext. 307.*

Feeding Your Toddler Class: April 17 @ 1:30-3 p.m. Toddlers can be a challenge. Learn how to support your picky eater and get healthy snack and meal ideas. *To register, email EarlyON@nlchildcare.ca*

Heart Healthy Living: Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss about types of cholesterol, heart smart diet and healthy heart lifestyle habits. For more information about dates/time and *to register, call 519-786-4545 ext. 307.*

Shibashi/Sit or Stand Combo: Fridays @ 10:15 a.m. - 75 min .class. A combination of movements used in Shibashi and Sit or Stand classes. Shibashi is—Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps. It is easy to learn and perfect for beginners. Sit or Stand is performed with the options of either standing or seated in a chair. Resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome. *To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email reveraert@nlchc.com*

Sit or Stand: Tuesdays @ 10:15 a.m.—60 min. class. This exercise is performed with the options of either standing or seated in a chair. Resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome. *To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email reveraert@nlchc.com*

Virtual Yoga Fusion: March 6th—April 10 for 6 weeks (Zoom) @ 10:30-11:30am. Yoga Fitness Fusion combines yoga postures, breath work and fitness repetitions to tone and strengthen the body. We calm the nervous system through breath and intention while focusing on connection to the earth and elements. Feel nourished, connected and renewed in this gentle practice. *To register and receive the Zoom link, call 519-344-3017. ext. 237 or email reveraert@nlchc.com*



Sacred Heart Food Bank events planned this autumn/Christmas

- ☞ Saturday, Oct. 26: The Port Lambton United Church Fall Craft Show will be held at the Port Lambton Community Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is FREE. It will include a crafters cookie table and a raffle table, and food will be available for purchase.
- ☞ Friday, Nov. 1: The Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas food drive begins.
- ☞ Sunday, Nov. 3: The Knights of Columbus Charity Night Auction will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Refreshments will be available at 5 p.m. with a Roast Beef Dinner at 6 p.m. and an auction beginning at 7 p.m.
- ☞ Saturday, Nov. 16: Drop Off Canned goods and Non-perishable Food items from 10 a.m. to 1 pm. at the corner of Stoddard St. and Merritt Street in Port Lambton.
- ☞ Sunday, Nov. 17: The Sacred Heart Food Bank door-to-door collection will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- ☞ Monday, Dec. 2: the Sacred Heart Food Bank Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Community Centre at 7 p.m.



Note of Thanks from Sacred Heart Food Bank

Sacred Heart Food Bank would like to thank everyone who donated labour, materials and financially towards our Capital fundraising initiative to get our new business location set-up. We hope to have the new location operating by the end of the year and we could not have succeeded without each and every one of you.

We would like to take this opportunity to also thank everyone who has supported the Food Bank through either non-perishable goods contributions or monetary donations over the years. Your continued support to the operation of the Food Bank business provides a reliable program for those in need.

Hockey Canada's 2024 World U17 Hockey Challenge comes to Sarnia-Lambton



One leg of Hockey Canada's World U17 Hockey Challenge will be hosted in Sarnia-Lambton this November 1-9. The 14-game international tournament, featuring teams from the United States, Finland, Sweden, Czechia, and two from Canada (Canada Red and Canada White) will be played at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena (near Lambton College), and the tickets will be sold there at the Sarnia Sting box office.

Tournament ticket packages are now on sale at \$210 to \$265 for adults and \$140 to \$175 for children. Additional ticket packages and individual packages are expected to be made available in the coming weeks pending availability, according to Tourism Sarnia-Lambton.

Tickets for the Nov. 1 exhibition games at the Greenwood Recreation Centre in Petrolia and Shores Recreation Centre in Forest will be sold separately.

In conjunction with the tournament, a three-day FanFest, featuring displays and activities, will be held.

In May, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton announced the U17 Challenge would be coming to Sarnia-Lambton, several rinks in the area were assessed to determine which ones were large enough to meet Hockey Canada's tournament requirements. St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar, a former hockey coach and avid hockey fan, was present at the assessment of the Moore Sports Complex "They came to the MSC to see if the rink would accommodate the pro games but they were not big enough," said Mayor Agar. Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Executive Director Mark Perrin noted Mayor Agar was very helpful while the assessment group was there.

The tournament is expected to attract about 25,000 visitors to the area, which could yield a substantial economic boost for all of Sarnia-Lambton. Mr. Perrin says the local economy can expect a boost of \$4 to \$5 million. He added this could be a conservative estimate. After talking to the 2023 hosts of the U17 challenge in Charlottetown, PEI, he says their estimated economic gain was higher than expected; it was close to \$6 million," he said.

Anyone who wishes to be on of the 190 volunteers during the nine-day event can get information online at [Tourism Sarnia-Lambton](http://TourismSarnia-Lambton.com) and Hockey Canada websites.

Hockey fans can currently get a healthy dose of their favourite sport at HOCKEY, a hockey exhibit from the Canadian Museum of History. This fantastic display is NOW SHOWING, at the Lambton Heritage Museum until November 9. See below.



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 Rheume'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.

Lambton Heritage Museum, 10035 Museum Rd., 8 km south of Grand Bend on Highway 21.

HOURS: Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Open 11 a.m. Wednesday to Saturday, Closes 4 p.m. except Thursday when it is open until 8:30 p.m.

CALL: 519-243-2600 or online: lambtonmuseums.ca

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MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

HPAO Lambton-Kent District luncheon planned

The Hydro Pensioners Association of Ontario (Lambton-Kent District) will hold a retiree luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Sydenham Community Curling Club 7379 North River Line near Wallaceburg. (South end of Kimball Road at the Sydenham River.)

Advanced luncheon reservations and payment for all registered must be made by Oct. 4.

To make a reservation, contact Rod Honke at: honker@sympatico.ca OR call: 519-337-3293 to arrange purchase and inform the caterer of the expected attendance - retirees and spouses. Cost is \$15 per person. Preferred payment is by eTransfer, BUT a personal cheque can be filled out and sent to Rod Honke, 539 Cardiff Drive, Sarnia, Ont. N7S 4B8. Call Rod to notify him your cheque is being mailed.



Sombra Museum Fall Speaker Series

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

OCTOBER dates

SOMBRA - cost \$12

Location: Sombra Museum Cultural Centre

3176 St. Clair Parkway

Tuesday, October 8

Speaker from "DeGroots"

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, October 16

"A Veteran Remembers"

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

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

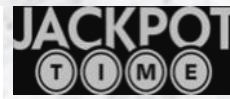
dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org

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. dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org



Moore Optimist events



The Optimist Club of Moore **Pumpkinfest** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20 from Noon to 2 p.m. at Chris' No Frills in Corunna. The event will include a bbq, lawn games, treats and a free pumpkin each from No Frills.

High school volunteers needed

High school students who need volunteer hours are needed to help with Optimist events. The Moore Optimists are hosting an

event in conjunction with the Jr. Optimist Club and volunteers will be needed to help. To volunteer with us, please contact: mooreoptimist@gmail.com

Mark your Christmas calendar

Moore Optimist Club will host the Santa Claus parade on Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Route will be from Chris' No Frills to Beckwith Street.

YOU BETTER BE GOOD!



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MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



BBQ fundraiser aids snack program

Under a hot summer holiday sun, volunteers and students of Sir John Moore Community School held a barbecue fundraiser to boost the school's all day snack program. On sign duty, from left: Lynkolin, office clerk Alex Moore; student Layghtyn; and Jennifer Curts, Gd. 1 French Immersion teacher.

Donations to the snack program are gratefully accepted.

-Bonnie Stevenson photo

Agricultural Award presented to Pretty Road Co. Farm Store

Ryan and Sandy Duffy, owners of the Pretty Road Co. Farm Store, have received the Agricultural Award sponsored by McBrayne's Feeds and Needs.

The Duffy's have been selling farm-raised meats in the community for almost 18 years. When COVID struck, they adapted the business to an on-farm store which quickly transitioned to online orders and deliveries in Lambton and Chatham-Kent. The store offers cheeses, dairy, farm-raised meats, fresh breads, desserts, and fresh produce. Submitted material



Trust your special events to Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary

For your special event, check out the banquet facility at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna 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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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 AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Moore Optimists begin Christmas season

The Optimist Club of Moore is warming up to see that those in need throughout our community will have a reason to be merry this Christmas. **Registration** for a Christmas hamper will start the week of Nov. 11 and continue until Nov. 29. **Walk-in donations** will start on Dec. 2 until Dec. 20. And the delivery date will be Dec. 21 starting at 8 a.m.

The donation campaign kick-off of a weiner and beans lunch is slated to take place at the Corunna Legion on Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The OPP drive-through donation event will be held on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Optimist commitment to their community can be seen all year long. Last Christmas, the Moore Club looked after 120 families, including 120 children and 179 adults, as well as three emergency donations for house fires, and one house that was hit by a car.



Please help the Optimist Club of Moore make the season bright for those in need.

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!

EarlyON website informs parents

A 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.

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

Indigenous Showcase thrills visitors to Corunna Street Festival

At the recent Corunna Street Festival, the stirring sound of drums and the colourful swirl of the dancers' magnificent handmade regalia provided a fitting background for stories from the First Nations culture.

One of the young dancers captured the attention of his appreciative audience with his nimble interpretation of the drums rhythm. Young William 'Jr' Cottrelle from the Aamjiwnaang First Nations (*dancer in this picture*) was one of six dancers who represented the Aamjiwnaang and Moravian Town communities in the showcase. The dance troupe consisted of: Sidney Maness (Aamjiwnaang); Nesyre Plain (Aamjiwnaang); Phoenix Cottrelle (Aamjiwnaang); Makaiyah Stonefish (Moravian Town); and Khylan Isaac (Aamjiwnaang). Drummers were: Matthew Isaac (Aamjiwnaang); William Cottrelle (William Jr.'s dad); and White Lightning Clark (Aamjiwnaang).

Bonnie Stevenson photo



Drummers set the tone for William Jr's dance.

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

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.

Br. 447 Remembrance Service

Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will conduct the annual Remembrance Day Service on Saturday, Nov. 11 with the parade forming up at 10:40 a.m. at the corner of Lyndoch Street and Beckwith. The event is open to the public. Wreaths for Federal, Provincial, municipal, Legion and Ladies Auxiliary will be laid by dignitaries, followed by memorial wreaths laid three at a time in consideration of those who may be affected by unfavourable weather conditions. *NOTE: The ceremony will be streamed live on Facebook (Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna); "like" the page and go to the page at the date and time for the entire ceremony.*

Those who wish to purchase a wreath may contact the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240.

Br. 447 Remembrance/Honours and Awards Banquet

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will hold

the annual Remembrance/Honours and Awards Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 9, with cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. They are available in the Club Room Bar. Veterans will be welcome at no charge but are requested to register at (519)862-1240. Veterans, Members and the Public are welcome.

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

Thursday Oct. 3 - Catch the Ace Draw at 7 p.m.
 Friday Oct. 4 - Progressive Euchre starts at 7p.m.
 Thursday Oct. 10- Catch the Ace at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12- Lunch after Brigden Fair Parade and Raffle at 3 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 17 - Catch the Ace at 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 18 - Trivia at 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 24 - Catch the Ace at 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 26 - Meat Raffle 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 31 - Catch the Ace Draw at 7 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: quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca Let us know how many tickets you want to purchase.

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DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

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REFLECTIONS ON CORUNNA STREET FESTIVAL 2024



The Zumba Wake Up group was out in the morning sunshine to dance and energize the visitors as they entered the festival grounds.



Lineups for the face painting and tattoo station were long and filled with excited kids like Avery Matthews, 8, who chose to have a tiny black cat chasing butterflies drawn on her leg.



Life in the farmyard had its ups and downs as some of the kids in the pen bounced around on their chubby rubber piggies.



Beautiful butterflies stilt-walked down Lyndoch Street sidewalks greeting their admirers along the way.



In the vendor mall on Lyndoch Street, 41 shops offered shoppers, collectors, and those who seek special gifts for special people, a wide spectrum of merchandise for every taste.



The Indigenous Showcase featured drummers and dancers from the Aamjiwnaang and Moravian Town First Nations. The rhythm of the drums and songs invited onlookers to gather, while the dancers, dressed in their brightly coloured regalia, demonstrated some of the dances their ancestors have done for generations. Traditional dances have many purposes such as telling stories, invoking ancestral spirits and celebrating life transitions, as well as giving thanks. The Showcase performers included drummer/singers Matthew Isaac, William Cottrelle, and White Lightning Clark. The dancers included: Sidney Manness, Nesyre Plain, William Jr. Cottrelle, Phoenix Cottrelle, Makaiyah Stonefish, and Khylan Isaac.

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