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A new heritage story board has been erected at Guthrie Park to tell the tale of the only ship ever built in Corunna, the *Kate Bully*. This story came as a surprise to many, and the new historical installation is a fascinating, carefully researched read. The members of Heritage St. Clair, the group responsible for the many historical boards that have been installed throughout the township, gathered in late June to dedicate the *Kate Bully* installation. The HSC members, along with members of the Abandoned Cemetery Committee, also dedicated their newest effort to honour the pioneers who opened up the land that has become St. Clair Township. *See Heritage Corner, page 11, for more about this important work.*

Above: Heritage St. Clair (MSC) member Bob Goodearle, St. Clair Township Councillor Rose Atkins, MSC Cemetery Committee member Bob Nicole; Paul Smith; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Jan Smith; MSC member Dave Taylor; MSC President Dave Pattenden; Mayor Steve Arnold.
Bonnie Stevenson photo



Support local business; nominate your favourites for the OBAAs

St. Clair Township has some great businesses within its borders and now is the time to nominate some of them for a Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce 32nd Outstanding Business Achievement Award (OBAAs). The categories you can nominate them for include: Agri-Business; Customer Service-Business or Individual; Innovation; Cool Place to Work; Inclusivity; Young Professional; Health, Safety & Environmental Leadership; Non-Profit Organization of the Year; Entrepreneur of the Year; Business of the Year; Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year.

Nomination forms can be completed online until Aug. 11 by logging on to: <https://www.slchamber.ca/news-events/obaas>.

COME ON, ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP! Let's see some of OUR terrific business people and organizations honoured on-stage at the OBAA Gala Evening on Oct. 21!

BEACON back in print



At Thompson Gardens, residents Jean Pretty and Bob Crow visited the BEACON bin to check out their printed copy. See page 4 for more information.

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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Important Dates for the 2022 Municipal Election

Changes have been made to the Municipal Elections Act, and as such, the Nomination Period has been shortened.

For those interested in running for a position on Council, for Lambton Kent District School Board Central Lambton School Board Trustee or for St. Clair Catholic District North and Central Lambton School Board Trustee, nominations are now being accepted at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. **The final day to file your nomination for any office noted above, known as Nomination Day, is Aug. 19, 2022.**

KEY ELECTION DATES

Nominations are now being accepted by the St. Clair Township Clerk

- *Aug. 19, 2022 - NOMINATION DAY-nominations close at 2:00 p.m.
- *Aug. 19, 2022 - Final day to withdraw a nomination
- *Oct. 24, 2022 - ELECTION DAY
- *Nov. 21, 2022 - Inaugural meeting of new Council

Note: Mail-in ballots are expected to be received at the beginning of October.

By-Law for election signs

By-Law 27 of 2022 requires that campaign signs not be posted until Sept. 1 and not exceed 20

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Candidate Update—who's running

As of July 24, candidates who have submitted nomination papers include:

MAYOR-Tracy Kingston; Jeff Agar; Chad Shymko

DEPUTY MAYOR- Steve Miller.

COUNCILLOR Ward 1 (north of Bickford Line) —Charles Mortley-Wood; Cathy Langis; Pat Brown; Holly Foster; Bill Moran

COUNCILLOR Ward 2 (south of Bickford Line) — Bill Myers

LKDPS BOARD TRUSTEE—Heather Skolly; Kathryn Shailer

SCCDSC BOARD TRUSTEE—nil

Candidates are listed on the township website as they are nominated.

Do you have what it takes for run for council? Find out at:
www.stclairtownship.ca

Click on **ELECTION** for more information.

Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, but will continue to be available online by going onto the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca. On the St. Clair Township home page, look for a link to the meeting near the top of the page. The Facebook link is added just before each meeting is slated to begin. Upcoming meetings include: Monday, August 8 at 3 p.m., Monday, September 12 at 3 p.m., and October 11 at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to contact the municipality or to find out more about making a presentation in-person or via Zoom, can call 519-867-2021 for further information.



St. Clair Township 2022 Final Property Tax Due Date Thursday, September 29

Payment Options available are as follows:

- ☒ Monthly Pre-Authorized
- ☒ Due Date Pre-Authorized (4x per year)
- ☒ Pay online or by telephone with your bank
 - ☒ In person at your bank branch
- ☒ Drop a cheque into the secure drop box at Civic Center doors
 - ☒ Mail a cheque
- ☒ Credit card, debit available for a fee on www.paysimply.ca

If you did not receive your tax bill(s) in the mail by Feb 11th, please email to
taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca
www.stclairtownship.ca

Notice to property owners to destroy noxious weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 13, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$80.) The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Jeff Baranek, Clerk
519-867-2021



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square feet in size. No permit is required to install election signs in any zone, but they cannot be installed on private land unless the owner's permission is obtained.

Signs posted on municipal road allowances will be restricted to areas and locations that do not obstruct vision for vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and they are subject to the consent of the adjacent land owner. They are also not permitted in municipal road allowances abutting public lands, including parks.

Any signs removed in this way will be done at the expense (\$200 per sign) of the candidate, and this money will be considered part of the candidate's own contribution to their campaign. Signs must be removed within 48- hours after the day of the elec-

tion. Confiscated signs will be recoverable after Oct. 24.

Secondary dwelling issue discussed

The issue of allowing the installation of a new detached secondary dwelling on an existing dwelling property site was discussed at a public meeting during the July 11 meeting of council. The discussion was held in connection with a rezoning request. Senior Planner Ian MacDougall cited the existing By-law of 2003 which addresses secondary dwellings: "Unless otherwise stated, no lot shall be occupied by more than one main building in any zone which permits residential uses."

Mr. MacDougall said three scenarios that would allow secondary dwellings included; in the basement of a primary dwelling, in an attached garage or a detached garage. The proponent's proposal to attach a modular home to the existing dwelling did not comply with any of the three requirements.

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Gateway sign installed along Hwy. 402

A new gateway sign along Hwy. 402 has been erected to raise Lambton County's profile with those traveling along this busy transportation corridor. At the ribbon-cutting on July 7, Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott noted, "We want people to know we are here and that we have a lot to offer for businesses, visitors and residents alike."

Tourism Sarnia-Lambton spearheaded the work to select an appropriate location for the sign and presented potential design concepts to council for consideration.

The site and sign design were approved by council in

2016 and the consulting firm, Stantec, helped to develop the site and a design that incorporated the now-familiar County of Lambton logo and the "Discoveries That Matter" community branding that makes reference to the county's growing reputation for advancements in green energy and its Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Above: Present for the ribbon-cutting to commission the new Lambton County gateway sign, from left: St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor/County Councillor Steve Miller; Lambton County Warden/Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott; St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold; and Brooke-Alvinston Mayor/County Councillor Dave Ferguson.

County of Lambton photo

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<https://www.voterlookup.ca/home.aspx>

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Mr. MacDougall cited a previous discussion surrounding a proposed development in Courtright. The developer asked that detached secondary dwellings be allowed on primary dwelling lots. Since the by-law clearly allows only one primary dwelling on a property, council denied the developer's request and the proponent's request for the rezoning.

During the meeting, it was revealed that the proponent had gone to great expense to move the secondary dwelling, a manufactured home (not to be confused with a mobile home), onto his property; an appeal to council's decision may be filed.

Council agreed the township's official plan should be reviewed and updated if necessary.

St. Clair Township residents considering the construction of a secondary dwelling on their property should contact the township office in advance of starting the project. By-laws and any attendant permits for a project need to be satisfied to ensure that such a dwelling will be allowed.

Demolition bids approved

The decades old Courtright Community Centre, a.k.a. *Silverdome*, and the Sue's Country Kitchen building at the Mooretown campground will soon be demolished after a bid for their demolition was approved. No date has been set for their demise.

MSC projects/upgrades report

The Moore Sports Complex upgrades continue, although the arena project has encountered some delays. Rink #2 is now expected to be ready for July 31 instead of July 17. Rink #1 will not be available on Oct. 1, but is expected to be ready by Nov. 6.

The pool is in need of a repair to a cracked 144" long cast pipe below the pool deck and is expected to be closed for about four weeks, from Aug. 26 to Sept.

26, while this is taking place. The project will require that the pool be drained, an 18" wide by 144" long trench be dug, and the remaining cast pipe be eliminated.

Community Services staff shortage

Staffing issues continue to plague the Community Services department. Seasonal parks and campground crews are short of personnel, and existing staff members are working hard to make up for the shortages.

Business owners and property owners are asked to maintain their frontages. Keep walkways clear of trash, debris, tripping hazards and branches (both on the ground and overhanging).

CSX tracks need to be removed

For some time, a stretch of CSX track in south St. Clair Township has posed a problem for the township and for those who must cross them on foot or in their vehicles. David Neeley, St. Clair Township Coordinator of Operations, told council he had recently attended an on-site meeting with Transport Canada and four CSX representatives. The CSX reps said the crossing at Broadway and Bentpath would be rebuilt, but no written agreement had been forthcoming and Transport Canada is not willing to enforce the track repairs.

The CSX reps refused to discuss a length of missing CSX track, about 300-400 feet in length, and they said the bad tracks that remain cannot be removed.

Mr. Neeley says mediation is being tried to remedy the situation, but MP Marilyn Gladu will be contacted again if it isn't helpful.

Beacon Bits

"Every day, I beat my own previous record for number of consecutive days I've stayed alive."

~George Carlin, comedian

St. Clair Township BEACON now available in print at all township library branches

The paper version of the St. Clair Township Beacon is back in limited distribution at township libraries and at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. If you have an online subscription to The Beacon, or are able to access it online at www.stclairtownship.ca, please leave the paper copies for the people who do not have access to a computer or are more comfortable reading an in-hand publication.

Those who wish to have a paper copy of The Beacon but have no one pick up a copy for them should contact the municipal office at 519-867-2021. A friend or family member can also email the person's full residence address to beacon@stclairtownship.ca to have a copy sent. Please do not request this option if you are mobile and able to access one of the distribution locations.

Right: The pile of bins shown here were each stocked with a limited number of Beacons and township staff member Rachael Fabbri, shown with the bins that had been prepared for distribution, also helped get them out on time to the distribution locations. The bins will be replenished monthly with new editions.





Public Works Department

Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.caAfter hours emergency
~ 1-888-441-4204 ~

Water Utility.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

Water utility appointments require 48 hours notice

St. Clair Township By-Law 16 of 2022 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

Download the St. Clair Township app



and never miss
another collection day.



Want the latest updates on recycle and waste collection?

Download the *Recycle Coach* App!

Recycle Coach is an app paid for by St. Clair Township so residents can get up to date notifications regarding waste collections. Any resident in the township can download the *Recycle Coach* app at no cost and get the notifications in real time.

Recycling
information
at your
fingertips!



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



Download the FREE
Recycle Coach™ app



Waste Collection

As of July 5th, 2022, Marcotte Disposal has taken over most waste collection services in St. Clair Township. Residents are reminded of the following waste guidelines:

- All waste must be placed at the curb side before **7:00 AM** on your waste collection day and must be placed within one meter of curb/road edge.
- Household waste in containers must be bagged securely. Materials must not be loose in the container.
- Containers must be within the weight limit of 23 kg (50 lbs.) and limited to six (6) items. Two (2) of six (6) items can be bulk; they will be recorded and picked up separately from regular waste.
- Waste must be free of prohibited content (e.g., hazardous materials, needles, animal remains, vehicle parts, tree stumps, construction/renovation waste).



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

Hydrant Flushing

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.

May 2022 - Fall 2022

For current areas affected,
refer to stclairtownship.ca

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

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.

May 2022 - Fall 2022

For current areas affected,
refer to stclairtownship.ca

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.

Welcome Back! Our office is now open to the Public.

Civic Centre , 1155 Emily Street , Mooretown, Ontario

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

519-867-2128

After Hours Emergency: 1-888-441-4204

Gotta' dig? Contact *OntarioOneCall* first!

Property owners who have to dig anywhere on their property are reminded to know what lies beneath their land BEFORE digging. Damaged or severed cable, power, water, and gas lines can be dangerous and cause major disruptions to service. They can also be costly to repair.

Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255 or visit OntarioOneCall.ca 5 days before you dig.

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Emergency preparedness starts with you
be prepared



make a plan



build a kit



stay informed

ontario.ca/beprepared



Don't wait 'til it's too late - prepare your action plan NOW!

Emergency Preparedness

FACT SHEET



for COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS
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How to Contact Hydro One

In the case of an emergency or power outage you can reach us by calling one of our emergency numbers below.

- **Hydro One Power Outage & Emergency Line:**
1-800-434-1235
Use this number to report a power outage, fallen tree hazard or emergency (24 hours, 7 days a week)
- **Hydro One Media Relations:**
416-345-6868 or 1-877-506-7584
After-hours, on weekends and holidays: 1-888-254-3992
- **Hydro One Community Relations**
Hydro One's Media and Community Relations staff members are available to answer questions and concerns from elected officials (e.g. MPP's, Mayors, Reeves)
Monday - Friday: 1-877-345-6799

For More Information

In the event of an emergency or power interruption we encourage you to take a moment to visit www.HydroOne.com, follow [Hydro One on Twitter](#) or check any one of the links below for more information:

- [Power Outages & Safety Information](#)
- [Interactive Power Outage Map Outlining Planned & Unplanned Power Outages](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

Hydro One transmits and distributes electricity in the province of Ontario however; there are other local distribution companies that may serve your community. Visit the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) website at www.ieso.ca to find your local utility.

Hydro One's Emergency Preparedness Team

- **Emergency Preparedness**
416-603-4308 / 1-844-791-1155
Hydro One's Business Continuity & Emergency Preparedness team plans for and assists with Hydro One's internal response to any significant disruptions to our electricity system. Please use the communication resources listed above for power outage and restoration information. In the event of an extraordinary situation, contact the team and special arrangements will be made to facilitate appropriate levels of support to you and your community.

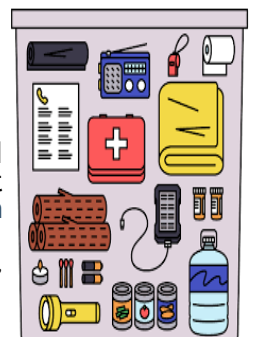
Would you be prepared to handle a minimum of 72 hours without outside aid?

Emergencies don't wait until we are prepared for them!

Make an emergency kit that includes: an adequate supply of warm blankets and clothing, flashlights, food, safe drinking water, daily medications, a First Aid kit, *pet supplies, *baby supplies, and a designated safe shelter. **Develop a fire escape plan** and designate an outside meeting place. Make sure your emergency strategies are prepared and be ready for unexpected emergencies.

** if applicable*

Go online to: www.getprepared.gc.ca for more information.



Sod-turning hails the start of the Corunna skateboard park



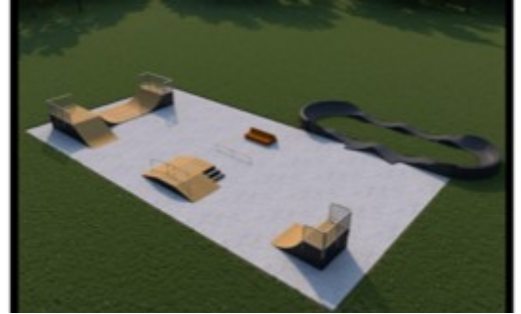
In attendance for the skateboard park sod-turning were, from left: Mayor Steve Arnold; Skateboard Park Committee member Nicki Krohn; Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay; Councillor Tracy Kingston; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Committee members Chantal Dale; Geoff Dale.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

The new skateboard park being developed at the Corunna Athletic Park (shown below in an artist's rendering) is expected to be ready for opening during Captain Kidd Days on Civic Holiday Weekend. The tentative grand opening is set for Sunday, July 31 at 11 a.m.

The facility was funded by a 50/50 agreement between the Skateboard Park Committee and St. Clair Township, just like other community projects. The committee, as well as many of the youth who will be using the park, have been holding fundraisers to help gather their share of the \$200,000 cost.

A ceremonial sod-turning, left, was held at the site on June 27 to kick off the project.



Additional Lambton EMS paramedic coverage launched



New Lambton EMS shift members with Stephen Turner, Manager, Lambton County Emergency Medical Services

Lambton County recently added a new shift to its EMS service, the first in 14 years. The increase was approved by Lambton County Council in April to help address increasing call volumes and paramedic workload.

The shift was added in response to growing demand for services in the Sarnia area during the peak demand time of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The additional service hours it provides will improve 911 coverage throughout the county by reducing the movement of ambulances from other parts of the county to meet demand in the Sarnia area. Response times will also be improved.

The shift will begin in Corunna and move to Sarnia shortly after the start of their shift.

Photo submitted

St. Clair River Trail bench sponsorships available

Benches like the one shown below are a welcome sight to a weary walker along the St. Clair River Trail.

These handsome, durable benches are fastened to custom precast concrete bases, and an engraved aluminum plaque is included in the \$3,000 cost of sponsorship.

The benches can be located in St. Clair Township parks along the St. Clair River Trail or within the right-of-way of the St. Clair Parkway. Some limitations apply to park locations where other benches are already in place, and right-of-way locations must meet safety and road maintenance considerations.

For more information, please contact Dave Cram at dacram@gmail.com.





The Enbridge Storage Enhancement project was undertaken to allow the storage of additional natural gas and to improve the deliverability of Enbridge storage operations; this will help to address an increase in demand for natural gas. New technology will boost operating pressure to efficiently move the gas through existing pipeline that has been enlarged or rerouted in some areas, and replaced with larger pipe in others. The upgrading and installation of new equipment in existing stations is also planned, as well as remediation activities. Project completion is expected to take place around August of this year.

Project information source: Enbridgegas.com

Lambton County Library branches offer much more than books

Summer is a great time to relax with a good book or take up a new hobby or interest. If you have a library card, you have access to the books, paper or digital, and a lot more. **And if you don't have a library card, get one. They're free!** For more information on locations, services and hours of operation visit www.lclibrary.ca

- ***Brigden** (519-864-1142): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ***Corunna** (519-862-1132): Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ***Courtright** (519-867-2712): Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ***Mooretown** (519-867-2823): Monday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ***Sombra** (519-892-3711): Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ***Port Lambton** (519-677-5217): Monday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ***Wilkesport** (519-864-4000): Tuesday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Summer reading program continues

Lambton County libraries currently have a reading program in progress. This summer's theme is *A Universe of Stories* and children who participate can vie for amazing prizes. Age-specific packages in English or French are available for children ages 0-12 when registered for the program, which will run through August. Online activities, games, and challenges will also be available at: www.lclibrary.ca/srp.

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Ellie and Evie Stirling colour at the Corunna library.



Starter Company Plus now accepting applications

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership is now offering grants of up to \$5,000 to small business owners and entrepreneurs through the Starter Company Plus program.

Six grants totalling \$30,000 are available and will provide successful applicants with capital to grow an existing business or start a new one, with coaching and access to peer-led support sessions.

Intake for the 2022 Starter Company Enterprise Plus program will continue until Sept. 16 at 4 p.m., when all fully-completed applications must be submitted.

The Sarnia-Lambton Small Business Enterprise Centre has been hosting online Starter Company Plus information sessions; there is one planned for Aug. 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register for this session, please contact kaila@sarnialambton.on.ca.

Support your local businesses to keep your community strong.

Sombra Days fun, music, and tournament excitement returns

Summer 2022 has returned to being a sun and fun season in St. Clair Township after two years of relative boredom.

A weekend of sunshine and warm temperatures set the scene for Sombra Days, held July 8 to 10.

Right: This rousing 2-pitch contest pitted *The Meltons* against *The Perrys*. One of the highlights in the game came when a scorching swing by *Meltons* batsman Brett Boersma launched the ball into the outfield, giving teammate Michelle Walton (in black) a home run and completing his own dash for home plate past *Perrys* catcher Kayla Kline's empty mitt.

In addition to some fantastic two-pitch and volleyball action, music, dancing and a host of special activities for the children, two fundraiser draws made two lucky people very happy.

The 16-foot aluminum boat, equipped with a 25 hp Mercury motor, was won by Gary DeKort of Wallaceburg. Mr. DeKort admitted to being extremely excited when he was called after the draw, and a witness confirmed he took less than half an hour to get to the park to claim his prize.

Draw spokesperson Vince Gagner says the logos on the side of the boat, pictured right, "...symbolize the proud connection between the Building Trades and our community. The two boat draws held this year and last year raised \$100,000 in revenue that all goes directly back to local projects in support of our local children and youth." He expressed appreciation to the Sombra Days organizers for their good work. "Thanks for all you do, Sombra Township Optimists and Sombra Sports and Recreation."

All 2,000 50/50 tickets sold out and the \$2,000 winner was Brandon Van Vaerenbergh. He'll find it handy since he's getting married this year. Money raised by the draws will help pay off the multi-purpose pad and rink project planned for the park.



Above, from left: Brian Primeau, President, Sombra Sports and Rec; Louise Reek, President, Sombra Township Optimists; raffle winner Gary DeKort; and Draw Coordinator Vince Gagner; are shown with the boat raffle prize.



Above: Sadie Orrange, 4, decorates a paper plate as her brother, Rory, 2, supervises and mom, Megan, wonders if the paint is washable. The children were doing artwork at the Sombra library craft table.

Right: The Beaver Valley wagon treated kids of all ages to a ride around the baseball field with horses 'Rock', in the foreground, and 'Star'.



Left: Paisley Benjamin, 9, searches for ancient fossils at the Sombra Museum table. Among the 'finds' unearthed during the event were a fossilized tooth from an *otodus obliquus* (early shark-like water animal between 45-60 million years old) to a coprolite, (the scientific name for fossilized prehistoric animal do-do).



Volleyball tournament in high gear.

Stevenson photos

HERITAGE CORNER

Early pioneers of Froomefield honoured with memorial stone

By Bonnie Stevenson

Members of Heritage St. Clair, the Abandoned Cemetery Committee, and several other talented volunteers knowledgeable in the history of the Moore/Sombra area, now St. Clair Township, have been working hard to honour the memories of early local pioneers.

Abandoned cemeteries, where tombstones have been left to crumble and those who lie beneath have long been forgotten, are being tidied and their residents are being identified thanks to this determined group.

The Froomefield Pioneer Cemetery at the corner of Church Street and the St. Clair Parkway in Froomefield has been cleared of the few remaining toppled, illegible stones, which now lay to the side of the yard in a neat pile. Many hours of research by volunteers Glenda Young and Catherine Bouman were required to reveal the names of the people buried there, and those names are now etched into the back of a new memorial stone.

According to Ian Mason, one of the researchers on the project, there are several abandoned cemeteries in the township and the committee had to make a choice as to which one would be worked on first. "We picked the one at Froomefield because of its high visibility and potential viewership once it was enhanced," he said. "The old stones suffered from time and the new stone will maintain the list of names for the future."

Along with the memorial stone, the talents of Jan and Paul Smith were called upon to create a story board outlining the history the pioneer cemetery, once the churchyard of St. Mary's Church.

The Smith's also created the *Kate Bully* story board, which is shown on page 1 during its own dedication event.

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Corunna-built ship story board

The new Heritage St. Clair story board at the south end of Guthrie Park tells the tale of the only commercial vessel ever built in Corunna. The *Kate Bully*, a 144-foot long two-masted schooner, was built just south of Guthrie Park at a dock and stocks built specifically for the construction. The schooner's story is one of St. Clair Township's best kept secrets.

It was known to be a fast ship but in 1869, it couldn't outrun a vicious Lake Michigan gale. What happened next? The story board holds the answers.



Above: The new Memorial Stone erected in the former St. Mary's Church grounds in Froomefield carries the names of all of the souls who were buried there. Attending the recent dedication of this stone were members of Heritage St. Clair and the Abandoned Cemetery Committee, volunteers, and township representatives. They included, from left: HSC President Dave Patten; Doug White; Dave Taylor; Bob Goodearle; Bob Nicol; Councillor Rose Atkins; Jan Smith; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Paul Smith; and Mayor Steve Arnold.

Below: During the dedication of the memorial stone, a story board, which describes the building and history of St. Mary's Church and its associated churchyard, was also dedicated. The church was built in 1840 with funds raised by Col. Froome Talfourd, who also donated the land. The cemetery is thought to have been in use from 1839 to 1878.

Stevenson photos



Heritage St. Clair page features map showing historic plaques and storyboards throughout the township

Heritage St. Clair has updated its page on the St. Clair Township website, and one of the features now on view St. Clair Township's Historic Points of Interest map. This interactive map points out the locations of these colourful and educational installations and includes photographs of them so you'll be sure not to miss them. Here's a link you can use to go directly to St. Clair Township's Historical Points of Interest page:

<http://stclairtownship.ca/st-clair-township-historical-points-of-interest/>

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MORE HERITAGE CORNER

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Moore Museum volunteer dinner resumes

Another happy annual event, the Moore Museum volunteer appreciation dinner, resumed on July 12. About 65 volunteers, staff, and township council members gathered at the Corunna United Church to enjoy a scrumptious meal catered by members of the church.

Bottom right: After many months of absence, the volunteers were welcomed back by Museum Curator Fiona Doherty and updated by Dave Taylor on work being done at the museum site. Mayor Steve Arnold thanked the volunteers and staff for preserving local heritage for future generations. A moment of remembrance was observed for six volunteers who had passed away during the pandemic shutdown, including: Eva Dalrymple; June Maginn; Arnold Pole; Reta Wilson; Bryce MacPherson; and Edith Bailey.

Top Right: Museum volunteer Dennis Dudley was one of several appreciative volunteers who returned for seconds.

New museum members are always welcome!
New members are always welcome at both St. Clair Township museums. For more information email: Sombra Museum, sombramuseum@gmail.com or Moore Museum, mooremuseum@stclairtownship.ca.

Stevenson photos

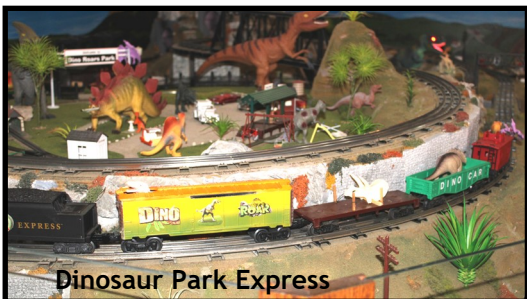


Train event at Moore Museum- from dinos to Arrows

When the Moore Museum train room caretakers reimagined the 2022 Train Room event, they decided to think outside the box. From a dinosaur park to the future of aviation, this year's event boasted two ambitious new train layouts. The kids got a kick out of the dinosaur park, where a cranky dinosaur roared and glowed red each time a train went by. For the adults, an aviation layout featured a tiny airborne Avro Canada CF-105 Arrow and a glimpse into the future of Canadian space exploration. About 200 people attended the event.



Above: Leon Snider, 7, watches the Dinosaur Park Express evade the attentions of a giant tyrannosaurus-rex.

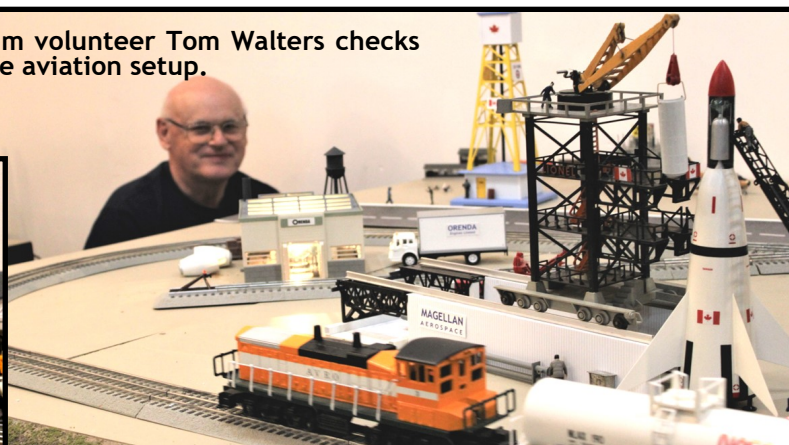


Dinosaur Park Express

An Avro Canada CF-100 Canuck, the interceptor/fighter chase plane for Avro Canada's CF-105 Arrow test flights, is rolled onto the runway.



Museum volunteer Tom Walters checks out the aviation setup.



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EVEN MORE HERITAGE CORNER

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Plaque has meaning for best friends from Port Lambton

Childhood best friends Ben Randell and Mike Brown of Port Lambton went their separate ways as adults, but they both joined the Canadian Coast Guard with different roles to play.

One day, an old nameboard from the Canadian Government lighthouse tender *C.G.S. Lambton*, installed in the lobby of the Parry Sound Coast Guard Base, was recognized as one of the last remaining artifacts from a Canadian Coast Guard ship that met a tragic end in the line of duty.

A large memorial plaque was created to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the loss of the lighthouse supply ship which foundered in Lake Superior during a strong gale near Caribou Island on April 19, 1922. The doomed ship was

delivering supplies and personnel to light stations along the lake when it sank with all 22 souls aboard.

On July 15, 2022, the plaque was dedicated by the Union of Canadian Transport Employees, the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, and the Canadian Coast Guard to the memory of those lost a century ago.

In a chilling excerpt from a detailed story about *C.C.S. Lambton*, Mike Brown wrote, "She was last seen by the steamship *Midland Prince* somewhere off Caribou Island. The captain and crew reportedly watched the lighthouse tender battle with giant waves but were unable to render any assistance and, suddenly, the ship disappeared."

According to a map of western Lake Superior that has been marked with the approximate location where the *Lambton* "disappeared", it was found that the ship perished in a sector of the lake where, 53 years later, the *Edmund Fitzgerald* would suffer the same fate.



Best friends Ben Randell, Canadian Coast Guard Facility Manager, Real Property, Safety and Security and Mike Brown, Canadian Coast Guard Fleet Safety Officer, Great Lakes Sector, with the commemorative plaque.

Submitted photo



Sombra Museum Blueberry Social - a sweet way to pass a summer day

The museum's 20th annual Blueberry Social on July 9 was a great success, the first major event the museum has held since the pandemic shutdown. About 65 people attended, enjoying desserts like cheesecake, coffee cake, tarts, bars, blondies and muffins, as well as the traditional social punch. A special treat came from Crystal's Ice Cream Shack of Sombra; super scooper Dave dished out delicious blueberry cheesecake ice cream. In the meeting room, visitors also enjoyed a slideshow highlighting photos from the Social's first 19 years.

This year, the social was held partially outdoors where visitors sat comfortably under shade tents on the Cultural Centre lawn to enjoy a concert by the *Bluewater Chordsmen*. Many visitors also wandered over to visit the Friends of the St. Clair information display

where items such as water bottles, fish lures and reusable straws were being given away, and they could learn more about the St. Clair River.

The museum would like to thank the St. Clair River Trail Committee for the use of their shade tents, as well as the volunteers who came to help out in the morning and afternoon, and to help put up and pack up the tents.

Photo left: Volunteer Shelley Lucier-Lord helped served up an impressive variety of luscious blueberry treats.

Right: The Bluewater Chordsmen entertain an appreciative audience during their lawn concert.





100TH LAMBTON COUNTY PLOWING MATCH ON THE WAY

The long-awaited 100th anniversary of the Lambton County Plowing Match is finally on the way. The public is invited to attend the match free of charge on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 1748 Rokeby Line in St. Clair Township. Plowing methods from classic to antique in several classes, horse plowing competitions, youth activities, on-site vendors, a food booth, and displays of antique machinery will be featured. And for entertainment, enjoy the popular *Scott Manery and the Barn Burners*. A grant from the Lambton County Creative County program and promotional assistance from Tourism Sarnia-Lambton ensures this will be the event of the century.



Teacher Robert Walicki, right, describes the rapport developed between LCPA members and the students while the 100th anniversary brand was being established and marketing materials and strategies were being developed. Four of the students who worked on the project are shown above, from left: Logan Lambert, Ayla Goodrow, Evelyn Cole, and Benton DeGurse. *Stevenson photo*

The 100th anniversary was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown, but Dennis Bryson, president of the Lambton County Plowmen's Association, says community support for the event has not diminished. "We are excited to be back and have exceptional support from our sponsors and collaborative partners to celebrate 100 years this September," he said.

New for 2022 is the Lambton County Plowmen's Association (LCPA) collaboration with a team of talented students from St. Patrick's High School's Technology Department. Their teacher, Robert Walicki, was impressed by the way the LCPA and the students worked together. "As an educator, to watch the members of our LCPA interact and share their knowledge with our students, and immerse themselves into learning new digital sandbox concepts, was truly inspiring. The LCPA project is a fantastic example of multigenerational collaborative life-long learning in action."

The students did everything from rebranding the LCPA, including its logo (*see top of page*), to doing on-air promotional interviews with those associated with the event. Student spokesperson Benton DeGurse expressed appreciation for the valuable experience the group gained during the 100th anniversary project. "We would like to thank the Lambton Plowmen's Association and Mr. Walicki for setting up the opportunity to gain real world technical and media marketing experience. We cannot wait to transfer the skills we had the opportunity to harness throughout the project in our future endeavours," he said.

The 100th anniversary Lambton County Plowing Match is slated for Saturday, Sept. 3 at 1748 Rokeby Line in St. Clair Township. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with plowing starting at 10 a.m. For more information, call Linda Bryson at 519-828-3311 or Kody Vandevienne at 519-809-

Proposed Eastern Power Inc. hydrogen-ready power plant site

The new Eastern Power Inc. natural gas-fired/hydrogen-fired plant planned for a site near Courtright will join the company's existing natural gas-fired plant located nearby if approved. The company has submitted documentation to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC), where it will be reviewed and a decision made about whether or not federal impact assessment will be required.

If the assessment gets the green light to proceed, it is estimated the project construction would take 21 months as well as three more months to commission the plant.

Electricity generation capacity in general is not lacking in Ontario, but green energy only contributes about 30 per cent of that capacity. According to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), wind and solar energy combined make up only 15 per cent of that capacity, with nuclear at 34 per cent, hydro at 23 per cent, and natural gas at 28 per cent. In an effort to bring Ontario closer to its net-zero goal, clean hydrogen-ready power plants are one of the new strategies being employed to significantly increase that percentage.

In the past decade, St. Clair Township has witnessed the construction of several "green" power generation facilities and many positive industrial upgrades that will continue to support a cleaner environment. Mayor Steve Arnold says the new cutting-edge power plant will be a welcome addition to the township on many levels. "This

expansion of the Eastern Power plant will be on the leading edge of the Canadian Hydrogen Strategy developed by the Federal government. It will be a transitional facility able to run on natural gas, or any base form of hydrogen, as the feedstock. Here in St. Clair Township, we are excited to be part of the implementation of this green strategic initiative. My understanding is that it will provide 25 long-term jobs and cost hundreds of millions of dollars during construction over the next couple of years."



Proposed site for the Eastern Power Ltd.'s hydrogen-ready power plant. In the background is the company's natural-gas fired plant near Courtright west of Hwy. 40. *Mike Coene aerial drone photo*

COMMUNITY CONTACT

Sacred Heart food bank - help your community thrive

Summer doesn't reduce the constant need for donations of food, personal and household supplies. Shortages are still being experienced by local food banks and the need is still great, but our neighbourhood food banks continue to come to the aid of the community. Nourishing food 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. In Ward 2, The Sacred Heart Food Bank has shelves that need to be replenished on a regular basis, not just on special occasions. Please keep the Sacred Heart food bank in mind when you shop for your own groceries.

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. It operates in association with the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Samia.

The food bank serves those in need, offering a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including milk, eggs, bread, and meat, as well as daily requirements like household cleaning supplies, toiletries 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.

St. Joseph-St. Charles Catholic Church Community to participate in food program

The St. Joseph-St. Charles' Catholic Community in Corunna, along with the Catholic churches in Petrolia, Forest, and Watford, has worked collaboratively with the Boys and Girls Club of Samia-Lambton to extend Project Backpack, a food assistance program, into Lambton County. The program provides a bag of nutritious food that can be easily distributed to people ages 14-24 who are in need of a healthy meal. Each bag also contains hygiene items and helpful information from community partners. People who qualify for this program can find these bags at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office at 346 Beresford Street in Corunna during regular office hours (Monday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Program organizers say the program will continue into the fall and they hope to continue it as long as there is a need for it.

Moore Agricultural Society membership

Interested in becoming a member of the Moore Agricultural Society or need to renew your membership? Memberships can be paid either by dropping off payment and member information (name, telephone number, email address, home address) at the Brigden Fair office or through e-transfer at Finance@brigdenfair.ca. Memberships are \$20 per person until further notice. For more information on the membership role, contact info@brigdenfair.ca.

Motivated youth seeking adventure

The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia is welcoming boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn join the ranks and learn valuable skills they can use for a lifetime. Cadets are not required to join the military. For more information, call 519-332-6555 or visit: www.petroliacadets.com

The Optimist Club welcomes 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.

Local TOPS weight control group meetings

Local TOPS weight control groups can be contacted for information as follows: **Brigden**—519-864-1865; **Corunna**—519-381-5584. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

Good listeners needed by Family Counselling Centre

The Family Counselling Centre needs good listeners to staff the Distress Line, speaking with individuals who need support and need to feel connected. Volunteers are also needed to staff the Tel-Check program line, placing daily calls to seniors and persons with disabilities who live alone and are feeling isolated. To register or to find out more about this effort, call Donna at the Family Counselling Centre, 519-336-0120, ext. 251.

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.

Recovery support group meets weekly

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 during the COVID-19 emergency, 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.



Mental Health & Addictions Supports

For those who face the mental health or addiction challenges, the world can be a bleak place. The Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team has the information that can point the way to a happy, sober life.

The place to start is with your primary care provider. He or she will know more about treatment options and local support/resources available to you.

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. These are just a few of the resources available to you. Don't hesitate to call.

For full local listings, visit: agefriendlysarnialambon.ca

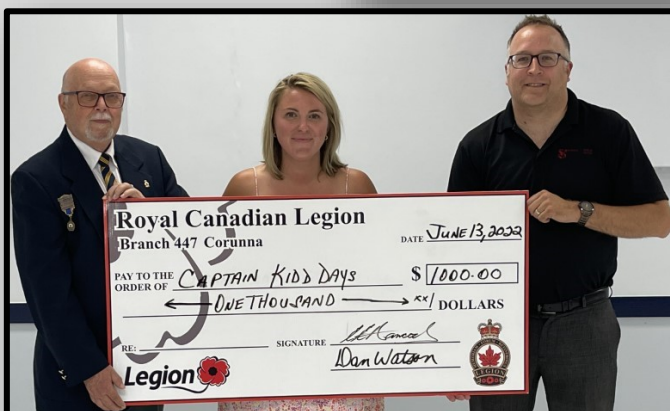
Corunna Legion Br. 447 supports community with donations



The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 recently made donations to three deserving community groups.
Submitted photos

Left: Br. 447 President Eric Hancock presents a donation of \$500 in support of Mr. Core's music department at Colonel Cameron Public School.

Right: Br. 447 President Eric Hancock presents a donation of \$500 to the U13 Corunna Lady Giants Select softball team. Standing left: Mekah Dewhirst, Emma Gauvin, Claudia Prentice, Ella Routley, Ainsley Bennett, Haley Pepper, Paul Salisbury, Dallas Leitch. Kneeling left: Cami Leitch, Kylee Salisbury, Claire Gaulton, Bella Nappi.



Left: Br. 447 President Eric Hancock presents a donation of \$1,000 to Captain Kidd Days. Receiving the donation is Ashley Robbins and Geoff Dale.



Spring at Greenhills Gardens

Photo by drone pilot Mike Coene



The lotus pond is green with leaves now, but soon there will be a pond full of these.

Beacon Bits

"Nature, like a kind and smiling mother, lends herself to our dreams and cherishes our fancies."
~Victor Hugo



Don't forget to visit Mother Nature on the St. Clair River Trail this summer

Passport Challenge showcases seven Lambton County museums

The Lambton Passport Challenge invites guests to visit each participating Heritage Sarnia-Lambton Museum, correctly answer a trivia question, and collect a stamp at each site to complete their passport. Once completed, you can submit a ballot for a chance to win a \$100 Tourism Sarnia-Lambton gift card and museum prize pack. Participating Heritage Sarnia-Lambton museums include: Moore Museum; Arkona Lion's Museum; Forest Museum; Lambton County Archives; Lambton Heritage Museum; Oil Museum of Canada; and Sombra Museum.

"Many local museums have been closed over the past two summers due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dana Thorne, Curator/Supervisor with Lambton Heritage Museum. "We thought this year was a great time to organize this type of initiative to invite our community and visitors to re-discover Lambton's treasured museums, and for the museums to welcome back visitors in a fun, engaging way."

Passports are available at all participating sites. Admission rates apply, where applicable. The Passport Challenge contest ends August 31, 2022.



Teen photo contest winners featured at JNAAG exhibition

The award-winning work of Lambton County teens who won the Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery (NAAG) sponsored **Take Your Shot** teen photo contest will be featured in a special exhibition from Friday, Aug. 12 to Oct. 8, 2022.

The upcoming exhibition, *Feels Like Home: Larry Towell & Inspired Youth*, will feature the work of over 20 local teens who participated in the contest, along side a selection of photographs by internationally-known photographer Larry Towell, a native of St. Clair Township. Mr. Towell's brilliant photography has covered subjects ranging from environmental issues and international war zone subjects, to human rights documentation of Canadian First Nations.

The **Take Your Shot** contest was judged by industry professionals, who chose 26 photographs for display at the exhibition from the 58 that were submitted. The winners were: **Grand prize overall** and **Things** categories - Raveena Duggal, 15; **People** category - Ky Hopwood, 16; **Pets** category - Ryleigh Siklosi; **Places** category - Emily Jahnke, 14. The four winners will receive a professionally matted and framed copy of their winning photo.

Other selected submissions include photos by: Jas-

mine Pole, 17; Alexa Secord, 17; Alexis Sitzes, 14; Arden Mailhiot, Age 17, Ava Arndt, Age 17, Brady Long, Age 17, Dylan Hamilton, Age 17, Jarius Dowswell, Age 14, Kaira DeFreitas, Age 16, Kaydence Schere, Age 13, Lillian Carsell, Age 15, Madeline Lehrbass, Age 15, Matthew McDonald, Age 17, Mercy Naus, Age 13, Miranda Hurst, Age 14, Myla Bell, Age 14, and Perrin Langille, Age 17.

To learn more about the *Feels Like Home: Larry Towell & Inspired Youth* exhibition, go to: jnaag.ca/feels-like-home.

Summer Splash workshops offered

The JNAAG will offer Try New Things (TNT) workshops for youth aged 9-12 during the week of Aug. 2 to Aug. 5. The workshops include: Aug. 2—**Zine Machine**, make a self-published booklet about something you are passionate about; Aug. 3—**Fiber Selfies**, the art of wool felting; Aug. 4—the Big Picture, experiment with paints and modeling wax; Aug. 5—Photography Fun, photography, crafting and games will explore the art of photography.

To learn more about these workshops, visit the event page on the Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery website.

MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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New owners, new plans for familiar business



A plan for a familiar business in Port Lambton is taking shape as *Ecarte Marine* gets a new name, a new look and a new future with new owners Rob and Nadine Kraft. *RiverKraft Marine* was formally opened on June 24 with a ribbon cutting and a big party to celebrate the occasion.

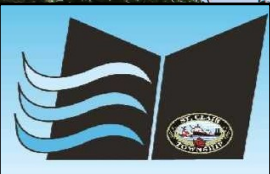
The marina at 4729 Old River Road has already undergone substantial exterior work, and a huge new on-site storage facility has been built to house almost any size of water craft.

The Krafts have ambitious future plans for the property, with two Airbnb rentals and transient parking already

available, plus other renovations and more rentals. And while the in-house dining establishment is being completed, Brit Boys food truck is keeping hungry visitors fed.

Above: Making it official dockside, from left: New owners Rob and Nadine Kraft; former owners Brenda and Brad McDonald; St. Clair Township Councillor Rose Atkins; and Carrie McEachran, CEO Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



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**Facebook-@mooretownsportscomplex; E-mail: info@stclairtownship.ca;
Website- www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca; Phone: 519-867-2651**

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A new children's book, *Lights Out! The Adventures of Sam and Grandpa*, will be the subject of a fun family afternoon book reading and authors visit at the Sombra Museum on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Crafts and treats will round out the event. For more information, see poster below.

West Lambton Community Health Centre classes

Visit: <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/> and check out the many great classes available through WLCHC. **Registration can now be done online.** Please be sure to specify, on the top of the form, which program you are registering for.)

Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair

Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair, the new "Key West festival" type summer event coming to Brander Park, will be a family-friendly event celebrating all things nautical on the scenic St. Clair River. On Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Brander Park will come alive as mesmerizing mermaids mingle with mighty mariners and merry-making families.

Here are some of the things visitors can look forward to on Aug. 20: *10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Over 50 vendors; food trucks (Brit Boys Fish 'n Chips, Dog Days Southern BBQ, Dips Soft Serve Ice Cream, Ohana Ice Hawaiian Shave-Ice & Treats; boat dealership displays; and collaborative painting with Cyn Fay Studio. The Sombra Museum will also be on-site with as a vendor selling maritime-related items and doing a maritime-themed demonstration.

*From 10 a.m. to noon, have Breakfast with Mermaids (ticketed event)

*noon to 6 p.m., Landshark Lager "Watering Hole" (licensed beverage area with bartending services by Memorie Lane)

*1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Pavilion Paint Splash! (paint your own nautical pottery (Crock-a-Doodle, Sarnia)

*1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Meet the Mermaids (Pavilion Photo Ops)

*1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Southwind Boys LIVE musical entertainment; and much more.

DRESS UP FOR THE OCCASION! Visitors are encouraged to dress for the occasion with attire fit for a pirate, pirette, wench, sailor, mermaid, or merman. The more "properly dressed" visitors there are strutting around the park, the more festive the day will be.

This event, conceived by Sherri DeWolf from Deeply Creative, received a grant from Lambton County's Creative County program and promotional assistance was through Tourism Sarnia-Lambton. St. Clair Township staff advised and coordinated on-site logistics for the event.

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Community cooperation supports donations

COVID-19 posed health risks for many people and caused many to lose their jobs or their businesses. A volunteer group led by Charles Mortley-Wood was able to help those in the community who were going through difficult times. The group started a grocery delivery program and managed to raise \$22,000 since March, 2020. The money was used to support local charities that included: the Foodbank, Circles



Left: Charles Mortley-Wood, left, with Ryan's House representative Laurie Hick, Bluewater Foodland owner Roy Juschka, and Bluewater Foodland Manager Laurie Ryan.

Canada, the Women's Interval Home, and Ryan's House. And thanks to Bluewater Foodland owner Roy Juschka, Charles says he was able to donate \$1,470.00 to Ryan's House of Bluewater Health.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Fair Ambassador contest planned

The Brigden Fair Ambassador doesn't need to be an expert in agriculture, live on a farm or have grown up in Brigden. They only need to be between the ages of 17 and 24 (as of August 1, 2022) and have an eagerness to learn. This program is about learning, being seen as a leader in the community, and taking on new challenges. Applications can be found at <http://www.brigdenfair.ca> and completed online or downloaded. Downloaded applications may be emailed to: office@brigdenfair.ca with **Ambassador Program** in the Subject line or dropped off at the Fair Office in an envelope marked **Ambassador Contestant**. A meeting will be held with contestants after the deadline to explain contest details.

Deadline for applications is Aug. 5, 2022 and the contest will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 2 p.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Brigden Fair family Agriculture Awareness Day planned

The Brigden Fair *Agriculture In The Classroom* school program will not be held this year due to the conflict with P. A. Day for Lambton Kent Elementary School students. However, the fair will be offering "Agriculture Awareness Day" in the Coliseum area on Friday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be an opportunity for families to come and learn together. No pre-registration is required. Fair admission: Preschool and elementary students - free; Friday Admission - \$5 per person until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. and for the remainder of the weekend - \$10. Always FREE Parking on the grounds.

Mermaids and Mariners at Brander Park

Mermaids and Mariners is on its way on Aug. 20, 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. in Brander Park. See page 19 for more information about this family-friendly one-day festival at Brander Park south of Port Lambton.

Lambton County Plowing Match 100th anniversary

The Lambton Plowmen's Association will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lambton County Plowing Match on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 1748 Rokeby Line in St. Clair Township. Attendance will be free for everyone. For more information, see page 14.

Downriver Craft Sale at Moore Museum

The annual Downriver Craft and Gift Sale at the Moore Museum in Mooretown is slated for Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be \$2, children free when accompanied by an adult. The sale will feature over 80 tables of crafts and intriguing gifts. It's a great place to start your Christmas shopping, find unique things for your home and garden, or just treat yourself to something special. And don't forget to stop and grab a bite at the food booth.

Sombra Museum hosts new children's book reading *Cont'd next page*

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Second COVID-19 booster doses and children's doses available

Individuals aged 18+ are now eligible for a second COVID vaccine booster shot if they are more than five months past their first dose.

Eligibility for vaccination has also been expanded to include individuals aged six months to under five years, who will be able to receive the pediatric Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Immunocompromised individuals between the ages of 12 and 17 will also be eligible for a second booster (fifth dose) six months (168) days after their first booster (fourth dose).

Appointments can be booked online at: GetTheVaccine.ca. If you require assistance booking your shot, please call 519-254-8222 Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some pharmacy and primary care providers may also be able to do it. Please remember that masks are still required in clinical settings.

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If you have a not-for-profit in St. Clair Township (i.e. service clubs, youth/seniors groups, agricultural groups, charity initiatives, etc.) or are holding a community event that will benefit and/or interest residents of the township, contact *The St. Clair Township Beacon* to spread the word.

E-mail:

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The DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is the third Monday of each month for the following month.

September deadline for submissions:

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