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*Happy Mother's Day - May 14*  
*Thank the special lady who makes a*  
*positive difference in your life.*



The Sam Laud meets CSL Welland.

It took a while for spring to make an appearance in St. Clair Township, but it was worth the wait. Port Lambton resident Jane Lane and Linkyn, the four-year-old Doodle, enjoyed the nice weather with a stroll along the shore. In the distance, the north-bound self-unloader Sam Laud soon encountered the south-bound bulk carrier CSL Welland.

B. Stevenson photos

## May is Huntington's Disease month

This hereditary, degenerative illness manifests itself in physical, cognitive, and emotional symptoms. To raise awareness and educate the public about this disease, the Huntington's Society of Canada is asking that residential, commercial, and governmental buildings light up the night with blue lights symbolizing the adult form of the disease and purple for the juvenile form. Continued on page 4.



CONTACT THE BEACON AT: [beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca)



# MUNICIPAL NOTES



## 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](http://www.stclairtownship.ca). Upcoming council meetings will be: Monday, May 1 at 3 p.m.; Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m.; and Monday, June 5 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). *This schedule is subject to change when necessary.*

## Moore Community & Recreation Foundation Grant Deadline

The Moore Community & Recreational Foundation was established to enable those who wish to really make a difference in their community.

The Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to improving quality of life for the citizens of St. Clair Township. By contributing to projects and activities that enrich and strengthen our municipality, the Foundation, which is independently administered by a Board of Directors, helps our community continue to flourish.

The deadline for applying for the Moore Community & Recreation Foundation grants is May 31st.

Should you require further information please contact George Lozon, Treasurer at 519-867-2024 or 1-800-809-0301.

For forms and further information go to: [stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca), click on: RESIDENTS, and then Moore Community & Recreational Foundation.

## ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP 2023 FINAL PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

**Thursday July 27th and Thursday September 28th**

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Payment Options available are as follows:

- ☒ Monthly Pre-Authorized
- ☒ 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 front door
- ☒ Mail a cheque
- ☒ Debit, Cash, or Cheque at Civic Center
- ☒ Credit card, debit available for a fee on [www.paysimply.ca](http://www.paysimply.ca)

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If you do not receive your tax bill (s) in the mail **by July 10<sup>th</sup>**, please email [taxes@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:taxes@stclairtownship.ca)



## Student and seasonal positions available

The Township of St. Clair is seeking motivated and enthusiastic individuals to fill **student and seasonal positions** within various departments. The full postings can be viewed under the "Jobs" tab on our website: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)



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## MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

### Battery storage update

Enbridge's proposal regarding the installation of three battery energy storage facilities within St. Clair Township is currently the subject of concern for many township residents. At the April 3 meeting, Council reviewed a report by CAO John Rodey that documented the matter from the proposal's initial debut before council to what course of action Enbridge would be required to take if the projects are accepted by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)\*. **See related story, Battery Storage Update, on page 10.**

### Donation policy discussed

The 2023 budget deliberations were especially tough this year and some hard choices had to be made. Funds available for donations and grants are strictly limited and must be carefully considered this year. On the subject of donation requests that are received throughout the year, council directed staff to produce a policy to determine how grant requests are awarded.

A preliminary method of awarding grants would require that applications be submitted for consideration by council. A deadline for submissions would be set and after the deadline, council would meet to consider which applications would be accepted. Decisions would not be made during council meetings. This method is based on the model used by the Moore Community and Recreational Foundation and policies used by Lambton Shores.

### No Parking restriction passed for Brigden

A seasonal No Parking restriction that would be in effect from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 was recommended for Brigden in two areas. One No Parking area would be along both sides of Brigden Road between Courtright Line and No. 2916 Brigden Road, and No Parking signs would be installed there. The second No Parking area would be along Courtright line from Elizabeth Street to 2516 Courtright Line. It was recommended that a by-law be drafted to cover both areas.

This restriction came about as the result of a meeting between the OPP, County of Lambton staff, and St. Clair Township staff. It was deemed necessary to mitigate the dangerous conditions caused by traffic congestion and cars parked along the narrow shoulders of the roads leading into the fairgrounds. All parties agreed the No Parking designation was the best way to avoid the dangerous traffic situations that occur each year. Although these conditions are most prevalent during the Brigden Fair, the shoulder width does not allow for safe parking at any time of the year.

### Lambton County Council endorses S-L Health Coalition Referendum

At the April 5 meeting of Lambton County Council, a motion to endorse the Sarnia-Lambton Health Coalition public referendum regarding **public hospitals versus private services** was carried. The referendum will ask the public to weigh in about whether the solution to Ontario's healthcare crunch lies in the privatization of services OR in better funding and staffing of public hospitals.

The Lambton County Council decision was formally announced by the county's Legal Services/Clerk's Department in an email to Shirley Roebuck, Co-chair of the Sarnia /-Lambton Health Coalition, and copied to Lambton-Kent-Middlesex and Sarnia-Lambton MPs and MPPs.

**(see page 9 for more about the Sarnia-Lambton Health Coalition)**



### SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The County of Lambton is recruiting representatives to serve on the **Seniors' Advisory Committee.**

One representative will be selected per municipality.

**Please ask for an application form at your local municipal office.**

### 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**

### LPH urges caution during air quality advisories

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has issued guidelines to keep county residents safe during future events.

Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) values can range from low risk to very high risk, and people with health issues such as heart or lung conditions, including asthma, are urged to avoid strenuous outdoor activity during times when the AQHI is elevated. Health issues, such as coughing and shortness of breath, can worsen symptoms and lead to serious complications. In the summer, heat waves and stagnant air create ideal conditions for poor air quality. Timely and accurate air quality information can be accessed any time from these sources:

An air quality website is available at:  
[www.airqualityontario.com](http://www.airqualityontario.com)

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## MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

**Battery energy storage meeting draws a crowd - more meetings to come**

Three battery energy storage projects, proposed by Enbridge for construction in St. Clair Township, continue to be on the minds of many township residents. They had an opportunity to speak their minds and express their concerns at the latest public meeting on March 30.

Enbridge representatives Denise Heckbert and Sumesh

Guptar (seen above left side of the hall) were on hand to talk about the latest developments and answer any questions the group might have. Another public meeting will be held in the fall if the Enbridge projects are accepted by the IESO. **See page 10 for some highlights from the meeting.**

*B. Stevenson photo*

**Heavy rains cause trouble: Keep wells safe during flood conditions**

Recent high-water levels and flood conditions caused by heavy rains could allow harmful bacteria to enter the drinking water supply and rendering the water supply unsafe for consumption. Lambton Public Health encourages residents with private wells to test their water supply if their well has been flooded.

Vicky MacTavish, Public Health Inspector at Lambton Public Health, says "Until you can test your well water, use bottled water for daily use including drinking, making infant formula or juices, cooking, making ice, washing fruits and vegetables, and brushing teeth. Alternatively, you can boil your water rapidly for at least one minute before use."

Once flood waters have receded, the well should be disinfected and tested at least three times, at one-week intervals, before the water is used for drinking. The test for bacteria (total coliform and E. coli) and water sample kits are free. Water samples must be dropped off within 24 hours of being taken.

Water sample kits can be picked up and dropped off at: Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth St., Point Edward; Bluewater Health CEE (lab), 450 Blanche St., Petrolia; London Public Health Lab, 850 Highbury Ave. N., London.

View the hours of operation for these locations online at:

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-info/sampling-testing/>

**Lambton Public Health recommends well water testing 3-4 times annually to ensure the supply is not contaminated. For information on disinfection and sampling procedures, visit [www.lambtonpublichealth.ca](http://www.lambtonpublichealth.ca) or call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331, or toll-free 1-800-667-1839.**



Huntington Disease (HD) is caused by a mutation in the gene that makes the protein called *huntingtin*, causing cells to manufacture a harmful protein called *mutant huntingtin*. The mutant *huntingtin* protein causes certain parts of the brain to die. As the brain cells die, physical, cognitive, and emotional symptoms appear. To date, there are no drugs to slow or stop the progression of Huntington disease, but there are specific drugs available that can reduce some of the symptoms. Research is being conducted in Canada and globally to find promising treatments and approaches to treating HD. Males and females have the same risk of inheriting the disease, and it occurs in all races. Symptoms usually appear between the ages of 35 and 55, but the disease can appear in youth (under 20 years - Juvenile HD) or older adults (Late Onset HD).

Families and individuals afflicted with this illness receive vital guidance and support in coping with HD thanks to the important work of the Huntington's Society of Canada and its local chapters. For more information, or to donate to the HSC, go online to: [hdsa.org](http://hdsa.org) or [huntingtonsociety.ca](http://huntingtonsociety.ca).





## Public Works Department

Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993  
 Engineering.....519-867-2125  
 Website..... [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

After 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.

### Attention: Changes to Yard Waste Collection

#### BRUSH COLLECTION CANCELLED

- Due to operational budget cuts, St. Clair Township will not be offering any brush collection for the Spring or Fall collection going forward.
- Yard waste will continue through both seasons. The number of collection weeks has been reduced from 14 to 11. Cancelled collection dates include: May 22 and 24; June 19 and 21; Oct. 16 and 18.
- Christmas tree collection will remain the same for January, 2024.

#### Suggested locations to take brush

Location	Address	Hours	Phone Number	Fee Required
Transco Recycling	387 McGregor Side Rd. Sarnia	Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm	519-332-4045	10 bags of compost \$20.00 \$2.00 per bag roughly (subject to change)
Curran Recycling	526 McGregor Side Road Sarnia	Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm	519-332-0849	\$65 metric ton \$20 if under 500 lbs
Waste Depot	456 McGregor Side Road Sarnia	Monday-Friday 6:00am-8:00pm Saturday 7:00am-3:00pm	519-333-8252	\$70 per metric ton (by weight)
Wallaceburg Leaf and Yard Depot	505 Water St. Wallaceburg	Monday-Saturday 8:00am-noon	519-627-8101	\$30.00 per cubic meter or \$2.00 per bag



#### 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

### New Water Treatment, Transmission and Metering fixed fee

St. Clair Township has introduced a new Water Treatment, Transmission and Metering fee that now appears on your water/sanitary bill. The new water fee is being introduced to help the municipality pay for costs related to water treatment, metering and distribution facilities that, with the growing water demands and aging infrastructure, will enable the ongoing delivery of safe drinking water to every customer in St. Clair Township and ensure that it is properly metered.

Residents will notice a new line item on their bill containing the Treatment, Transmission and Metering Fee information. An average residential customer with a 3/4-inch water meter will see "Water Fixed Fee Res Qtly < 1 inch". The fee is based on your meter size and rate class. For example, residential customers with a 3/4-inch diameter meter will receive a monthly Water Treatment, Transmission and Metering Fee of \$4 (\$12 billed quarterly) in 2023. The new water fixed fee will be adjusted over the next two years until new infrastructure costs are being financially balanced with the added revenue.

St. Clair Township will continue to ensure that its Municipal customers receive reliable, safe, and effective service related to its infrastructure and related systems.

#### 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.  
April 2023 - June 2023

For current areas affected,  
refer to [stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca)

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discoloration 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 discoloration 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.  
April 2023 - June 2023

For current areas affected,  
refer to [stclairtownship.ca](http://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.

### No changes needed for new recycling provider

St. Clair Township will transition to the new program on July 1, 2023. Circular Materials has now officially provided notification that Emterra Environmental will be the dedicated contractor providing recycling collection for St. Clair Township after July 1, 2023.

All aspects of the collection, including collection routes, accepted materials, etc., will remain the same during the entire transition period, ending on Dec. 31, 2025, and

Emterra Environmental will remain St. Clair Township collector until at least Dec. 31, 2025.

No decisions have yet been made covering the period starting January 1, 2026.



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

### Gotta Dig? 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 tragedy.

Contact [OntarioOneCall.ca](http://OntarioOneCall.ca) or call 1-800-400-2255 and be sure what and where the buried hazards are.





## DIG SAFE flag urges caution

St. Clair Township recently hosted the Ontario Region Common Ground Alliance (ORGCA) flag-raising which kicks off *Dig Safe Month*, a reminder that promotes safe excavation and the protection of underground infrastructure. The ORGCA fosters an environment of underground infrastructure safety across Ontario through the promotion of public awareness and the communication of ground disturbance law and best practices. St. Clair Township is a member of the ORGCA, taking part in the organization's regional meetings as well as public awareness events within Southwestern Ontario. Property owners are reminded that, before digging or disturbing the ground in any appreciable way, it is wise to call OntarioOneCall to arrange for a locator who will check the property for buried cables, wiring, and pipelines.

**Contact OntarioOneCall.ca or call  
1-800-400-2255 five (5) days  
BEFORE you dig.**



Above: The DIG SAFE flag, raised at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on April 25, was sent skyward by, from left: Mayor Jeff Agar; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Councillor Pat Brown; Councillor Cathy Langis; Public Works Director Brian Black; and Councillor Brad Langstaff.  
B. Stevenson photo



## St. Clair Region Conservation Authority offers scholarships

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCa) is currently accepting applications for their 2022 scholarships. Up to two \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to successful candidates. The scholarships are available to graduating high school students who are pursuing post-secondary studies in an environmental field (e.g., biology, ecology, geography, forestry, agriculture, fish and wildlife, etc.). Students living within the boundary of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority or who attend a secondary school in the following communities are eligible to apply including: St. Clair Township, Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Strathroy.

Established in memory of Archibald W. Campbell, Tony Stranak, and Mary Jo Arnold, these scholarships have been made available through donations to trust funds managed by the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation. "These generous donations allow our organization to support future conservationists in the St. Clair Region as they pursue their post-secondary education. We hope these scholarships will encourage young people to take an active role in the environmental issues that impact our society today and in the future," said Ken Phillips, General Manager of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

Scholarship applications can be obtained by contacting the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority at (519) 245-3710 or visiting the SCRCa website at [www.scrca.on.ca/foundation/scholarships](http://www.scrca.on.ca/foundation/scholarships). The deadline for applications is May 31, 2023.

## New innovative fertilizer solution uses domestically-sourced pelleted cricket frass

Our farmers have been trying to cope with the crushing costs of doing business due to factors like the tariffs they must pay for foreign-sourced fertilizers. A domestic equivalent of these fertilizers is not available in quantities that would satisfy their needs, and the quest for domestic-sourced substitutions has, to date, yielded no suitable candidates.

A recent development that uses cricket frass (droppings) to enrich fertilizer is showing promise. SureSource Commodities LLC is receiving \$199,000 in provincial funding to support the advancement to market of pelleted customer-formula cricket frass fertilizers. The frass, a new alternative fertilizer ingredient, is being produced by London, Ontario-based *Aspire*, the largest cricket processing facility in the world. The company is currently testing the frass under real-world agricultural and horticultural conditions. SureSource is one of 10 applicants that will receive funding under the *Fertilizer Challenge*, a program delivered by Bioenterprise Canada, a national non-profit business accelerator that engages Ontario-based companies in funding opportunities to bring new and innovative products to market. The goal is to help Ontario's food supply chain and agricultural practices become more efficient and resilient.

Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural

Affairs, said, "By supporting Ontario-made fertilizer solutions, the government is helping give farmers more options and ensuring Ontarians can continue to rely on a safe, stable and growing food supply."

The benefit to Lambton County agricultural producers was noted by MPP Bob Bailey. "Supporting innovations like this will ensure Ontario remains a world leader in food production."

Only those who work in the agricultural sector really understand the significance of developments like this. Domestic production of effective fertilizers is crucial to the reduction of costs to our food producers and to their ability to grow high yield crops that will feed an ever-growing population.

The use of insect frass for soil enrichment and plant fertilization is in not a new idea, but its potential to liberate farmers from their dependence on foreign product is significant. "I think this is a phenomenal opportunity," said farmer and St. Clair Township Councillor Brad Langstaff. "Not only is homegrown fertilizer production huge to me, but so are organic amendments that you substitute for raw materials."





# SARNIA-LAMBTON ALERTS

Registration for Sarnia-Lambton Alerts is easy and free! Sign up online or download the Everbridge app to receive notifications directly to your smart phone or hand-held device.

**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**

SCAN HERE



VISIT  
[lambtonbases.ca](http://lambtonbases.ca)



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Everbridge App

## SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY UPDATES

- TRAFFIC INFORMATION
- EXTREME TEMPERATURES
- LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICES
- POLICE INFORMATION
- INDUSTRIAL NOTIFICATIONS
- DRINKING WATER EMERGENCIES
- EVACUATION NOTICES
- MISSING PERSONS
- SHELTER-IN-PLACE
- TORNADO ALERTS

Sarnia-Lambton Alerts uses the Everbridge emergency notification system to alert the community about a variety of events, ranging from severe weather, to traffic, and public safety.

Subscribers can customize their communication preferences by selecting which notices they want to receive and how they want to receive them.

Notifications are sent to subscribers via their preferred communication method to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information.

- Non-emergency notifications can be sent by email and/or the Everbridge app
- Emergency notifications can be sent by phone, text message, email and/or the Everbridge app

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**Emergency Preparedness Week is May 7-13!** Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere. Severe weather and accidents can strike any community. The Township is prepared to respond during an emergency but only you can prepare yourself and your family. St. Clair Fire Department encourages residents to be prepared for 72 hours by creating a plan with their family, building a kit and staying informed. Residents are encouraged to subscribe to Sarnia-Lambton Alerts. (See page 8).

-Andrew McMillan, Deputy Fire Chief - Fire Prevention



**The St. Clair Township Fire Department**  
**is currently recruiting men and women to join our team**  
All training, clothing, and equipment is provided; paid on-call firefighting and training; WSIB and insurance coverage, and AD & D insurance; Employee Assistance Program; and available Rec Club membership.

**REVIEW THE RECRUITMENT GUIDE AND POSTING ON:**

**[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)**



# BASES to host Shelter-in-Place Awareness event



The Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability (BASES) is organizing a community-wide Shelter-in-Place Awareness campaign as part of Emergency Preparedness Week 2023, which runs nationally from May 7-13. Local business and community members are encouraged to review their shelter-in-place emergency plans and schedule a shelter-in-place drill on Monday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m. when the 15 Sarnia-Lambton emergency sirens are tested for 30 seconds. Scenarios that may require a shelter-in-place advisory include: natural disasters; biological or chemical release; or a threat to personal safety.

If a shelter-in-place advisory is issued, it is recommended to SHELTER, SHUT & STAY TUNED. Bring all people and

pets inside and stay inside, close all windows and secure doors (locking provides a tighter seal), and stay tuned to local media. You can also: sign up for Sarnia-Lambton Alerts to receive important notifications; view active notifications at [lambtonbases.ca](http://lambtonbases.ca); call the Community Awareness Hotline at 226-778-4611; or connect with your local municipality for further instructions.

## Shelter-in-Place Contest

Everyone is urged to take part in this emergency drill. Those who do can enter a special contest by posting a picture of your Shelter-in-Place drill on Facebook using #EPWeek2023SLONT for a chance to win an emergency preparedness prize pack valued at over \$500. Contest closes May 13.

**In the event of a real emergency, the sirens will have a sharper tone and will sound for nine (9) minutes.**

**Emergency Preparedness**  
 FACT SHEET

hydro one

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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**

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Receive updates on: traffic information; extreme temperatures; Lambton Public Health Notices; drinking water emergencies; evacuation notices; shelter-in-place notices; and tornado alerts.

**For more information, visit: [lambtonbases.ca](http://lambtonbases.ca) or download the Everbridge App.**

## Ontario Health Coalition/Advocacy Centre for the Elderly mount court challenge re: Bill 7

The Ontario Health Coalition (OHC) and the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly recently filed a Notice of Application with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice that challenged Bill 7, which was passed last summer.

A media release issued by the OHC on April 13 states, "Bill 7 overrides elderly patients' fundamental rights to privacy and informed consent, enabling hospitals and placement co-ordinators from the Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS) to share the patient's personal health information with an array of long-term care home operators and others without the patient's consent."

The law applies to hospital patients who are deemed "Alternate Level of Care" (ALC). The law also enables hospitals and placement co-ordinators to coerce patients to move to long-term care homes they do not want to live in because the home is unsafe, inappropriate or far away from family and friends. If the patient refuses to move into such a home, the regulations enacted by the provincial government requires hospitals to charge them \$400 per day.

The regulations allow patients to be moved up to 70 km away in Southern Ontario or up to 150 km away in

Northern Ontario (with an additional proviso that patients in the North can be moved even further away if there are no beds available within 150 km)."

This is only one of the health issues being challenged by the OHC. Others include the privatization of health services, and quality of care for all Ontario residents.

### Referendum being held in late May

The Ontario Health Coalition will host a referendum (endorsed by Lambton County Council) on **public hospitals versus private services** on May 26 and 27. St. Clair Township Polling Stations will be set up at the following sites:

\*Port Lambton Community Hall will host an advanced polling station on May 3 at 7 p.m.

\*Shake 'N Bait will host a polling station on May 26 and 27.

\*Courtright LCBO will have a polling station on May 26 and 27.

**For more info, go online to:**

[ontariohealthcoalition@list.web.net](mailto:ontariohealthcoalition@list.web.net) or  
[ohc@sympatico.ca](http://ohc@sympatico.ca)

## Battery Storage Update: Challenging Change or Bigger Bills

By Bonnie Stevenson

The three proposed battery energy storage projects currently being developed by Enbridge for location in St. Clair Township are causing concern for many people because they don't understand the reason why these projects are so important. St. Clair Township Council has given Enbridge a Municipal Support Resolution that gives permission for Enbridge to construct the three projects on the company's own lands if its proposal is accepted by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). All township and country zoning, permitting, and other normal building and safety requirements will still apply to these projects. Enbridge is also required to hold regular public meetings to keep residents up to date and to give them an opportunity to voice their concerns.

If the three projects receive IESO approval, they will become part of an energy security system that will store surplus power for times when the grid would otherwise fail and leave households without power until alternate sources of power can be found to fill the gap. The problem looming in the near future is that there isn't enough domestic **energy production** to use for that purpose. This knowledge is the driving force behind the race to acquire **energy capacity**.

To understand the situation we face here in southwestern Ontario, it is important to know more about the IESO and its role in securing the energy that will keep all of our electrical requirements met.

### What is the IESO and what gives it the authority to activate projects like this?

The Electricity Act of 1998 gives the IESO authority to analyze and order actions to mitigate any situations that could affect or damage the ability of the power grid to provide reliable, sufficient power to the provincial grid. The IESO, which coordinates and integrates Ontario's electricity system, monitors the energy needs of Ontario in real time, 24/7. It balances the electricity supply with the demand and directs the flow of electricity across Ontario's transmission lines.

The IESO is also engaged in power system planning. While assessing Ontario's future power requirements, considering several changing conditions such as population growth and the electrification of vehicles and other products and processes that have been powered by other fuels like petroleum products, the IESO realized southwestern Ontario will face a **serious shortage of available energy production** in the next five years.

New generation facilities cannot be ready in time to handle the shortages. For this reason, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for new battery energy storage projects have been called for by the IESO. This is not experimental technology; the storage of surplus electricity is a proven technology that has been used successfully and safely for years in countries that include: India, the U.S., Spain, Norway, China, and Switzerland.

Even so, testing by Enbridge and the battery manufacturer, as well as independent third-party testing, has been done on these battery units to ensure they will "keep the lights on".

During the March 30 public meeting, Enbridge representative Denise Heckbert explained the process and the chilling reality of what failure to provide sufficient electrical capacity will mean to the average resident in the near future.

She first explained how Enbridge will use the batteries to collect unused energy and how the company will profit from the storage of that energy. "We're not a power generator. We are not creating any new electricity...we're buying power from the grid overnight (when there is low demand)." She explained the IESO is in con-

trol of when the stored energy is to be used. "We dispatch the power into the grid when IESO tells us to," she said.

Ms. Heckbert pointed out the actual revenue made from the batteries comes from their ability to store surplus energy and from the way the batteries will be able to balance the grid when supplies of generated electricity cannot meet the demand.

Ratepayers will benefit from the IESO's ability to draw on wasted electricity that has been harvested and put to use to solve a difficult problem. Ms. Heckbert says electricity, no matter if it is produced by wind, solar, hydro electric, or nuclear sources, has already been paid for by the IESO, which means ratepayers have already paid for it. These commercial methods of generation must continue to run when demand is low because, if shut down, there would be a considerable time lag between the time they are restarted and the time they are ready to deliver power. Shut-downs can also be extremely expensive. Ms. Heckbert reasoned that all of the power currently being wasted will be available for immediate use from the battery storage units to keep the grid in balance. "We're going to pay for that (the wasted power) when we buy it off the grid. We're going to store it, and it will be available to the province when needed, so it will help keep prices low during peak demand and it'll help make sure that the lights stay on," she said.

Recent news reports about incidents involving lithium ion battery fires in electric vehicles were cited during the meeting, calling into question the safety of the lithium ion batteries being used in the Enbridge battery storage units.

Ms. Heckbert assured the attendees the batteries chosen for the Enbridge projects are good for thousands of charges, but the exact number of charges is dependent on factors such temperature, voltage fluctuations, overcharging, and several others. She noted the batteries will be replaced when they degrade to 60 per cent capacity.

In regard to the type of lithium ion used in the Enbridge battery energy storage units, it is heavier than the type used in vehicles. Since high temperatures are dangerous for these units, each battery has its own on-board cooling system. The batteries are also made safer by making them "smart" with a layer of intelligence that can detect and predict abnormal usage or performance in the battery. Real time monitoring detects any deviations in a battery's system and triggers the initiation of whatever remedial response is required.

Explaining the meticulous care being taken to ensure the battery sites are safe, Sumesh Gupta, tech manager for self-power and energy storage, said, "There is electrical protection on the system itself, then physical security around this project - it is a fenced-in project. Within the cubes there is fire protection...there are temperature sensors throughout. There are air monitoring sensors in the cubes as well." The monitoring systems convey information back to the local remote operation centre that operates 24/7, and alarms come in when the monitor readings exceed safe operating limits. At that time, the system shuts everything down and initiates an immediate investigation into the cause of the alarm.

Ms. Heckbert noted that, in the seven years of battery energy storage usage in the U.S. and other locations, no fires have been reported. However, the strategy for safely dealing with a battery fire is known and contingencies for this unlikely event will include emergency response training of emergency personnel and the acquisition of any specific equipment necessary to accomplish it, all funded by Enbridge.





# CORUNNA

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## CORUNNA 200<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE

The Corunna 200<sup>th</sup> Committee continues to work hard to create memorable events for all to enjoy. Excitement is growing as planning around the St. George's Square dedication on May 23 takes shape. The physical elements of the parkette, as well as dignitary presence, speakers, and entertainment for the event, will ensure that this event will be one for the history books!

New features are being added to the Sept. 23 Lyndoch Street festival at every committee meeting as discussions give way to new ideas and suggestions. The latest addition to the day's roster of fun is Courtright resident Will Graham, our very own internationally-recognized tattoo, chalk, and multi-media artist. Will is going to demonstrate the fantastic original artwork he is known for, creating a special vertical art piece for the occasion. His work will be raffled off with the assistance of the Corunna Legion. Kids will be able to try their hand doing sidewalk chalk art at a specially designated children's area.

### Swag Shop online store open

This summer, you aren't going to be in style unless you're sporting some Corunna 200<sup>th</sup> logo swag. From t-shirts and hoodies, to tumblers and drink couzies, the

new online Swag Shop is the place to order your commemorative Corunna 200<sup>th</sup> goodies. The website listed below has a catalogue you can view and order from.

### Hot air balloon in Corunna!

Some lucky people are going to fly high in the iconic REMAX hot air balloon at the Sept. 23 Corunna 200<sup>th</sup> street party during the balloon's morning visit. Will you be one of them?



### Do you have a question, an idea, need info?

EMAIL: [corunna200@gmail.com](mailto:corunna200@gmail.com)

PHONE: 519-312-3747

WEBSITE: [www.corunna2023.com](http://www.corunna2023.com)

SOCIAL MEDIA: Find us on Facebook or Instagram

MAIL: Donations can be sent to: Corunna 200,  
c/o St. Clair Township Finance Dept.,  
1155 Emily St., Mooretown, ON, N0N 1M0

CORRESPONDENCE: Corunna 200, 4014 Kimball Rd.,  
Corunna, ON, N0N 1G0

**~ASK ABOUT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES~**

## Lambton County Library program *One Seed Lambton* features info and free seeds

Lambton County Library is now distributing free packets of *Dwarf Grey Sugar Snow Peas*, its selected seed for this year's *One Seed Lambton* program. *One Seed Lambton* unites the community around growing a single type of seed. This Lambton County-wide initiative also nurtures food literacy and gardening skills through workshops led by local experts. The program, which began in March, invites interested participants to pick up a free packet of seeds from any library location. Peas mature best in cooler temperatures and should be planted as soon as the soil can be worked in April. To support gardeners throughout the planting, growing, and harvesting process, Lambton County Library will offer several free workshops throughout Lambton County, including:

- Get a head start with *Preparing Your Garden* on Saturday, May 6 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wyoming Library. Sipkens Nurseries will share professional tips for starting your garden from seed.

- Explore *Vegetable Gardening 101* on Tuesday, June 6 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Forest Library. Grow your best vegetable garden with no experi-

ence necessary! Learn how much and how often to water, how to use trellises, what kinds of fertilizer to use, and when and how to harvest.

- Learn about *10 Ways to Improve your Health* on Wednesday, July 19 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Corunna Library. Learn ways to improve your health through nutrition with Lambton Public Health.

- *Seed Saving* will be presented on Thursday, August 31 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alvinston Library. Master the art of seed saving from certified seed collector, Michael Schimp. Learn techniques, from seed maturation to harvesting, drying, and storing. Schimp will also guide you through end-of-season garden care, and how to put your garden to bed for the winter.

In addition to the *One Seed Lambton* program, Lambton County Library also offers a seed library which is a collection of more than 60 flower and garden seeds. To learn more about Lambton's seed library, visit [www.lclibrary.ca/seedlibrary](http://www.lclibrary.ca/seedlibrary) or your local library.

For further information on upcoming library programs visit [www.lclibrary.ca/calendar](http://www.lclibrary.ca/calendar)

## Recycle used batteries at Lambton County Libraries

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

"Increased access and convenient battery drop-off locations will help safeguard our environment for future generations," said Andrew Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services. "Through the *Call2Recycle* program, batteries are safely collected and properly recycled to ensure that heavy metals and toxic chemicals do not impact groundwater and soil."

Anyone wishing to recycle batteries must prepare them for recycling by following the *Call2Recycle* guidelines, which include bagging the battery in a provided clear bag or taping over the battery's terminals before depositing them in the *Call2Recycle* collection boxes. Lambton County residents can drop off their used single-use and rechargeable household batteries (weighing up to 5 kg each) at the following 12 Lambton County Library locations: Brigiden, Corunna, Petrolia, Bright's Grove, Alvinston, Forest, Grand Bend, Mallroad, Petrolia, Point Edward, Sarnia, Watford, Wyoming.



## Lambton County Library and JNAAG hosting teen photo contest

The Lambton County Library and the Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery are inviting submissions for the Take your Shot: Teen Photo Contest, an annual event open to teens ages 13 - 18 in Lambton County.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for emerging artists to build their resume and portfolio," said Vanitia Campbell, Public Services Coordinator, Youth Programs & Outreach. "Portfolios are essential for post-secondary applications, or those with an interest in photography."

The theme for the 2023 contest is "Humans of Lambton" and participants are encouraged to take creative photographs of people in one of these three categories: Groups, Candid/Environmental, Creative/Fine Art.

For more information, contest rules, and instructions on how to submit your photo, please visit [lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest](http://lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest).

Each artist can submit up to 5 photographs. All contest entries must be submitted online at: [lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest](http://lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest). Photos must be submitted by July 9. Winning photos will be selected by a jury and announced on Friday, July 21, 2023.



**Don't Forget:** The latest paper edition of The Beacon is available at your local St. Clair Township library!

## Lambton County Library branches offer much more than books

Your library lends out much more than hard copy and online books: the Library's *Active Living Lifestyle* collection loans out a number of items to keep Lambton County moving. Enrich your wanderings through nature or just your neighbourhood by borrowing a pair of walking poles, go bird-watching with a set of Tasco 10x42 binoculars, find out how many steps you take with a borrowed pedometer, then find out where you are with a GPS unit. These are available to those who have a current Lambton County Library card, which is free to anyone who lives, works, studies, or owns property in Lambton County, or who resides in a First Nations community. For more information on locations, services, and hours of operation, visit: [lclibrary.ca](http://lclibrary.ca).

### Weekly St. Clair Township hours of operation

\***Brigiden** (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.





## HERITAGE CORNER

### *A friend in faith closes its doors*

Another St. Clair Township church has officially closed its doors. The familiar white church at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna was deconsecrated at an evening service on April 11. The service was led by The Right Reverend R. Todd Townshend, Bishop of the Diocese of Huron.

The original Christ Church began as a large brown building that faced south toward Hill Street and was situated about 25 feet west of the present church. It was consecrated on Oct. 4, 1863 by Bishop Cronyn. A silver communion set was given to the church by Froome Talfour to commemorate the opening.

**1905:** The second Christ Church was completed as a white frame building and the original one was torn down. The rector was Rev. Edwin Lee. The same year, it was consecrated by Archdeacon Richardson and two halls were added to the new structure.

**1954:** Major renovations were done to the parish hall, church, and kitchen. Rev. Alex Morphy was rector and Jack Kennedy was the building fund chairman.

The work continued on the parish hall and church, and to complete the projects, the congregation had to borrow \$6,000. The church and hall, with the exception of a few pews, were finished in time for the Christmas Eve service.

**1966:** In November, a teak cross made by Walter Skeleton was dedicated. The cross was made from the teak deck of the minesweeper, *HMCS Lachine*. The blonde oak panels beside the front stained glass window were added.

**1996:** The 135th anniversary of the church was celebrated and Rev. Gary Parker was rector.

2010, Nov. 28: The congregations of Christ Church, St. John's and St. George's voted at a special vestry meeting to amalgamate, combine assets, create one bank account, and a new name—All Saints. Prior to this, Christ Church and St. John's were participating in a shared ministry for several years.

**2011, May 12:** The 150th anniversary of Christ Church Corunna was celebrated. The rectors of All Saints' were the Rev. Nick Wells and the Rev. Jim Dugan. The event was held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, allowing all of the congregation to participate in the dinner and speeches.

When St. John's Church was sold, six of its stained glass windows were refurbished and installed in the Corunna church. Two existing stained glass windows were placed in light boxes and hung at the front of the church.

And finally, at 7 p.m., **April 11, 2023**, a special, memorable time of worship and the sweet sound of cho-



ral voices raised in song created all of the pageantry and honour that was due the church that had been a source of comfort and strength to so many for so long.

*-With thanks to congregation member Jim Hodgins, who contributed this brief history of the church's service.*



*Photos submitted*

### HANDY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MOORE MUSEUM

We have lost a lot of our volunteers over the pandemic and are hopeful that more people will decide to join us in our work. The activities and projects our volunteers work on vary widely; from wood working, vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, display preservation work, and helping with museum events, we work to preserve and share the history of St. Clair Township. The only qualification our volunteers require is the will to help us make Moore Museum a place where local history lives and thrives.

For more information, email the Moore Museum at: [mooremuseum@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:mooremuseum@stclairtownship.ca)





## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

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### *Machinery Masterminds program teaches new tricks for old machines*

Lambton Heritage Museum is pleased to announce the launch of *Machinery Masterminds*, a program to teach aspiring minds how to service and maintain antique machinery using artifacts from the museum's collection.

Over the course of four sessions, participants will learn about antique machinery maintenance while supporting Museum staff member Jeremy Robson in the maintenance of the Museum's historic Rumely Tractor. Participants will assist with activities such as pulling and cleaning pistons, replacing gaskets, and changing the oil. The tractor is expected to be fully operational at the end of the program.

"There are several machines in our collection that are operational with regular maintenance, and another few that could be operational with a bit of work. Having the ability to operate this equipment during events and programs adds an extra layer to the historical experience," says Dana Thorne, Curator/Supervisor of Lambton Heritage Museum. "By reaching out to local enthusiasts who may want to learn how to maintain these machines, we are building a pool of knowledgeable volunteers who will be able to help staff maintain these machines well into the future."

Sessions began in April and will continue to run from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday mornings on May 6, and 13. Interested parties must register through the event page on our website or call the museum at 519-243-2600.

All participants will be required to sign a volunteer agreement with the museum to take part in the program. There is no cost to participate.

For more information or to register for the program, visit the Lambton Heritage Museum website.



Lambton Heritage Museum staff member Jeremy Robson drives the historic Rumely tractor.

### *Easter Bunny visits Corunna during annual egg hunt*

The annual Optimist Club of Moore Egg Hunt attracted a large crowd of anxious hunters to the Corunna Athletic Park on April 2. The club gave out a total of 560 chocolate eggs and candy bags.

The event included the Junior Optimist barbecue plus games and activities for the kids to enjoy. There were so many young hunters on the field that they had to be divided into age groups. Each

group had a challenge to pick up their eggs in a different way; for instance, through a scavenger hunt or by a relay race. Draws were also made for over 25 baskets full of goodies, and a photo booth was available for those who wanted to have their picture taken with the fuzzy, fabulous Easter Bunny, who dropped by to greet its many admirers.

*Photos by Tracy Kingston*



*CAP Park becomes a hunting ground for Easter fun*



*Above: The Easter Bunny stands ready for its closeup at the photo booth.*





## Community youth receives support from Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Corunna



Left: Mooretown Lady Flags Atom B receive a donation of \$1,100P from President Eric Hancock,, standing left beside Coach Mike Gardner.

Below, the players show off their jersey numbers: From left: # 2 - Emery Melville, # 8 Kaitlin Gardner, #19 - Madison Manes, and #18 - Heidi Goodearle.



Below: Courtright Embers and Sparks receive \$250 from Br. 447. Pictures from left to right are:  
Front row: Kali Cloutier, Kaedi Cloutier, Lilith Dukelow, Ryann Roberts. Back row left: Sarah Roberts, President Eric Hancock, Kira Dukelow, Kristin Barn. Back Row: Sarah Roberts, President Eric Hancock, Kira Dukelow, Kristin Barn



Above Left: Courtright and Corunna Girl Guides receive \$750 from Br. 447.  
Front row: Emily Lane, Emily Melville, and Skyler Roberts.  
Back Row: President Eric Hancock, Jesse Melville, Andrea Lane.  
*Vanessa Barnes photos*



# COMMUNITY CONTACT

## Sacred Heart food bank helps community thrive

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



## 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.

## 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 Sarnia-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.

## 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 Corun-



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## Food Insecurity Panel Discussion



### Learn about food insecurity and how it affects our community.

This panel discussion will examine the impacts of food insecurity on individual and community health, and actionable solutions to drive change. Panelist include;

**Lana Smith** BSc, MSc, RD - Public Health Nutritionist, Registered Dietitian

**Margaret Capes** B.A. (Hons.), LL.B., M.Ad.Ed - Barrister and Solicitor, Community Law School; Volunteer with The Salvation Army Food Van

**Daphne Bourque** - The Salvation Army

**Krystal Thomson** - Manager of the Community and Family Services Department with The Salvation Army

**Kelly Chappell** - Lambton Circles Coach

**Ashlee Cousins** - Lambton College Student



**Thursday, May 11**  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Sarnia Library Theatre



Scan to register for this event.  
Visit [lclibrary.ca](https://lclibrary.ca) for more info.



[lclibrary.ca](https://lclibrary.ca) 519-845-3324  
@LCLibraryCA @LambtonLibrary

na 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.

## 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, contact Rita at 519-867-2932. More mental health resources include: Lambton Mental Health Distress Line, 519-336-3445 or 1-800-307-4319; Lambton Public Health mental health and addiction line, 519-464-4400, ext. 5370. For those who face the mental health or addiction challenges, the Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team can help. To talk to someone about local resources, call Connex Ontario, 1-866-531-2600, or the Family Counselling Centre Care Pathways, 519-336-3600.

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

Graffiti and vandalism are  
community killers...

especially when they are mean, hateful, or destructive.  
Don't just tolerate them; report them to the property owner or, on public property, the township office.



## West Lambton Community Health Centre programs

**We now offer online program registration!!**

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

(Please specify which program you are registering for on the top of the form and please note the appropriate contact info for program registration listed beside each program.)

**In Person-Low Impact Exercise:** Low impact exercises performed using body weight and resistance bands. All abilities welcome. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com)

**Mooretown Low Impact:** Thursdays at 9:30am (@ Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily St)

**Cooking Buddies:** Children's cooking classes for ages between 6-12 years old. The classes are full at this time, but a Bridden location will be available when classes become available.

**Coffee Time:** Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (@ Cardiac Rehab Site-460 Christina St. N. Parking at the back of the building, off Maxwell). Join us for coffee and conversation, free of charge! Anyone is welcome to attend! On May 12, we will have a guest speaker from the Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton organization to discuss community support & health services in the local area. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 259 or email [cdougan@nlchc.com](mailto:cdougan@nlchc.com)

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

**Master Your Health— Virtual Workshop:** May 16— June 20, from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. This is a 6-week virtual program for people living with Chronic Diseases and/or their Caregivers. This workshop entails managing your chronic conditions/stress, incorporating healthy eating, relaxation techniques and much more! To register, call Amy at 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com)

**Meditation:** Mondays 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (@ West Lambton CHC). Increase self-esteem, improve concentration, lower blood pressure, reduce stress & anxiety, and emotional balance. To register, call 519-344- 3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com)

**Opening Doors:** Healthy lifestyle program for individuals living with mental illness or seeking mental health support. For more information call 519-344-3017 Ext. 277.



### Moore Sports Complex—What's happening?

#### **Summer Camp registration**

Summer's on the way and parents will be pleased to know the Mooretown Sports Complex will offer junior and senior day camps. Registration is now available online, by phone, or in person. Camps begin July 3.

#### **Babysitter course offered**

Spaces are still available for the Babysitter course being offered on June 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register online, by phone, or in person.

#### **Summer Swim registration**

Summer swim registration opens on June 7 beginning at

9 a.m. Registration is available online, by phone, or in person.

To contact the Mooretown Sports Complex, call 519-867-2651, or to website at: [www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)

**We're also on:**

**Facebook at:** [@mooretownsportscomplex](https://www.facebook.com/mooretownsportscomplex) or  
**Email:** [info@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:info@stclairtownship.ca)



## Easter bonnet contest dresses up April Friendship Club meeting

The Courtright Friendship Club gussied up their April meeting with some fabulous headwear and a contest to determine who's chapeau was the best. The participants explored a lot of fashionable looks ranging from sweet and sassy, to flashy and over-the-top, and all of them added a bit of fun to the pot luck and afternoon meeting.

**Clockwise from right:** \*First prize winner Joyce Brock is seen here peeking out from under a multi-coloured, bunny-studded confection. \*Second prize winner was Shelley Bridgham, sporting bunny ears with floral highlights as she waits in a "conga line" to sample the pot luck lunch. \*Third prize went to Fran Potts, who celebrated her win with a song. \*At the pot luck table, Joyce Brock and Malcolm Rogers, kitted out in a sunny Easter bonnet of his own, sample the delicious dishes on offer.

### Do you want to join the fun?

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 the groups' weekly card games.

Euchre is played on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Pepper is played on Fridays at 7 p.m. The cost per game is \$3 per person.



Courtright Friendship Club photos

## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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### Brigden Country Jamboree Campout

The Brigden Country Jamboree Campout Weekend is coming on Aug. 2-7 and it's summer fun for everyone. A full weekend of events is scheduled, with daily Jamborees, 50/50 draws, food, dancing, music, a beef dinner, fun and fellowship. The cost is \$25 per night. (Nothing will be parked before 10 a.m. on Aug. 2.) Stay tuned for more details or join the Brigden Country Jamboree Facebook page for updates.

### Brigden Market at the fairgrounds

On Saturday, Aug. 5, enjoy a pleasant summer Saturday cruising the Brigden Market at the Brigden Fairgrounds. If you would like to be a vendor at the Market,

please email [alison.dion@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:alison.dion@brigdenfair.ca)

### The Ploughman's Party set for Sept. 9

Scott Manery and the Barn Burners will be featured as the Moore Agricultural Society presents The Ploughman's Party on Sept. 9 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Party-goers must be 19 or older to attend. This event is expected to sell out, so get your tickets while you can at a cost of only \$10 per ticket. Tickets are available at the fair office or from the fair director.

### LC Optimist Club hosts spring craft show

Over 70 vendors are expected to fill the Greenwood Arena (4065 Dufferin Ave., Petrolia) on Saturday, May 13. The Optimists will be barbecuing to nourish hungry shoppers and the club will have a craft table of its own to show off the talents of its members. A toonie table draw will be larger than ever. Visit the club's FB page for more info and a list of vendors.

**Beacon  
Bit**

Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds;  
The harvest can either be flowers or weeds.

~William Wordsworth - poet





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### Moore Sports Complex SUMMER CAMP

Registration now open

Our 2023 Camp brings the exciting experience of summer camp to children with crafts, songs, games, swimming, and much more! Each day will be filled with fun, adventure and lots of activity. Summer camp registration can be for the week or the full summer.

[Register online](#) or call 519-867-2651.

**Camp Hours of Operation**

Regular Camp Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Extended Before care begins at 7:30am Monday - Friday

Extended After care ends at 5:30 pm Monday - Friday



### 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

**Saturday, September 10  
at 9 a.m.**

On Saturday, Sept. 10 at 9 a.m., enjoy a geocaching adventure at the beautiful Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area. It's open to everyone - those who know how to do this or are interested in learning about it. No registration will be required for this fascinating activity.

**Sunday, September 10 - 9 a.m.**

**Sunday, September 24**

### Foundation Memorial Forest Dedication

On Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area, the SCRCA Foundation will host the dedication of its Memorial Forest. The forest contains trees planted in loving memory of those who have passed away. Their loved ones and donors to this time of remembrance will be invited to attend, by everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information about remembering a loved one in this special way, email the SCRCA office at [stclair@scrca.on.ca](mailto:stclair@scrca.on.ca).

For more information about activities, email:

## Cornhole Tournament

**Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 will host a cornhole tournament on Saturday, July 15.**

Play will start at 10 a.m., with teams going head-to-head on multiple sets of boards.

Entry fee of \$30 per team is due upon registration - pre-registration is required.

For more information or to

register, contact:

Russ Lloyd (519) 312-5241

[Russlloyd94@gmail.com](mailto:Russlloyd94@gmail.com)



Join the fun at  
the Br. 447 hall,  
350 Albert St. in  
Corunna!



**CASH BAR!  
FOOD!**

Sombra Sports and Recreation presents

## SOMBRA DAYS

**JULY 7-9, 2023**

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SOMBRA TOWNSHIP



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JOIN US!**



**Township of Sombra Optimist Club  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show (post Covid)**

**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

**Brander Park,**

**Port Lambton, Ontario**

**8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

**\$10.00 per car registration at gate**

**Spectators Free**

Lots of Awards \* Participant Draws  
Food on Site\* Dash Plaques \* Live Music  
Refreshment Tent \* Soap Box Derby  
**Much more to be announced** -- Watch  
our Facebook page for the exciting fun.....

More info contact:

JOHANNE LEACH 519-331-5737 OR LOUISE REEK 519-892-3459

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[@SOptimists](#)

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Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby	April 28 - May 7
Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby Awards Night	May 17
Kids Training Day <i>Registration Required</i>	May 27
General Membership Meeting	June 13
Shoreline Cleanup	June 17
Family Fun Fishing Derby	July 8
Walleye Derby	July 28 - 29
General Membership Meeting	September 12
<i>Next Year's 1st General Membership Meeting January 9, 2024</i>	

All events are open to the public.  
Visit our website for details on all events.

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### Bluewater Anglers Hatchery

Pt. Edward Waterfront Park  
P.O. Box #174 | Sarnia | Ontario | N7T7H9  
519-344-9821 [www.bluewateranglers.com](http://www.bluewateranglers.com)

## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



### **LEGION Corunna Legion Br. 447 events/activities**

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Corunna will host the following activities. **CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY.**

#### **Regular Legion Br. 447 Activities**

Every **Monday** is Pepper at 1 p.m. (closed May 22)

Every **Wednesday** is Wacky Wednesday all day.

Every **Thursday** is Cribbage at 1 p.m.

Every **Friday** is Bridge at 1 p.m.

Every **Saturday** is Meat draw at 4 p.m.

Every **Friday** - Fun Darts at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2-\*General meeting; Tuesday, May 9-Ladies

Auxiliary Meeting; Tuesday, May 16-Executive Meeting.

\*Note: Only fully-paid member can stand and vote.

#### **Special events at Br. 447**

#### **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, see page 19**

Please note the building is wheelchair accessible.

### **ELVIS is coming to Corunna Legion**

Put on your blue suede shoes and party like it's 1956 at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 when the **ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW** takes to the stage on Saturday, May 6. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Contact the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240 for tickets.

### **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 the groups weekly card games.

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The **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is the third Monday of each month for the following month. **June issue deadline will be Monday, May 15 by noon.**  
**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME!**

Euchre is played on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Pepper is played on Fridays at 7 p.m. The cost per game is \$3 per person.

### **Sombra Community Centre Euchre**

A euchre party is now held at the Sombra Community Centre every Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. Play will continue until May 19. Ten games will be played each afternoon. New players will be welcome.

### **Kinsmen Club on/line raffle**

The Kinsmen Club of Sarnia is holding its first Father's Day online 50/50 with proceeds to St. Joseph's Hospice and other local charitable and not-for-profit organizations. The winning ticket will be drawn a 4 p.m. on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18. License RAF1288800. To purchase tickets go to: <http://sarniakinsmenribfest5050.ca/>

### **Sombra Optimists to host 17th annual car show**

Get the details for this much-anticipated annual event on page 19.

### **Raffle tickets for Brigden Fair quilt on sale**

If you haven't ordered your Brigden Fair Homecraft Division **Annual Quilt Raffle** tickets yet, you can get them from any Homecraft member (in person), at events such as the September Downriver Craft Show (Mooretown), at the fairgrounds, or you can purchase by e-transfer at [quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca). Be sure to include how many tickets you want to purchase, including names and contact information for the tickets. The cost is \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5, and they can also be purchased in larger quantities. Your tickets will be emailed to you. The winning ticket will be drawn Thanksgiving Monday, but don't delay! Limited tickets are available.

### **Treat Special Lady to Mother's Day Brunch**

Bring your special lady to the Mother's Day Brunch at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, May 14. Seating will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with adults \$15, children 6-10 \$8, and children 5 and under free. No reservations are required. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, hash-browns, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, ham, bacon, toast, fruit cocktail, and beverages.

### **Brigden Fair sponsors invited to get on board**

If you've ever thought about being part of the Brigden Fair, now is the time to do it. Let's discuss opportunities for you and/or your company to become a class sponsor at the fair. It's easy - just give us a call at 519-864-1197 to talk about it or email: [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca) or [michelle@evanitski@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:michelle@evanitski@brigdenfair.ca)

Anyone who wants to sponsor a class in the Brigden Fair prize book should get in touch before May 15 to ensure your name is noted in the prize book. A Homecraft sponsorship can cost as little as \$25. Livestock sponsorship is higher so please call for details and you'll find out all of the possible categories you can choose from.

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