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Students make *Tomorrow's Greener School Today*



Clockwise: Students Andrew, kneeling, Bea, and Ella, right, excavate a hole large enough to accommodate the root ball of a new red maple sapling while resource teacher Claire Kennedy makes sure there are no mishaps.
B. Stevenson photo

Grade 5/6 students at Sir John Moore Community School recently took part in a tree-planting program that was originally supposed to happen just before the pandemic brought everyday life to a halt. Before the pandemic, SCRC, in partnership with Lambton Public Health, called for applications from Lambton County schools that wished participate in the *Tomorrow's Greener Schools Today* program. Through the program, chosen schools receive a selection of indigenous sapling trees, and students learn about the value of the trees to the environment while participating in the planting process. Sir John Moore teachers Claire Kennedy and Jordan Black applied and their application was one of six submissions chosen. And although the program was delayed by the pandemic, it started up again as soon as it was safe to do so.

On May 11, the Sir John Moore students, with the help of their teachers, SCRC, and LPH representatives, were each given a shovel of their own, divided into groups, and set to work planting 11 trees in total, including: four red maple; two silver maple; three Skyline Honey locust; and two bur oak. Cedar mulch finished each planting.

During the afternoon, the students were also educated about the importance of trees to their own well-being, like the way they absorb carbon dioxide and other air pollution, and produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and cut down on noise pollution.

The students were also made aware that as the trees grow and mature, they will provide protection from the sun for future generations of students who will play in the Sir John Moore school yard, which is currently without much shade. As adults, they will be able to look at the trees and take pride in the way they helped make Tomorrow's Greener School Today.

CONTACT THE BEACON: 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. Upcoming council meetings will be: Monday, June 5 at 3 p.m. and Monday, June 19 at 6 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.*

Township seniors now have Seniors Advisory Committee rep

The Lambton Seniors Advisory Committee has been formed to give older Lambton County adults a voice. The committee is comprised of one senior representative from each municipality in Lambton County, one County of Lambton Councillor, one County of Lambton staff, one Navigating Seniors Care Lambton member, and one Indigenous representative. The goal of the committee is to work toward the betterment of life for seniors in our community. The committee will report to Lambton County Council on issues that affect the County's seniors.

St. Clair Township is well-represented by Avril Helps of Corunna, who attended the May 15 meeting of council. The retired nurse has worked as a psychiatric care nurse and has taught at Lambton College in the Personal Support Worker program. She also worked for the Red Cross as a supervisor and at the now-defunct CACC. During her career, her work often involved working with seniors in various capacities.

Avril says she has several concerns about our health care system as it relates to seniors. She says many are being discharged from hospital too soon after treatment. "People are being sent home into dangerous situations," she said. "Caregivers may not be able to handle the person." She is also concerned that seniors do not have adequate access to transportation and, when needed, personal support workers.

The committee is just getting started, but seniors will soon be able to voice their concerns and their issues with the knowledge that they will truly be heard.

See Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton, page 4.

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 10th**, please email 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



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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

Accessibility Advisory Committee Requires Three Committee Members

The Township of St. Clair is seeking three community members to join the Accessibility Advisory Committee. The community members must be a person living with a disability.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meets once per year but may meet more as needed; and members will be compensated for mileage and per diem.

The main purpose and of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise Township Council on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its multi-year accessibility plan.
- Advise Township Council on other accessibility related issues within the Township.

Applicants must be over 18 years of age. As per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, a majority of the committee members shall be people living with a disability. The Committee is currently made up of one councillor, two members of staff, and member from the community.

Please contact Clerk Jeff Baranek by email at jbaranek@stclairtownship.ca or by phone at 519.867.2021 x1241 to receive an application form. This recruitment will remain open until the three vacancies are filled.

Personal information in relation to the recruitment and hiring process is collected under the authority outlined in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Accommodation for disabilities is available for all parts of the recruitment process. Applicants must make their needs known in advance.



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

or call 1-800-387-7768.

MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES



Formal St. Clair Township portrait now online: The new website portrait of St. Clair Township was recently taken. From left: Councillor Cathy Langis; CAO John Rodey; Councillors Bill Myers and Brad Langstaff; Mayor Jeff Agar; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Holly Foster; Clerk Jeff Baranek; Councillor Pat Brown. *B. Stevenson photo*

Age-friendly Sarnia Lambton a game-changer for older adults



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

Help and Homemaking; *Home Maintenance and Repair; *Home Modification; *In-home Hospice Palliative Care; *In-home Personal Support; *Meal delivery services; *Personal Emergency Response systems; *In-Home Rehabilitative Care; *Seniors' Intervention and Assistance services; *Shopping and Grocery assistance; *Food Delivery in Sarnia-Lambton; *What to Expect from Home Care; and *Are you a caregiver?

For more information about **Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton**, go online to:
agefriendly.sarnialambton.ca

The Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton website focuses on adults age 55+. It has expanded to support active, healthy, and engaged living for people at all stages of life. It was launched through a grant from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, and has evolved with the help of several other grant opportunities. The age-friendly content of the website is informed by feedback gathered from community members and care providers within Sarnia and Lambton County.

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

In accordance with the WHO (World Health Organization) Age-Friendly Community (AFC) framework, a vibrant community that supports healthy and active aging addresses eight fundamental categories: housing; transportation; outdoor spaces and buildings; community support and health services; communication and information, civic participation and employment, respect and social inclusion, and social participation

Age-Friendly Best Practice e-course offered

Those who deal with the public, especially those who work with older adults and people with disabilities, can benefit from the free *Age-Friendly Best Practices* e-certificate course. Learners are encouraged to evaluate personal bias and incorporate age-friendly best practices into service standards and the workplace environment.

See page 14 for details.

Help at Home Services for Sarnia-Lambton residents

The *Help at Home* services include: *In-home dental care services; *In-home foot care services; *Falls Assessment and Prevention programs; *Friendly Visiting; *Home and Community Care support services; *Home





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.

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: June 19 and 21; and 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



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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

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

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 or call 1-800-400-2255 and be sure what and where the buried hazards are.





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



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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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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



Practice makes perfect as St. Clair Township Fire and BASES host emergency response exercise



Bonnie Stevenson

In the St. Clair Township area, it isn't just residential and business emergencies firefighters must deal with. These well-trained, well-equipped teams sometimes respond to emergencies at local industrial facilities where the nature of the emergency requires more corrective action than any facility can muster. On May 17, an Emergency Exercise Response Exercise was held at the St. Clair Ethanol plant adjacent to NOVA Mooretown to test response abilities.

The entire exercise was monitored at a distance by drones and televised at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, where a group of representatives from participating industries and municipalities, as well as other stakeholders, gathered in the newly upgraded Council Chamber. During times of emergency, the room will become the auxiliary command centre for emergency response operations.

BASES General Manager Jason Vaillant explained the need for these response simulations, and the need for local collaboration and resource sharing to keep our communities safe.

Emergency Exercise Response **emergency simulations** are held to determine how well the area's industries and emergency response personnel can work together for a positive outcome. These exercises also allow all industries and stakeholders the opportunity to find out what shortfalls in training, equipment, and/or supplies need to be addressed.

The May 17 emergency **simulation** involved the theoretical release of a large volume of ethanol at the St. Clair Ethanol plant. The plant's safety system called for water but the water supply was insufficient and foam was applied to suppress the imaginary ethanol vapours. Fortunately, foam was applied to suppress the ethanol vapours. St. Clair Township's two 100-foot tower fire trucks arrived at the scene, deployed, and began tamping down the ethanol vapour with

foam while the water situation was rectified.

A simulated 911 call was made and mutual aid was requested. This initiated the use of an integral communication procedure. The procedure included notifying Praxair, a nearby industrial neighbour, of the release, which would allow the facility to shut down safely if the emergency had been real. The hydrants with the water supply problem were soon back in service thanks to help from the plant's neighbour, NOVA Mooretown. This incident exemplified the value of group practice sessions and the need for optimum communication between emergency responders.

St. Clair Fire Chief Richard Boyes says the event marked the first time all of the area emergency groups and partners were able to work together. In addition to the St. Clair Fire Department and St. Clair Ethanol, the event incorporated "mutual aid participants" that included: Sarnia Fire Rescue Services; Point Edward Fire & Rescue; NOVA Chemicals Fire Department; Shell Refinery Fire Department; Suncor Oil Refinery Fire Department; Imperial Oil Refinery Fire Department; Preferred Towing-BASES foam trailer; and Lambton College Fire School.

During the exercise, two drones and one stationary camera were used to monitor the action, allowing a group of representatives from the participating industries and municipalities, as well as the Ministry of the Environment, Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, Sarnia Lambton Environmental Association, OPP, EMS, and the media, to get a sense of the detailed protocols that must be observed.

Chief Boyes says, "We thought the operation was a success. We set a number of goals and objectives, and we met them. We had some questions answered." The few hiccups that occurred during the event were noted and will be lessons learned. Chief Boyes said, "We did find some areas that need improvement...but that's why we do this."



St. Clair Fire Chief Richard Boyes guided the observation room audience through the exercise as the action happened. The St. Clair Township Council Chamber has been outfitted to act as an auxiliary emergency response monitoring facility.

Emergency Preparedness

FACT SHEET



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

New solar-power lighted safety crosswalks being installed

Students and pedestrians crossing St. Clair Boulevard now have a safe place to cross thanks to a new solar-powered crosswalk located across from Sir John Moore Community School.

The new installation is the first of three street crossings currently supervised by crossing guards during school hours. The other two will be located on Hill Street and on the St. Clair Parkway at Brander Park.

Pedestrian safety has been an on-going concern for council. The decision to use these energy efficient pedestrian safety systems was made after staff research found that these lighted crosswalks have been proven effective in other urban areas including: Chatham-Kent, St. Thomas, and Leamington.

Left: The installations are being handled by Field Contracting Electrical Contractors. Chris Field (shown on the ground right) watches as D. J. Wellman takes a ride skyward in the 'bucket' to finish the job.



B. Stevenson photo

St. George's Square parkette now a historical reality

The new St. George's Square on Hill Street in Corunna is now a reality. Its dedication celebration, held on May 23, attracted a huge crowd, including about 450 children comprised of students from Sir John Moore Community School, Col. Cameron Public School, and St. Joseph's Catholic School, and children from the Chippewa Daycare who treated the crowd to *Oh, Canada* sung in Ojibwa.

The event began with the stately parade of the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Corunna Branch 447 Col-

our Guard. Students filled the air with song and St. Clair Fire Department Chaplain Kevin McGlade blessed the site with a light-hearted presentation that underscored the special nature of the celebration. Dignitaries in attendance included: Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott, MPP Bob Bailey, Aamjiwnaang First Nation Chief Chris Plain, and St. Clair Township Jeff Agar.



Below: School students from Corunna area schools watch as the St. George's Square dedication gets underway. They provided fantastic music for the occasion and participated in an event that will be remembered for generations to come.



Children from Chippewa Daycare sing *Oh, Canada* in Ojibwa.



Above: Canada 200 organizer and emcee Tracy Kingston reveals the handmade quilt made by the students of Sir John Moore school.



A huge mixed choir of Corunna school children belt out the song, "I'll Be There" for the crowd led by St. Joseph's School teacher Jen Brown Nead (top left) and her guitar.

Centre: Parade of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Colour Guard starts the celebration.

Photos by
Bonnie
Stevenson

Two new storyboards tell the tale of St. George's Square site



Two new heritage storyboards were unveiled during the May 23 celebration. The talented and knowledgeable volunteers of Heritage St. Clair developed them to tell the full story of the St. George's Square site.

The story didn't end with the land's brief moment as Canada's capital. It was also the site of the Erie and Huron Railway Corunna station. Through historical images and photographs, and well-researched copy, visitors to the new St. George's Square site will find out why the new parkette is such an important place.

Above Left: The St. George's Square storyboard is unveiled by two men who saw the original stone cairn unveiled in 1987. Charles S. Nisbet, left, was the reeve (mayor) of Moore Township from 1986 to 1992. He and his wife, Isobel, have been residents of Corunna all of their married life and currently live at

Thompson Gardens. **Right:** Jeff Hands witnessed the unveiling of the original stone cairn at the age of 13 after winning a Town Crier contest.

Above right: Mayor Jeff Agar lifts the cover off of the Erie and Huron Railway story board assisted by Anne Van Dyk, who is researching the Beresford side of her family.

Congratulations to the Corunna200 Committee and all of the businesses, organizations, and volunteers that helped to make this event such a success. Once again, this event has shown Corunna to be an all-for-one-and-one-for-all kind of community!

B. Stevenson photos

Other Sponsorship Options

- \$3,000** Your contribution will help with the beautification of St. George's Square which would have been the site of the parliament buildings.
- \$2,500** We want to give away **200 books!** A local author will be chosen to provide books and read to the kids.
- \$1,300** Be the one to provide a place for people to go!
Portable toilet rental.
- \$800** **Clown Around!** Magic show, animal balloons, games and limbo for the kids.
- \$600** **Mermaid Meet and Greet** Help bring the mermaids to dry land for this fun filled event.
- AMOUNT OF YOUR CHOICE** Every penny counts!
Any donation will be put to good use to help make the events a success.
- IN KIND** If you have a product or service that you can donate to help us make the event great, let us know!

All sponsors will be included in and featured in social media posts and on the website sponsorship page.
A sponsor logos will be included on a banner on display at the street festival.

Questions or Ideas? Call Tracy 519-312-3747 or email corunna200@gmail.com



Do you have a question an idea or need info?

EMAIL: corunna200@gmail.com

PHONE: 519-312-3747

WEBSITE: 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 Department

1155 Emily St., Mooretown, ON, N1M 1M0

CORRESPONDENCE: Corunna 200
4014 Kimball Rd.
Corunna, ON, N1G 1G0

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HERITAGE CORNER

Annual Moore Museum Victorian Tea pleases patrons' palates



The annual Victorian Tea at the Moore Museum is always a crowd pleaser, offering several flavours of warm scones served up with real butter and fruit preserves, and warm beverages served in delicate china cups. Museum volunteers make the event happen, working at close quarters in the heat of the 1860s era Reilley Cottage kitchen.

Left: Cutting generous wedges of delectable homemade scones and plating them for service at the prep table are, from left: Marg Griffith, Suzanne Hodgins, and Lynda Richardson. Right: The Garva sisters, Olivia, 18, Emily, 14, and Leah, 11, were kept busy in their role as serving staff. B. Stevenson photos

Sombra Museum and Moore Agricultural Society receive grants from *The Foundation*

The Judith and Alix Foundation (The Foundation) has advanced grants to Sombra Museum and the Moore Agricultural Society.

Sombra Museum will receive funds for the restoration of the Abraham Smith log cabin and the installation of interpretive signage.

The Moore Agricultural Society will receive funds to make accessi-

bility upgrades to the Multipurpose Building at the Brigden Fairgrounds.

The Foundation issues grants to help with worthy community projects. Over its 30 year history, the Judith & Alix Foundation has advanced over \$6 million to over 50 community projects like the purchase of portable bleachers for the Lambton Fairs Association.

Ontario Trillium Foundation grant funds digital information sign

The recent meeting of Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) representatives and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey celebrated the two Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grants the organization received in 2021. The funds were used for several projects, from the imposing digital information sign that now stands at the main gate to the Brigden Fairgrounds to the personal safety equipment used to keep staff and guests safe during the pandemic and rehiring of staff let go during the pandemic.

The sign is already beaming out information on upcoming events and activities slated for the fairgrounds, but it will also be used by MAS and other community agencies to bring awareness of activities and safety alerts to urban and rural residents.

"For nearly 175 years, the Moore Agricultural Society and the Brigden Fair have provided agricultural programs to enhance the quality of rural and urban life through positive community leadership. It is an honour to recognize their fine work through this OTF funding," said MPP Bob Bailey.



Right: Taking a moment to check out the new digital signage are, from left: MAS member Orrie Wigle, MPP Bob Bailey, MAS Past-President Malcom Rogers, MAS President John Scott, MAS Director Michelle Evanitski, Justin Cumming, and MAS member Duncan MacRae. B. Stevenson photo



Right: Proud of an afternoon's work to improve the environment by planting trees at Sir John Moore Community School, Grade 5/6 student Laura and her helpers show off the silver maple sapling they have just planted. Helpers include, left, Kelli Smith, conservation land specialist for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) and SCRCA Chair Pat Brown, also a St. Clair Township Councilor.

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You're Cordially Invited!

LAMBTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 AT 5:00PM
Petrolia Lions Hall - 451 Huggard St, Petrolia ON

LCDs IS LOOKING TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

If you are interested and would like to learn more about each position, please visit our website www.lcdspetrolia.ca, or call Nick Salaris at 519-882-0933 ext 12 or email at nsalaris@lcds.on.ca deadline for Board applications is end of day Friday, June 2, 2023

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR OUR IN-PERSON AGM:

Masking is optional and at the discretion of all that are attending.
Physical distancing is recommended when possible.

lcds

One person at a time.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES ~ INNOVATIVE LEADERS

There will capacity limits in place. Please RSVP to Magda Kromarova at mkrcomarova@lcds.on.ca or (519) 882-0933 ext 10 by June 19, 2023

Outstanding Business nominations open



Nominations for the 33rd Outstanding Business Achievement Awards, sponsored by the Samia Lambton Chamber of Commerce and Libro Credit Union are now being accepted. If you have a favourite business, individual, entrepreneur, or non-profit organization you would like to see honoured, show your appreciation by nominating it.

OBAA Trophy nomination categories: Agri-Business; Excellence in Customer Service; Innovation; Young Professional; Green Business; Inclusivity; Small Business of the Year with 1-10 employees; Medium Business of the Year with 11-59 employees; Large Business of the Year with 60+ employees; Entrepreneur of the Year; Non-Profit of the Year; and Member of the Year.

Nominations are now being accepted on-line and will be accepted until June 30.

The judging panel, comprised of Chamber members from outside the Samia Lambton community, will review the nomination forms to ensure a transparent and fair selection. The results will be kept secret until they are announced during an awards gala to be held at the Sunbridge Hotel in Point Edward on Friday, Oct. 20.

Nominations will be accepted

through an online form at:

<https://www.slchamber.ca/news-events/obaas>

Currents swim team excels at final meet in Chatham



The St. Clair Current swim team fielded 23 swimmers in its last swim meet of the season at *Team Champs* in Chatham on April 23.

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The team came home with lots of ribbons as well.

CONGRATULATIONS, SCC SWIMMERS!

Take your customer/client service up a notch with free online course

The *Age-Friendly Best Practices* courses will help you:

- Support the largest growing demographic in Sarnia-Lambton, adults 55+
- Educate staff and volunteers on providing inclusive client and customer service based on the needs of an aging population
- Identify barriers for older adults, caregivers, and service providers from their own experience and perspectives
- Address and encourage change in the workforce
- Teach best practices for age-friendly environments, interactions, and system navigation improvements
- Help embed a healthy aging lens into the delivery of programs and services in our community

Age-Friendly Best Practices for Business and Service Providers e-Certificate Course



Is your business positioned to serve the fastest growing market group in Sarnia-Lambton?

Integrate Age-Friendly training tools into your workplace

The Age-Friendly Best Practices for Business and Service Providers e-certificate course is an easy and informative way for organizations to embed a healthy aging lens into the delivery of programs and services in our community. It's free and you can complete each chapter at your own pace.

<https://bit.ly/age-friendly-course>

Presented by



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: Brigden, 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.

Each artist can submit up to 5 photographs. All contest entries must be submitted online at: 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.

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.

Weekly St. Clair Township hours of operation

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

to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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





Scrumptious donation made to St. Andrew's food bank

Operation Christmas Tree (OCT), a year-'round community assistance project operated by the Optimist Club of Moore, recently put meat on the table for clients who must use the St. Andrew's Presbyterian food bank. The club donated \$500 that is earmarked for the purchase of meat. *Left: OCT volunteers Ken and Davida Nimmo, left, present the cheque to food bank volunteer and Councillor Holly Foster. Donations such as this are crucial for the on-going function of food banks, not only during the holidays, but throughout the year.*

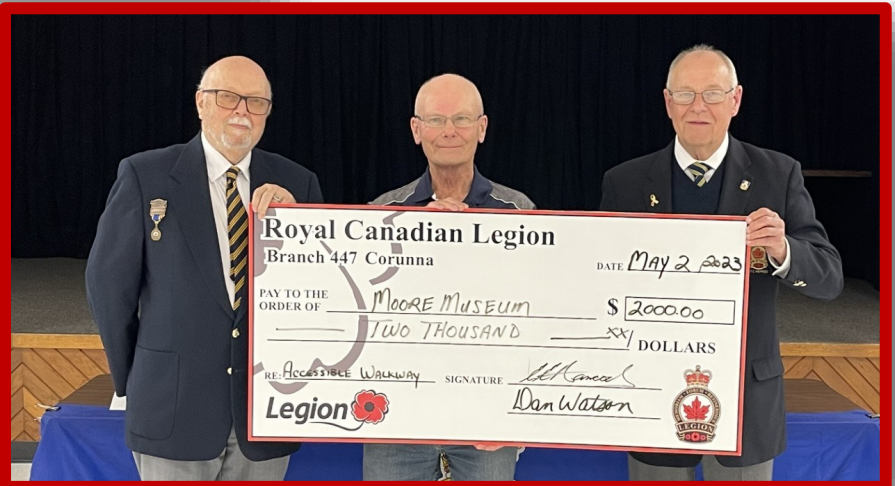
Photo submitted

Legion donation will fund accessible walkway

A \$2,000 donation from the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Corunna will help make the Moore Museum more accessible for more visitors.

The donation is earmarked to fund the museum's Accessible Walkway Project, which will help disabled visitors view the display of vintage farm machinery along the east side of the Shaw Building.

Right: Museum volunteer Dave Taylor, middle, receives the donation from Br. 447 Past-president Eric Hancock, left, and Br. 447 Treasurer Dan Watson.



COVID-delayed SCRCA 2022 scholarships presented

The pandemic prevented a lot of events from happening, including the in-person presentation of the 2022 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority scholarships. The scholarships are available to graduating high school students who live within the boundary of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and are pursuing post-secondary studies in environmental field such as biology, ecology, agriculture, fish and wildlife, forestry, and geography. *2022 scholarship recipients, shown below receiving their awards from 2022 SCRCA Chair Mike Stark, from left: Clark Dunn receives the Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarship; Heather Scott receives the Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship; Kiersten Denning receives the A. W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship; Tesni Greig-Clarke receives the A. W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship.*

~SCRCA photos~



Clark Dunn



Heather Scott



Kiersten Denning



Tesni Greig-Clarke

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 Corunna at the intersection of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Brigden United Church activities/service

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

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 costs \$\$

While graffiti or spray painting public or private property may be considered mischief, the Canadian Criminal Code says it is a crime. The deliberate damaging of property not your own is a criminal act according to the Criminal Code of Canada. Defacing property is considered vandalism. If you see acts of vandalism, offensive slogans or graffiti in public spaces, please notify the township office. If you are the victim of vandalism, report it to the OPP.

SCC garners hardware at Team Champs

Our feisty St. Clair CURRENT swim team did very well at their last meet of the season, Team Champs, in Chatham on April 23.

STCC had 23 swimmers attending the Team Championship in Chatham.

Nine swimmers won top three trophies for their respective age groups. Here is the breakdown:

Isalah Tebbens (16) 1st Place in Over 14; Trevor Marut (16) 2nd Place in Over 14; Whitney Wilson (14) 2nd Place in Over 14; Matteo Fanelli (11) 1st Place in 10/11; Jenah Stephen's (10) 1st place in 10/11; Brooklyn Suboni (10) 3rd Place in 10/11; Daniel Jackson (9) 3rd Place in 8/9; Kaylah Stephen's (8) 2nd Place in 8/9; Adam Jackson (6) 1st Place in the under 7.

The team came home with lots of ribbons as well.

WAY TO GO, CURRENT!



Top trophy winners pose for their Victory portrait.

SCC photo

West Lambton Community Health Centre programs

We now offer online program registration!! Please visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/> (Be sure to specify which program you are registering for on the top of the form.)

Please note: This Health Promotion Calendar will be the last until September as we will be revamping and planning new programs for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. This programming break will allow our volunteers to have a much-deserved rest - please take an opportunity to thank them next time you see them!

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

Sarnia Low Impact (Canatara Park): Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (we meet at the pavilion towards the middle of the park, next to the newer children's play equipment -not near the animal farm). ****NEW DAY ADDED**

Coffee Time: Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (at Cardiac Rehab site, 460 Christin St N. Parking at the back of the building, off Maxwell Street). Join us for coffee and conversation, free of charge! Everyone is welcome to attend! To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 259 or email 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. Please visit <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-info/garden-fresh-box/> for more details about the contents of the bags/boxes. For info, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email adinell@nlchc.com. Orders are accepted in person with payment. Cash ONLY.

Master Your Health— Virtual Workshop: on Tuesdays, started May 16 to June 20, from 1:30-3:30pm. 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

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.

Trail walking around Lambton County various locations: Started May 25, every Thursday at 10a.m. To register and receive the trail location schedule call 519- 786-4545, ext. 327.

Virtual Dietitian Visit - Feeding Your Toddler: June 6 at 1:30 to 3:30pm. Learn ways to support your toddler's picky eating by getting tips and ideas for healthy snacks and meals advice from our Registered Dietitians. To register, email EarlyON@nlchildcare.ca.

Program registration days will be held again in August,
so watch for upcoming program information here in The Beacon and stay well.



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

We're also on:

Facebook at: @mooretownsportscomplex or
Email: info@stclairtownship.ca

SOMBRA DAYS

JULY 7-9, 2023

Friday

6:00 pm Co-Ed Two Pitch Tournament begins
 6:00 pm Refreshment Tent Opens
 8:00 pm Dance – must be 19 years or older
 Admission charge **\$10.00 before 10 pm, \$15 after 10 pm**

NO ADMITTANCE AFTER 11 PM

9:00 pm- Musical Entertainment – **Cherry Dogs**
 1:00 am

Saturday

9:00 am Co-Ed Two Pitch continues
 9:00 am Food Booth Opens
 11:00 am Refreshment tent opens
 11:00 am- Musical Entertainment – **Cellar Door**
 2:00 pm
 12:00 pm- Children's Inflatables
 4:00 pm
 1:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament begins
 (12:00 pm registration)
 1:00 pm- Face painting
 3:00 pm
 2:30 pm- Musical Entertainment – **DAZL**
 5:30 pm
 7:00 pm Refreshment tent/Food Booth closes

Sunday

8:00 am- Soap Box Derby Races
 4:00 pm
 9:00 am Food Booth Opens
 8:30 am Co-ed two pitch continues
 Finals – late morning
 11:00 am- Musical Entertainment – **Spirit of the 60's**
 2:00 pm
 12:00 pm- Children's Inflatables
 4:00 pm
 12:00 pm Refreshment tent opens
 11:00 pm Co-Ed Volleyball begins
 1:00 pm- Sombra Museum Children's exhibit &
 3:00 pm Face painting
 1:00 pm- Horse drawn Wagon Rides
 3:00 pm
 2:30 pm- Musical Entertainment – **Vinyl Revival**
 6:30 pm
 6:00 pm SS&R 50/50 Draw
 7:00 pm Refreshment tent/Food Booth closes



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Lambton Farm
Safety Association

be held at the Petrolia Arena on Thursday, July 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This FREE, fun and informative family event will include lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required online at:

Lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com

or by calling 519-344-7858.

75th Anniversary Celebration in Port Lambton

St. Clair Township Fire Department Station #5 in Port Lambton (362 Broadway Street) will host its family-friendly 75th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This special celebration will feature kids' activities and gift bags, displays, demonstrations, food, and prizes. The St. Clair F.D. Command Unit and Tower Truck will be on-site for the occasion.



**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SAFETY!**

SOMBRA TOWNSHIP



**COME
JOIN US!**



**Township of Sombra Optimist Club
17th 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

[SombraTownshipOptimistClub](https://www.facebook.com/SombraTownshipOptimistClub)

[@SOptimists](https://twitter.com/SOptimists)

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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.

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 be-

come 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 or 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.

Progressive Agricultural Safety Day

The Progressive Agricultural Safety Day, sponsored by the Lambton Farm Safety Association, will

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St. Clair Conservation 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 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.

For more information about activities, email: dblue@scrca.on.ca or stclair@scrca.on.ca.

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 p.m.

Monday - Friday

*Extended Before care begins at 7:30 a.m.

Monday - Friday

*Extended after care ends at 5:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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.

Door prizes from local sponsors.

For more information or to register, contact:

Russ Lloyd (519) 312-5241

Russlloyd94@gmail.com



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



CONGRATULATIONS to Rob McBean of

Corunna who won 2nd place with a 7.55 lb. Walleye in the Bluewater Anglers salmon derby.





2023

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
Next Year's 1st General Membership Meeting	January 9, 2024

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



Bluewater Anglers Hatchery

Pt. Edward Waterfront Park
P.O. Box #174 | Sarnia | Ontario | N7T7H9
519-344-9821 www.bluewateranglers.com

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



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 Branch 447 events

Saturday, June 17, 6-9 p.m. - Pub Night with Mark Blaney

Saturday, July 15 - Cornhole Tourney, see page 19

Please note the building is wheelchair accessible.

Al Capone documentary being hosted by K of C

The king of the mobsters, Al Capone, will be the subject of a documentary slated for Port Lambton

Sacred Heart Church Hall on Thursday, June 1 at 7 p.m. As most downriver residents know, big Al's illegal bootlegging activities extended up both sides of the St. Clair River. The U.S. Prohibition Era was full of police chases, escapes, shoot-outs, and clandestine late-night booze runs, and this event will give those "in the know" a chance to share their stories. All free-will donations will be put towards our community's needs.

Wilkesport United Church celebrates 150th anniversary

The congregation of Wilkesport United Church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church with a joyful celebration service on Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this special event, which will include the inspiring sounds of the singing group, Mercy, hymns accompanied by David Lee and Myrna Hyatt, and a stirring sermon by Pastor Betty Jean Page, with special guest Mayor Jeff Agar. To mark the occasion, a new tree will be planted and the dedication will take place during the celebration. A light lunch and cake will be enjoyed following the service and dedication.



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. 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.

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 at 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-Saturday, June 17
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

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ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION AVAILABLE

A free full-colour digital copy of The St. Clair Township Beacon is available by subscription by emailing:

beacon@stclairtownship.ca

Type "subscription" in the Subject line and include your full name.

If you don't have a subscription, visit the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca and click on The Beacon icon.

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,

**E-MAIL
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AT:
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con@stclairtownship.ca

The **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is the third Monday of each month for the following month. **July issue deadline will be Monday, June 19 by noon.**
EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME!



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Just look for the Beacon Bin.