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Family outing in Guthrie Park



A proud pair of Canada geese recently took their family of 13 for a swim in Talfourd Creek while getting some exercise in Guthrie Park. The St. Clair River shoreline becomes an avian nursery each spring and treats those who use the parkway to charming scenes like this one.

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Grade 2 student Hudson Davidson is a budding entrepreneur who loves to help others in spite of his own challenge.

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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 summer council meetings (one per month) will be: Monday, July 10 at 3 p.m. and Monday, August 14 at 3 p.m., with twice-monthly meetings resuming on Monday, Sept. 3 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.*

Trail sweeping discussed

The need for increased sweeping along the St. Clair River Trail was discussed in response to safety concerns over certain stretches of the trail. In his report to council, Works Coordinator of Operations Dave Neely noted that the cleanliness of the asphalt surface varies throughout the season depending on weather events, construction at properties abutting the trail, overgrowth of uncut grass, and other factors.

The entire trail, on- and off-road sections, is swept twice a year in the spring and the fall. On-road paved shoulders are swept by the Township-owned and operated street sweeper truck, usually in conjunction with urban street sweeping. Off-road sections are swept by a local contractor equipped with an appropriately-sized machine.

Mr. Neely reported the cost of sweeping is about \$6,000 per cycle, with two cycles per season funded by the trail maintenance portion of the operational budget.

But through the season, keeping the trail clean of debris, sticks, *Continued on page 3*

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

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)

## 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 co-operation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Jeff Baranek, Clerk

519-867-2021





## MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

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### Family makes presentation to council

Deputations to council are usually pretty standard, but a family presentation at the June 19 meeting was something special.

The Houf family of Corunna attended council to ask that a by-law be made to allow, with restrictions, boulevard gardens. That alone was not unusual, but when the presentation became a family affair, it became a fascinating lesson in civics.

The family came prepared with a well-researched and organized power point presentation managed by 10-year-old Beatrice and narrated, in turns, by dad, Brian, mom, Erica, and 12-year-old Hayden. The family responded to council's

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Above: The Houf family makes their presentation to council while viewing their power point information on the large display screen as they speak.

## Age-Friendly Sarnia Lambton benefits older adults' quality of life



Challenges faced by older adults are often difficult to handle, both for themselves and for those who care about them. Aging at home is a preference for many, but self-sufficiency issues can make that choice impossible.

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

For more information about Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton, go online to:

[agefriendlysarnialambton.ca](http://agefriendlysarnialambton.ca)

The Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton website focuses on adults age 55+. It has expanded to support active, healthy, and engaged living for people at all stages of life. 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.

### 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 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. There is also information on food delivery in Sarnia-Lambton and what to expect from home care. Caregivers can also find



**The St. Clair Township Fire Department**  
**always welcomes men and women to join our team**  
 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.

**For more information, review the recruitment guide and posting at:**  
**[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)**

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questions and explained why they decided to approach council with their ideas.

Township by-law 31 of 2014 requires property owners to cut the grass on Township boulevards fronting or adjacent to privately-owned lands when grass exceeds 15 cm. (six inches) in height. The Houf family seeks a change in the by-law to allow boulevard plantings that compliment the residence they front. Small pollinator gardens and other complimentary small height-limited landscapes would be possible and, if well-kept, would compliment the appearance of the neighbourhood. The plantings could use salt-resistant species to be able to cope with road salt.

The family listed some ecological and economic benefits the boulevard plantings would offer - reduced lawns to mow, more habitat for pollinators, and increased biodiversity within the area.

The family acknowledged that township and utility infrastructure is buried under most boulevard properties, but the plantings would be done with the knowledge that

they could be dug up if necessary with no expectation that the township or utility provider would restore the planting.

Council thanked the Houfs for their information. Since a new strategic plan is still in the works for St. Clair Township, public input is still being invited and considered.

### Sarnia-Lambton Real Estate Board deputation

George Mallay of the Sarnia Real Estate Board made a presentation to inform council of how the board can be helpful in providing market data, buyer behaviour data, and input for the development Official Plans and other township policies.

Mr. Mallay said the board has 320 local realtors representing 3,000 buyers and making more than \$1 billion in annual transactions. 2022 figures for St. Clair Township showed there were 127 MLS residential sales and six commercial sales. The median list price for a residence in the Township is \$599,900, with the county average at \$530,420.

## 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**



## *It can't happen to you? Don't believe it!*

The Ontario Fire Marshall reports that in 2022, 133 fire-related deaths occurred and many of them were due to the lack of functioning alarms.

Ontario Fire Marshall Jon Pegg says, "For some reason, Ontarians just don't believe that it will happen to them. It's a combination of no working smoke alarms, and not having the plan (for evacuating the residence) in place when a fire does happen...to know what to do and how to get out. It's devastating and we need to change it. Smoke alarms are the deciding factor in people's lives. It is the one device that will give you the early notification you need to get out. You literally have seconds. The only thing that will save your life is a working smoke alarm."

Smoke inhalation is the most common cause of death in house fires. When you hear the smoke alarm, it is your early warning and you must be ready to respond to it. Even if you know your way around your residence, smoke will quickly disorient and choke you to make escape next to impossible.

One of the latest tragic and unnecessary incidents where a smoke alarm could have made a difference occurred this year on June 2 in Brampton, Ontario when a mother and her child died in a house fire. There were no working smoke alarms on the first floor or in the basement, where the family lived.

The Ontario building code requires the presence of a smoke alarm on every floor of a dwelling, especially where there are rooms where people sleep. Ideally, they should be installed near the ceiling (smoke rises).

If you have difficulty with your alarms, contact the St. Clair Township Fire Department for assistance at 519-481-0111.

**ONLY A WORKING SMOKE ALARM CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

Be sure to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarm units regularly and replace the battery once a year.



# It takes a community to help police fight vandalism

*Bonnie Stevenson*

Vandalism is considered mischief, but that label doesn't change the fact that the Canadian Criminal Code says it's a crime. The deliberate damaging of property not your own is a criminal act according to the Criminal Code of Canada.

OPP Cnst. Jamie Bydeley says the public should feel confident reporting an act of vandalism, which includes painting on private or public property, as soon as it is noticed, but it's important to call the right number.

"It's not an emergency when you wake up and you find that your shrubs in the front yard have been damaged because somebody decided to walk on them or you have spray paint on your driveway," he said. "That doesn't warrant a 911 call. They should call 1-888-310-1122 - it's called the non-emergent line."

The need for speed can make the difference between catching the culprit or putting up with further damage to property. Complaining to someone other than the police doesn't stop the crime. Cnst. Bydeley says some people report it to their police services representative instead of the police. "If there's been a crime of mischief, you need to contact the police and then, we can come and investigate it in a timely manner rather than waiting for the month-end police service board where we'll have nothing to go on," he said.

He added that people should not hesitate to call in a report of any crime. "They don't have to feel bad about contacting the police, even if they were on the fence about whether to call or not," he said. "Non-emergent line calls are dispatched in a non-emergent fashion so that when officers are able to attend, they will absolutely do that." In some cases, the officer may call the person who reports the crime to gather infor-

mation while it's still fresh in his or her mind. "An officer may call and say, 'There's nothing we can do right now but I'll create a report so it's on file. There are a lot of different options,'" said Cnst. Bydeley.

When the vandal or vandals are apprehended, there are several ways to proceed. "If we were able to identify the individual that's done the crime, we'd be able to take a number of different steps," he said. "If it's a young person as defined by the Criminal Justice Act, we would have the option of a Rebound program."

The program is intended to divert young offenders from vandalism by teaching them how their actions affect others. "It's a good program to get a young person into if they're going down that path because it will, hopefully, help them realize the consequence of their choices," said Cnst. Bydeley.

However, the severity of those choices may require a stronger course of action. "We can move all the way up to criminal charges if we deem they're warranted. They will result in the individual having to go to court to answer to the charges," he said. "We have a range of ideas or paths we can take depending on all of the circumstances."

So the next time you are the victim of an act of vandalism, report it as soon as you see it.

"I encourage people to report any kind of crime," said Cnst. Bydeley. "Call the OPP right away and then it can be investigated."

**OPP Non-Emergent Line**  
**1-888-310-1122**

## 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.

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 or**  
**Email: [info@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:info@stclairtownship.ca)**



## Public Works Department

After hours emergency  
~1-888-441-4204~

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

Fax.....519-867-2128  
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. Collection will be cancelled again on 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<br>7:00am-5:00pm<br>Saturday<br>8:00am-12:00pm | 519-332-4045 | 10 bags of compost \$20.00<br>\$2.00 per bag roughly (subject to change) |
| Curran Recycling                | 526 McGregor Side Road Sarnia | Monday-Friday<br>7:00am-5:00pm<br>Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm     | 519-332-0849 | \$65 metric ton<br>\$20 if under 500 lbs                                 |
| Waste Depot                     | 456 McGregor Side Road Sarnia | Monday-Friday<br>6:00am-8:00pm<br>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<br>8:00am-noon                               | 519-627-8101 | \$30.00 per cubic meter or \$2.00 per bag                                |

### Mosquito Control Set for Township

The County of Lambton will be running the annual Mosquito Larvicide program throughout the County. Larvicide tablets will be placed in catch basins throughout the Township three (3) times during the upcoming season. Although the St Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) has been contracted in recently years to perform this work, this work will now be completed by Pestalto Environmental Health Services Inc.



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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 - October 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 - October 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

- Starting July 1, 2023 residents wishing to report any recycling collection issues are to contact the Contractor (Emterra Environmental) directly at 1-888-597-1541.
- Alternatively, visit their website at [emterra.ca](http://emterra.ca), and click on "Customer Service" section.
- For further recycling issues / concerns residents may also contact "Circular Materials" by email at: [customerservice@circularmaterials.ca](mailto:customerservice@circularmaterials.ca)



**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.







## New refrigeration systems for Moore Sports Complex rinks dedicated



**Above:** Councillors and guests received a tour of the new refrigeration facilities and saw Rink #2 in action during the Refrigeration Project Recognition event. The group included, from left: St. Clair Township Councillors Cathy Langis, Brad Langstaff, Holly Foster, Pat Brown, Mayor Jeff Agar, Ontario Trillium Foundation representative Bob Sutton, MPP Bob Bailey, Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, and retired Mayor Steve Arnold, who's council and staff worked to obtain the funding and set the project in motion.

A new, safe indirect cold brine refrigeration system now serves both rinks at the Moore Sports Complex (MSC) thanks to a \$500,000 Community Building Fund-Capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). On May 25, MPP Bob Bailey and OTF rep Bob Sutton met with the township's Community Services team and St. Clair Township Council at the MSC to dedicate the new system and take a tour of the sparkling new compressor room that houses it.

The old, potentially dangerous refrigeration system pumped ammonia directly out under the concrete rink surface to create ice.

The new system uses ammonia to chill a brine solution before it is pumped out of the compressor room and under the concrete rink surface.

The rink project focused on the compressor room and the secondary refrigerant lines that run out under the new cement pad in Rink #2. The floor was also outfitted with in-floor heat which allows for the year-round availability of ice by adding up to 5,000 more hours of available ice time each year. It also increases the flexibility and output of activities. When the ice is removed, the concrete floor can still be used for other activities and events.

Calvin Cornish, the stationary engineer/electrician that oversees the new system, explained the system has modern monitoring capabilities for four compressors - two for each rink, and two chillers - one for each rink. He said he was surprised when he first saw how rapidly the new system made ice.

An indication of how radical the difference is between the old and new systems is the comparison Mr. Cornish made when he saw the cold brine system in action. He told his crew that working with the new system was like driving a Corvette after driving an old Studebaker.

**Top right:** In the compressor room, Calvin Cornish, back to the camera, explains the operation of the cold brine system during the tour. His audience includes, from left, Councillor Holly Foster, Steve Arnold, Mayor Jeff Agar, and MPP Bob Bailey.

**Bottom right:** St. Clair Township Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay and Councillor Holly Foster check out the new control panel that keeps the new system running.



*B. Stevenson photos*



## Two St. Clair Township fire stations host special events



The June 10 weekend saw two St. Clair Township fire stations hosting special events. At the Port Lambton station, firefighters invited the public to join them in celebrating the station's 75th anniversary of service. The celebration featured activities for the children, an exciting auto extrication demonstration, a stove fire demonstration, air pack and fire attack demonstration, and picture displays, plus a barbecue, prizes, the command unit and tower truck, a visit from the Ontario Fire Marshall Jon Pegg, speeches and presentations.

**TOP RIGHT:** The 75th anniversary open house was a family affair for this happy group. Clockwise from left: Barb Taylor with sleepy 8-month old Ryan Van Dommelen, Lindsay Van Dommelen, standing, with husband Eric, Christine Pelletier and her grandson Kaysin Pelletier, Ken Taylor standing behind his great-grandson Kaysin, Miria Pelletier, Kaysin's aunt, Cathy Myers, Taylor Maw and son Connor, 2. *The Beacon apologizes for missed or muddled names.*

**RIGHT:** The barbecues were sizzling with burgers and hot dogs to feed the hungry crowd attending the celebration. The grill masters included, from left: Matt Anthony, Adrian Kloet, and Shawn Lozon.

**BELOW LEFT:** Port Lambton District Chief Jake Taylor received a St. Clair Township Certificate of Congratulations for 75 years of service from Mayor Jeff Agar.

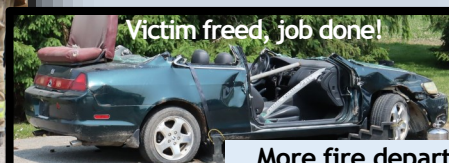
**BELOW MIDDLE:** St. Clair Township Fire Chief Richard Boyes presents Port Lambton firefighter Dave Taylor with his 45 year bars.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Port Lambton District Chief Jake Taylor receives a Certificate of Congratulations for 75 years of service, issued by the Office of the Fire Marshall of Ontario and presented by St. Clair Fire Chief Richard Boyes.



An extrication exercise demonstrated a race against time to free a trapped crash victim.

Left: Heavy hydraulics, crow bars, and lots of muscle were on display as a determined crew of Port Lambton firefighters demolished a donated vehicle to demonstrate how crash victims are removed from badly damaged vehicles. The removal of the top of the car enabled the use of a stretcher if the victim's injuries warranted special care. Derelict vehicles used by St. Clair Township fire stations to practice the use of these specialized cutting tools and extraction techniques are donated. See St. Clair Fire Department's Facebook page to donate a vehicle. In return, the donor receives a tax receipt for \$500 issued by St. Clair Township.



Victim freed, job done!

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## St. Clair Township Corunna station holds Firemen's Field Day .....with a twist

The Firemen's Field Day at the St. Clair Township Corunna fire station featured an adorable twist this year. Instead of the firefighters competing in skill testing games, the children had a chance to try their hands at some important firefighting exercises. The bunker-coated kids tried their hand at several skills such as fire hose deployment, life saving, and putting out a mock house fire.

The event also featured the ever-popular bouncy inflatables, lots of food and treats, and safety demonstrations.

**TOP RIGHT:** The 100-foot boom on mighty tower truck #22 was deployed to kid level to supply a refreshing spray of water.

**BELOW RIGHT:** 1. Pint-sized firefighter trainee, three-year-old Neviah MacKenzie, maneuvers through the field day course carrying her rescued victim and encouraged by Lambton College Fire Science student Alexis Harback.

2. Alexis helps Neviah reel in the heavy hose after completing her rescue mission. Neviah is the granddaughter of Corunna residents Roger and Debbie MacKenzie.

Corunna fire station firefighter Scott Brown said, "The Lambton College Fire Science students did an amazing job with the children who attended." B. Stevenson photos



## Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 supports local sports



Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch President Shawn MacNeil, left, presents cheque for \$650 to the U11 Lady Giants Select. The group includes, front left: Sophia Kennedy, Khloe DaPont, Riley Stokes, Kate Leitch, Kenzie Salisbury, Skyla Vandenheuval, Taylor Lovegrove, Claire Schieman, Claire Marsden. Back row left: Kennedy Ross, Coach Dallas Leitch, Cali Vandershlacht, Aven Douglas, Coach Paul Salisbury.

Photo submitted





Left: A lineup of lunchtime diners are closely watched by a floppy inflatable.

## Benevolent barbecue benefits bunnies

A charity barbecue to benefit the bunnies at *Sweeties Rescue*, held June 17 at the *Green Scene Lawn Care* location on Hill Street, was a great success. It attracted people from the neighbourhood and passers-by who stopped to grab a bite and do some shopping at the vendor stalls. Many stopped by the *Corunna200* table to find out more about the Corunna-wide summer scavenger hunt and the upcoming street celebration on Sept. 23. But one of the highlights of the event was the delicious refreshment being served by young entrepreneur Hudsyn Davidson, **above right**. For 50 cents, this shy but motivated Grade 2 student was serving up a well-balanced lemonade garnished with a delicate slice of lemon hooked over the rim of the glass; it wasn't your average lemonade stand. Although Hudsyn was born with a heart defect, his mom, Amber, says he has forged ahead with his goal of learning how to make money. He lists fundraising as one of the things that makes him happy and it's a feeling he highly recommends. "It's good to help," he said during a brief interview with *The Beacon*. His mom says her son enjoys helping and making people happy. "He has a big heart," she said.

**Top Left:** *Green Scene Lawn Care* owner Conner Oakes tends the grill as customers Sheila Nichols, left and Carolyn Burke wait patiently for their lunch.

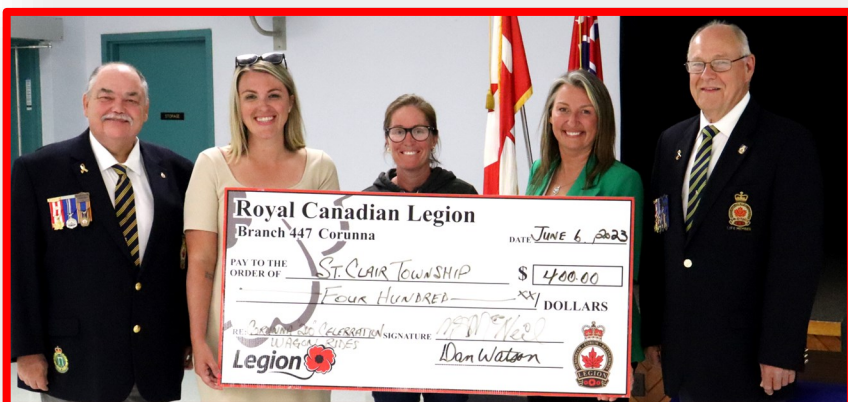
**Right:** *Sweetie's Rescue* operator Ashley Mulvihill says her Samia-based operation, which rescues stray, abandoned, or owner-surrendered domesticated rabbits, has been in operation since July 2018. The rabbits are spayed/neutered and vaccinated, and available for adoption. Volunteers, foster homes, and donations are needed and much appreciated.



Hudsyn



To find out more, email: [sweetiesrescue@outlook.com](mailto:sweetiesrescue@outlook.com) or call 519-490-8979.



The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch recently presented a cheque that will help provide wagon rides during the *Corunna200* street celebration on Sept. 23. The rides will be held in conjunction with the breakfast being hosted at the Corunna Legion hall the morning of the celebration.

On hand for the presentation, left: Branch 447 President Shawn MacNeil, *Corunna200* Committee members Ashley Robbins, Melissa Atyeo, and Nicole Smith, and Branch 447 Treasurer Dan Watson.

B. Stevenson photo

**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.**

**Do you have a question, an idea, or need info?**



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## 17th annual Sombra Township Optimist Club Car Show showcased motorized perfection



Right: A SunLiner tri-pontoon "party boat", complete with retractable stilts for docking, was also on display at the car show while its owner took in the auto extravaganza.

The show attracted 227 fantastic vehicles.



Below: Ken Hall, left, and his custom-built 1938 Dodge coupe had admirers lined up to get a look at the shiny 392 Hemi engine that powered the car. Fellow car enthusiast Lang Chase, shown right, was one of those admirers.

Ken says the car took 10 years to build and he did most of the custom work himself, right

down to the curly maple finish on the dash board. "There's not much stock left in it other than the block," he said. He added that the hood ornament was original to the car and the leather interior was professionally done.

*B. Stevenson photos*



Original ram hood ornament, top view.



## HERITAGE CORNER

### Wilkesport United Church celebrates 150th anniversary

The Wilkesport United Church was built in 1873 with lumber hewed from the surrounding forest.

And on a sunny Sunday in 2023, Wilkesport United Church, still standing and lovingly tended, celebrated 150 years of service to the community.

Outside, a newly-planted *Autumn Blaze* maple sapling and a commemorative rock and plaque waited to be dedicated. Inside, Pastor Betty Jean Page delivered a sermon that carried a message of optimism and thanks. Woven throughout the service was beautiful music, supplied by organist David Lee, pianist Myrna Hyatt, the vocal duo, *Mercy*, comprised of Mikkie Burnham and Helen VanderHeide, and hymns sung by the congregation.

The church's fascinating history was revealed by Sombra Museum Curator Kailyn Shepley and Mayor Jeff Agar delivered a Certificate of Congratulations on behalf of the people of St. Clair Township.

After the service, a sumptuous after-service lunch was enjoyed by the congregation in a newly-painted community room. The building has new stained glass windows designed and made by artist Margaret Anne McKichan, and the exterior is landscaped with a donated Weeping evergreen and flowers.

The congregation would like to express their appreciation to the following businesses and helpers who made the celebration a tremendous success: DeGroot's Nursery and John DeGroot for his guidance in choosing the maple tree; Feddes Fabrication for the metal cross; All Seasons Trophies and Signs; BB Painting, Wallaceburg, and paint donor Beth Burrell who used it to beautify the community room; Courier Press; Sarnia and Lambton County

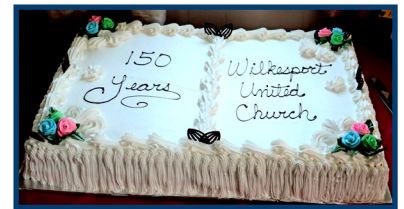


The dedication of a new Autumn Blaze maple tree and a commemorative plaque was witnessed by the congregation after the anniversary Sunday service. This picture acknowledges the church staff, volunteers, and tradespeople who offered their service and assistance to upgrade and beautify the church.

*B. Stevenson photos*

This Week; Wilkesport UCW; Radio Chatham-Kent 89.3 FM for advertising; the St. Clair Township Beacon for publicity; Pastor Page for donating the celebration cake; Jerry and Karen Annett; Chuck and Betty Lauwereys; Jeff and JoAnn Shepherd; Beth Marchand; Bill Myers; Facebook coordinator Shirley McKeegan; Ann, Deb, and Pam Shepley.

*Thank you to all  
who helped make  
this special day  
happen!*



Wilkesport United Church Pastor Betty Jean Page, front of congregation on right, holds up the Certificate of Congratulations on the church's 150th anniversary that was presented to her by Mayor Jeff Agar (front middle).

*B. Stevenson photos*



## MORE HERITAGE CORNER



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
**Blueberry Social**

SATURDAY JULY 8TH, 2023  
1:00 PM-4:00 PM AT SOMBRA MUSEUM

ENJOY LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES, DESSERT, AND  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5 PER PERSON.

*We hope to see you there!*

  
SOMBRA MUSEUM  
CULTURAL CENTRE

## 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)



### 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 im-

pact 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, Mall Road, Petrolia, Point Edward, Sarnia, Watford, Wyoming.

## 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

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

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

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

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

\***Wilkesport** (519-864-4000): Tuesday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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### Quilt show to display dozens of quilts and handmade items

The North Lambton Quilters' Guild, established in 1989, have exhibited their work at the Lambton Heritage Museum for over 15 years. Their shows have expanded to include other handmade items like clothing, wall hangings, table toppers and quilted accessories. Historic quilts from the museum's collection will also be on display to highlight old and new techniques. The show will also feature quilting demonstrations, a tea room, and vendors selling quilting supplies and books, and the Guild's quilting rummage sale.

## Summer Reading Buddies program matches Little Buddies with big ones



A recent report, *The State of Kids and Reading in Canada*, revealed reading to children and encouraging children to read throughout their childhood has a number of positive benefits. Many parents already read to their children, but there are parents who, due to work responsibilities outside the home and within the home, can't find the time to do this.

The Summer Reading Buddies program can help those parents give their children valuable exposure to the magic of words and the joy of hearing a story unfold on the page.

**Students interested in being a Summer Reading Buddy can call 519-332-487, email: [tracy.pound@literacylambton.org](mailto:tracy.pound@literacylambton.org), or connect on Facebook, @literacylambton Facebook or @literacylambton**

### Reading an important life skill

Parents polled during the *State of Kids and Reading in Canada* study noted reading was a valuable tool in helping develop vocabulary and language skills. It encouraged children to use their imagination and created an enthusiasm for reading.

In the long-term, it provided an alternative to excessive hours spent with technology and promoted greater success at school. The ability to read and understand the written word is crucial to a child's future success.

Unfortunately, according to the Ontario Human Rights Commission 2018-2019 study of Ontario student performance, 18 per cent of Grade 6 students did not meet the provincial writing standard. The study noted, "...data on reading is cause for concern...too many Ontario students are being left behind."

Every three years, 15-year old students across Canada are tested for their reading, mathematics and science skills. This testing in 2018, done in 79 countries through the International Student Assessment (PISA), (a collaborative effort among members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development of which Canada is a member) focused on literacy.

Ontario students performed well in the 2018 testing, but areas of concern were also noted, including: girls performed significantly better than boys in reading; since 2000, overall reading scores have declined; the reading gap between students with the highest and lowest performance levels has widened; 13 per cent of students (about one in seven) performed at the lowest levels of PISA; socio-economically advantaged students performed better than socio-disadvantaged students by about 4.8 per cent. About 24 per cent of advantaged students and only 7 per cent of disadvantaged students were top performers in reading.

## Lambton County Library launches annual Summer Reading Program



Lambton County Library's summer reading program is back this year with opportunities for children aged 0-12, teens aged 13-17, and adults. This year's themes are *An Ocean of Possibilities* for children, *Make Waves* for teens and *Challenge Yourself* for adults. Registration for these programs is now open.

"The summer reading program encourages reading, imagination, outdoor engagement, and community involvement," said Vanitia Campbell, Public Services Coordinator, Youth Programs and Outreach. "Participating in the summer reading program aids in learning skills outside of the classroom."

To register, create an account with Beanstack, and join the summer reading challenge. Beanstack is an electronic reporting software that can be accessed using a mobile device, a computer, or with the help of library staff at any location. Once registered, participants can pick up their registration kits from any Lambton County Library location during operating hours.

Through July and August, participants can take part in activities, games, and challenges and set reading goals for themselves. Books can be borrowed at any library location, and eBooks are available through digital platforms found at [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca).

Activities, games, and challenges launch on July 3, 2023. Events will be taking place across Lambton County,

including Pirate Parties, Stargazing Parties, StoryWalks, Tales from the High Seas, Captain Corbin's Boatload of Fun Pirate Adventure Magic Show, and more!

### An Ocean of Possibilities - Children's Program

Participants will receive an age-specific registration package (0-4 years, 5-8 years and 9-12 years) in English or French, including a passport, program instructions, supplies for a DIY activity, activity sheets, and a recommended reading list. For every five books read, kids will earn one free book prize to

### Make Waves - Teen Program

This year's theme for teens is Make Waves, and the program focuses not only on reading, but exploring the outdoors and helping your community. By signing up for the program, teens, aged 13 - 17, can read and complete activities to earn book prizes and entries into prize draws for \$50.00 Amazon gift cards. Teens will receive a book prize for every 200 minutes read, to a maximum of three book prizes.

### Challenge Yourself - Adult Program

Adult readers can take on activities and reading challenges and set personal reading goals along the way. Complete activities and earn reading log badges in Beanstack and submit ballots each time you visit a library for a chance to win a \$50 to \$100 Tourism Sarnia-Lambton gift certificate.

For more information about the summer reading program, visit [www.lclibrary.ca/srp](http://www.lclibrary.ca/srp)



## 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

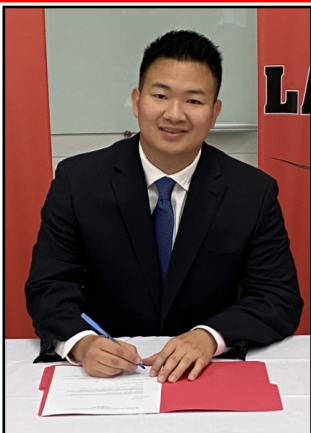
Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. More information regarding the Brigden United Church schedule is available on Facebook.

### 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.

**Notice: West Lambton Community Health Centre programs are discontinued for the summer, but will resume in August with program registration days.**



## 2023 LCCVI Nicole Scholars named

All LCCVI students know about the Helen Kavanagh Nicol Scholarship, but few achieve the level of excellence needed to receive it. Corunna resident Carson Love and four other LCCVI students rose to that level this school year.

Carson, a proud former graduate of Colonel Cameron Public School, will be attending the University of Windsor in the mechanical engineering (aerospace) program and will be participating in their Outstanding Scholars program as well. He maintained an extremely high academic average and won every math contest he wrote each year.

He participated and led several clubs at LCCVI (including art club, welding club, TNT, IFC, Key club, and tutoring) and volunteered with various community projects including youth leadership, Kiwanis Club, and the Alzheimer's Society of Sarnia Lambton (among others). He is a lifeguard at Mooretown Sports Complex and has participated in athletics at the SWOSSAA and OFSAA levels in track and field and swimming.

The five Nicole Scholarship recipients also included Tristan Nemcek, Leah Davis-Lumley, Kiera Maw, and Riane McEachern.

*Photo submitted by K. Love*

## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

**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

**Raffle tickets for Brigden Fair quilt**

Tickets for the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division annual Quilt Raffle are on sale now from any Homecraft member (in person), at any events like the Downriver Craft Show at Moore Museum in September, at the fairgrounds, or by e-transfer at: [quiltaffle@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:quiltaffle@brigdenfair.ca). The cost is \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. It can also be purchased in larger quantities. Tickets will be emailed to you. The winning ticket is drawn Thanksgiving Monday. Tickets are limited so don't delay.

**Brigden Country Campout Jamboree****Wed Aug 2 - Mon Aug 7, 2023**

2435 Courtright Line, Brigden

Camping Available \$25/Night; Hydro & Water  
 Nothing parked before 10 a.m. on Aug 2nd

Campout Cafe open starting Wednesday

Daily Jamborees - 7 pm

**Friday**

Banana Split Night

**Saturday**

Brigden Market

Ontario Vintage Tractor Pull - noon

Roast Beef Dinner 5 pm

**Sunday**

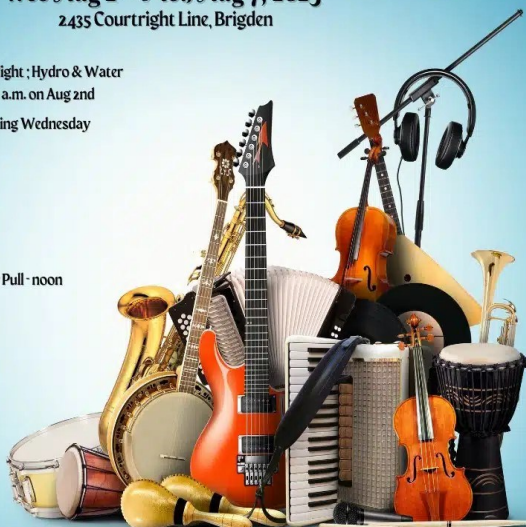
Breakfast followed by

Open Gospel at 9 a.m.

**FOR MORE INFO:**

Contact Bill Myers  
 226-627-1679  
 or Brigden Fair Office  
 519-864-1197

Join the "Brigden Country Jamboree" FB page for updates.



*Vendors Wanted*

# Brigden Market

Would you like to be a Vendor at this year's Brigden Market?

**Saturday August 5th 2023**  
**9am-2pm**  
**Please email:**  
**[alison.dion@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:alison.dion@brigdenfair.ca)**  
**for more information**

**At the Brigden Fair Grounds**

**Brigden Fair Ambassador wanted for 2023-2024**

The Brigden Fair Ambassador competition is just weeks away and we're looking for candidates from 17 to 24 years of age as of August 1, 2023, either male or female, to apply. Applicants who have already represented any Ontario fair in the past are not eligible, but previous contestants are welcome to enter again. Previous participants of the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs Competition are not eligible. Applicants must be willing to represent Moore Agricultural Society at the Brigden Fair on October 6, 7, 8 and 9, and attend various parades, banquets and other events as required to enhance fair representation in the community.

Competitors need not come from a farm but should have some agricultural knowledge and must be capable of representing the rural, farm aspect of our community.

For details and entry form, go online to:

<https://www.brigdenfair.ca/fair/ambassador/>

**Ploughman's Party features Scott Manery & the Barnburners**

One of the most entertaining and in-demand musical acts you'll ever see is Scott Manery and the Barnburners. Lucky you! They're coming to Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall on Sept. 9. Tickets are just \$10 per person (19 and over) are available at the fair office or from MAS directors. Cash only please.





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an adult. Pre-registration is required online at: [Lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com](mailto:Lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com) or by calling 519-344-7858.

### Sombra Museum Blueberry Social

Another summer favourite is back at the Sombra Museum. The Blueberry Social is slated for July 8 from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature lots of activities, scrumptious desserts, and live entertainment. The suggested donation for the social is \$5.

**NOTE: The Sombra Museum will have a table at Sombra Days on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. making little sail boats out of foam.**

## **St. Clair Conservation 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

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: [dblue@scrca.on.ca](mailto:dblue@scrca.on.ca) or [stclair@scrca.on.ca](mailto:stclair@scrca.on.ca).

## PORT LAMBTON GALA DAYS

Gala Days are on the way the weekend of August 4-6. The event will feature 2-pitch baseball and a dance on Friday night, the parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. and volleyball/2-pitch on Sunday with a Home Run Derby after the men's ball final.

**Also on Saturday**, there will be children's games and activities on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. 50/50 tickets will be sold, a penny table will be open all day, and there will be music by Mat Gauthier, The Gypsy Flats, and Brothers Wilde.

### Gala Days Parade - Sat. Aug. 5, 11a.m.

To enter your float, truck, classic car, farm equipment, etc. for the parade, call Jordan at 519-312-7499. ENTRY IS FREE! Staging will be at the Port Lambton United Church (corner of William and Hill Street.) Judging will be at 10:40 a.m.

There will be cash prizes for the best float. Due to safety concerns, no water balloons or water guns should be used, and candy must be hand delivered, NOT THROWN.

ID will be required for the purchase of alcohol and wristbands will be required.

**SEE YOU AT GALA DAYS!**

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



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





# 2023

|                                                            |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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.


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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)

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### Corunna Legion Br. 447 events/activities

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Corunna will host the following activities.

#### Regular Legion Br. 447 Activities

Every Monday is Pepper at 1 p.m.  
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.

#### Special Branch 447 events

**\*Saturday, July 15 - Cornhole Tourney.** Pre-registration required. \$30/team. Email: [Russlloyd94@gmail.com](mailto:Russlloyd94@gmail.com) or call 519-312-5241.  
**\*Thursday, July 20-Trivia Night** -\$5/person or a team of two for \$15. All monies returned as prizes.

Please note the building is wheelchair accessible.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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)

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.

### Quilt show at Lambton Heritage Museum

The Lambton Heritage Museum is hosting the bi-annual North Lambton Quilt Show until Sept. 2. Museum hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$4 per senior/student, \$3 per child, and free for children under age three. (See page 14 for background)

### Progressive Agricultural Safety Day

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



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