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HAPPY THANKSGIVING It's Brigden Fair time!

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At Col. Cameron Public School, CF Industries representatives recently delivered food and funds in support of the students' lunch and snack program. Helping to unload the generous donations are, back row left: Lunch volunteer Dawn Schinkel; Col. Cameron Principal Denise Ladd; CF rep Rachel VanDamme; CF Senior Procurement Specialist Ashleigh Shortridge; lunch volunteer Cindy Gilbank. Front row left: Siblings Zack, Jillian, Charlotte and Ben Gilbank.

[More about the lunch program on page 18](#)

SURVEY—Active Transportation Master Plan
Public input being sought.
Have your say- take the survey. See page 8.

**PUBLISHING DEADLINE NOTICE: EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE
JANUARY 2024 BEACON will be Monday, December 11 by noon.**

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, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m.;** **Monday, Oct. 16 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).

NOTE: This information is accurate at publication time and may be subject to change.

Strategic Plan meeting reveals residents' priorities and suggestions for next five years

At a public meeting on Sept. 21, St. Clair Township Council received some valuable guidance from residents of the municipality it governs. Attendees were divided into several workshop groups and asked to answer and discuss questions aimed at gathering public consensus. The resulting answers were intended to identify and prioritize key areas of focus the township must address to ensure the municipality and its people will thrive in the next five years.

Facilitator Bryan Boyle led the process, which required attendees to write down their answers for collection and display in columns according to the common general theme of each answer. Each column was then classified according to the theme that defined its overall subject.

In the category of PRIORITIES, attendees identified seven areas of importance. In order of importance

from #1 to #8 they were: #1, Vital Agriculture; #2, Access to the water; #3, Vibrant Industrial and Commercial Viabilities; #4, Adequate Housing; #5, Diverse Recreation and Leisure; #6, Balanced Community; #7, Competent Citizens.

The category of CHALLENGES, from #1 to #8 were: #1, Effective balanced land use; #2, Lack of essential services; #3, Tax pressures; #4, Effective development of the waterfront; #5, Environmental Reputation; #6, **tied between** *Excessive Bureaucracy & *Financial Efficiencies; #8, Changing demographics.

Canvassing the attendees at the conclusion of the event, the following recommendations were made:

- Promote our community merits
- Make optimal capital investments
- Reduce bureaucratic barriers
- Improve financial management
- Ensure effective planning
- Improve essential services

With the help of a histogram, (a visual representation of the general feelings/attitudes of the attendees generated by their answers to the questions they had been asked) Mr. Boyle showed that the overall feelings of township residents are positive.

Mayor Agar believes the meeting will be helpful to council's deliberations going forward. "It was a good meeting-a lot of good information. It was nice to see the turnout and hear the different versions of people's visions of our community.," he said.

Notice to property owners to destroy noxious weeds

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

Jeff Baranek, Clerk

519-867-2021



Bryan Boyle, the facilitator for the Sept. 21 Strategic Plan public input event, reviews the columns of written answers to specific questions the attendees were asked, then labels each column with a title the attendees believe embodies the general theme of that column. The column titles may be helpful in guiding the priorities, decisions, and in general, the governance of St. Clair Township for the next five years.



The St. Clair Township Beacon is issued monthly by St. Clair Township as a public service to township residents. Production by Bonnie Stevenson.



MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

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Lambton County launches new online permit and by-law portal

Lambton County's Building Services Department is now accepting building permit applications and by-law reports through *Cloudpermit*, an online, cloud-based software. Residents can apply for a building permit and submit by-law reports easily and securely online.

Cloudpermit allows applicants to monitor the progress of their application or report and allows building inspectors and by-law officers immediate access to information and updates while conducting on-site visits. "With this program, our staff can update and review reports and applications while they are on-site, saving time for staff, ensuring the most up-to-date information is used, and reducing wait times for responses to applicants," said Corrine Nauta, Chief Building Official for Lambton County.

In addition to submitting and monitoring a permit application and submitting a by-law report, applicants can check the status of the permit, book an inspection, communicate with the Building Services Department, request changes to an existing permit application, and receive results all within the online system. This streamlined process will help increase processing efficiencies, modernize service, and provide more real-time information to both applicants and Building Services Department staff. Online building, plumbing, and septic permit applications, as well as by-law reporting, are available through the County for residents of nine Lambton County municipalities except Sarnia and Lambton Shores, although paper applications and inspection requests by phone will still be accepted.

More information is available at:
www.lambtononline.ca/building.

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Age-Friendly helps adults 55+



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*, for adults age 55+, 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:
agefriendly.sarnialambton.ca

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.



Clean Harbors Sarnia Open House

Wednesday, October 11

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Clean Harbors - 4090 Telfer Rd., Corunna, ON N1G 0G0

Join us at the Clean Harbors facility to tour the site and learn more about how we handle waste.

This event is intended to provide interested members of the community an opportunity to ask questions and participate in discussion with company officials.

Food and drink will be provided.

Please call 519-864-3890 for further information.



NOTICE — BRADSHAW CEMETERY

St. Clair Township has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Jeff Baranek at Tel: (519) 862-2021 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 1155 Emily St. Mooretown.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.



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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

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MCRF grants presented to community groups



The Moore Community and Recreation Foundation (MCRF) recently presented five worthy community groups with grants to help them continue their great work.

Grants were awarded to: The Brigden volunteer Decorating group for their work keeping the village beautiful year 'round; the Moore Museum, for the installation of a paved walkway to make the farm displays on the north side of the Shaw building accessible for all visitors; Moore Agricultural Society, to repair/upgrade damages to the administrative office building during the COVID shutdown; the Sombra Museum, for a shelter to protect the 1829 Abraham Smith cabin and work inside the cabin to make it accessible for visitors; the Sombra Community Volunteer Garden Club, in support of the volunteers' village beautification efforts.

On hand to receive grants from MCRF were, from left: Logan and Rick Mitchell, Brigden Decorating group; Michelle Evanitski, Moore Agricultural Society (Brigden Fair); MCRF Representative Jane Marsh; Sombra Museum representatives Kailyn Shepley and David Lee. Absent from photo: Representatives from Moore Museum and Sombra Community Volunteer Garden Club. ~B. Stevenson photo

Victim support grant will help victims of intimate/partner violence

The Ontario government is investing more than \$4 million across the province to help support victims and survivors of intimate partner violence/domestic violence, human trafficking, and child exploitation.

The funding comes as good news for Lambton County residents in harm's way because of domestic/partner violence. The provincial effort acknowledges a crisis that Lambton County Council identified locally at its Sept. 6 regular meeting after a presentation by Jennifer VanSteenkiste, Executive Director of Women's Interval Home. Council declared Intimate Partner Violence is now an epidemic in Sarnia-Lambton and agreed to advocate for the proper funding of the Women's Interval Home, Sexual Assault Survivors Centre, and Victim Services.

The funding being delivered through the Victim Support Grant program includes \$98,998 for the Sarnia Police Service.

The Sarnia Police Service will work with the Sarnia-Lambton Coordinating Committee on Violence Against Women, and Victim Services of Sarnia-Lambton to address the significant increase in incidents of domestic and intimate partner violence.

Collaborative initiatives will include a trauma-informed response for those reporting incidents (frontline training), investigative training, and the integration of a Victim Services Coordinator into the SPS to review incidents of intimate partner violence and provide ongoing outreach and support to victims/survivors.

The Victim Support Grant (VSG) is part of Ontario's Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy and complements the province's \$307 million Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy, 2020-2025 and Combating Human Trafficking Act, 2021.

This funding will be available to municipal, OPP, and First Nation police services to apply for funding through the VSG program. The VSG can be used for a variety of projects and initiatives, including specialized training for law enforcement, culturally responsive education and awareness campaigns, and purchasing technology and equipment to enhance police investigations and provide survivors with the option to complete interviews remotely.

Contact information for organizations that can help victims of intimate or domestic abuse.

www.womensintervalhome.com or 519-336-5200

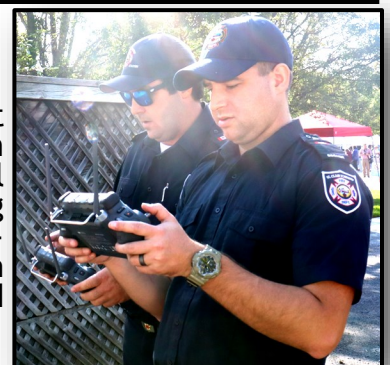
www.victimservices.on.ca or 519-344-8861, ext.5238



Yellow arrow indicates a pen to show the relative size of the drone as it sits on the landing pad.

Drone demonstrations at Corunna200 street festival

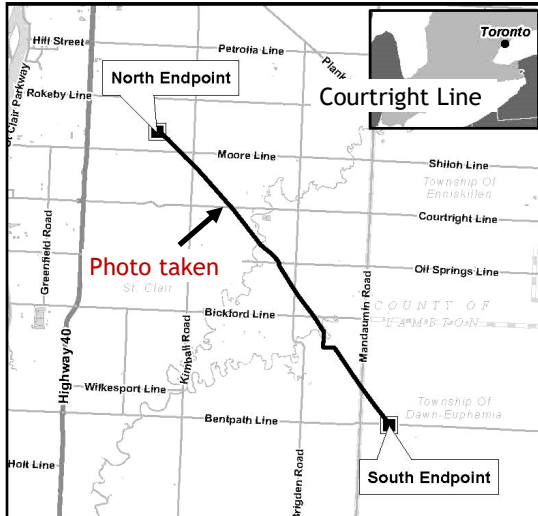
St. Clair Fire drone operators Scott Barnes (foreground) and Zac Nicholson were at the Corunna200 Street Festival demonstrating the drone they use during emergencies. In addition to daylight capabilities, the drone is equipped with heat detection abilities for night time and fire rescue situations.



Enbridge pipeline creeps south through St. Clair Township

The Enbridge pipeline is slowly making its way south through rural St. Clair Township. This photo, taken Sept. 2 where the pipeline project intersects Courtright Line, shows the process being used to lower the pipes into the ground. On the south side of Courtright Line, the new pipe segments are assembled above-ground waiting for the trench to be extended. The inset, bottom right, shows the assembled pipes winding like a metal snake into the distance.

The Enbridge Gas Dawn Corunna pipeline project involves the construction of a 36-inch pipeline to carry natural gas between the Corunna Compressor Station in St. Clair Township and the Dawn Operations Centre in the Township of Dawn-Euphemia. Additional project details can be found at: <https://www.enbridgegas.com/about-enbridge-gas/projects/dawn-corunna-project>.



Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?
Cooking safety starts with YOU.

Pay attention to fire prevention.™

October 8 to 14



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

fpw.org

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Tips to avoid cooking fires

Key safety tips to avoid risk of cooking fire

1. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking; turn stove completely off if you have to leave.
2. Keep proper fitting lid near stove in case fire starts. Use lid to smother the flame and turn off stove. DO NOT MOVE THE POT and never throw water on a burning pot.
3. Keep anything that burns i.e. plastic or paper items, dishcloths, etc. a safe distance from stove.
4. Set a "kid-free, pet-free zone" of at least 1 metre/3 feet around stove, grill, or anything else where hot food or drink is carried.

Mooretown Flags hockey season underway

It's never too early to start supporting your home teams. Right: At the Mooretown Flags' season-opener at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Sept. 16, St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar presided at the puck-drop.

The rinks are in fantastic shape and the action will be non-stop, so come out and cheer on our players. October home games at MSC will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Oct. 7, Oct. 14, and Oct. 28.



Go, Flags, Go!



~Susan Agar photo



Public Works Department

PW General - Roads/Drainage - Water/Sewer - Utility Billing - Engineering

St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily St. Mooretown, ON N0N 1M0

After Hours Emergency 1-888-441-4204

(519) 867-2993 (T)

(519) 867-3886 (F)

stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca

www.stclairtownship.ca

<http://fb.com/stclairtwppw>

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 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

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.

No changes needed for new recycling provider

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



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

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.

A SHORT RINSE GOES A LONG WAY

Rinsing food residue from your containers helps ensure they are ready for recycling.

Learn more:
circularmaterials.ca/ON



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.



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Public Works Department

Active Transportation Master Plan Survey requires input



St. Clair Township is developing its very first *Active Transportation Master Plan* to improve conditions for people as they walk, bike or wheel through the community.

We want to hear from you! We want to learn more about how you use the Township's trails, sidewalks, and cycling routes, what types of changes you would like to see.

And how the Township and our partners can make walking, cycling and wheeling more convenient, comfortable, and enjoyable.

Complete the project survey at: www.stclairtownship.ca/atmp and sign up for project updates to stay informed as the project moves forward.

Please take the survey and be part of the plan.



Emergency Preparedness Contact—Hydro One

In case of an emergency or power outage, here are the emergency numbers to call

Hydro One Power Outage/Emergency Line

1-800-434-1235 (operates 24/7)

Residents can call this number to report power outage, fallen trees or power lines.

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. MPPs, Mayors)

Monday-Friday at 1-877-345-6799

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.

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 Lambton County Library St. Clair Township locations: Brigden, Corunna, and Petrolia.



Corunna teen wins Lambton Junior Golf tour

A Corunna teen now bears the title of Senior Boy's Champion after winning the Lambton Junior Golf Tour.

Tyler Coene, 18, a member of the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course, racked up the most points in the five event tour.

The tour was presented by IG Wealth Management in conjunction with other sponsors and volunteers. It featured five events with winners for each, including Caleb Laframboise and Dracen Campbell from SCPGC, as well as runners-up, with a cumulative point system for the season ending title. The tour will be held again in 2024. For more information, go online to: <https://lambtonjunorgolftour.ca/>

Left: Chris Rocca of IG Wealth presents Tyler Coene with his winner's trophy on Sept. 10.
-Mike Coene photo

Corunna200: Street festival to remember!

The Corunna200 Lyndoch Street Festival on Sept. 23 attracted a crowd that packed the street with families enjoying the perfect weather while taking in the many sights and attractions the Corunna200 Committee brought in for the occasion. The event included: a remarkable comic juggler; a stilt-walking butterfly; a range of children's attractions; vendors that lined both sides of the street; and other fascinating attractions. And throughout the day, renowned multi-media artist Will Graham worked on a massive original chalk design to commemorate the day. It's permanent home will be Two Waters Brewing Co. on Lyndoch Street. Here are a few highlights from the event.



Crowd cruises Lyndoch Street visiting with friends and neighbours, and enjoying the day.

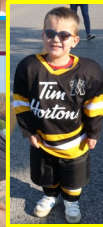


Emmie flies from the inflatable SCFD fire house.

Juggler on wobble board juggling 3 knives



Sofia, Vivian, & Atticus Hula Hoop



Jr. Flag after practice



Artist Will Graham at work on chalk mural.



Corunna Legion breakfast kitchen prep



Stilt walker butterfly

Our Generous Sponsors



Trillium Grant helps MAS upgrade exhibition hall kitchen to better serve the community

Every year during the Brigden Fair, the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division keeps fair-goers nourished with home-cooked food and delicious baked goods.

But the exhibition hall kitchen isn't just a bustling hive of activity on Thanksgiving Weekend. The hall plays host to special events, like weddings, banquets, and community gatherings throughout the year, which means the kitchen is called into service, kitchen equipment and appliances get heavy duty use, and everything eventually needs to be upgraded or replaced.

Thanks to a \$90,100 Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Fund grant, the kitchen is now able to cope with the heavy use it receives. The money was put to good use by an army of volunteers who pitched in to update the floor plan, install a bank of new cupboards and stainless steel countertops, update and enlarge refrigeration capabilities and labour-saving storage systems.

"The Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Fund grant will help to ensure that the great work of the Moore Agricultural Society continues for generations to come," said Director Michelle Evanitski.

She noted the project not only turned the kitchen into a place where food can be prepared more efficiently, but volunteers were able to upgrade other sectors of the fairgrounds with the materials that were removed. "The Brigden Fairgrounds believes in the 4Rs - Rethink, Reuse, Reduce and Recycle - to lessen our environmental footprint. Any cupboards, countertops and shelving units removed from the kitchen were repurposed for use in our volunteer diner, emergency trailer, and workshop," she said, adding, "The procurement of up-to-date equipment and the space renovation ensures the kitchen volunteers

are able to safely continue to provide the community with the excellent service they are used to, and help the organization on the road to recovery."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario that has been giving grants in support of community projects and partnerships for 40 years. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

The new walk-in refrigerator behind the kitchen was carefully inspected by curious guests Councillor Pat Brown, MPP Bob Bailey, and Homecraft President Cheryl McGuire. A bank of new freezer chests will also ensure that ingredients needed to make all of the delicious kitchen creations will always be close at hand.

-Connie Courtney photo



MAS HOSTS CELEBRATION TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION GRANT

A group of Moore Agricultural Society members, volunteers and dignitaries gathered at the Brigden Fair Exhibition Hall on August 28 to show off the new hall upgrades and improvements. Shown here assembled to commemorate the completion of the much-needed project are, front row left: Connie Courtney, Michelle Evanitski, Homecraft President Cheryl McGuire, Christine Greydanus (Ontario Trillium Foundation representative), Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar, MAS President John Scott, Donna DeGurse. Middle row: Norma Jean White, Marilyn Shaw, Joan Bogaert, Donna Hiller, Marie Gorton, Orrie Wigle, and Duncan MacRae. Back row: Mike Courtney, Isabelle Clark, Peter McGuire, St. Clair Township Councillors Cathy Langis and Pat Brown.

-Bonnie Stevenson photo

BRIGDEN FAIR 2023 - APRONS & OVERALLS

~ Celebrating 173 Years of Progress ~

Friday, Oct. 6

Seniors/Student Day Admission \$5 until 5 pm then \$20

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

Elementary Students & Younger - Free

9:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open
10:00 am Agriculture Awareness Day (until 3 pm) (C)
& Emergency Response Displays

9:00 am Mainstreet Colouring Contest (MCS)
11:00 am Crystal Gage (ET)
11:30 am Official Fair Opening (ET)
12:15 am Crystal Gage (ET)
2:00 pm Pickin' n Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)
7:00 pm Tractor Pull - Southwest Ontario Tractor Pullers
Association (G)

8:00 pm Exhibit Buildings close at 8 pm

Saturday, Oct. 7

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

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

9 am Exhibit Buildings Open
9 am Mid Western Horse Show (HR1/2)
10 am Ontario Vintage Tractor Pull (G)
10:30 am Poultry Show (PB)
11 am Open Sheep/Market Lamb Show (C)
11 am ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
11:25 am Bluewater Chordsman (ET)
11:30 am Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)

PARADE at NOON

12:30 pm Randy Satchell Band (ET)
1 pm Beef Cattle Breed Show (C)
1 pm Pumpkin Catapult- Decorate and take aim (HR3)
1 pm ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
1:15 pm IPM Awards Presentation (ET)
1:30 pm Charity Auction (MCS)
1:30 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
1:30 pm Randy Satchell Band (ET)
3 pm Beauty& Beast Story Time/Meet & Greet (MCS)
2:45 pm Steppin' Up Dance Club (ET)
3 pm ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
3:30 pm Christine Storey and Friends (ET)
3:30 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
6 pm Team Sorting (C)
8 pm Exhibit Buildings Close at 8:00 pm

Sunday, Oct. 8

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

MIDWAY OPENS AT
10 A.M. DAILY

FREE PARKING ON THE GROUNDS

*Park free at the
Courtright Line
entrance.

***CASH ONLY AT ENTRY
GATES**

***NO DOGS, PETS,
OR ANIMALS**
(unless registered for
exhibiting or showing).
***NO PETS** allowed in
any buildings.
*Exception will be given
for legitimate Working
Service Animals.*

LOCATION LEGEND

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

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- 9 am Mid Western Horse Show (HR1/2)
- 10 am Brigden 4-H Sheep Show (C)
- 10 am Children's Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show (PB)
- 10 am Adult Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show (PB)
- 10 am Meet & Greet - Superheroes (MCS)
- 10:30 am Western Ontario Outlaws - Lawnmower Races
- 11 am Interdenominational church service (ET)
- 11 am ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
- 11:30 am Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 12 Noon Neufeld Studio of Highland Dance (MCS)
- 12 Noon Highland Cattle Show (C)
- 12 Noon Working Wagon Teams Show (HHR)
- 12:15 pm Borderline Band (ET)
- 12:30 am Meet & Greet - Heroes (MCS)
- 1 pm ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
- 1:15 pm Piano Time with Barry Betts (ET)
- 1:30 pm Intercounty 4-H Sheep Show (C)
- 1:30 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 1:30 pm Twisted Chris (MCS)
- 2 pm Candy Scramble for Kids (C)
- 2 pm Farm Olympics (C)
- 2:15 pm Borderline Band (ET)
- 3 pm Western Ontario Outlaws - Lawnmower Races
- 3:15 pm Joan Spalding and Friends (ET)
- 3:30 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 3:30 pm Meet & Greet - Fairies & Pirates (MCS)
- 4 pm ProRider Freestyle MX- Show, Meet & Greet (G)
- 6 pm Exhibit Buildings Close at 6 pm

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Monday, Oct. 9

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

- 9 am Farm Truck Displays - All Day (G)
- 9 am Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9 am Heavy Horse Show (HHR)
- 9 am Brigden 4-H Beef Show (C)
- 9:30 am Open Light Horse & Miniature Horse Show (HR3)
- 9:30 am Brigden Fair Open Speed Show (HR1)
- 10 am Baby Show 9 - 12 months (MCS)
- 11 am Twisted Chris (MCS)
- 11 am Great Lakes Woodland Dance Troupe
Cultural Teachings (G)
- 11:30 am Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 11:30 am Baby Show 5 - 8 months (MCS)
- 12 Noon Sarnia School of Irish Dance (ET)
- 1 pm Buck and Boys Classic Country (ET)
- 1:00 pm Elite Star Dance (MCS)
- 1:00 pm Great Lakes Woodland Dance Troupe- Mini PowWow (G)

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Lots to see at the Brigden Fair!

The Brigden Fair is proud to host the Olympics this year...the Fall Fair Farm Olympics that is. It's happening on Sunday afternoon in the coliseum. Events include: the hay bale toss; wheelbarrow races; and even a tractor pull. Teams will be divided into age groups: Kiddos 8 & under; Young Farmers 8 to 18; Adults 18 to 65; and Seasoned Seniors 65+. Pre-registration is preferred at \$10 per team or by donation.

Take a walk on the prehistoric side with the fabulous Dinosaur Park Walk-Thru attraction. It's bigger than last year, with more dinosaurs roaming, roaring, and posing for pictures with those who dare to venture close.

The Great Canadian Lumberjacks are back to show off their tricks of the trade; watch them throw axes with astounding accuracy, carve masterpieces with chainsaws, and much more, while keeping their audiences laughing at their comical antics.

The Great Lakes Woodland Dance Troupe will appear on Monday at the Grandstand, bringing all of the traditions and colourful regalia, songs, and dances of a PowWow to the Brigden Fair as an emcee explains the protocols and etiquette being demonstrated throughout the performance. The Brigden Fair is grateful to the Sarnia Community Foundation for their support of its Indigenous Programming.

The Ploughman's Farmyard Children's Activity Centre is pleased to present Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue, a group dedicated to providing programs that are fun and exciting, as well as educational. The group, sponsored by Plains Midstream Canada, offers a program aimed at reconnecting children of all ages and abilities with the outdoors, leaving them tools to keep them engaged with the world around them. They will learn about wildlife, plants, and animals that may live in their own back yards.

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- 1 pm Intercounty 4-H Beef Show (C)
- 1 pm Beef Cattle Breed Show (C)
- 1:30 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 2 pm Baby Show 0 - 4 months (MCS)
- 2 pm Mark Blayney (ET)
- 3 pm Buck and Boy's Classic Country (ET)
- 3 pm Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 3 pm Harvest of Gold Draw (ET)
- 3:30 pm Annual Quilt Draw (EXH)
- 4:00 pm Exhibit Buildings close at 4:00 pm to all patrons
- 4:30 pm Buildings re-open for exhibitors to claim their items

But wait...there's more!
Take a helicopter ride!
 Saturday, Sunday,
 Monday

**Protect your child with the
 Masoni CHIP**
(Child Protection Program)
on Saturday and Sunday
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
near the OPP trailer
at the large flag pole

Tickets for the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division annual Quilt Raffle are available from any Homecraft member (in person), at the fairgrounds, or by e-transfer at quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca. The cost is \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. The winning ticket is drawn Thanksgiving Monday.

Demolition Derby slated for Saturday, Oct. 14

The popular Brigden Fair Demolition Derby will keep the excitement going with a masterful display of automotive deconstruction. Classes competing in this showcase of motorized mayhem include: stock cars, stock trucks, stock vans, modified cars, modified V8s, and modified trucks. Bring the whole family. Gate admission is \$10 each and everyone pays EXCEPT elementary and pre-school children. Gates open at 9 a.m. and the show starts at 1 p.m. Details can be found on Facebook on the Brigden Fair Demolition Derby page.

St. Clair River Trail Committee holds completion celebration

They may not have blazed a trail across the nation or chopped their way through a dark swampy jungle, but this group of St. Clair River Trail Committee members are proud of the paved 34 kilometre foot/bicycle path it has realized. Since its inception in 1997, the committee has had several changes of membership, but the project's driving force, Mary Jane Marsh, has been with the committee from the beginning.

The original committee first addressed Moore Township Council in 1997, proposing a 17 km. stretch of trail to create a safe pedestrian walkway running south from the Shell dock. The amalgamation of Moore and Sombra Townships expanded the project's scope to include Sombra Township, and today, it extends south to the township borderline.

To celebrate the official completion of the trail, a reception was held for the people who had some role in its creation, including volunteers and past council members, including Steve Arnold, who presented Jane with a memento of her achievement.

Right: Assembled outside the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course club-

house are the current members of the trail committee. They include, clockwise from top left: Julie Dolbear, Jill Williams, Janis Paulley, Dave Cram, Susan Vollmar, Jim Hodgins, Cathy Van Praet, Anne Stratton, Rose Atkins, and Jane Marsh.

~B. Stevenson photo



Trail blazers celebrate trail completion

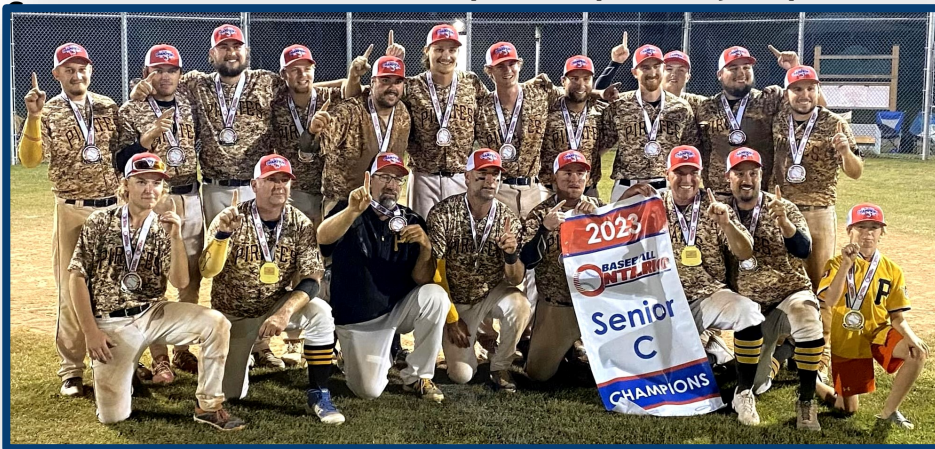
Three Port Lambton Pirates teams capture championships

After 14 years of pursuing the elusive Ontario Senior C Championship, the Port Lambton Senior Pirates would not be denied this year. Their 'A' game yielded the outcome the team and their devoted fans had waited so long to achieve- the coveted Provincial Championship.

The Pirates opened the tournament in Port Hope with an 11-3 victory over Essex Friday night. Saturday saw the Pirates defeat Creemore 11-2, River Canard 15-5 and Tillsonburg 10-2. Sunday morning's semi-final was a rematch with Tillsonburg and they defeated them 23-3, sending the Pirates to the finals undefeated. Game 1 of the finals saw Essex come out on top 5-2, but in Game 2 the Pirates came out undefeated and were able to regroup and emerge victorious 14-5.

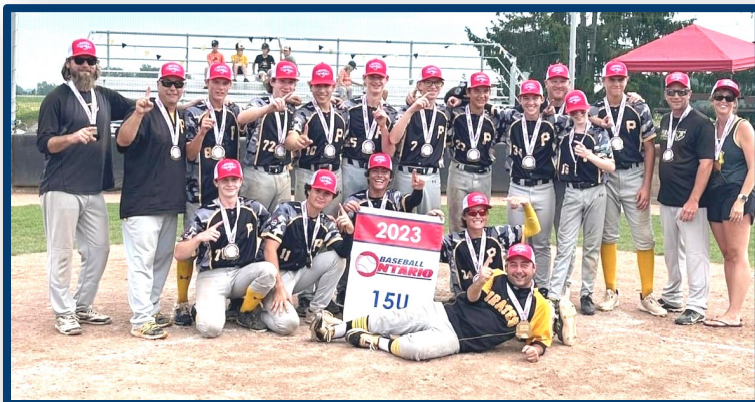
Team members, in no order, were: Beau Berkvens; Paul Bezaire; Trevor Bogaert; Riley Brown; Kyle Bushey; Mitch Donahue; Travis Eveson; Jackson Fawdry; Austyn Green; Greg Hay; Cody Johnston; Logan Klompstra;

Elusive Ontario Sr. C Championship finally captured!



Matt Liberty; Curtis McCallum; Austin McCready; Brett Miskokomon; Drew Pepper; Casey Reaume; Brian Reid; Brian Riedel; Dave Smith; Noah Wiseman.
Coaches: Craig Bezaire, Christopher Bonneau, Matt Johnston; Bat Boy: Colton Reid.

Championship won with undefeated game



The U15 team went undefeated over Labour Day weekend in Port Lambton, beating Simcoe (18-8), Mitchell (11-6), Waterdown (10-8), Exeter (8-7), and then Waterdown in the finals 7-2.

The team would like to thank all the family and fans that came out to support and cheer them on all weekend.

The team is coached by Ryan Barnes, Jeremy VanRuymbeke, Chris Bonneau, Ryan Richardson and Dustin Howlett.

The team was managed by Connie Rosseel.

Team members, in no order, were: Blake Barnes; Nate Bastow; Jackson Brunt; Jace Burgess; Brady Debot; Campbell Ewing; Graeme Hazzard; Axel Howlett; Seth Highfield; Brock Lane; Tyson Lozon; Ethan Rosseel; Noah VanRuymbeke.

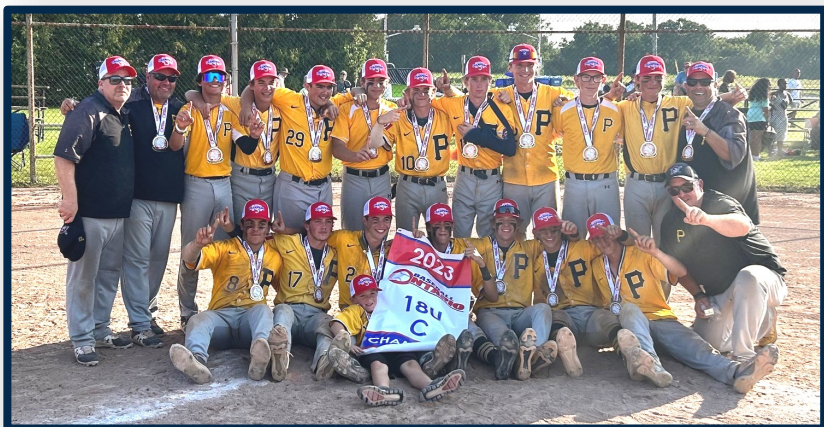
The U18 team competed in the OBA Championship weekend August 18-20th in Kingsville. They lost their first game to Kingsville (0-7), but then went on to win the next 6 games straight against Dresden (12-2), Exeter (6-1), Leamington (13-1), Clinton (24-1), Kincardine (15-2), and a rematch in the finals against Kingsville (11-7).

The team would like to thank the support they received from all the family and fans that came out to cheer them on all weekend. They would also like to thank the 15U AP players that joined them in Kingsville (Nate Bastow, Brady Debot, Brock Lane, Ethan Rosseel and Noah VanRuymbeke).

The team is coached by Bill Bunda, Larry Laprise, Jeff Sterling and Mark Grealis and managed by Connie Rosseel with their biggest fan/helper Dax Bunda.

Team members, in no order, were: Ryan Bowen; Drew Bunda; Brier Dawson; Nash Grealis; Nash Lane; Lucas Laprise; Jack Martin; Connor McCallum; Caleb Rosseel; Chase Sitzes; Jackson Sterling.

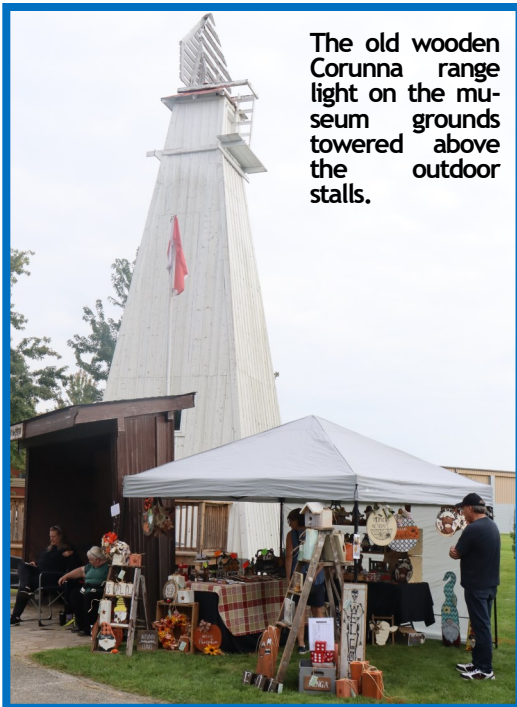
Championship performance yields the prize



Photos and details courtesy the Pirates organization

HERITAGE CORNER

Downriver Craft Show and Sale attracts hundreds to Mooretown



The old wooden Corunna range light on the museum grounds towered above the outdoor stalls.

The Moore Museum's annual Downriver Craft Show on Sept. 17 attracted 1,094 people. As always, the crowd included its share of out-of-town shoppers of all ages.

Right: Sarnia resident Samantha had her two sons in tow as she checked out vendor stalls in the Shaw Building. Four-year-old Jude, sporting a knitted Batman cap, and his two-year-old brother, Oliver, were enjoying the ride and couldn't resist the chance to mug for the camera.

Left: The Corunna range light, an artifact from the early days of commercial shipping on the St. Clair River, stands proud as commerce is conducted in its shadow.

B. Stevenson photos



HANDY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MOORE MUSEUM



The activities and projects Moore Museum volunteers work on vary widely; from wood working, vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, and display preservation work, to assisting with museum events, the museum staff and its volunteers 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.

Community-minded Foodland owner Roy Juschka retires

A good friend of the community for 38 years, Corunna Foodland owner Roy Juschka has retired.

During that 38 years, Roy has supported the local community when there was need, with sponsorships of local sports teams, and donations to service clubs, church, and school groups. In times of emergency, such as the 2003 blackout that threatened to spoil the store's fresh meat and deli inventory, Roy gathered as many barbecues as possible to cook it all and feed whoever needed a meal. The OPP chipped in to announce the free barbecue throughout the town and Roy says hundreds of residents formed a long line around the store. "It turned a negative event into a positive outcome from a community perspective," he said.

Roy says he and his wife, Cindy, have several things on their retirement to-do list, including visiting family out west and checking out other travel destinations, as well as doing home renovations, golfing and enjoying free leisure time.

Stan Marsh, president of the Optimist Club of Moore, told The Beacon that Roy has done a lot for club efforts such as Operation Christmas Tree, and was a tremendous supporter during the COVID pandemic.



Moore Optimist President Stan Marsh, left, wishes retiree Roy and Cindy Juschka a happy retirement. Also shown in the group is new Foodland franchise owner David Stewardson, and Moore Optimists Ken and Davida Nimmo.

~B. Stevenson photo

COMMUNITY CONTACT

FOOD BANKS NEED OUR HELP

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 Samia-Lambton to extend Project Backpack, a food assistance program, into Lambton County. The program provides a bag of nutritious food that can be easily distributed to people ages 14-24 who are in need of a healthy meal. Each bag also contains hygiene items and helpful information from community partners. People who qualify for this program can find these bags at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office at 346 Beresford Street in Corunna during regular office hours (Monday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Program organizers say the program will continue into the fall and

they hope to continue it as long as there is a need for it.

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 Samia-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.

West Lambton Community Health Centre programs starting this fall

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

To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email adinell@nlhc.com to register and/or receive the Zoom link. ***Brigden/Mooretown exercise will start after Thanksgiving long weekend.**

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Virtual Programs Clutter & Declutter Wellness Workshop: Sept. 18 (Zoom) at 2:30 p.m. Learn strategies to manage clutter in your home and improve your mental wellbeing. To register,

call 519-344-3017, ext. 277 or email reveraert@nlhc.com
Master Your Health— Chronic Pain: Until Oct. 26th (Zoom) at 9-11:30 a.m. The six-week virtual program includes light exercises, techniques to deal with stress, pain, and pain medications & treatments. To register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 327.

Mindful Eating Program: Until Oct. 18 (Zoom) at 1:30-3:30 p.m. Learn how to practice mindful eating and become more in tune with your body's natural hunger response. To register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 307.

Sit or Stand Exercise: Tuesdays (Zoom) at 10:15 a.m. Virtual Chair Exercise: No impact exercise performed standing or seated in a chair, resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome.

Shibashi: Tuesdays, (Zoom) at 11:15 a.m. Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps. It is easy to learn

Weekly St. Clair Township libraries hours of operation

***Brigden 519-864-1142):** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

***Corunna (519-862-1132):** Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

***Courtright 519-867-2712):** Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***Mooretown (519-867-2823):** Monday, Saturday, 9 a.m.

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

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

***Port Lambton (519-677-5217):** Monday, Saturday, 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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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.

All Saint's Christmas Market Nov. 4

The congregation of All Saint's Anglican Church, corner of Charlotte and Vidal in Sarnia, will host the Christmas Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Admission is free and the tea room cost is just \$3. Lots of treats and treasures!

Emergency preparedness workshop offered



Do you know how to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency?

In this free workshop, Lambton County Archives will discuss the history of emergencies in Lambton County and the surrounding area, including Chemical Valley in the 1950s, the 2010 Snowmageddon, and other recent events. Emergency Planners from your community will discuss emergency planning and household preparedness. Participants will learn how to create their own personal emergency plan, review shelter-in-place and evacuations, and use Sarnia-Lambton Alerts and Environment Canada's emergency tools. This workshop will close with a Q&A and a draw for a starter Emergency Response Kit. Register online at lclibrary.ca.

**Corunna Library on Thursday, October 19
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Remembrance details from Br. 447

Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Corunna Clock Tower at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. The service will begin with the parade of the Legion Colour Party from Beckwith Street south on Lyndoch Street to the service site. Everyone is welcome to join Legion members, veterans and dignitaries in this service of remembrance for those who gave their lives in the service of their country. Wreaths from Federal, Provincial, Municipal, Legion, and Ladies Auxiliary will be prepositioned. Other wreaths will be laid three-at-a-time, taking into consideration the young and not-so-young, as weather conditions are often unfavourable. **Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath, please contact the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240.**

For those who cannot attend but wish to view the ceremony, it will be streamed live on the Corunna Legion Facebook page. Go to (Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna) and like our page at the date and time listed above, and you will see the entire ceremony.

*With thanks for your participation
Marg Emery, Corunna Legion, Branch 447*

Branch 447 Remembrance/ Honours and Awards Banquet

The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 with cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, available at the Club Room Bar. Veterans no charge. **VETERANS, MEMBERS & PUBLIC WELCOME.**

Please register at 519-862-1240.

CF Industries supports school lunch program

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A generous donation from CF Industries near Sombra has given the kids at Col. Cameron Public School food for thought...study thought. Through its Inclusive Resource Group (IRG), company representatives delivered four shopping carts worth of food and a cheque for \$4,000 to help sustain the valuable program.

CF "delivery person" Ashleigh Shortridge, a Senior Procurement Specialist from CF Industries, explained the IRG program is a community outreach effort sup-

ported by employee fundraising events. This summer, CF Industries employees collected non-perishable food for the program.

The lunch/snack program is operated by volunteers who work each day to prepare the food and set up for each meal. It is available to any student who needs it.

School Principal Denise Ladd says the students also have an opportunity to have a hot lunch at school four times a year thanks to Foodland.

Moore Sports Complex—What's happening?

Check out our schedule at:
stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

for more information about: aquatic; health and fitness adult programs; children/youth recreational programs; school programs; and much more!



~Autumn Beacon Bit~ Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin? A: With a pumpkin patch

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Harvest Home Dinner & Auction

The Harvest Home Dinner and Auction returns on Friday, Nov. 3 after a five-year break. The event is being held at the Wilkesport Community Hall as a fundraiser for the Sombra Museum's Smith Log Cabin Preservation Project and Wilkesport United Church. A scrumptious dinner of roast beef and chicken with all the fix-in's, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages will be followed by a live and silent auction. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets for this fundraiser will cost \$35 per person age 11 and over, and \$20 for children. They can be purchased by contacting Karen Annett at 519-350-3198, or by leaving a message with Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982, or on Facebook or Instagram direct message, or purchasing online at: <https://sombmuseum.square.site>.

Sombra Museum special events

In addition to the Harvest Home Dinner and Auction, two other special events are slated for the Sombra Museum this fall.

Sunday, Oct. 1 from 1-4 p.m., take a **guided century barn tour** with its owner Darrell Randell at 648 Lambton Line. The tour is being offered in conjunction with the release of the museum's informative full-colour barn calendar.

On Oct. 26-28 weekend, the museum's Victorian Bury House will be transformed into a spooky **Halloween House**, open from 6-9 p.m. Come and let this haunted house put you in the Halloween spirit! 

Winter storage in Brigden

Winter storage at the Brigden fairgrounds will begin on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. It will continue on Saturdays until storage buildings are full. RVs, boats, vehicles, equipment and other items will be stored on a first-come-first-served basis. An information booth will be set up for paperwork and payment behind the Junior Building (please do not go to the front office). Volunteers will be available to direct any inquiries.

Specialized art program for youth

A free specialized art program for youth aged 10-14 with special needs and an interest in the arts is being presented at the Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery (JMAAG) 147 Lochiel Street in Sarnia. The *Art Pod* program, led by practicing professional artists, will use various materials to make art. On Thursday, Oct. 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Imagined Landscapes* will teach how to create a landscape using mixed media. On Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Printed Maps* will teach how to create map prints using Gelli plates and string. **Registration is required and can be done by visiting the *Art Pod* page on the JNAAG website at jnaag.ca. The gallery can also be contacted by calling 519-336-8127.**

Great War presentation from LCL

History buffs will not want to miss the Lambton County Library presentation *The Great War In Colour* at the Sarnia Library Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This presentation is for ages 14+. Learn about the history of the Great War from military historian and world war expert Andrew Robertshaw. This presentation is being offered in conjunction with the Lambton County Library Culture Days program.

Courtright Friendship Club activities

The Courtright Friendship Club meets every first Thursday of every month next to the Courtright Library,

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COME, ENJOY TIME TOGETHER

LEO

New Diner's Clubs
 2nd Tuesday - Sombra
 4th Tuesday - Petrolia
 Both events will be from:
 11:30 to 1:30
 including soup and sandwich lunch
 Guest Speakers, Games, and More

CONTACT: DELLA
519-845-1353 EXT 301
REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT.




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Help others stay in their homes!
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Interested:

- 519-845-1353 ext 301
- volunteer@leohelps.ca




Bluewater Anglers Hatchery announces general meetings

Next year's first General Membership Meeting will be held on January 9, 2024. All events are open to the public and all events can be found online.

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

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

PUBLISHING DEADLINE NOTICE: The JANUARY 2024 DEADLINE FOR THE BEACON will be early to allow for Christmas holiday business closings.
It is set for Monday, December 11 by noon.



Corunna Legion Br.447

350 Albert St., Corunna
519-862-1240

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Membership is NOT necessary to enjoy the facilities.

Wheelchair accessible

Regular Legion Br. 447 Activities

Every Monday is Pepper at 1 p.m. sharp.

Every Wednesday is Chair Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday is Beginners Yoga at 7:30 p.m.

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

Call the Corunna Legion to register at 519-862-1240.

Arrive 15 minutes before actual start time.

Br. 447 Special events

Legion membership is not required

Ham bingo, Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. doors open, play at 7 p.m. Food available, top prize \$1,000. \$30 for 25 ham games, \$3 for special strip, wheelchair accessible.

Meat Darts, Friday, Oct. 13 & 27 at 7 p.m. wheelchair accessible.

Trivia Night, Thursday, Nov. 19 from 7-9 p.m., NO CHARGE. No limit on team size, just come, test your knowledge, and have fun! In honour of the late Jimmy Buffet, it's Margarita Night! Wheelchair accessible.

Johnson Memorial Cribbage Tournament, Sunday, Oct. 22: register between 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m., \$10 per person, 2 people per team. Food will be available. Wheelchair accessible. To register, call 519-862-3200, or Facebook: The Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Br447.

Halloween Jam, Saturday, Oct. 28: Get your spook on at the starting at 3 p.m. Enjoy the music, dance like no one's watching, or even try out your talents. Dig out your best costume if you're so inclined. Wheelchair accessible.



~Lest we forget~

Saturday, Nov. 4: Remembrance/Honours and Awards Banquet. See page 19 for details.

Saturday, Nov. 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE, 11 a.m. at the Corunna Clock Tower park. See page 18 for details.

Demolition Derby slated for Brigden

The Brigden Fair Demolition Derby will roar onto the fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 14. See page 14 for more information.

Brigden Country Jamborees resume

Polish up your dancing shoes and mark your calendar to be at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall every second Sunday of the month beginning in November and running through April, 2024. Doors open at 12 noon and music starts at 1 p.m. And at 5 p.m., enjoy dinner. Dinner tickets are available at the door.

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To submit information or notices to THE BEACON, email:

beacon@stclairtownship.ca

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

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