



# THE ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP BEACON



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all year long.

## March Break wrap-up puts the icing on the cupcakes



This happy crew of 22 March Break camp kids at the Mooretown Sports Complex had a tasty, creative task to do on the last day of camp. They took part in a cupcake decorating competition. At tables supplied with tubs of icing, sprinkles and jelly beans, the young pastry chefs were each given their own plain cupcake to work on.

The stakes were high. Judges for the competition were St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar and Township Councillor Cathy Langis. Every cupcake received their intense scrutiny as they made their way around the tables trying to determine who would win the prize ribbon.

By the end of their deliberation, the judges declared a 22-way tie. Their reason for this curious outcome was that each chef had been able to perceive the unique character of their particular cupcake and interpret it artfully with jelly beans and sprinkles. To celebrate their victories, each 'chef' was presented with a congratulatory ribbon and permission to eat their award-winning creations.

*B Stevenson photo*



## National Volunteer Week April 14-20

National Volunteer Week celebrates the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when we need support more than ever. The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to the inclusivity, strength, and wellbeing of our communities. For more information about volunteer opportunities in Sarnia and Lambton County, go online to:

<https://www.volunteersarnia.com>

If you know a place/organization in your community that needs volunteers, please offer your help.



# MUNICIPAL NOTES

## Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, and can also be seen online by going onto the township website at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca).

Upcoming council meetings will be:  
Tuesday, April 2 at 3 p.m. and Monday, April 15 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.

## St. Clair Township 2024 Interim Property Tax Due Date

**Thursday, April 25**

### Payment options available as follows:

- Monthly pre-authorization
- Pay online or by telephone at your bank
- In person at your bank branch
- Drop a cheque into the secure drop box at Civic Centre front door
- Mail a cheque
- Debit, cash, or cheque at Civic Centre
- Credit card, debit available for a fee on [www.paysimply.ca](http://www.paysimply.ca)

## Public Official Plan review scheduled

A public Official Plan review will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. Planners and consultants will be making presentations and answering questions and concerns from the public.

## Does your canine companion have a 2024 dog tag?

Please make sure your dog(s) has a 2024 St. Clair Township tag. Application forms are available online at: [stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca) or tags can be obtained at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown. If there are changes/errors on your renewal notice, please call the township immediately at 519-867-2021.

### Reporting a loose dog?

St. Clair Township now has a 24/7 dog catching line! Please call 519-312-1322 to report.

## Please be courteous to Township staff

Township office staff and personnel conduct the business of the township as it is written in the by-laws and in the decisions made for the smooth operation of the municipality. When interacting with these people, remember they must adhere to these by-laws and decisions when trying to assist you. **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO THEM.** Remember that they are doing their job, even if the answers you receive in the course of your interaction are not satisfactory to you, ask them politely who would be able to help them and how to contact them.

*Please treat our staff the way you want to be treated.*



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## MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

### Mayor encourages community service through good citizenship

Mayor Jeff Agar recently talked to the students of Sir John Moore on the subject of citizenship, and what it takes to be a good citizen. He told them about his citizenship journey and how it began with his son, volunteering as a hockey coach and trainer for his son's team, and later, as a soccer coach. After that, he volunteered on the board of directors for a large community organization. Mayor Agar stressed the need to take an interest in the community and he felt his early volunteer experience led to his interest in local politics. For him, it was the logical way to play an active part in the community.

He then explained the election process, the mayor's role in leading council and the important work it does.

The mayor's speech obviously hit a chord with some of the students. As he made his way out of the auditorium, he was approached by several students who requested his autograph. On the way to his next meeting, Mayor Agar commented on his experience. "It was a very special afternoon," he said. "The students seemed to listen to every word. I don't think I've ever had such an attentive group. I hope I left a lasting impression so that some will follow through with an interest in their community and maybe, a political career."

### Proposed official plan/zoning by-law amendments sparks opposition

The St. Clair Township Council chamber was standing-

room-only on March 18 when a public meeting was held to discuss proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning by-law regarding a 2.095 hectare (5.194 acre) parcel of land at the southeast intersection of Indian Road and the St. Clair Parkway near Port Lambton.

The amendments are part of a development application to consider a specific zoning change that would allow for a mixture of housing types, focusing on single-family and semi-detached dwellings. In the vicinity of the proposed development, housing is exclusively comprised of single-family dwellings with an average estimated value of \$800,000. Residents adjacent to the subject lands fear the increased residential density caused by semi-detached dwellings would put a strain on infrastructure and drainage. They were informed semi-detached homes are not considered high density dwellings.

The smaller lots and streets that would provide access and entry to the new development raised concern that emergency vehicles might have difficulty responding to emergency calls. Fire Chief Richard Boyes recommended it might be advisable to install sprinklers in dwellings within the development.

A realtor familiar with the area cited two other developments in the Corunna area that had been built in the same way and she said there had been no decrease in their surrounding property values.

Senior planner Ian MacDougall told the assembly the required environmental and archeological studies of the area had been ordered by the property owner and completed.

The meeting ended with no resolution. Council believed the matter required more deliberation and information about some of the concerns that had been raised. The decision was deferred to the next meeting on Monday, April 2 at 3 p.m.

### Moore Community & Recreation Foundation Grant Deadline

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

The Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to an improving quality of life in this area and an ever-increasing pride in their community by its citizens. The Foundation is independently administered by a Board of Directors.

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

Should you require further information please contact George Lozon, Treasurer at 519-867-2024, Ext. 1244 or 1-800-809-0301.

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

### Lawn care sought for Bear Creek Cemetery

The Bear Creek Cemetery, located at 3393 Telfer Side Road (corner of Moore Line and Telfer Side Road), needs an individual or individuals to take care of the cemetery grounds. This would include about 15 to 20 hours of cutting and trimming, as required. The job requires that the person/ people own a lawnmower and weed whipper and supply the fuel. For details, please contact Russell Marsh at [r.marsh2@hotmail.com](mailto:r.marsh2@hotmail.com) or 519-331-1798.

### 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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## New *GoCrops.ca* website consolidates four previous websites

The Ontario Corn Committee (OCC), the Ontario Cereal Crops Committee (OCCC), the Ontario Pulse Crop Committee (OPCC), and the Ontario Soybean and Canola Committee (OSACC) recently launched *GoCrops.ca*, a new website that will consolidate all four previous sites.

The new website brings together: [www.gocorn.net](http://www.gocorn.net); [www.gocereals.ca](http://www.gocereals.ca); [www.gobeans.ca](http://www.gobeans.ca); and [www.gosoy.ca](http://www.gosoy.ca) under one cohesive banner.

The legacy websites for each of the crop committees were active for many years and had unique navigation and structures that made the user experience different for each site. The committees agreed that a more cohesive structure would make it easier for the agricultural community to find information and to intuitively use a single site for access to all the information across crops.

Joanna Follings, Chair of the Ontario Cereal Crops Committee, says the single website will streamline the way Ontario growers obtain information regarding variety performance trials across all major crops. "Providing timely, accurate information in a modern digital format is vitally important for reaching farmers. This new site will help all committees meet this need and we hope to see this become the go-to site for farmers looking for trial information," she said.

Ontario Corn Committee Chair Ben Rosser cited a

two-fold advantage to creating the *GoCrops* website.

"Consolidating the crop committee websites presented the perfect opportunity to update the look, feel, and functionality of the corn committee site while ensuring ease of accessibility and long-term viability of trial data for Ontario farmers," he said.

Albert Tenuta, Chair of the Ontario Soybean and Canola Committee, noted the new website provides an important service for the survival of the industry. "The importance of selecting high yielding and adapted field crop varieties and hybrids is critical to Ontario's future sustainability. Variety and hybrid performance testing, along with food quality analysis, plays a crucial role and the new *GoCrops.ca* website ensures Ontario farmers are positioned to meet whatever lies ahead," he said.

*GoCrops.ca* was funded in part by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Grain Farmers of Ontario, and the Ontario Pulse Crop Committee.

The Ontario Corn Committee, Ontario Cereal Crops Committee, Ontario Pulse Committee, and Ontario Soybean and Canola Committee were instrumental in the development of *GoCrops.ca*.



## Lambton County celebrates 175th anniversary

The 175th anniversary of Lambton County will be marked in several ways this year. One of them has already been launched in the form of a new online database of photos and historical materials from county museums and archives.

The collections of three different institutions have been compiled in this database. Visitors to the website can search material from Lambton Heritage Museum in Grand Bend, the Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs, and the Lambton County Archives in Wyoming. All three institutions are owned and operated by The Corporation of the County of Lambton.

Containing the digital records of more than 8,000 historical artifacts, photographs, and archival documents, the new database offers patrons the ability to search records from all three institutions at once. The current available records represent material from each institution's collection, with plans to continue adding records as cultural services staff digitize and upload them.

Anyone interested in viewing non-digitized materials or artifacts is encouraged to contact the institution directly to arrange for research or an in-person viewing.

This digital collection is always growing and being updated, so visitors should check the website regularly for new material. The three institutions can be reached for more information regarding research at our facilities and to

arrange in-person appointments by using the links in the webpage footer.

The site can be found at:

[lambtonmuseums.pastperfectonline.com](http://lambtonmuseums.pastperfectonline.com)

Other special activities will include a celebration planned for the Wednesday, June 5 Lambton County Council meeting. To physically mark the occasion, 175 trees will be planted at the Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs and free admission will be in effect there, as well as the Lambton County Archives and the Lambton Heritage Museum.

The popular *Doors Open* event will be reintroduced in the fall and a meeting room at the Lambton Shared Services Centre will be renamed the Ottissippi Room to recognize traditional indigenous place names. Ottissippi translates as "clear water".

**Right:** Archivist Nicole Aszalas holds photos in collections storage at Lambton County Archives.

Photo submitted





# 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](mailto:stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca)

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

<http://fb.com/stclairwppw>

## Water utility appointments require 48 hours notice

St. Clair Township By-Law 11 of 2024 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

## Clear the Road

All homeowners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (e.g. basketball nets, goalie nets, etc.) off and away from roads and streets. This includes sports nets that are located on the street surface near the back of the curb. A verbal and/or written warning will be issued to homeowners with sports nets on or near the road.

**Please take notice** - Failure to remove sports nets and other equipment from roads and streets will result in this equipment being collected by the Public Works Departments and stored at the Public Works Operational Centers.

### 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 2024 – October 2024

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some water discolouration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry etc., as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the 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 2024 – October 2024

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



- 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.**

### A SHORT RINSE GOES A LONG WAY

Rinsing food residue from containers prepares them to be recycled.



Learn more: [circularmaterials.ca/ON](http://circularmaterials.ca/ON)

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## Public Works Department

### New Where to Recycle website

There is a new “Where to Recycle” website that has launched that offers residents the ability to look up items they are unsure of where to recycle:

<https://rpra.ca/where-to-recycle/>

RPR (Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority) - RPR's 'Where to Recycle' map displays locations across

Ontario where you can drop off used materials to be recycled, such as batteries, electronics, household hazardous waste, lighting and tires, for free. Materials collected at these locations are reused, refurbished, recycled, or properly disposed of to help keep them out of landfill, recover valuable resources and protect our environment.

## Yard Waste

### Yard Waste Collection:

- ◆ Brush collection (bundles of sticks) is no longer provided. See below chart for suggested disposal sites.
- ◆ Yard waste collection (leaves, grass, etc.) will be collected for the spring season between April 22 and June 19, and again for the fall season between Oct. 2 and Nov. 20.
- ◆ Christmas tree collection will remain the same for Jan. 6, 2025.

### 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	Yes
Curran Recycling	526 McGregor Side Road Sarnia	Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm	519-332-0849	Yes
Waste Depot	456 McGregor Side Road Sarnia	Monday-Friday 6:00am-8:00pm Saturday 7:00am-3:00pm	519-333-8252	Yes
Wallaceburg Leaf and Yard Depot	505 Water St, Wallaceburg	Monday Saturday 8:00am – 12:00pm	519 627 8101	Yes

\* Note: It is a good idea to call ahead to confirm hours and fees as they are all subject to change.

## 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 to be sure you know where the buried hazards are and what they are.



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## Public Works Department

### Federal grant will support development of ATMP: public input being sought

St. Clair Township hired WSP Canada Inc. to develop an active transportation master plan that will guide the Township and serve as a roadmap for transportation-related investments and development, throughout the municipality, in the coming years.

Active transportation encompasses various forms of movement that require physical actions, such as walking, rolling, and wheeling. This includes motorized and nonmotorized modes like walking, cycling, bike-sharing, electric bikes and scooters, and mobility-support devices. Active transportation is supported by infrastructure including sidewalks, on-road bicycle lanes, off-road trails, multi-use pathways, bike parking facilities, and crosswalks.

The Lambton County Official Plan has outlined the need for “accessible and safe public spaces that accommodate alternative mobility choices for all community members.” Active transportation development supports this goal and contributes to municipal initiatives to intensify urban areas, enhance economic development, and shift away from an auto-focused standpoint.

The approach of this active transportation master plan (ATMP) is to combine technical analysis and expertise with meaningful engagement from residents, stakeholders, and Township Staff. As announced by Infrastructure Canada in a news release today, this project in the Township of St. Clair is one of 50 active transportation planning and design projects across Ontario with investments of more than \$2.3 million that the government is supporting through Infrastructure Canada’s Active Transportation Fund.

“I am so excited to announce the federal government’s support for 50 planning and design projects that will lead to more and improved active transportation infrastructure across Ontario,” said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities.

“Investments in active transportation are a key part of building strong, connected and sustainable communities. Bike paths, sidewalks, footbridges and multiuse trails connect our homes to our communities and beyond, helping to make them the best places to live.”

Mayor Jeff Agar is very pleased with the contribution. “On behalf of the people of St. Clair Township, I would like to thank the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities for the \$50 thousand dollar grant to develop our first Active Transportation Master Plan,” he said.

The ATMP will be a community-focused plan that supports the growth of both physical and social infrastructure and utilizes best practices such as the Complete Streets approach to develop the Active Transportation strategy.

*The Township of St. Clair wants to hear from you! If you walk, wheel or cycle in the municipality, or if you are interested in doing so, we’d like your input!*

*Our online public input survey allows residents and frequent visitors alike to express their thoughts on active transportation in the township and contains a mapping tool for sharing local knowledge and providing location-specific information. Stakeholders are also encouraged to provide their contact information to enable project updates.*

*Take the survey: <https://publicinput.com/stclairatmp> #StClairATMP*



### 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.



### PUBLIC WORKS IS NOW LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

Follow or like our page for all the latest updates and notifications. Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/stclairtwppw>

## Canada-wide project post-secondary education grant information

Many families are concerned about the crushing cost of post-secondary school tuitions, but few are aware of the Canada Learning Bond (CLB) that has been available since 2004.

Lorri Kerrigan from County of Lambton Social Planning explained the CLB is a grant from the Government of Canada to help eligible families pay for the cost of their child's education after high school.

The CLB is deposited directly into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for the child. Parents don't have to contribute any money to be eligible, but they can add to the RESP if they wish. Grandparents and other family members can also contribute to it.

To be eligible, a child must: have been born in 2004 or later; have a Social Insurance number; and reside in Canada.

The parent or guardian must have: a net family income under \$53,359 (based on family size it is adjusted every year); a Social Insurance number; and fixed taxes for at least one year since the eligible child was born.

The Government of Canada will contribute up to \$2,000 to an RESP for an eligible child.

This includes: \$500 for the first year of eligibility; \$100 each year the child is eligible (up to and including the year they turn 15); and if your income increases, you don't lose the CLB that is already in the RESP for the child.

An application for the program can be made at a bank, credit union, or on-line.

Visit: *LambtonLearns* or *Canada Learning Bond—Canada.ca* to obtain more information.

**Only 36% of income-eligible children in Lambton County are currently accessing this free \$2,000 for post-secondary education, which includes skilled trades apprenticeships, college, or university.**



## Volunteers needed!

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is looking for volunteers to run fundraising Bingos that will help fund local environmental initiatives. The games will be held at Riverview Gaming/Jackpot Time in Chatham Kent.

Volunteers must be: age 18 and over; live in or near Chatham; trained or willing to complete training from CGCK (<https://cgamingck.ca/training>); able to commit to two to three two-hour sessions per month; and willing to abide by the Riverview Gaming Compliance Policy and Code of Conduct.

Initiatives funded by the bingos include: outdoor environmental programming; the monitoring and safeguarding of vital species at risk in our watershed; and other important projects.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ashley Fletcher at: [afletcher@scrca.ca](mailto:afletcher@scrca.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.

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.

**PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF USED BATTERIES IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH**

## BEACON BITS Q & A

**Q.** What are you supposed to do when your dog starts to eat your book?

**A:** Take the words right out of his mouth!



# Swim meet makes a big splash at the Moore Sports Complex



**Above:** In the Mixed 10-11 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay, STCC second swimmer Cora Cole flies from the block as lead swimmer Jenah Stephens touches home. At the block, the third of four relay swimmers, Penelope Stephens, prepares take launch position on the block. The fourth swimmer in the team was Kaylah Stephens.

There was a whole lot of splashing going on at the Moore Sports Complex on March 5 as Mooretown's *St. Clair Current* swim team hosted three other clubs (Chatham Pool Sharks, Aylmer Arrows, and Blenheim Blast) from the St. Clair Erie Aquatic League (SEAL League).

Organizers say COVID presented many challenges as the team struggled to rebuild, but the *Current* has rallied well. The team's first official season was 2021/2022 and membership is now up to 30 swimmers. The other three teams endured the same challenges. STCC President Tracy Marut said, "All of the teams survived COVID and are in the process of rebuilding and reintroducing the sport of swimming to rural communities."

The success of the SEAL League was on display during the swim meet, as a total of 98 swimmers competed in age-appropriate groups, ranging from *under age 7 to 14 and over* tested their skills.

*Action shots by Bonnie Stevenson*



**Above:** St. Clair Current member Grayson Kusnir, 7, does a triumphant fist pump to celebrate winning the coveted *STCC Club photo Rainbow Heat Winner ribbon*.



**Left:** Swimmers take their starting positions and wait to begin the Mixed 12-13 100 Meter Backstroke. From left in Lane 1 is Chase Ellis, *Chatham Pool Sharks*; Gray Klonteig, *Blenheim Blast*; Clair Fletcher, *Aylmer Arrows*; William VanHooren, *Aylmer Arrows*; and Jenah Stephens, *St. Clair Current*. Not shown in Lane 6, Jake Leigh, *Chatham Pool Sharks*.

*More Swim Meet on page 10*

# HERITAGE CORNER

## **VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT** for the Advisory Committee and the *Tuesday Group*

The Moore Museum is looking for anyone who would be interested in joining the **Advisory Committee**. We meet at the museum once a month (with a few exceptions), at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday. We discuss all matters concerning the museum, including upcoming events, maintenance needs, the accepting of large donations/artifacts, etc.. Anyone with an interest in the Museum or local history would be welcome to join!

The Moore Museum is also looking for volunteers who may enjoy being part of the *Tuesday Group* on Tuesday mornings. The group comes to do general maintenance around the grounds, such as painting or building shelving or display mounts, etc. and they enjoy the camaraderie of working together. They usually stay until early afternoon.

## *Swim meet doesn't happen without dedicated volunteers*

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Above: The officials in their flashy red shirts were easy to pick out at the swim meet. Their important work identified many personal best times and improved performances. Shown here after a successful SEAL League swim meet are, from left: Dennis Eves, Chris Varey, Jim Loyer, Bonnie Marceau, Stephanie Lobsinger, Trevor King, Marcel Broer, and seated with the record keeping equipment, Heidi Weninger.

The swim meet could not have happened if it wasn't for the 60 dedicated volunteers and officials who kept the competition running smoothly. STCC President Tracy Marut says the technical quality of the swims showed tremendous growth and development by many of the swimmers. The Team Championship will be hosted by the Chatham Pool Sharks team in April.

**STCC swimmers who turned in notable results included:** Jenah Stephens, 11: 1st place in 100 IM, 50m Breast Stroke, 100m Freestyle, and 2nd in 100m Back stroke.

Jacob Rose, 14 - 1st in 100m IM, 100m Back, 100m

Breast, 100m Free and 2nd in 50m Fly.

Jane St. Pierre, 12 - 3rd 100m IM

Cora Cole, 10 - 1st in 50m Back

Whitney Wilson, 15 - 3rd in 100m IM

Kaylah Stephens, 9- 2nd place in 100m IM, 50m Back, 25m Breast, and 50m Free.

Adam Jackson, 7- 2nd in 2m Fly, 3rd in 25m Free.

Grayson Kusnir, 7- 2nd in 25m Breast, 3rd in 25m Back.

Cameron Stephens, 6 - 1st 25m Back.

Leah Stephens, 14 - 3rd 100m Back.

## L.E.O. monthly Diners Club luncheon hears how to foil fraudulent calls

The LEO Diners Club luncheon held every third Wednesday of the month at Wellings in Corunna left diners with a full tummy and a lot of food for thought.

Using an information outline developed by the Ontario Provincial Police, OPP Const. Jamie Bydeley delivered a valuable cautionary presentation on how to identify and cope with telephone scams.

Before he began his presentation, he urged the group not to be embarrassed or to feel ashamed to report a suspected scam or for having actually been the victim of a scam.

He advised them to call the police non-emergency line at: 1-888-310-1122. He explained the police must be kept aware of scams that are attempted and perpetrated because victim reports help law enforcement identify trends and emerging threats.

He urged his audience to remember three simple words:

**STOP! CHALLENGE! PROTECT!**



PC Bydeley

A fraudulent phone call usually involves some urgency by wanting you to take immediate action. For example, a caller could tell you a loved one is in trouble and you need to send money right away to help him/her. Or a bogus caller supposedly representing the Canadian Revenue Service or some other legitimate group says you owe money for some reason, or they need you to confirm your S.I.N. number. PC Bydeley pointed out the urgency is used to make you take action before you have time to think it through or talk about it to anyone.

He said to never react to the urgency. It's a red flag that tells you it's a scam.

If the person representing a government service or a commercial concern like Amazon, hang up and check with that service or business before taking any action. And if the person threatens you with arrest or penalty, don't take it seriously.

PC Bydeley pointed out that arrests are made in person by a law enforcement official. "Someone will show up at your door," he said. One of the diners at the luncheon suggested you ask the offender to tell you the arrest warrant number and PC Bydeley agreed that was a good example of challenging a scammer. He also urged his audience to be calm and remember that no legitimate government department or organization will threaten you over the phone. Neither will they ask for your Social Insurance Number or other personal information. "Never tell them your personal information over the phone," he said.

Unsolicited calls where the caller asks for your personal information are not legitimate. Here are some of the other red flags PC Bydeley spoke about during his talk: If the



Above: Some of the diners at the monthly Lambton Elderly Outreach luncheon in Corunna were fortunate to have guest speaker OPP PC Jamie Bydeley at their lunch table. When the diners had enjoyed their dessert, PC Bydeley gathered them at the presentation area and regaled them with an eye-opening talk about how to recognize and handle fraudulent phone calls. His table mates, from foreground left, are: Glenda, Marian, Maureen, and Dyanne.

*B. Stevenson photo*

unsolicited caller gives you a confirmation phone number to call to prove his/her legitimacy, **do not call it**. PC Bydeley suggested you be your own investigator. If you look up the number for yourself, and if such an organization or business exists, find out if the suspected call was made by them. A legitimate company might need to know their brand is being used illegally.

If you answer a call and there is silence on the line, hang up immediately. If you receive a call early in the morning and it isn't someone you are sure you know, hang up. Scammers know people are more vulnerable when they first wake up.

Caller ID can be "spoofed". There are ways for the offender to manipulate call displays based on number and name to make you answer the phone. For instance a '519' area code does not always mean the call is local. It can be coming from anywhere in the world. A familiar name on the caller ID screen may not be real.

If you receive a call where the first thing the caller asks is, "Can you hear me" and you answer "yes", your voice may be captured, manipulated, and used to scam people who know your voice (see urgent call for money) or to actually use it to make scam calls.

PC Bydeley also touched on email scams. Although they can look very official, there is a way to find out if an email address is legitimate. The email address of the sender can often tell you if the address is really from that person or business. PC Bydeley said to hover your cursor over the sender's email address. If the email is not legitimate, the address will be a jumble of numbers and symbols.

There are many ways for scammers to infiltrate your life and there are more fraudulent tricks being developed and used every day. PC Bydeley says only the scams that are well investigated will be solved. That's why it is so important to report scams and fraudulent activities especially if you are the victim. You can report first-hand information about how it was done. Reports are gathered and your report may be the same as many others, establishing a trend that may help law enforcement with the case.

**TO REPORT A FRAUD CALL THE OPP NON-EMERGENT LINE:**

**1-888-310-1122**

**EDUCATE YOURSELF AGAINST SCAMS AND FRAUD:**

**[antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](http://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca)**



## A day in the life of the 1st Sombra Township Cubs/Scouts



Enjoying a hike in the woods, the Scouts and Cubs follow their leader.



Danika Deschenes Attempts to start a fire with flint

The 1st Sombra Township Cub pack and Scout troop spent the beginning of March Break at Scout Camp Sylvan. They learned how to build emergency shelters, and start fires with flint and steel, and they learned about propane equipment. They enjoyed a six kilometre hike through the woods, and finished off their night with a campfire and dessert.

*Photos/info by  
1st Sombra Township Cubs & Scouts*

Youth ages 5 to 14 participate in weekly meetings learning about leadership and outdoor skills. The current group includes: 18 Beaver Scouts; 14 Cub Scouts; 7 Scouts, and 8 Scouter. They enjoy camping and hiking at Scout camps and local provincial parks, as well as canoeing on the Sydenham River in Wallaceburg. To register a youth or to volunteer, please email: [scoutertinacampbell@gmail.com](mailto:scoutertinacampbell@gmail.com), or check out Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1454693791657856>



In the process of building emergency shelters are Cub Scouts Hadley Vogt, Caleb Foster, and Sydney Bezaire.



## Goalie's eye view of Jr. Flags in action

On March 3, while the St. Clair Current swim team and three other SEAL League teams were duking it out in the Moore Sports Complex pool, the Junior Flags were facing their own challenges on Rink 2. In goal for the Jr. Flags was goalie Keegan Saunders, shown here keeping an eagle eye on the Jr. Kings as they threaten the net after a puck drop.

*B. Stevenson*



## Budding Jr. Flag?

On a lovely spring-like winter day, budding hockey great Wesley Smith, 2, took advantage of the good weather to practice his stick-handling skills in the driveway. His goal for the near future is to be drafted by the *Tim Bits* and work his way up to the *Mooretown Flags - Ultimate goal, Conn Smythe MVP!*

*Holly Foster photo*



## Hockey fans swap stories

After a recent talk at Sir John Moore School, Mayor Jeff Agar was stopped in the lobby by two students who enjoyed his message about citizenship. But somehow, the conversation veered off to the subject of hockey. The two Jr. Lady Flags, coincidentally named Clair and Clair, and Mayor Agar, a former hockey coach, spent a few minutes chatting about the great Canadian game until Mayor Agar's schedule forced him to leave.

# West Lambton Community Health Centre programs

We Now Offer Online Program Registration  
Please visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/>  
(Be sure to specify which program you are registering for on the top of the form.)

## In Person Programs

**\*Anger Management:** Identify your anger triggers, patterns, and practice positive effective anger management skills. Started March 7 and continues to April 18 at 6-7:30 p.m. (@ West Lambton CHC). To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email: [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com)

**\*Coffee Time Social Drop-in:** Join us for coffee and conversation, free of charge! Anyone is welcome to attend! To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email: [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com)

- ◆ **Brigden:** Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. (@ Brigden United Church—2420 Jane Street, Brigden). We will be meeting in the lower hall. The church has an elevator, so is accessible for all. **\*\*NEW LOCATION.**
- ◆ **Sarnia:** Fridays at 10:45 a.m. (@ West Lambton CHC). Please do NOT arrive prior to 10:45 a.m. as we have other programming happening and the Coffee Time volunteers need adequate time to set up.

**Cooking Buddies:** Children's cooking classes for ages between 6-12 years old. The class will focus on learning to read recipe cards, measure ingredients, try new foods, and to have fun! Classes will run monthly. **CLASSES ARE FULL AT THIS TIME!** Locations: April 3 @ 6-7:30 p.m. (Sarnia—429 Exmouth St. Sarnia), April 23 @ 6-7:30 p.m. (Corunna-St. Joseph's Church, 346 Beresford St.) and April 29th 6-7:30 p.m. (Brigden—2435 Courtright Line, Brigden).

**Drum Fit:** Drum Fit's Music, Motion Memory Program encourages participants to socialize and move together for brain and body health. Started March 7 and continues until April 25, every Thursday at 9:30-10:30 a.m. (@ Oakdale YMCA—60 Oakdale Ave., Sarnia). To register, please call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email: [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com)

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

**Age Well at Home:** Join us for monthly health sessions at various locations in Lambton- County. Register through your local library to sign up. Locations: April 9 @ 1:30-2:30pm (Watford- 5317 Nauvoo Rd. Watford), April 30th @ 1-2pm (Thedford- 16 Aleen St. Thedford). April 25 @ 1:30-2:30 p.m. (Alvinston—3251 River St. Alvinston).

**Line Dancing:** Mondays April 8th - May 13 @ 1:30 p.m. Emmanuel Presbyterian Church—120 Russel St S. (formerly Paterson Memorial). Everyone is welcome, space is limited! To register, please call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email: [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com)

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

- ◆ **Brigden Low Impact:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. (@ Brigden Fair Grounds, 2976 Brigden Rd, Brigden)
- ◆ **Mooretown Low Impact:** Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. (@

Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily St.).

- ◆ **Sarnia Low Impact (LHCRC):** Mondays & Fridays 9:30 a.m. (@ Living Hope Christian Reformed Church-1281 Exmouth St) **\*\*NO CLASS ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

**Sarnia Low Impact (SEMC):** Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. (@ Sarnia Evangelical Missionary Church—707 Talford St.)  
**Meditation:** Mondays from 10-11 a.m. (@ West Lambton CHC). Increase self-esteem, improve concentration, lower blood pressure, reduce stress anxiety, emotional balance. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email: [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com).

## Virtual Programs

**Advanced Care Planning Workshop:** April 15 @ 2:30p.m. Prepare yourself and your loved ones by creating an Advanced Care Plan that works for you. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 277 or email: [mhyatt@nlchc.com](mailto:mhyatt@nlchc.com).

**Eat Well, Live Healthy Wellness Workshop:** Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss healthy eating, nutrition tools, resources and more! For more information about dates/time and to register, call 519-786-4545 ext. 307.

**Feeding Your Toddler Class:** April 17 @ 1:30-3 p.m. Toddlers can be a challenge. Learn how to support your picky eater and get healthy snack and meal ideas. To register, email: [EarlyON@nlchildcare.ca](mailto:EarlyON@nlchildcare.ca)

**Heart Healthy Living:** Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss types of cholesterol, heart smart diet and healthy heart lifestyle habits. For more information about dates/time and to register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 307.

**Shibashi/Sit or Stand Combo:** Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.—75 minute class. A combination of movements used in Shibashi and Sit or Stand classes. Shibashi is—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 and perfect for beginners. Sit or Stand is performed with the options of either standing or seated in a chair. Resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome. To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com)

**Sit or Stand:** Tuesdays @ 10:15 a.m.—60 minute class. This exercise is performed with the option of either standing or seated in a chair. Resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237, or email: [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com)

## SWWA Woodlot Management Award presented

Donald C. Craig R.P.F. was awarded the South West Woodlot Association 17th Annual Woodlot Management Award on March 2 during the association's annual meeting. Mr. Craig, who co-founded the association in 1992, owns 50 acres of second growth forest in southwest Middlesex. He has received several awards for his outstanding contributions to wildlife and forest stewardship. Right: SWWA President Betty Hubbell presents the SWWA Woodlot Management Award to Donald Craig.

Photo submitted



# 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 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.

### 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 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.

### Mental health group and resources

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.**

## 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.

**Get your copy of the ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP BEACON at your local library!**

# Corunna Legion hosts the *Royal Affair Bridal Show*

Wedding bells will be ringing for many couples this season and whether the event is a formal affair or a small, intimate gathering, there are a lot of decisions to be made. On March 7, the Corunna Legion hall hosted the Royal Affair Bridal Show Sponsored by *LaPier's Flowers and Events by LaPiers*. Fifteen exhibitors were on hand to show off

their products and services.

From wedding attire to photography, DJ service, and venue decor, visitors were able to meet first-hand with the vendors and get a sense of what was available. Brides-to-be, some with fiancé in tow and some with members of the wedding party, took their time at each exhibit. Exhibitors included: *LaPier's Flowers*; *Super Tents*; *Bridal Confidential*; *Bluewater Weddings* Officiant service; *Courtney Mitchell Photography*; *Royal Canadian Legion*; *Bogey's Inn & Venue*; *Sew Retro Alterations*; *Nicole Smith Riverview Realty*; *Frameworks Videography*; *Lambton Sanitation*; *G & L Rocks DJ Service*; *Widder Station*; *Once Upon A Time Weddings*; and *Pampered Chef*.



This formal sample table and setting graced the centre of the recently renovated Legion hall.



Above: The wedding showcase gives a bride and her entourage a lot to talk about.



At the *Super Tents* booth, bride-to-be Danielle Myles is planning an outdoor wedding in 2025. Her friend Meegan Debock has come along to provide friendly input.

Above: Marianne LaPier chats with bride-to-be Debbie Rogers, middle, and friend Dawn Ewing.



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 **LEGION**

### All occasions made special by Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary

The special event season is coming up fast and venues are booking up even faster. Why not check out the banquet facility at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 hall, 350 Albert Street in Corunna.

From weddings and sports banquets to corporate/business meetings and trade shows, Branch 447 Ladies Auxiliary Banquet Hall can comfortably accommodate up to 289 people.

Looking for a more intimate space? The Club Room has a capacity of 143. Both recently renovated and updated rooms have their own L.C.B.O. licensed bar facilities and share a large industrial sized kitchen where an experienced staff turns out delicious food offerings for any occasion.

A spacious parking lot at the hall ensures guests will not have to wrestle with parking spaces and the hall is fully accessible.

For information regarding food and table information, please call Ladies Auxiliary President Denise Taylor at 519-491-5627.

For banquet hall bookings and prices, please call 519-862-1240.

**Trust your special event to Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary**

## Lambton County Library teams up with Huron Shores Area Transit to introduce bus service using Smart Card

Lambton County Library cardholders can now borrow Smart Card library passes that will provide unlimited travel fare for up to five days on Huron Shores Area Transit, an inter-community public transit service linking Lambton Shores, South Huron, North Middlesex, Bluewater, and Kettle & Stony Point First Nation with each other and Sarnia, London, Goderich, and Strathroy.

The pass can be borrowed by any Lambton County Library cardholder from the following library locations: Sarnia, Arkona, Forest, Grand Bend, Port Franks, and Thedford.

"This collaboration with Huron Shores Area Transit will allow new transportation options to area residents," said Darlene Coke, Manager of Library Services. "Lambton County Library is committed to serving the diverse needs of our community and by providing access to both transportation and library resources, we are fostering greater opportunities for exploration, learning, and connection."

Huron Shores Area Transit was launched in 2020 and is a fully

accessible public transit service funded by an Ontario Community Transportation Grant. Information about routes, schedules and fares is available at [HuronShoresAreaTransit.ca](http://HuronShoresAreaTransit.ca).

"We are proud to partner with Lambton County Library in offering Smart Card Library Passes," said Susan Mills, Transit Coordinator with Huron Shores Area Transit. "This collaboration aligns perfectly with our mission to provide accessible transportation solutions and enhance community connectivity. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have on the residents of Lambton County."

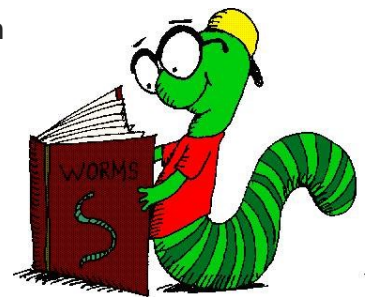
Lambton County Library cards are free to anyone who lives, works, studies, or owns property in Lambton County, or is a resident of any First Nations Community in Ontario. To obtain a Lambton County Library card and access the Smart Card Library Pass, individuals can visit any of Lambton County Library's 25 locations. Further details regarding Library locations, services, and hours of operation can be found at [lclibrary.ca](http://lclibrary.ca).

## Literacy Lambton Baby Bookworms project continues

The Baby Bookworms project will continue through 2024. Every new baby born at Bluewater Health (1,100-1,200 annually in Lambton County) is greeted with a literacy welcome. Waiting in each crib is a handmade tote with new books, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten keepsake log encouraging new parents to read right from birth and track books read, and connections to programs and services every new parents needs to know.

Are you a sewist or belong to a guild or sewing circle? Want to be part of the Baby Bookworms project? Consider joining the Literacy Lambton Sewing Army infantry unit and sew totes to welcome these new babies. For more information contact Tracy at:

[info@literacylambton.org](mailto:info@literacylambton.org)



### CRIME STOPPERS SARNIA-LAMBTON

Your information can be submitted by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or going online to: [www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com)  
Callers are guaranteed 100% anonymity. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to any call display services. If your tip leads to an arrest or charges being laid, you may receive a cash reward.

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AGE-FRIENDLY EXPO PRESENTS LOCAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS FOR LAMBTON SENIORS

FREE ADMISSION

Wednesday, May 1 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Point Edward Arena



The aging process poses many challenges for seniors and it can be overwhelming to navigate those challenges alone.

To familiarize Lambton seniors with the local resources and supports at their disposal, the Age-Friendly Expo, sponsored by Wellings of Corunna, will be held May 1 at Point Edward.

Admission is free.

Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton has been developed to provide a one-stop support site that offers answers to the many questions and needs of people 60 and over. The not-for-profit agency also provides community support services for adults with disabilities.

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

Age-Friendly is funded in part by Ontario Health, the County of Lambton, and the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton. Remaining funds are acquired from client fees for service, fundraising, and donations.

A trip to the May 1 Age-Friendly Expo will allow visitors to speak to people representing a wide range of businesses and services such as health care, mental health, social participation and active living, housing and help at home, family and caregiver support, financial and legal planning, transportation, and many more.

For more information, go online to: agefriendly.sarnialambton.ca

To contact LEO, offices at Reece's Corners are open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To call: 519-845-1353 or toll free at 1-800-265-0203.

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) offers seniors Diner's Club offered

SOMBRA: On Tuesday, April 9, Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) Diner's Club will host a monthly light lunch and entertainment by United Way from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$12 per person at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre. Entertainment - Spring at the museum.

CORUNNA: On Wednesday, April 17, the Diner's Club offers a monthly hot meal and entertainment from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$17 at Wellings. Information session: Elder Abuse: Protect yourself. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND. To register for lunch or for more information, contact Della at 519-845-1353, ext. 301 or email: dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org

Advertisement for LEO Diner's Clubs. Text: 'COME, ENJOY TIME TOGETHER LEO New Diner's Clubs Tuesday, April 9 .....Sombra Wednesday, April 17...Corunna 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.'

Advertisement for LEO Wallaceburg Delivery Opportunity. Text: 'LEO Wallaceburg Delivery Opportunity Help others stay in their homes! Deliver Meals on Wheels You Give: A few hours a week, Reliable commitment, A friendly smile. You Get: Joy in helping others, New friendships, Schedules that meet you where you are able, Small reimbursement. Interested: 519-845-1353 ext 301, volunteer@leohelps.ca'

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Advertisement for Moore Sports Complex. Text: '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!'

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Edward Arena, 210 Monk Street in Point Edward on May 1. The Expo will provide a unique opportunity for guests to explore and navigate local health and social support services. No registration is required. The event will be sponsored by Wellings of Corunna. See page 18 for more information.

Moore Agricultural Society Events

\*SPRING COUNTRY JAMBOREE will be held on Sunday April 14 at the Brigden Fair Exhibition Hall. Come dance the afternoon away. Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. Cash Bar. Dinner at 5 p.m. Scalloped potato and ham supper tickets will be available at the door for \$15 per person. 50/50 draw with proceeds to youth programming in the community. Musicians are welcome.

\*MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH is slated for Sunday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. Menu includes: pancakes, hash browns, bacon, ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, toast, fruit cocktail, and beverages. NO reservations are required. Admission is \$17.50 for adults, \$10 for children 6-10, and free for children 5 and under. NO reservations are required.

BRIGDEN COUNTRY CAMPOUT JAMBOREE: This annual summer event will be held from July 31 to Aug.5. There are lots of events slated for this event, including: the Brigden Market on Saturday, Aug. 3, music, dancing, fun, fellowship, and 50/50 draws.

Please watch the Brigden Fair Facebook page and Website for this and additional events that are being planned as well as details on the above items. Details will also be found in the Around the Township column of the St. Clair Township Beacon.

Wilkesport Community Centre Annual Meeting

The Wilkesport Community Centre Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 17.

51st Moore Skating Club Ice Show

The 51st Moore Skate Club Ice Show will glide onto the Moore Sports Complex rink on Saturday, April 6 with two shows, a 1 p.m. matinee and a 6 p.m. evening performance. The shows will highlight club skaters from age 3 to 50 in individual productions based on the theme, A Night At The Movies.

Tickets will be available at the door the day of the shows and are now available to purchase at LaPier's Flowers on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. Don't miss this annual entertainment treat on ice!

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. A Homecraft sponsorship can cost as little as \$25 and livestock sponsorship is higher. Let's discuss opportunities for you and/or your company to become a class sponsor at the fair. Please call for details to discover all of the

possible categories from which you can choose. Many sponsorships are available.

If you would like to sponsor a class in the Brigden Fair Prize Book, get in touch with us by May 15 so your name can be noted in the prize book. Call at 519-864-1197 to discuss opportunities or email:

info@brigdenfair.ca or michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca

Need volunteer hours?

Students in need of volunteer hours are invited to collect them by helping with fundraising events or banquets. For more information contact:

info@brigdenfair.ca OR michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca

Tickets for 2024 quilt available

Tickets will be available for the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division Annual Quilt Raffle from any Homecraft member (in person), at events such as the Downriver Craft Show at Moore Museum this autumn, at the Brigden Fair office, or Always Quilting in Brigden. They can also be purchased by e-transfer: quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca Let us know how many tickets you want to purchase, including names and contact information for the tickets. The cost is \$5/ticket or 3 for \$10 and can also be purchased in larger quantities. Your tickets will be emailed to you. The winning ticket will be drawn on Thanksgiving Monday. Don't delay. Limited tickets available.

Moore Ag. Society membership

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Moore Agricultural Society, or if you wish to renew your membership, a one year membership is only \$20 per person. For more information about the membership role, contact: info@brigdenfair.ca.

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Moore Skating Club presents A Night at the Movies! Sat. April 6th 1 pm & 6 pm Shows Moore Sports Complex. Advanced Tickets available at LaPier's Flowers, Corunna Or at the door day of show while seats last. MOORE SKATING CLUB logo.

# AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

## **Corunna Legion Br.447** 350 Albert St., Corunna 519-862-1240

*Corunna Legion continued*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Membership is NOT necessary to enjoy the facilities.**

**Our hall is wheelchair accessible  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Pepper starts at 1pm.  
All Welcome

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Sew Crazy Girls start at 10:30am  
Stop in and see what it's all about

April 2 - General Meeting - Nominations for New Executive, all members please try to attend.

April 9 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers in the Kitchen, Banquet Hall, Bar. (Smart Serve is required for bar)

April 16 - Executive Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

April 3, 10, 17, 21 - Whacky Wednesdays. All Day, All Welcome

April 4, 11, 18, 25 - Cribbage starts at 1p.m. All Welcome

April 5, 12, 19, 26 - Bridge starts at 1 p.m. All Welcome

April 5, 19 - Fun Meat Darts starts at 7.p.m. All Welcome

April 13 - Alf Hughes Dart Tournament. Registration from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Play at 11 a.m.

Ladies and Men's Singles, Mixed Doubles. Cost \$10 per event. Food will be available. Everyone is welcome.

Contact: [arodgers89@hotmail.com](mailto:arodgers89@hotmail.com)

April 27 - Open Jam Session, All Welcome

**You don't have to be a Legion member to enjoy any of our facilities and functions**

FB: Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Br 447 Hall is wheelchair accessible.

**FB: The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Br.447  
More information on the above events is available by calling (519) 862-1240**

or on Facebook: The Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Br.447

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## **Brigden Legion Br. 635**

3021 Brigden Road, Brigden  
519-864-1395



**Everyone is always welcome!**

Thursday, April 4 - Catch the Ace draw - 7 p.m.

April 6 - Progressive euchre - 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 - Catch the Ace draw - 7 p.m.

April 13 - Meat raffle - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18 - Catch the Ace draw - 7 p.m.

April 20 - Trivia 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 25 - Catch the Ace draw - 7 p.m.

April 27 - Meat raffle - 4:30 p.m.

Catch the Ace tickets are available for \$2 during open hours. Hours of operation are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Meat raffle Saturdays - open 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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## **Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) to host Age-Friendly Expo**

The Age-Friendly Expo, hosted by Lambton Elderly Outreach, will be held at the Point



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