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**PLEASE**  
continue to  
support your  
local food bank.  
**YOUR**  
donations  
make a  
positive  
difference  
all year long.

## *Greenhill Gardens gets ready for its close-up*



Bonnie Stevenson photo

The dead plant material and debris left behind by the Winter months is quickly disappearing from Greenhill Gardens thanks to the attention of full-time caretakers assigned by the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation (SCRCF). **Above: Caretaker Carly Shaw cleans up one of the bushes as she works her way through the site.**

This summer the garden will be available to book for special occasions like weddings, anniversary celebrations, group photos, and family reunions. Booking fees will be used by the SCRCF to fund the upkeep and maintenance of the site. **For more information, please contact Tim Payne, SCRCF Manager of Forests at 519-245-3710, ext. 224.**

### **Lambton County's 175th anniversary is something to celebrate!**

To celebrate the 175th anniversary of Lambton County, everyone is invited to show off their historical items and the stories behind them. A number of "Show and Tell" events are being planned for locations throughout the county, featuring experienced staff who will be on hand to look at a historical item or picture and, perhaps, offer additional background about it.

Do you have items or memorabilia associated with a local sports group, early school days, photos of a special family event or community festival? How about a favourite family recipe, an old general store ledger or a chest that holds an old mothball scented military uniform? Get ready to show them the light of day at one of the anniversary Show and Tells. **For more information about these Show and Tell events, see page 4.**

**Right: Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott, looks over historical material with a library staff member in preparation for the 175th anniversary events.**

*Photo submitted*



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# 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:

Monday, June 3 at 3 p.m. and

Monday, June 17 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.

## Council discusses need for input from concerned residents

The need for better communication between ratepayers and council was raised during the May 21 council meeting.

Councillors agreed that, all too often, people will voice their concerns and complaints to each other instead of conveying them to council, which leaves the issue unresolved and council blamed for not taking action.

St. Clair Township residents who have a question, concern, or a complaint are urged to contact the people who can help.

The freshly revamped St. Clair Township website is the place to make contact. Please go to:

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

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## Community Services Report to Council

### Pool repair to cause temporary closure

The Moore Sports Complex pool filtration replacement project is scheduled to begin on June 5. The pool will be closed from June 4 through June 28, with the anticipated reopening slated for July 2. During the closure, the dressing rooms will

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## St. Clair Township 2024 Final Property Tax Due Dates

Thursday, July 25

Thursday, September 26

## 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)

## 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 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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be painted and some tile work will be done in the pool. So far this year, the pool has had over 660 registered participants with 28 additional private lesson spaces also in operation.

On-ice programming will continue through the spring and summer months. Public skates will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon (cancelled dates are Aug. 12, 16, 19, 21, 23) at \$2/per person, \$10/family. Summer Sunday public Skates will be 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$3/child, \$4.25/adult, and \$10/family.

The extremely wet conditions the township experienced last summer and so far this spring have made the slopes in river parks challenging to keep trimmed. The ungroomed condition of these slopes have been a subject of concern voiced by some residents in those areas. To alleviate the problem, an assessment is underway to determine what areas should be cut and what areas can be transitioned into a naturalized area of wildflowers.

### Golf Course in operation

The extensive renovation being carried out at the golf course continues with attention to plumbing and electrical upgrades as well as door and window replacements. As the work goes on, an interim clubhouse has been approved for operation in the cart barn. The "nineteenth hole" offers a full weekly menu with daily specials for dining inside or, if weather permits, outside.

### Parks/Splashpads

Parks, washrooms, and splashpads were opened in May. The public is urged to use these facilities responsibly and to report any vandalism or misuse that may occur. The cost of repairing the damage caused by this criminal behaviour is paid for with ratepayer dollars; it's money that could be used to fund positive projects and maintenance within the township.

### Cameron Street reconstruction bid approved

The reconstruction of Cameron Street is moving forward and a suitable design for the project has been developed. At the May 14 council meeting, six bids for the project were considered and the bid that was accepted satisfied all requirements at a cost that was below the 2024 capital budget of \$2,200,000 that was allotted to it. The winning bid also included design and inspection of the project.

The reconstruction will include: the replacement of an aging ductile watermain and the complete reconstruction of the roadway to modern standards, complete with hot mix asphalt, concrete curbs and gutters. The project will also include some storm sewer replacement as well as the replacement of storm structures.

A positive budgetary result of having money remaining from the project is that the surplus can possibly be used to resurface other deteriorated streets or be pooled to address other infrastructure projects. The tentative schedule for the project to begin is early June, with completion of the project by the end of October, 2024.

### 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 stray animals.



### NOTICE ZION 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 (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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"To be a good citizen, it's important to be able to put yourself in other people's shoes and see the big picture. If everything you see is rooted in your own identity, good citizenship becomes difficult or impossible."

~Author, activist, and entrepreneur Eli Pariser

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## MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

## Lambton County museums and County libraries partner up to showcase Lambton's history



To mark the 175th anniversary of the County of Lambton, Lambton County museums and Lambton County libraries are encouraging residents to show off their historical items and share their stories at *Show & Tell* events.

At these *Show & Tell* events, residents will also have the benefit of accessing the expertise of staff from the Museums and Archives. They may be able to provide additional insight about the item and may be able to record, digitize, or photograph the item to allow future generations to learn about Lambton's history.

Said Adrienne Lebert, Public Services Coordinator, Lambton County Library, "Whether it's a family photo graph capturing generations gone by, a handwritten diary chronicling local life, or a treasured heirloom passed down through the ages, every item holds a piece of Lambton's heritage." In the interest of public safety, event organizers are asking residents not to bring firearms.

"Lambton's 175th Anniversary has created a great opportunity for us to reach out to residents in an effort to celebrate and learn more about our local history and ensure we are taking steps preserve it for future generations," said Nicole Aszalos, Archivist / Supervisor, Lambton County Archives. "Every household in Lambton County is likely to have a treasured photo of their ancestors posing outside their Lambton farmhouse, or a family favourite recipe that has been passed down by each generation, or a ledger from the family business, or a school or team uniform in their attic. We would love to see these types of local history artifacts and learn about their history." Lambton 175th *Show & Tell* events will take place at various locations throughout Lambton County from June to

September. Residents are required to register in advance for event planning purposes at [lambtonmuseums.ca/show](http://lambtonmuseums.ca/show). Lambton 175th *Show & Tell* will take place at the following locations:

- ◆ Alvington Library: Thursday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ Clearwater Library (Lower Hall): Tuesday, June 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ **Mooretown Library: Monday, June 24, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**
- ◆ Watford Community Centre: Thursday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ Forest Library: Thursday, July 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ Lambton Heritage Museum: Saturday, July 27, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (more may be planned).
- ◆ Sarnia Library: Tuesday, August 13, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ Camlachie Library: Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ Oil Museum: Thursday, August 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ Florence Community Centre: Thursday, September 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Petrolia YMCA: Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ **Brigden Library: Wednesday, September 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

At the conclusion of the Lambton 175th *Show & Tell* events, a presentation highlighting some of the most interesting artifacts will be held at Sarnia Library Theatre on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit [lambtonmuseums.ca/show](http://lambtonmuseums.ca/show)

## SLEP AGM to feature Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) speaker



*Powering a Sustainable World®*

focus includes grain and oilseed production, forages, sweet corn, and gladiolas flowers. He has served on various agricultural boards at the regional, provincial, and federal levels. He is the past-president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and is an Ontario delegate to The Co-Operators Insurance. He now contributes to provincial government advisory committees, including the 4 Plan Review, Environmental Advisory, and Wetlands Advisory committees. Mr. Currie's topic will be *Fueling Canada's Prosperity: An Integrated Approach to Energy and Agriculture*. His insights will be valuable as Canada pursues its goal of being net zero emissions by 2050.

The AGM agenda will begin at 7:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. with Arrival and Registration; from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. with Breakfast and Networking; from 8:30 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. with the Business Meeting Agenda. Keynote speaker Keith Currie will make his presentation from 9:10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Register online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2023-agm-sarnia-lambton-economic-partnership-tickets-624689231307>

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"My grandfather used to say that once in your life you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman, and a preacher. But every day, three times a day, you need a farmer!"

~Canadian author, inspirational speaker, and farmer, Brenda Schoepp





# 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.

### 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 – November 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 discolouration disappears.

### 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 – November 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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Emergency preparedness starts with you  
**be prepared**



**make a plan**

[ontario.ca/beprepared](http://ontario.ca/beprepared)



**build a kit**



**stay informed**

Ontario

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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://rprr.ca/where-to-recycle/>

RPRA (Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority) - RPRA'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:

(All locations require a fee)

**Transco Recycling**, 387 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia;  
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon;  
519-332-4045

**Curran Recycling**, 526 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia;  
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon: 519-332-0849

**Waste Depot**, 456 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia;  
Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
519-333-08252

**Wallaceburg Leaf and Yard Depot**, 505 Water St.,  
Wallaceburg Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon  
519-627-8101

**NOTE: Call ahead to confirm hours and fees which are all are subject to change.**

**KEEP CLOTHES  
OUT OF YOUR BIN**



Clothes and textiles can disrupt the recycling process. Consider donating instead.

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



## 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 even tragedy.



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

*Composting made quick and easy? See page 7*



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## Public Works Department



# FOODCYCLER



**St. Clair Township continues to offer the Food Cycler Appliances (food waste processing units) at subsidized rates including the new larger Maestro Unit.**

The FC 30 unit is priced at \$175.00, while the larger Maestro unit, priced at \$325.00, boasts more than double the bucket capacity of the original FC30.

The Maestro Food Cycler is equipped with a single, larger filter that utilizes the same carbon pellets as those utilized in the smaller FC-30 filters, and each product includes additional filters.

### What is a FoodCycler?



Closed-loop indoor compost alternative, which speeds up the natural decomposition process.



It dries and grinds food waste into a dry, odourless, nutrient-dense by-product in 4-8 hours.



Use the byproducts as a fertilizer and add it to your garden, lawn or existing composting system.



Odourless, easy to use and energy efficient alternative



The purpose of the FoodCycler™ is to measure the viability of onsite food waste processing technology as a method of waste diversion. By reducing food waste at home, you support your municipality's environmental goals, reduce your household's carbon footprint and extend the life of your community's local landfill.

### Composting Easy as 1-2-3

**Step 1 - Add Scrap**

**Step 2 - Press Start**

**Step 3 - Fertilize**

The FoodCycler is a compact counter-top recycler which transforms food waste to fertilizer within hours. Odorless and quiet, the unit comes with a removeable waste bucket for easy loading, and an intuitive carbon filtration system (1st set of filters are already installed).

#### Reduce Food Waste

The FoodCycler pulverizes and aerates nearly all types of food waste, breaking them down to a tenth of their original volume. Use the by-product as fertilizer to thoroughly mix into your soil.

#### Fits Almost Anywhere

The FoodCycler is similar in size to a bread machine. It should fit almost anywhere you have - about one cubic foot of space with a power outlet. Keep the bucket in the kitchen, under the sink, or by the trash can, and store the FoodCycler in the garage, in a closet, or on a counter.

#### Don't Wait

Traditional composting can take weeks, if not months, to transform food waste into garden-ready fertilizer. Because of the FoodCycler's intense aeration, heating and pulverization, this process is sped up and completed within 3 to 8 hours.

#### Perfect for Indoor Use

Outdoor composting systems require a minimum temperature to break down organics, making it difficult in colder months. Since the FoodCycler is odorless, you can run it indoors and reduce food waste year round, regardless of the outside temperature.

**MEET THE FOODCYCLER MAESTRO, page 8**

# FOODCYCLER

## PRODUCTS—MEET THE NEW MAESTRO



\$175.00 + tax

FC-30



\$325.00 + tax

MAESTRO

### SPECS

BUCKET CAPACITY

UNIT VOLUME

DIMENSIONS (IN ")

PROGRESS INDICATORS

PROCESSING TIME

POWER CONSUMPTION

FILTRATION

VENT LOCATION

TRANSMISSION TORQUE

2L

30.5L

(H) 14 X (W) 11 X (D) 10.3

3-PHASE LED

4-8 HOURS (OVERNIGHT)

<0.40KWH/L

2 REUSABLE FILTERS

BACK

12 FT LBS (MAX)

5L

28.9L

(H) 13.8 X (W) 13.8 X (D) 10.3

PROGRESS TRACKING LEDS

6-8 HOURS

< 0.35 KWH/LITER

1 REUSABLE FILTER

TOP

24 FT. LBS MAX

The FoodCycler Product Family offers closed-loop solutions to food waste, with zero emissions or odours. This sustainable process reduces your organic waste to a tenth of its original volume. Small and compact, FoodCycler products can fit anywhere! FoodCycler products operate quietly and efficiently, using little energy. All units come with Amazon 6A certification and a protective over box as well as additional filters to use.

To learn more about the program, please contact Public Works at:

stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca  
519-867-2993

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





## Stay safe this summer with helpful tips from St. Clair Fire



Here are some tips for staying safe this summer:

1. Ensure your home address number is visible from the road. Remove debris that could block the view of first responders.
2. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Replace batteries if needed and replace any alarms that are older than 10 years.
3. Create an emergency preparedness kit in case of prolonged power outages, floods, or other emergencies. Make sure you and your family can be self-sufficient

for up to 72 hours.

4. Practice your home escape plan so everyone in your household knows what to do in a fire. Check every window to ensure it opens and closes properly in case it's needed as an exit.
5. Check outdoor electrical outlets and appliances for animal nests or chewed wiring.
6. Check fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.

**AND NEVER leave your grill unattended!  
Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of fires.**

## HERITAGE ST. CLAIR RECEIVES HERITAGE CHAMPION AWARD

The County of Lambton is currently celebrating its 175th anniversary with a number of special events and presentations. One of those presentations will be made on June 5 at 8:30 a.m. when Heritage St. Clair receives the Heritage Champion Award.

The members of Heritage St. Clair will receive the award in recognition of their "...work in preserving and promoting the storied history of St. Clair Township, including heritage advocacy, programs and events, advisory support to the municipality, and community interpretive signage."

Current members of Heritage St. Clair include:

Chairperson Tracy Kingston; Past Chairperson Dave Pattenden; Treasurer Jan Smith; Secretary Dave Taylor; Librarian Bob Goodearle; Bob Nicol; Paul Smith; Louis Townsend; Miria Pelletier; Brent Anderson; Barb Good; Nora McGill; Craig Perrin; John Richardson; and St. Clair Township Council representatives Bill Myers and Holly Foster.

*Former members of Heritage St. Clair who shared the passion for heritage preservation include: Al Anderson; Murray McAllister; Ian Mason; Don Carpenter; Don Ricciuto; and Cathie Ricciuto.*

## Nominate your favourite business for an OBAA

St. Clair Township has some great businesses and services that deserve to be recognized with an OBAA nomination. The public is invited to nominate their favourites in the OBAA Categories below. Now is the time to show your support.

The Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Libro Credit Union, is thrilled to announce the opening of nominations for the 34th Outstanding Business Achievement Awards (OBAA's). Recognized as the most prestigious business awards in Sarnia Lambton, the OBAA's celebrate excellence and innovation in the local business community. On Oct. 18 at the Dante Club Ballroom, the gala evening will honour the outstanding achievements of businesses and individuals in various categories.

Nominations are now open until 11:59 p.m. on June 23. Members of the public are invited to nominate their favorite businesses, individuals, or entrepreneurs for one of the twelve trophy categories. A panel of judges from Chambers and businesses outside the Sarnia Lambton community will ensure a fair and transparent judging process. The winners will be announced at the gala evening on Oct. 18.



### OBAA Categories include:

- ◆ Large Business of the Year (60+ employees)
- ◆ Medium Business of the Year (11-59 employees)
- ◆ Small Business of the Year (1-10) employees
- ◆ Non-Profit of the Year
- ◆ Member of the Year

- ◆ Entrepreneur of the Year
- ◆ Agri-Business of the Year
- ◆ Excellence in Customer Service by an Individual
- ◆ Innovation Award
- ◆ Young Professional Award
- ◆ Green Business Award



## 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)

## New addition to Sacred Heart Catholic School yields spacious child care facility

Children attending the new Sombra Township Child Care (STCC) facility at the expanded Sacred Heart Catholic School are arguably some of the luckiest pre-schoolers in Ontario.

The expansion, first announced by the Ontario government in 2020 to fund construction at Sacred Heart, included child care. It increased STCC's licensed capacity by creating 17 additional spaces, and integrated it with the pre-school program at the school. The new facility now has 99 licensed child care spaces to offer, from infants to school age.

During the opening ceremony, STCC Manager Nicole DeRoeven welcomed special guests including: St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar, who presented her with a certificate of congratulations on the opening of the new facility; Marcie Myers, Manager of Finance for St. Clair Catholic District School Board; and Melissa Fitzpatrick, Manager of Homelessness Prevention and Child Care Services for the County of Lambton.

The special guest of the event was Carol Flanagan, the founding force behind the STCC.

Mrs. Flanagan first had the idea to invite parents and their children to come over and play in her basement. It was her vision to bring children and family services to the community.

That vision became a driving force that led to the creation of a Board of Directors and eventually, the formation of STCC. She is noted for the way she mentored a long line of child care practitioners and for the way she could charm and entertain her young charges.



**Left:** STCC Manager Nicole DeRoeven receives a certificate of congratulations on the opening of the new care facility from Mayor Agar. **Right:** Retired STCC Manager Carol Flanagan speaks to the open house visitors, congratulating Nicole and her staff, and thanking those who made the new facility a reality.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



STCC staff and dignitaries watch as the opening ribbon flutters to the ground.



### Lambton Public Health warns—TEST YOUR WELL WATER SUPPLY

Lambton Public Health (LPH) urges residents with private wells to regularly test their well water to ensure the water is safe to drink. Recent high-water levels, flood conditions, and saturated grounds could allow harmful bacteria to enter the drinking water, making it unsafe to consume.

LPH recommends wells be tested routinely several times a year or after flood conditions to test for harmful bacteria such as E.coli. Bacteria testing and water sampling kits are available **FREE OF CHARGE** at: **Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia**, Monday–Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30p.m. **OR Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street in Point Edward**, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.



## HERITAGE CORNER



Patrons who attended the Moore Museum's popular Victorian Tea on Sunday, May 19 were well served by these three young members of the wait staff while the ladies in the kitchen were kept busy dishing out five delectable flavours of warm scones paired with hot or cold beverages. Diners in the quaint Victorian cottage dining room relaxed and enjoyed a leisurely dining experience. Wait staff trio, from left: Malina Wszolek-Edey; her sister Larisa Wszolek-Edey; and Jessie Otten. Chatting in the background are young ladies dressed for the occasion; Jensen Tomajko of London, left, Dani Normandeau of Petrolia, and concealed at left, Billie Letkenmann.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

### ***Sombra Museum plans exhibition to honour Lambton County's 175th anniversary***

To celebrate the 175th anniversary of the County of Lambton, Sombra Museum is planning an exhibition of paintings, drawings, and photographs by local artists of locations, homes, and events from around St. Clair Township. The museum would like to borrow these items until approximately Nov. 30, 2024 for display in the exhibit. Examples of items sought include, but are not limited to, paintings by folk artist Stan Norris, photographs or paintings of landmarks or villages, or fond childhood memories. If you would like to have your items featured, please contact Sombra Museum by Saturday, June 1.

Contact Sombra Museum: Call 519-892-3982, email: [www.sombramuseum.ca](http://www.sombramuseum.ca),

### ***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.

# Beacon Bits

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

~Sherry Anderson, championship curler

## Plains Midstream Canada supports SCRCa Spring Water Awareness program

For the sixth year, Plains Midstream Canada (PMC) has supported the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's (SCRCa) Spring Water Awareness Program (SWAP) which teaches students about the hazards of spring floodwaters. PMC donated \$5,000 to allow SCRCa to deliver the program free of charge at local schools.

PMC is an industry-leading midstream services provider based in Calgary, Alberta. Since 2001, the company has offered processes and services that serve the needs of the petrochemical industry across North America while adhering to its Environmental Protection Program.

**Right:** Students at Lambton Centennial Public School in Petrolia recently took part in a SWAP experiment that demonstrated how dangerous ice cold floodwaters can be. Winter run-off and swollen fast-flowing rivers and streams often entice children to play on the slippery riverbanks, an activity that has proven fatal for some. These valuable SCRCa program demonstrations provide a first-hand experience of the distressing rapid sensory effects icy water has on the human body.



An hand held in ice-water was enough to show these students how quickly ice cold water can affect their sense of touch and dexterity.

~SCRCa photo

## 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](http://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.

Ontario Corn Committee Chair Ben Rosser cited a two-fold advantage to creating the GoCrops website. said.

[GoCrops.ca](http://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](http://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".



**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.



## Community In Action

### Corunna Legion Br. 447 donates to U15 Corunna Lady Giants

The COVID virus might have affected the efforts of our community service clubs and groups, but it didn't stop them for good. They're back in full swing.

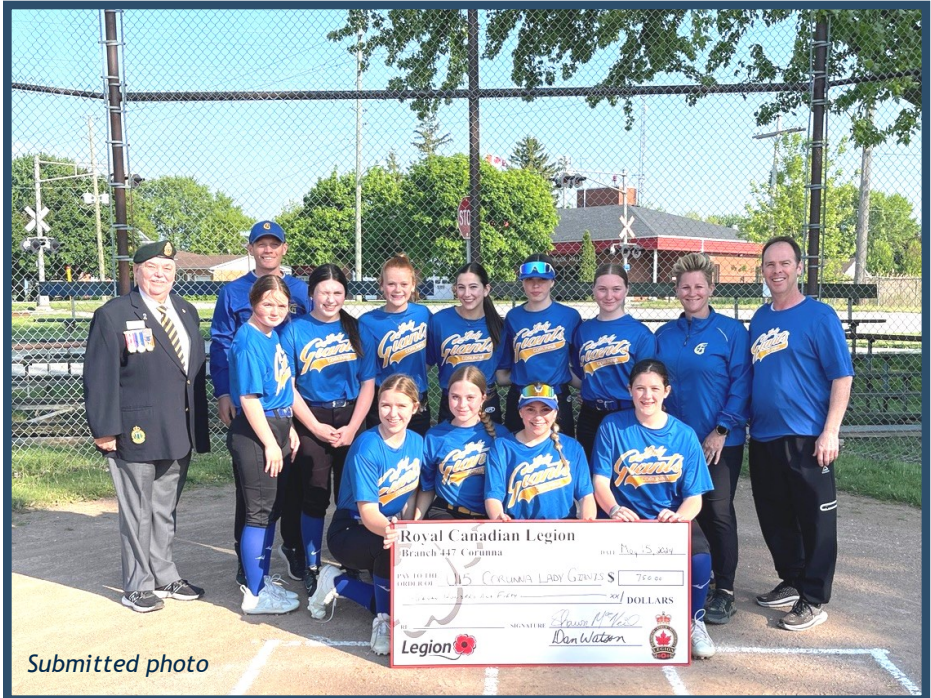
**Left:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 recently made a donation to the Under 15 Corunna Lady Giants to assist with their tournament fees for the season.

The grateful team is shown here during the cheque presentation.

**Back row left side:** Br. 447 President Shawn MacNeil and Coach Paul Salisbury.

**Back row from left:** Sophia Burgess, Camryn Leitch, Kylee Salisbury, Emma Gauvin, Ainsley Bennett, Hayley Pepper, Coach Laurie Smith, Coach Marc Greenwood.

**Kneeling left:** Lily Scott, Natalie Duncan, Claire Gaulton, Sophie Smith.



Submitted photo

### Brigden United Church Little Caring Cupboard helps community meet daily needs

When most of us find ourselves out of a food item or daily necessity like toilet paper or laundry soap, we dash to the store to buy it. But some people in our community; for instance struggling young families, singles, or seniors for whom the household budget has been depleted, do not have that luxury.

The congregation at Brigden United Church is mindful of the need and they are doing something about it with the Little Caring Cupboard (LCC).

This tiny but mighty little outdoor structure is available on the honour system 24 hours a day as a way to provide urgent food support to the community. Each day, the cupboard is checked and stocked with the basics of daily life thanks to donations from individuals in the church, the community at large, and community organizations like Operation Christmas Tree (OCT).

The LCC is located at the church's west side back door and is well lit so it can be accessed when a need arises.

Not to be confused with food banks, the little cupboard is an emergency resource and those who make use of it are trusted to take only what they need when they need it. Since January when the cupboard was introduced, LCC volunteers Nanette Barnes and Barb Steadman say the honour system has been working out well.

The women say the idea for some kind of food support program had been discussed among church volunteers from time to time, but when Barb Steadman's parents decided to remove the little storage cupboard from their porch, the idea quickly became a reality and the Little Caring Cupboard was born.

Anyone wishing to make donations of food, household or personal hygiene supplies, paper goods, or otherwise can contact Barb Steadman



*The Little Caring Closet at Brigden United Church recently received a funding boost courtesy of a cheque from Operation Christmas Tree. Shown here touring the Little Caring Cupboard during a donation presentation from Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) are, from left: OCT President Stan Marsh; Brigden U.C. Secretary/Treasurer Nanette Barnes; Brigden U.C. volunteer Barb Steadman; OCT volunteers Davida and Ken Nimmo.*

Bonnie Stevenson photo

at the church office, 226-932-0421, Nanette Barnes at 519-359-2179, OR drop off the donations on Thursdays at any time. A bin will be out on the Brigden United Church front step to receive them.

The volunteers suggest that when people are out doing their own shopping, it would be much appreciated if they would pick up something to help keep the cupboard full.

**NOTE:** In April, Operation Christmas Tree donated \$1,000 to the St. Andrew's Food Bank and also a new refrigerator in May.

## West Lambton Community Health Centre programs

We now offer online Program Registration

Please visit [https://nlchc.com/services/wellness\\_programs/](https://nlchc.com/services/wellness_programs/)

Be sure to specify which program you are registering for on the top of the form.

***THIS IS THE FINAL WLCHC CALENDAR UNTIL PROGRAM RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER.***

### In Person Programs

**Coffee Time Social Drop-in:** Join us, free of charge, for coffee and conversation at West Lambton CHC in Sarnia at 429 Exmouth Street on Fridays at 10:45 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email: [reveraert@nlchc.com](mailto:reveraert@nlchc.com). ***Please do NOT arrive prior to 10:45am as we have other programming happening and the Coffee Time volunteers need adequate time to set up.***

**Cooking Classes for Adult Trans Support (18+):** June 26 from 5-7 p.m. at West Lambton CHC. This is a monthly cooking class for adults that is in partnership with *DiversityED*. Space is limited. To register, go to [www.nlchc.com](http://www.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.

**Indoor Yoga:** Starts May 22 - June 19 for 5 weeks at Cam-lachie Community Centre from 9:30-10:30 a.m. All levels welcomed. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one and some mats will be available to use if you don't have one. To register, call Kandis at 519-786-4545, ext. 235.

**Meditation:** Mondays from 10-11a.m. at 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

**Anger Awareness Workshop:** June 17 at 2:30 p.m. Identify anger triggers and learn to manage strong emotions. To

register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 277 or email: [mhy-att@nlchc.com](mailto:mhy-att@nlchc.com)

**Eat Well, Live Healthy Wellness Workshop:** Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss about 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:** June 19 at 1:30-3 p.m. Toddler feeding 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 about 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, starts at 10:15 a.m. for a 75-minute class. A combination of movements used in Shibashi and Sit or Stand classes. Shibashi is Tai chi/qigong, 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 being 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, starts at 10:15 a.m. for a 60-minute class. This exercise 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)

## 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, 10a.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!***

## 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.



# 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.

The Sacred Heart food bank appreciates all donations and the basics are always in high demand. **Drop off bins are located for your convenience at: DG Grains Becher location; Mainstreet Credit Union in Port Lambton; Port Lambton Food Market; Port Lambton United Church; Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Port Lambton.**

### 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.**

### 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 **as of June 7, Pepper is played on Fridays at 1 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 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.**

## Are you looking for work?

In Corunna, help is as close as the Corunna Library, 417 Lyndoch Street on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Lambton Works employment team can connect you with employers and local community service providers to help you reach your goals and support your well-being. Job seekers and employers can access resources and support to navigate the job market or check out **Facebook: [www.facebook.com/lambtonworkcentre](https://www.facebook.com/lambtonworkcentre)** **No appointment needed**



## Teen Photo Contest underway

The Teen Photo Contest for teens age 13-18, sponsored by the Lambton County Library and Judith and Norman Art Gallery, will be accepting photo submissions until July 7. Subject categories include: Local icons; Abstract; and Romance of Ruin. Photos can be submitted online at [lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest](http://lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest).

Contest entries will be judged by a panel of industry experts and 25 of them will be selected and featured alongside works by the late Canadian photographer Jane Hinton from Aug. 2 to Oct. 12, 2024.

The grand prize winner will receive their choice of

\$100 to Mainframe in Sarnia, \$100 to Carmen's Foto Source, or a virtual one-hour one-on-one session with award-winning photographer Peter Power. The three category winners and the grand prize winner will have their winning entries matted and framed.

**Budding photographers from Lambton County** can attend an **optional hands-on workshop** on RAW Photography-July 2-5 at the JNA Art Gallery, 147 Lochiel Street, Sarnia.

**For detailed information, contest rules, and submission instructions, please visit:**

**[lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest](http://lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest)**



## 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.



### Summer Camp - REGISTER NOW!

Come try our Summer Camp where we will be focusing on a different skill and movement each day! Each day will also have age-appropriate activities planned. Each week will have a unique theme!

#### Junior Summer camp: ages 5 - 8 years

Begins July 2 to August 30: 8:30 - 4:30 pm (Early drop off (7:30 a.m.)/Late Pick up (5:30 p.m.) available for an additional fee). Fees \$45/Day, \$190/Week, \$1500/Summer!

#### Senior Summer camp - Ages 9 - 12 years

Begins July 2 to August 30th: 8:30 - 4:30 pm (Early drop off (7:30 a.m.)/Late pick up (5:30 p.m.) available for an additional fee). Fees \$45/Day or \$190/Week, \$1,500/Summer!

### GOLF Camp - REGISTER NOW!

#### Junior Golf camp: ages 5 - 9 years

Week 1 Begins July 15 to July 18: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Week 2 Begins August 5 to August 8: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Week 3 Begins August 26 to August 29: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### Senior Golf camp: ages 9 - 14 years

Week 1 Begins July 8 to July 11 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Week 2 Begins July 22 to July 25 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Week 3 Begins August 19 to August 22 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fees \$225/Week

Golf is a great game to keep kids active while having fun and helps to develop new skills as well as hand eye coordination! Lunch will be included each day.

#### Red Cross Babysitting Course - Min. age 11 years

Date: Friday June 7 (PA Day) Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$80.00

#### Summer Swim Lessons - REGISTRATION OPENS June 12 at 9 a.m.

Check our website at <https://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca/learn-to-swim/> or call 519-867-2651 for more information!

### Spring into Fitness!

Join Guns and Buns, Mat Pilates, Yoga, Nordic Walking, Aqua Fitness or Water Therapy!

Check out our Brochure for more information! \$10/class (\$7/seniors) or \$70/10 visit pass!

#### Summer Sunday Public Skates

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$3.00/child, \$4.25/adult, \$10.00 / family

#### Weekday Public Skate

Mon, Wed and Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (cancelled dates include Aug 12, 16, 19, 21 & 23). \$2.00/person, \$10.00/family

### GOLF COURSE OPEN! CHECK OUT THE KITCHEN MENU

While the new Clubhouse is under construction, we are excited to say that we have turned the cart barn into a temporary Clubhouse, complete with Pro Shop, Bar and Kitchen! Come for a round of golf or join us for dinner from noon to 8 p.m. DAILY SPECIALS are also available!

Check out our Facebook Page!

### Campgrounds are now open! We are already booking for 2025 camping Season!

Looking for a Seasonal site for 2024 season? We have 3 Seasonal Sites at Branton Cundick available. Call 519-867-2651 for more information.

**Reminder! We have 2 Ice Pads open all Summer! Call today to book your ice rental!**

*For more information or to register for any of the programs contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.*





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## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

## SCRCA/SCRCF River Canoe and Kayak Race a soggy success

After several years of cancellations due to COVID, high water levels and substantial rainfall, the 2024 SCRCA/SCRCF River Canoe and Kayak Race organizers were pleasantly surprised with the turnout.

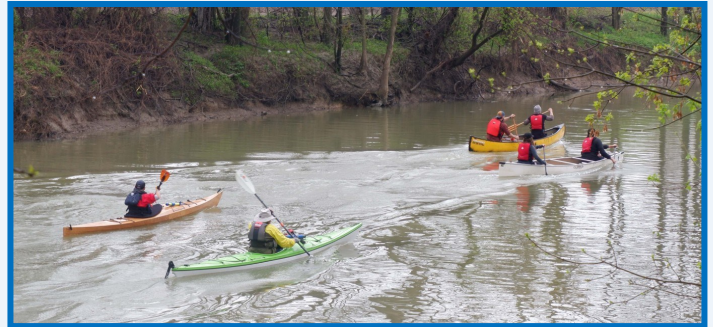
In spite of a soggy start, the 2024 river race raised over \$3,800 for the Conservation Education programs that support the SCRCA's Education team in their effort to connect with and engage students within the watershed through environmental programming.

*Thanks to SCRCA for photos and info*



### Leystra family receives First Place Award for 7 km river race

SCRCA Chair Pat Brown presents the Leystra family with their first place awards for their speedy performance in the Lazy River Race class.



### 12 km racers face the upstream challenge

Canoes and kayaks enter the upstream portion of the Sydenham River race route.

### Duo poses double trouble at award time: Top Fundraiser Award

SCRCA G.M. Ken Phillips presents Top Fundraiser trophy to Pat Brown, left, and Emery Huszka, who collected the greatest number of pledges for the 2024 event.

The Brown/Huszka duo also presented double trouble for their competitors in the 7 km VIP canoe race as they powered their canoe over the finish line in first place.



## Lambton County Library / Huron Shores Area Transit introduce bus service with 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 Nations 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.

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).

## Greenhill Gardens near Wilkesport

### A Special venue for special occasions

Greenhill Garden, located near Wilkesport, is now in the care of the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation (SCRCF) thanks to a generous donation of land from the Robson family, former owners of the land.

**Greenhill Gardens will be available to rent for special occasions and functions, (i.e. weddings, anniversaries, group photos). The rental fees will be used to ensure the maintenance of this beautiful property.**

The SCRCF is a registered, charitable organization that raises funds to support the conservation programs of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA). Donations are gladly accepted by the SCRCF to support a number of initiatives including: conservation education; tree planting; the protection of wetlands, soils, and forests; and upgrades to conservation area facilities and amenities.

**For more information, contact**

Tim Payne, SCRCA Manager of Forests, 519-245-3710, ext. 224, or email: [tpayne@scrca.on.ca](mailto:tpayne@scrca.on.ca)



*Greenhill lotus pond in bloom*

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## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



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

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

For more information about *Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton*, go online to:  
[agefriendly.sarnialambton.ca](http://agefriendly.sarnialambton.ca)

*The Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton website focuses*

on adults age 55+. It has expanded to support active, healthy, and engaged living for people at all stages of life. It was launched through a grant from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, and has evolved with the help of several other grant opportunities.

The age-friendly content of the website, which includes a wide number of *Help At Home services*, is informed by feedback gathered from community members and care providers within Sarnia and Lambton County.

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



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

**SOMBRA:** On the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, June 11, Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) Diner's Club will host a monthly light lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$12 per person at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre. Entertainment - Dr. Lafrate-Chiropractor.

**CORUNNA:** On fourth Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, June 19, 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. Entertainment - Wellings.

**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](mailto:dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org)

**COME, ENJOY TIME TOGETHER**

**LEO**

**New Diner's Clubs**  
 Tuesday, June 11 - Sombra  
 Wednesday, June 19 - Corunna  
 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.**



## Seniors Cruise aboard the Duc d'Orleans II



Seniors are invited to come aboard the Duc D'Orleans II on Monday, June 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. Registration opens at 8 a.m. at the dock on a first come, first served basis (in person only). Cruise times are 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. The cost is just a smile! For information, call Caryn at 519-344-1763,

ext. 306 and leave a message OR email: [SarniaSeniorsCruise@gmail.com](mailto:SarniaSeniorsCruise@gmail.com)

## New EarlyON website launched

A new EarlyON website highlights drop-in centres for young children and their families across Lambton County.

It showcases the many resources offered through EarlyON Centres. These centres offer free programs and provide a place where parents, caregivers, and children from birth to age six can play and learn together. They promote learning through play and encourage parents/caregivers to participate in their children's growth and development.

**VISIT: [Earlyonlambton.ca](http://Earlyonlambton.ca) to explore the new website and to find your local EarlyON Centre.**

## SOMBRA DAYS

**JULY 5, 6 & 7**  
**2024**

Sombra Community Park  
 112 Smith Street, Sombra

**FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

*Live music,  
 refreshment tent,  
 co-ed two pitch,  
 volleyball and  
 horseshoe  
 tournaments,  
 inflatables,  
 soap box races,  
 children's craft's  
 ETC!*

*S.S. & R.*



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## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

## Moore Agricultural Society 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 B 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.

### Brigden Fair sponsors invited

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.

Call at 519-864-1197 to discuss opportunities or email: [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca) OR [michelle.evanski@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:michelle.evanski@brigdenfair.ca)

### STUDENTS, DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Students who need volunteer hours are invited to collect them by helping the Moore Agricultural Society (Brigden

Fair) with fundraising events or banquets. Contact emails above.

### 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: [quiltaffle@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:quiltaffle@brigdenfair.ca) Let us know how many tickets you want to purchase.

**ATTENTION SUMMER SHOPPERS! Mark your calendars and don't miss the Brigden Market. More information is on the way here in The Beacon or on the Brigden Fair website.**

### 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](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca)

### Brigden Market is on the way

The Brigden Market is on the way on Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. VENDORS are invited to participate in this great summer event. For more information or to reserve a display site, please email:

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

## CORUNNA STREET FESTIVAL 2024

September 23, 2023 saw Lyndoch Street in Corunna filled with entertainment, vendors, kid friendly activities, food and even a few oddities, not to mention laughter, happy people, and friendly greetings. It provided a memorable ending to the *Corruna200, Almost Canada's Capital* celebration.

That street festival was such fun that it's going to happen again this **Saturday, September 21. So far, the Corruna Street Festival will include:** the *Rhinestone Rodeo Show*, a show that includes a juggler; the Butterfly Zone with 3 giant butterflies on stilts; new inflatable games; a bouncy Magic Castle; 8 bouncy farm hoppers; face painting; and chalking on the street.



## Trust your special event to the Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary

For your special event, 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, with plenty of parking and fully accessible.

The intimate atmosphere of the Club Room accommodates 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.

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.

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

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

**SPECTATORS FREE \* BRING THE FAMILY**

**Saturday June 15th, 2024**

At beautiful BRANDER PARK, Port Lambton, Ontario

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

Pay at gate \* Pick your spot \* Bring completed form to Registration Tent



**\$10  
per car**



REGISTER 9AM  
PRACTICE 10AM  
Call Via 519-764-5912  
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# AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Every Monday - Pepper at 1 p.m.  
First Tuesday at 7 p.m. - General members meeting  
Third Tuesday at 7 p.m. - Executive meeting  
Every Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday  
Every Friday - Crib at 1 p.m.  
Every Saturday at 4 p.m. - Meat draw  
JUNE 27—STEAK BINGO - doors open at 6 p.m. with  
play starting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 for 5 cards.

**You don't have to be a Legion member  
to enjoy any of our facilities and functions**  
**Membership is NOT necessary  
to enjoy the facilities.**  
**Our hall is wheelchair accessible**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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or activities that will benefit and/or  
interest residents of St. Clair Town-  
ship.

To submit information,  
photos, or a notice, email:  
[beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca)

**DEADLINE FOR JULY  
SUBMISSIONS IS**

**Monday, JUNE 17**

**Early submissions are welcome**

Corunna Legion continued

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

FB: Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland  
Br 447



Hall is wheelchair accessible.  
FB: The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Suth-  
erland 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

\*June 6, 13, 20, 27 - Catch the Ace. Opens at 6 p.m.  
Tickets for sale until 6:30 p.m. Draw at 7 p.m.

\*June 8 - Meat Raffle at 4:30 p.m. Open at 4 p.m.

\*June 15- Trivia starts at 7 p.m. \$5 to play.

\*June 22 - Meat raffle at 4:30 p.m. Opens at 4 p.m.

\*June 28 - Progressive Euchre starts at 7 p.m. \$5 to play.

**Everyone is always welcome at Br. 635!**

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## Sombra Museum coming events/activities

**\*2024 Blueberry Social:** This delicious and much  
anticipated event is slated for Saturday, July 6 from 1 p.m.  
to 4 p.m. at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre, 3476 St.  
Clair Parkway. Enjoy an afternoon of fresh blueberry des-  
serts, live music by The Bluewater Chordsmen, and the op-  
portunity to take in the new exhibits at your own pace. For more infor-  
mation, check out the museum website at:

[sombramuseum@stclairtownship.ca](http://sombramuseum@stclairtownship.ca).

**\*Sombra Rangers, St. Clair River League:** Do you remember  
the Sombra Rangers hockey team and/or the St. Clair River League?  
The Sombra Museum wants to hear your stories about the team and  
the league. Contact us by phone (519-892-3982), email:  
([www.sombramuseum.ca](http://www.sombramuseum.ca)), or Facebook or Instagram

## Moore Optimist PASTA FUNDRAISER

Get out of the kitchen and head for the Corunna United Church on  
Thursday, June 6 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
for a hearty pasta dinner. The Optimist Club  
Of Moore will be hosting the dinner as a fund-  
raiser in support of the club's good works.  
The meal will include: pasta with meat sauce  
(vegetarian option available), Caesar salad,



garlic bread, home made desserts, tea, coffee or juice.  
Advance tickets only, \$20 per person, can be obtained from  
any Optimist member or contact Steve Pilkey by email at  
[steve.pilkey01@gmail.com](mailto:steve.pilkey01@gmail.com) or call or text Steve at 519-383-  
4276. More information can be obtained by checking out  
the Moore Optimist Club Facebook page.



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