

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Summer is almost over. The days are getting shorter and students and parents are gearing up for a new school year. These are sure signs of Fall fast approaching.

Summer is always a busy time at the Archives. People on holidays often drop in to do some hands-on research about their families. People have a little more time and often contact Middlesex Centre Archives via email, Facebook, telephone or snail mail. Sometimes unexpected packages even arrive in the mail. We treasure these unexpected donations.

We are pleased to have our Archivist,Carolynn Bart-Riedstra, back at the Archives on Wednesdays. Carolynn is so knowledgeable about all “archives” things. It is a pleasure to be there working under her capable direction. Our volunteers are very busy at the Annex sorting, documenting, repairing etc. our collections. We have received additional documents from the Middlesex Plowmen’s Association. As well, many additions have been added to the Bycraft-Zavitz Collections.

Our new scanner for negatives and slides will be put to good use this Fall as we begin to scan the negatives from the book, “The Heritage of Lobo”. This will open up the photos from the book and even those that were not included in the book to the public. Negatives from the late Maxwell McLean Collections are also being scanned.

June and July were extremely busy times at the Archives because we had displays at many events including Poplar Hill Picnic, Belvoir Open House, Ontario Families Conference, Fanshawe Pioneer Village 60th Anniversary Celebrations and Canada Day in Komoka. One re-occurring theme that surfaced was the surprise that we are the **ONLY** archives, with the exception of Western University, in both the city of London and Middlesex County. That had many people asking “why” and pledging support for a County of Middlesex Archives.



Poplar Hill Picnic



Belvoir Open House



Fanshawe Pioneer Village 60th Anniversary



Canada Day in Komoka

Please come see us and check our display in the Curling Club at the Ilderton Fair – September 27, 28, 29. This year's theme is the celebration of the 225th anniversary of Delaware Township settlement and the 200th anniversary of London Township's settlement. We will have our Delaware and Lobo Historical Landmark Tour booklets there. These have been a great success as we have received many positive comments about them. We will be back hard at work to get the London Township Historical Landmarks documented and booklet(s) produced. There is an incredible amount of work from identification, research and writing to produce these booklets. If you can help with this last one, please email/call us.

check with us. We may just have some information to help you.

We continue to work with the Ilderton and District Lions Club and the Ilderton Legion to erect banners to honour the people who served in the Armed Forces. The banners include the name and photo of the veteran. If you think one of your family members would qualify, please check with one of these organisations. Near Remembrance Day, when visiting communities such as Harriston or Clifford, which have banners lining their main streets, it makes one stand a little taller and give thanks for all the veterans. So pleased to see this programme expanding across Ontario. Check at the Archives as we may have information and/or photos of your veteran. We still have our on-going project of collecting information about war brides from our area.

Look for our next edition of the Middlesex Centre Archives' calendar soon coming your way. This year we are featuring schools from Middlesex Centre. If you have a photo of your school, one room or other, please consider adding it to our collections.

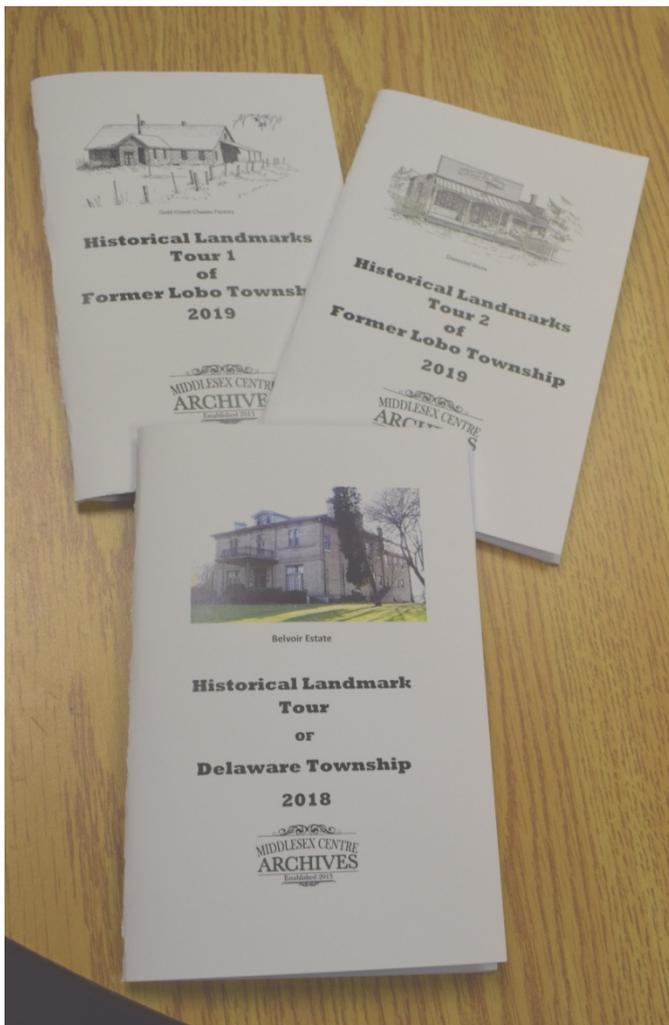
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We will have displays at Sharon School Reunion and the Gold Creek Community 100 years celebration this Fall. If you or your group is planning a special event, please