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Bring on the Sunshine!!

BBQs, Outdoor activities, Morning or Evenings enjoying the horizon splendour.
Did you try or view the Northern Lights?
So many events going on now, that the calendars are getting fuller than usual.
Here's another to add to that busy-ness.

LUNCH GATHERING

John's Restaurant on Wednesday June 19th.

Please arrive at 11:30am for lunch service at 12:00 noon.
They will have a choice of 9 menu varieties, including some breakfast items.

RSVP by June 17, 2024 to Alma Brown at 519-336-9108 or Mel Sparks at 519-344-2931

While you are reading about Lunch...a grand time was had by those who attended the lunch at **Capstones Student Run Restaurant** at the College.

The Dining room was set up with smaller tables for group chatter. And there was a lot.
The meal was amazing. So delicious. The students and staff prepared a wonderful event.

Looking into having more luncheons there. The wait will be hard, as lunches are served in the Winter Term. Summer and Fall terms are evening service.

Check out the offerings.
Go to <https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/community/capstones/about-capstones>

You can also sign up for email notifications on what is being prepared for the future.
There's a button to join the Mailing List. Highly recommend.
There are occasional sales on items prepared for Take Away too!!!

Bon Appetit!!!

This is the ninth in a series devoted to - THOSE WHO SERVED – and their stories

The following is an account of Bill Lovsin's military service in the Canadian Army.

Bill was a mathematics teacher for many years in the School of Technology.

My "Grade A" training and "Grade A Advanced" training were completed at the Farnham Army Base near Saint- Jean d'Iberville, a bell tent army base, in Quebec. I was given a 2/Lt commission on Sept. 1, 1956, at 22 years of age.

My commission was Instructor of Basic Military Training to Cadets, a branch of the Canadian Army called the Cadet Services of Canada. I eventually became a full Lieutenant and when the Captain of our region (Abitibi Region) was transferred, I briefly held the rank of Acting Captain.

As a teenager I was involved in electronics and communications through my interest in Amateur Radio and acquired a Certificate of Proficiency in Amateur Radio - Advanced license, call letters VE2AVN, with 12 words per minute efficiency transmission of Morse Code.

My interest in electronics and communications was noticed by my army commander and sometime in about 1958, I was chosen among 11 others across Canada, one from each province, except Quebec which had 2 (I represented the Northern Quebec Region), for training at Vimy Barracks in Kingston to train at the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals Sigs (RC Sigs). I have an Ontario license now, VE3FSB.

A small aside is that an agent of the NRC (National Research Council of Canada) from Ottawa visited me while I was in Northern Quebec, for the purpose of me helping them establish a communications satellite station for that region. I was told my location was ideal for their needs but subsequently nothing came of it.

Bill Lovsin

My side note is that I had Mr. Lovsin as a Math Instructor. He was one of the first at the College to adopt video recordings of his class lesson for his students to be able to view in the Library on individual playback units with headsets. (circa early 1980s)



Lambton College

May 9 at 1:46 PM · 🌐



🏆 In a moving ceremony today, Lambton College proudly unveiled the newly named HMCS Sarnia Classroom, honoring the brave legacy of the Royal Canadian Navy's Bangor-Class Minesweeper from WWII and its connection to Sarnia. Drop by Room B2-114 to explore its rich history.🇨🇦

This initiative is part of our commitment to reducing barriers for military-connected students. In April 2023, Lambton partnered with four other Ontario colleges to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to offer barrier-free access to program completion for military-connected students. 🍌

To learn more about the history of HMCS Sarnia, go to <https://www.canada.ca/.../his.../ships-histories/sarnia.html>

Read the full press release <https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/.../lambton-college-honours...>



Dave Van Leeuwen passed away May 1, 2024. He was Registrar before retiring from the College.

Obituary notice link:

<https://theobserver.remembering.ca/obituary/david-van-leeuwen-1089693006>

Jean Carter passed away May 5, 2024. I recall Jean being a very quiet, kind soul.

Memorial link: <https://smithfuneralhome.ca/memorial/jean-carter-0>

The grounds of the College have been seeing a lot of landscaping in the last few years.

If you are in the area, take a drive through.



Spread the word about membership in the Lambton College Retirees' Club. \$ 10.00 per year fee.

Also, always looking for newer retiree's to join the Executive.

Your Executive: Alma Brown, Cathy Bull, Terry Cameron, Mary Leckie, Karen McClughan, Pat O'Connor, Gerry Page, Mel Sparks, Kathi Vandenheuvell, Ursula Westelaken, Ray Wreford