



A-2 Environmental News



Welcome to the A-2 Environment Newsletter! This is your platform to share tips and celebrate all the ways our A-2 clubs protect and restore the environment and ensure sustainable operations of all our facilities and events.

A-2 Photo Contest results!

We received 22 photo submissions in all from club photographers for the Natural Environment category! Because of so many multiples, we narrowed it down to 2 photos maximum per photographer. Our winner was Beverly Byl (St Davids) and 2nd place went to Dennis Toth (Hagersville)

We received 5 submissions for Lions in Environmental Service. Our winner was St Davids (Soles 4 Souls) and 2nd place Hagersville (Roadside Cleanup).

Photo Contest Winner – Lions in Service!



St Davids and District – Soles 4 Souls

Photo Contest Winner – Our Natural Environment!



Beverly Byl – St Davids and District

These winning photos - one from each category- will be sent on to the MDA Convention May 29-31, 2026 in St Catharines ON. Thank you everyone for your submissions! Some of the best are shared at the end of this newsletter.

Week of Service for the Environment (April 18-26, 2026)

Spring is on our doorstep - time to get out once again and support environmental projects. Lions International has designated April 18-26th, 2026 as the [Week of Service for All Lions for the Environment](#) What has your Club got on the calendar? If you can record it on a phone you can [submit the video](#) to the LCIF video contest. Submissions are due May 8, 2026 and winning videos will be showcased June 8, 2026.

New Voices/Environmental Service Symposium

District A-2 received a grant from LCIF to host a New Voices Symposium, with the purpose of attracting new diverse members and/or developing new community service projects.

We have collaborated with Two Row on the Grand at Six Nations to host an event, *Sustainable Tourism Through an Indigenous Lens*, at Chiefswood Park on May 2nd, 9am-2pm. Topics will include how to support the

environment when you host an event and how to mitigate invasive species. See [Eventbrite](#) for registration.

Sustainable Tourism through an Indigenous Lens
 Chiefswood Park, Ohsweken
 May 2, 2026
 9-2 pm

Guest speakers:

- Natalie Lowe-The Sustainable Events Forum
- Josh Sherry-7G Explorations Cultural Land-based Experiences
- Panel discussions

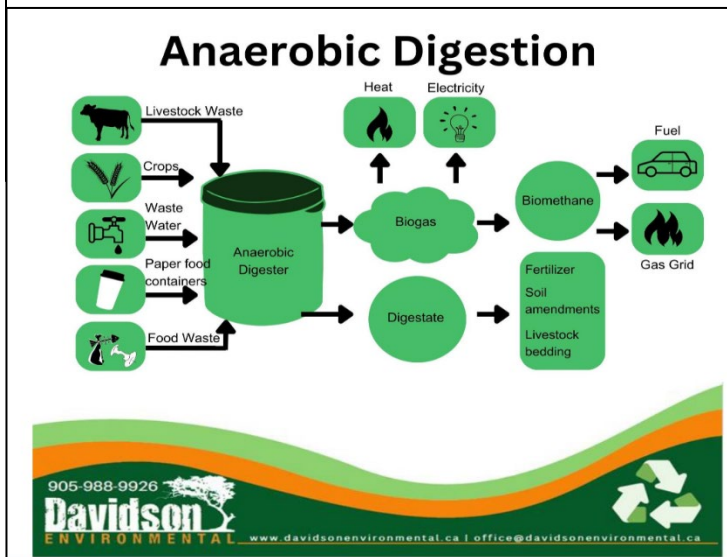
Register by QR Code or
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1984680704413?aff=oddtcreator>
 Limited number to 100

Join us to explore how we can share & protect our natural spaces

Sustainable Waste Management

Do you know how to separate recyclable materials from garbage? Do you make sure you separate your organic compostable material from garbage at your meetings? At your food banks? There are companies that help! [What goes in the bin?](#)

Learn about opportunities to make your waste sorting life easier and contribute to renewable energy! Check out [Davidson Environmental](#).



Giant Hogweed

Giant Hogweed is an invasive species found on the Grand River in the Brantford area. It is giant and toxic! The sap, when exposed to light, can cause severe burns on human skin. Removing hogweed can be dangerous because of this sap; it should also not be burned or composted for this reason. According to [The Invasive Species Centre](#), the easiest way to remove giant hogweed is to pull it when it is still very young and small and store all plant components in sealed black garbage bags until the plant is dried and seeds are no longer viable. Do not plant giant hogweed in gardens and report any sightings.



Did you know?

Two Row on the Grand is an annual 10 day paddle event on the Grand River. Paddle in friendship to celebrate the Two Row wampum from Cambridge to Port Maitland July 15 to 25, 2026. Registration is now open (but hurry, spots are limited).



Can crushing Lion raising thousands for local youth (edited for length)



Fisherville Lions member Floyd Moerschfelder is well on his way to crushing 500,000 beer cans and raising \$50,000 for local sports programs in the process.

Pictured alongside Moerschfelder are sisters Ady and Rylynn Davidson of the Haldimand Rivercats. Photo by Jacob Robinson

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Some people enjoy crushing beer cans for their birthday; Floyd Moerschfelder has taken it to a different level. While he's not much of a drinker, just one day following his 87th trip around the sun, the longtime Fisherville Lions Club member was holding court at his family farm, speaking to reporters about raising close to \$50,000 for local sports by crushing and donating cans. With the help of his fellow Lions, Haldimand's "Can Crushing Champ" has squashed nearly half a million empties.

"One of the reasons this is so successful is how well he's known, and our Lions Club is very well known in the area, too," said Walt Schaeffer, a fellow club member. "The community has got to support this for it to happen, and the community is hugely behind this."

During the campaign, the club has donated \$500 to a host of local squads. "This year, for one of my son's teams, we didn't have to pay for any tournaments; it was all covered," said Cayuga hockey mom Alesha McLeod. "We all donate back our cans now."

To help Moerschfelder reach his goal, drop-off locations have been placed at the Fisherville Tavern, Kohler Rd. (near the 3rd Concession) and at the intersection of Selkirk Towlne and 5th Concession, Walpole. The club is also providing regular updates on its Facebook page. Users can gain access by simply searching for "Fisherville Lions Club".

Selection of Photos submitted to the Friendship Convention

Please enjoy these wonderful views of our Natural Environment submitted by clubs in A-2.

2nd place Dennis Toth, Hagersville



*Honourable Mention
Albert Ribbink, Hagersville*



Barbara Wickenden, Grantham



Walt Schaeffer, Fisherville



John Harvey, Hagersville



April is Environment Month! Celebrate Earth Day with your environmental projects:

Dunnville Club - tree planting

Grimsby and District Club – Forty Mile Creek Cleanup

Send us your photos and write-up by June 29 for inclusion in the next newsletter!
