

Operation Christmas Tree already underway

The 2016 Operation Christmas Tree holiday food and toy drive is 35 years old this year. The program encourages everyone to donate non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys, or cash donations that can be used to buy items that are needed. The items are used to create hampers that are delivered to about 130 local families in need so that they can enjoy a holiday that offers enough food to eat and some toys to put a sparkle into the eyes of their children

The program will begin with a Poor Boy Lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The OPP Drive-thru donation collection, with Santa and his Moore Optimist Club helpers, will be held at the OPP Emergency Services Building parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Once again this year, the OCT headquarters will be at the OPP Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. The facility will be open from Nov. 22 to Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families in need can register to receive a Christmas hamper by registering at the St. Vincent de Paul shop, 385 Lyndoch Street, on Nov. 7-12 and Nov. 14-17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the OPP Emergency Service Building.

In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank will be mounting a similar Christmas hamper program. Information for this program will be published in the November issue of The Beacon.