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*St. Clair Township
Council & Staff*

School boards launch *Alternate Choices Program* to reduce tobacco use in schools

One of the many temptations students face while negotiating the social aspects of school life involves the use of tobacco.

The Lambton-Kent District School Board (LKDSB) and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB) in collaboration with Lambton Public Health, has launched the *Alternate Choices Program*, an education initiative designed to reduce tobacco consumption among secondary school students at all high schools in Lambton County. The program addresses a variety of tobacco-use

issues such as financial and social consequences, role modeling, and the social supply of tobacco. It will also provide increased support and *quit help* while working to decrease early initiation and smoking on school property. Statistics Canada figures for 2011/12 have revealed Lambton County has a noticeably higher rate of young adult smokers (20-34 years old) compared to the provincial average (40% vs. 26%). Research also shows the incidence of students taking up smoking is over two times higher during transition years.

"Smoking rates remain alarmingly high in Lambton County," said Dan Parr, Director of Education for the SCCDSB. Jim Costello, Director of Education for the LKDSB says, "Teen smoking is a problem in every community." Both boards believe their association with Lambton Public Health in delivering this important program is a positive step toward providing the knowledge and coping skills students need to make wise decisions regarding tobacco use.

Early January deadline for The Beacon

To accommodate varying holiday schedules during the Christmas season, the deadline for the January, 2015 issue of The Beacon will be on **Friday, December 12 by 4 p.m.**

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Municipal Notes



Municipal office holiday hours

St. Clair Township municipal office holiday hours will take effect on Wednesday, Dec. 24 when the office will close at noon. It will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 26. On Wednesday, Dec 31, the office will close at noon and remain closed on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015.

New face on St. Clair Twp. Council



Tracy Kingston, shown here getting her first look at the election results with mom, Kay Hammond, was successful in her bid to serve on St. Clair Township in the recent election. She received 1,824 (22.4%) votes. Rounding out the Ward 1 council seats are incumbents Jim DeGurse, with 1,861 (22.93%) votes, and Jeff Agar with 1,693 (20.86%) votes. Acclaimed were Ward 2 Councilors Steve Miller and Darrell Randell, Mayor Steve Arnold, and Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



Notice of 2015 Capital Budget Meeting

St. Clair Township 2015 Capital Budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street. The budget meeting is open to the public and all ratepayers are welcome to attend.

Charles Quenneville
Director of Finance

Council meeting schedule

The inaugural meeting of the new St. Clair Township Council will be held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown on Monday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will include the swearing in of newly elected council members. The second meeting of the month is slated for Monday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. immediately following the Committee of the Whole at 3 p.m. And the first meeting of the New Year is slated for Monday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend these open meetings. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

Winter parking by-law in effect

The Winter overnight parking by-law is now in effect. Motorists are advised that it is against the law to leave vehicles of any kind parked on public streets and roads overnight from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. This allows snow plow crews to do their jobs without having to avoid parked cars.

Property owners are also reminded that it is against the law to shovel snow out into public streets. These snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless automobile collisions.



Township of St. Clair Hunting Licenses

The Township of St. Clair small game hunting licenses will be on sale Tuesday, Oct. 14. They will be available at the following locations: Pic-N-Pay Variety in Sombra; Courtright Variety Store; Corunna Home Hardware; Agris Co-operative Ltd. in Brigden; and St. Clair Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

Fee will be \$5 for a residential license and \$8 for a non-resident's license. Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

Jeff Baranek
Director of Administration
Clerk/Deputy C.A.O.

Mayor's Christmas message



Looking back on this past term, Council has seen the completion of a number of infrastructure projects and has spent many hours lobbying upper levels of government to partner with us to make our municipality stronger. Thank you for your patience and support while our many projects were being done.

I would like to thank Pat Carswell-Alexander for her 17 years of dedicated service as Councillor. She will be missed. And I would like to welcome Tracy Kingston to Council as she learns the workings and responsibilities of Municipal government.

2015 will be another challenging year, but we have a dedicated group on Council and a great Staff that will continue to try to make our community strong. We have important projects to oversee this year, including the bridge on Stanley Line, road projects, and the twinning of the water supply to our community. These and so many more will be accomplished during the next term of Council and we will do our best to find financial partners to help minimize the impact to our local ratepayers.

I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous New Year.

Mayor Steve Arnold



Notice of Public Meeting Re: Marsh Creek Drain

St. Clair Township has appointed Spriet Associates to prepare a reassessment report on the Marsh Creek Drain. Due to the many changes in the watershed since 1950, (Corunna expansion, industrial lands, etc.), a new assessment schedule is required to allow for future maintenance work on the drain. Ratepayers generally to the east of Colborne Street and south of Beckwith Street within Corunna are asked to attend an information meeting to discuss this proposed report.

The meeting is slated for Monday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers (main floor) at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

NOTE: To see a detailed map indicating the exact position of the Marsh Creek Drain within the town limits, go to the St. Clair Township Website. (See bottom of page). If you have any questions, please contact David Neely, Drainage Superintendent, at 519-867-2112.



Holiday Waste Schedule

There are few changes to the waste collection process this holiday season. Those who have garbage and recycling collection on Thursday, Dec. 25 will have collection on Friday, Dec. 26 and collection usually done on Thursday, Jan. 1 will be done on Friday, Jan. 2.



Quilt raffle winner announced

The lovely *Dresden Plate* patterned quilt, handmade and raffled off by members of the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division, recently found a good home with the VanKlavern family. John VanKlavern held the lucky ticket and his children were happy to pick up his prize.

Shown here during the presentation of the quilt are, from left: Fair Ambassador Jory Fulcher; and Rachel, Rebecca, and Jonah VanKlavern.

Photo submitted



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For the latest information about St. Clair Township, its departments and associated services, go online:

www.twp.stclair.on.ca

Take charge of your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

December 2014 Program Schedule

The following sessions are being offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic located in the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street, in Corunna. There is no charge for participation and sessions are open to anyone living in St. Clair Township. Space is limited and to participate, you must register. If the team is unable to accommodate you for the day of your choice, you will be put on a waiting list for future sessions.

For more information, go to www.rapidsfhteam.ca. To register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to the receptionist.

Living with Diabetes

This is a two-hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The session is led by a diabetes educator. A session will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Diabetes Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

This is a two-hour session for people who have already attended the *Living with Diabetes* class or who have had past education on the basics of diabetes and want more information on diet. We will discuss the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level. Sessions led by a registered dietitian will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Healthy Weights

Spending on weight loss products will reach an estimated \$134 million by the end of 2014 (U.S. data). But of the hundreds of products available on the market today, only a handful can produce even modest weight loss. Save yourself some money and the frustration of filtering through all of the ads promising miracle. Rapids Family Health Team is here to help support you in learning about what is beneficial for managing weight and warding off diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Healthy Weight by Healthy Means is a five-week program designed for anyone who wants to put fad diets behind them and wants to learn about the healthy, reliable way to better health. Each week, a Registered Dietitian discusses a different topic with the group. Each participant will receive a copy of a manual to keep. The next five-week session starts on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

New Year, New Eating Resolutions

Have you resolved to lose weight in 2015?

You aren't alone. In the new year, shake the "diet" mentality and commit to eating resolutions you can realistically stay with throughout 2015. The new year signifies a fresh start and an opportunity to make a promise to ourselves to change something for the better. Unfortunately, diets rarely change how you eat for the better because they are often unrealistic and rarely effective for long-term adherence. Instead, we will discuss a realistic resolution for you to consider for each month of 2015. This seminar is part of the *Food and You* series. It will take place on Thursday, Jan. 8 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Shell Health Centre (Rapids Family Health Team office) in Corunna.

Quit Smoking Workshop

This two-hour session is for people who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco. We will discuss strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nicotine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications. We will also work on finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent relapse. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our nurse educators. The session is set for Friday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Adult Cooking Classes

These hands-on adult cooking classes will be facilitated by a Registered Dietitian. They will help you build familiarity with kitchen tools and ingredients that support a balanced diet. In **Corunna**, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Dec. 3, *Memory/Brain Food* will be presented from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. And on Wednesday, Jan. 7, Protein Powered Breakfasts will be discussed from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. You will learn that not all breakfasts have staying power. Prepare and enjoy some creative, protein-packed meals to get your day started off on the right foot. We will also discuss the importance of breakfast and tips on how to power-pack your meal. In **Sarnia**, a class on the topic of *Omega-3s* will be presented at the NOVA Chemicals Teaching Kitchen, 1150 Pontiac Drive, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 1. On Dec. 15 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the topic will be *Healthy Eating for the Holidays*, and on Jan. 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., the topic will be *Solutions for the New Year's Resolutions*.

Lab open daily during the week

The lab at the Shell Health Centre at 233 Cameron Street is open on week days from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for all residents of St. Clair Township.

Pembina donation to allow expansion of Rapids Family Health Team office

The Pembina Corporation recently donated \$95,000 to the Rapids Family Health Team in Corunna. The donation will provide funding to expand services currently being made available to the residents of St. Clair Township to provide a higher standard of care. The expansion will provide space to accommodate two new resident physicians.

Right: The donation was presented to St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold during Pembina Pipeline Corporation's Oct. 28 open house at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna hall. Presenting the cheque is Randall Alwood, Manager, Operations, Pembina Pipeline.

Photo submitted



HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum grateful for the community's ongoing financial support

Each year, the Moore Museum's "Adopt-A-Project" campaign seeks funding for a variety of projects that are required to further the museum's development, programming, and maintenance. Again in 2014, community-minded industries, businesses, organizations and individuals have generously sponsored these projects.

These are the specific projects undertaken this year and the groups and businesses that funded them.

- Development of a reserve collection storage room to protect artifacts from light and handling, as well as provision for variety in the items on display: Moore Community & Recreational Foundation; Southwest Regional Credit Union Ltd.
- Purchase of class set of readers for *Back To School, Back In Time* program, and other school program improvements to increase the experimental learning value of these programs: Optimist Club of Moore; TransAlta Generation Partnership.
- Landscaping improvements to the front of the main building to provide a good first impression for visitors: Imperial Oil Foundation - in recognition of Imperial Oil retirees and museum volunteers Dan Hayward and Dave Pattenden.
- Renovations to the wooden CNR caboose: CN Railroaders in the Community Program - in recognition of CN retiree and museum volunteer Leo Griffiths.

The following donors contributed to

Early careers explored at Moore Museum



Students from Riverview Public School recently visited the Moore Museum to enjoy the facility's *Exploring Early Careers* educational program. The students visited various vintage buildings on the museum site to meet a spinner, homemaker, schoolmarm, storekeeper, farmer, carpenter, machine shop operator, and clock maker at work. Above, museum volunteer Dave Pattenden teaches students about the work of early clockmakers. He also showed them a variety of clocks, including early 19th century wooden clocks like the one Dave is holding.

Photo submitted

Sombra Museum seeks WWI items

World War I items, memorabilia and/or stories are still being sought for the Sombra Museum's exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of "the war to end all wars". Call 519-892-3982 for more information.



2014 capital project and operating costs, including creating new exhibits, preserving artifacts, maintaining buildings, and offering interesting programs: OPG Lambton Generating Station Rec Club; Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.; Bruce and Margaret MacPherson; Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447, Corunna; Knights of Columbus Council 9447; Eleanor Vargo; May-

flower Rebekah Lodge No. 324; Optimist Club of Brigden; Royal Canadian Legion Br. 635, Brigden; Earle and Joanne Clysdale; Theresa Crosswell; St. Clair Study Group; Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge No. 245; Leopold Lodge No. 397; Donald Dawson; Wilhemine Mason; Sally Townsend; Margaret Werden.

Request for butter churns produces rich results

The Moore Museum's recent request for the donation of butter churns like the one shown on the right (*Beacon*, Nov. 2014 issue, *Heritage Corner*) resulted in the donation of three churns in excellent condition. Museum Curator Laurie Mason says, "We appreciate receiving these pieces of history so that we can share this part of the lives of past generations with present and future generations." She added that having multiple churns will give more students the chance to experience the butter-making process.



“At the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them...”



Photo submitted



Photo by
Bonnie
Stevenson

Remembrance Day services were especially poignant this November as crowds gathered to pay tribute to those who have perished, and continue to perish, in service to their country. *Left:* In Brigden, St. Clair Township firefighter Ron Hayward, *left*, was escorted by a member of the Petrolia 2563 Army Cadets to lay a wreath at the town cenotaph. *Above:* In Corunna at the Clock Tower Park, Royal Canadian Legion Zone Commander Laura Nicols placed a wreath on behalf of the Legion, escorted by Corunna Legion Branch 447 Sgt. At Arms Robert Chambers. *Below left:* Padre Paul Woolley looks on as the *Last Post* is sounded at the Corunna service.



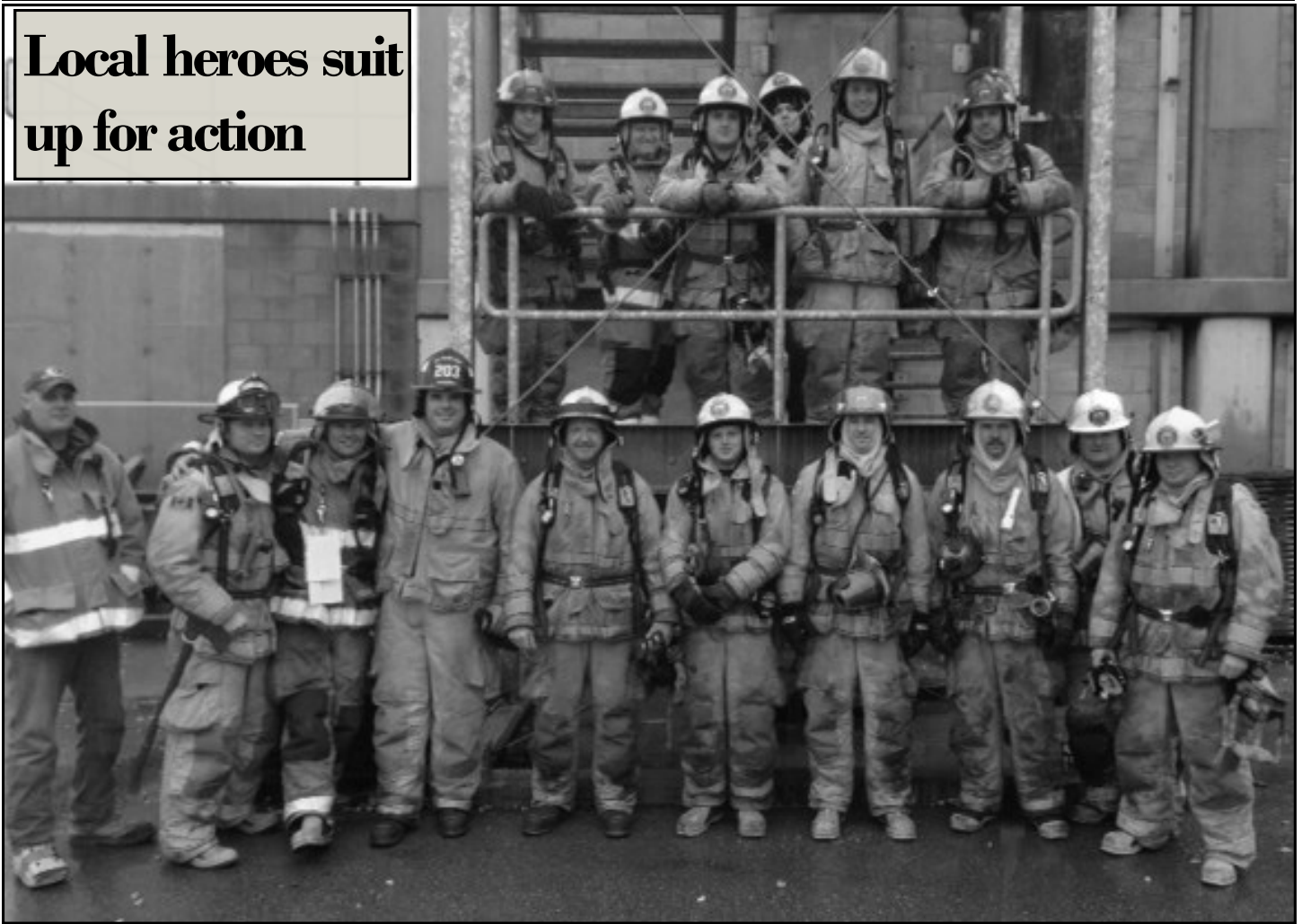
Shell donation aids Brander Park improvements



The redevelopment project at Brander Park south of Port Lambton received a major financial boost recently when Shell Canada representative Randy Provencal, *left*, presented St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold with a cheque for \$90,000. The donation will be used to build a pavilion, plant trees, and generate informational story boards. On hand for the presentation was St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey.

Photo submitted

Local heroes suit up for action



Volunteer firefighters from the St. Clair Township Fire Department are constantly training and improving their emergency response skills. This group took part in a full day of live training at the Lambton College Fire School on LaSalle Line on Oct. 8. The firefighters spent the day working on a variety of firefighting skills including fire suppression and search and rescue tactics.

Photo submitted

Local Ontario Early Years locations



The OEYC Sarnia-Lambton is a free family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6 years of age. This provincially funded program provides a learning environment in which parents and children can interact and learn from each other.

Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School

3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton

519-892-3151

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Best Start Hub - St. Joseph's School, Corunna

535 Birchbank Drive, Corunna

519-862-5071, ext. 224

Hours of Operation: Monday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.;
Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Brigden United Church

2420 Jane Street, Brigden

519-892-3151

Hours of Operation: Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of hours and parent/caregiver workshops, go online to: www.ontarioearlyyears.ca.

Find *The Beacon* online from wherever you go this Winter at:
www.twp.stclair.on.ca - Click on *Beacon* icon

Mooretown Sports Complex a winter wonderland of fitness

Don't let those extra pounds get the jump on you and don't fall victim to the winter blahs! Stay active this winter. It's possible, even if you face physical challenges that make walking outside difficult. Come to the Mooretown Sports Complex and participate in the many physical activities offered there. There are activities for every age and ability level. Don't put it off or you'll be putting those pounds on.



~~~~~ **Tim Horton's free public skates**

It wouldn't be Christmas without ice and Tim Horton's is making sure everyone can get their share of it with free public skates this holiday season. The skates are slated for 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the following dates: Monday, Dec. 22; Tuesday, Dec. 23; Monday, Dec. 29. This is the perfect way to spend some quality holiday time than skating with family and friends.

Spinning classes

Winter spin classes begin the week of January 5. Certified spinning instructors lead you through a great workout to improve cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Classes are as follows: Monday, 5 to 6 p.m., Bikes & Bells with Diane; Monday, 7:15 to 8 p.m., Spin with Carol; Tuesday, 7:15 to 8 a.m., Spin with Carol; Tuesday, 7:15 to 8 p.m., Beginner Spin with Kathie; Wednesday, 5 to 5:45 p.m., Spin with Diane; Thursday, 7:15 to 8 a.m., Spin with Diane; Thursday, 7:15 to 8 p.m., Beginner spin with Kathie; Friday, 6 to 6:45 a.m., Spin with Carol; Friday, 9 to 10 a.m., Bikes & Bells with Diane. Classes are \$10 per drop-in session or \$60/10 week session.

Winter swim lesson

Winter swim lessons begin the week of Jan. 5. See registration information below.

Coming in February...

The February lineup at the Mooretown Sports Complex is heating up. Don't miss your chance to experience the rhythms and dance moves that will get you into great shape. Classes will include: Hip Hop for children ages seven to 13 years, Adult Hip

Hop and Zumba combo, and Ballet for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 and ages 6 to 9.

Shallow & Deep Water Aerobics

Experience the rejuvenating power of water. Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow water classes are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are Monday and Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/class/senior, \$45/10 visit pass, or \$205/year, \$195/year/senior.

Water therapy

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, and balance and flexibility training with a goal of improved mobility. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/class/senior, \$45/class/senior or \$45/10 visit pass. Join any time.

Indoor/Outdoor walking exercise program

The West Lambton CHC sponsors a walking exercise program every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Join any time.

Shinny Hockey rocks the rink

Adult shinny hockey sessions are held every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

Family skating

Public Skate: Sundays 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Cost is \$2.25/child, \$3.25/adult, \$6.50/family.

Parents, Tots & Seniors Skate: Free! Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Sept. 10.

Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor courses

You can become a lifeguard and swimming instructor! For more information, contact us at 519-867-2651.

For more information or to register for a program listed above, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Mooretown Bantam AE win Stanley Taggart tourney in Mooretown

The Mooretown Bantam AE hockey team came up a winner at the Stanley Taggart Tournament over the Oct. 23-26 weekend. Beacon reporter Stacey Brown says the team members knew they had their work cut out for them after they saw who else was in their division. First, they beat Sarnia Minor MD by a score of 2-1. Then, they played Amherstburg and came away with a 5-1 win. Against Ayr, they triumphed again winning 2-1. This record gave the team first in its group, so they gave Sarnia their best game in the play-off and came up with a 3-0 win!



Left: The team celebrates with a team victory shot. The team includes, in no special order: Tanner Adams; Dominic Aliperti; Jeffery Barclay; Riley Brown; Tristan Dumoulin; Steele Harris; Jason Heggie; Luke Houle; Bryce Little; Evan Musson; Luke Nahmabin; Drew Pepper; Jake Prudom; Kyle Robson; Hunter Round; Thomas Snary. Coaching staff includes: Craig Prudom, Chris Brown; Steve Pepper; and Kevin Barclay.

Photo submitted

Community Contact

Lambton County Junior Optimist Club seeks new members

New members ages 10 through 18 are being sought for the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club. Members volunteer in the community and fundraise to put on their own programs and to donate to other youth programs. The club develops great ideas and will hold events in the coming months. All hours spent volunteering can be used toward members' volunteer hours at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Pennies for Pavement program

To help support the St. Clair River Trail, just drop off your spare change at the following locations: Shaykin Bait Variety or the Canada Post office in Port Lambton or the Pic-N-Pay in Sombra Village. Every penny will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council. Invest your pennies in the good health of your community.

Handyman/Handywoman Program helps seniors

Seniors who require help with household maintenance and minor repairs can call the United Way-funded Lambton Seniors Association (LSA) Handyman/Handywoman program. From yard work to minor household repair, house cleaning to snow removal, even shopping, a wide variety of services are offered at a reasonable cost. For more information, call the LSA at 519-339-8866 or 1-800-219-4717.

TOPS group meets in Port Lambton

The Port Lambton TOPS weight loss group meets every Thursday night at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Weigh-in is from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the meeting and fellowship held from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This support group is a good way to help you meet your resolution to get healthy and achieve your weight goals. For more information, call Margaret Ann at 519-677-5665 or just come out on Thursday nights. Everyone is welcome.

Weight loss group TOPS Corunna meets weekly

TOPS Corunna is a non-profit weight-loss group that meets every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Col-

borne Street in Corunna. Weigh-in is 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a short meeting to follow. Drop in for the meeting or call 519-862-4119. All ages are welcome to attend.

Brander Park splash pad donations sought

The Brander Park Splash Pad Committee is still seeking donations for the project with contributions being matched by St. Clair Township. Donations are being gratefully accepted by contacting Anne at 519-677-1623 or going online to: <http://www.branderparksplashpad.com/donate.html>

Photo I.D. cards available

Anyone over age 16 who does not have a valid driver's license can obtain a government-issued photo I.D. card at the Corunna Motor Vehicle License office at 379 Lyndoch Street.

Sombra Museum volunteers enjoy appreciation lunch



If girls just wanna' have fun, do boys just wanna' have lunch? That appears to be the case with this hungry group of guys from the Sombra Museum. The museum recently held an appreciation luncheon for all of the volunteers who work so hard to keep the facility running smoothly. In the process of demolishing a plate of jelly rolls are, from left: Don Lee, Dave Lee, Ken Henry, Allan Anderson, Eldon Grant, and George Klompstra.



Mooretown Flags Jr. C. Hockey Club to stage All Association Group Photo

The Mooretown Minor Hockey Association, in cooperation with the Mooretown Flags Jr. C. Hockey Club, has arranged for an All Association Group Photo to be taken on the ice at 6:45 p.m. prior to the Flags Jr. C. game vs. Wallaceburg on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

All Mooretown Jr. Flags and Lady Flags players, from Timbit to Juvenile, who wear their team jersey to the game will be granted free admission to the Flags game. All alumni and all Mooretown Minor Hockey teams from instructional, all house league teams/Tri-County teams, and travel teams Novice Rep and AE to Juvenile Rep will be included in this picture. Everyone who is wearing a jersey, either home or away, will be invited to assemble on the ice for the photo. Please arrive early enough to participate. Other events planned for the Dec. 13 game night include: the two Novice house league teams scrimmaging between the first and second periods; a Chuck-A-Puck contest between the second and third period; and a canned food drive to benefit *Operation Christmas Tree*.

The photo will be displayed in the arena lobby to commemorate the inaugural season of our minor hockey association becoming known as the Mooretown Jr. Flags and Lady Flags.

Even More Around The Township

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and supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult or grandparents.

Cribbage is played every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Corunna United Church on Hill Street. Come out, test your skills, and enjoy a morning of fun.

Coffee club meets at Thompson Gardens

The Corunna Coffee Club meets at Thompson Gardens Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m. The club is open to everyone. Start your day with a good cup of coffee and some lively conversation.

Ongoing activities offered at Cruickshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruickshank Community Centre each week. These include: Euchre on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. costing \$3 per session which includes light refreshments; Scrabble on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the fun playing the game or games of their choice. In addition, the monthly Book Club sponsored by the Corunna library meets the first Monday of each month.

Forever Fit classes in Sombra

The Lambton Elderly Outreach *Forever Fit* classes are held at the Sombra Community Centre on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. These classes are for anyone age 55 and over.

Forever Fit classes resume in Corunna

The *Forever Fit* classes for anyone 55 or over, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach, have resumed at Thompson Gardens' Cruickshank Centre. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Euchre played at Sombra Community Hall

Euchre will be held at the Sombra Community Centre on Fridays at 1p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28.

Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and Pepper every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the hall located at 1533 Fourth Street in Courtright. Everyone is welcome to attend and try out their card skills.

Cribbage played at Corunna United Church

everyone. This terrific show is sponsored by the Sombra Optimist Club. Advance tickets are available through any Sombra Optimist Club member or by calling Optimist Carla at 519-892-3536, Optimist Johanne at 519-677-5716, or at the Shaykin' Bait in Port Lambton. This event is bound to sell out, so get your tickets early!

Sharks Recreational hockey tournament set

The 2015 Bluewater Sharks Adult Men & Women's Recreational Hockey Tournament is set for April 10 through 12 at the RBC Centre in Sarnia. There will be a three-game guarantee. All divisions - the Women's 18 & Over, the Men's 19 & Over, and the Men's 35 & Over - will start on Friday evening. The deadline to enter will be March 10, 2015. The cost will be \$775 Can. or Am. Funds for the adult tournament weekend. Applications are available at: www.bluewatersharkshockey.com. For information contact: Ed Marcy, 519-344-8624, or Lance Marcy, 519-344-2205 or email: emarcy@sympatico.ca or lmarcy@cogeco.ca.

Sombra Optimists present

Yuk Yuk's Comedy Tour

Give your Valentine the gift of laughter on Saturday, Feb. 14 when *Yuk Yuk's Comedy Tour* comes to Bogey's Inn, 2849 St. Clair Parkway (just north of Sombra village), for one night only. Tickets are \$30 per person and doors open at 7 p.m., with the show beginning at 8 p.m. The night will include raffles, draws, door prizes, and loads of laughter for everyone. This terrific show is sponsored by the Sombra Optimist Club. Advance tickets are available through any Sombra Optimist Club member or by calling Optimist Carla at 519-892-3536, Optimist Johanne at 519-677-5716, or at the Shaykin' Bait in Port Lambton.

Connect with your community in *The Beacon*

If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or if the event will benefit the residents of the township, promote it free of charge in The Beacon. The deadline for submissions is the third Monday of every month by 4 p.m.

Email: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch issues Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion is hereby given that the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 general meeting of members will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the branch hall. Members will be asked for consideration, discussion, and a vote of acceptance on changes to the branch regulations under:

Section 513 (2)

The Executive Committees of the Branch and its Ladies' Auxiliary shall hold two joint meetings a year on the third Thursday in the months of October and April starting at 6 p.m.

Section 802

The Branch shall hold its monthly General Meetings on the first Thursday of each month starting at 7 p.m. and its monthly Executive Meeting on the third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. The General Meetings for July and August shall be excluded.



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and Friends. This event replaces the Robbie Burns Night that has been held for the past 27 years. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets are available by contacting Ken at 519-344-8626.

Annual Sombra Optimist euchre tourney set

The annual Euchre Tournament sponsored by the Optimist Club of Sombra Township is set for Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the tournament starts at noon sharp. The cost is \$20 per team. To register your team, please contact Optimist Shani Knight at 519-627-9108 or 519-358-3188.

Sombra Museum lecture series set

The popular Sombra Museum monthly lecture series continues in 2015 on Tuesday, **Jan. 27** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jerry Hind, creator of the *Gathering Our Heroes Website*, will speak about the *Gathering Our Heroes project*. The project's goal is to compile all of the names and stories of the WWII and WWII veterans from Chatham-Kent and make them available on a Website to provide accessibility to everyone through the Internet. On Tuesday, **Feb. 24** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., enjoy *Hometown Hobby Night*. Those who are looking for a hobby or who are just curious to hear about the hobbies and collections of others in the community, will find the evening of special interest. *People who have a hobby and would be interested in speaking about it can contact the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982*. And to complete the lecture series on Tuesday, **March 25** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., enjoy a presentation by Sue and Jim Waddington who, over the past 37 years, have located and photographed over 450 places sketched by the painters of Canada's best-known and initially controversial group, the *Group of Seven*. View locations made famous by Canada's art rebels, who rendered many fascinating locations using their intriguing and forward-thinking Expressionist technique. The series will be held in the meeting room at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre, corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway. The cost is \$10 per lecture, \$25 for three lectures, and \$50 for all lectures. Student pricing is \$7 per lecture, \$16 for three lectures, or \$35 for all lectures. Tickets and more information are available by calling 519-892-3982 or e-mailing: sombramuseum@hotmail.com. *Don't forget to check out Sombra Museum on Facebook and Twitter.*

Cooking Buddies program in Corunna

The **Cooking Buddies** program for children ages six through 11 is being held at All Saints Anglican Church, 178

Hill Street, on the last Thursday of every month to April, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so register at 519-344-3017. The program is held in joint partnership with West Lambton Community Health Centre, All Saints Anglican Church, and Lambton Health Unit.

Corunna Soccer plans indoor skill sessions

The Corunna Soccer season is at an end, but there's no need for kids to let their skills get rusty. The 2015 season of Indoor Skill training will be held at St. Joseph's School in Corunna beginning Jan. 29, 2015 and run on Thursday evenings until March 26 (except if school is cancelled or is not scheduled). Ages 6 through 9 will play from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. and ages 10 through 12 will play from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Registration will cost \$40 and can be done on the first night of the session. Registrations can also be submitted by mail to: P.O.Box 1409, Corunna, Ont. at any time or on Feb. 5 at skills.

Indoor walking and fitness in Mooretown

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions are held at the Mooretown Sports Complex in Mooretown every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Please bring indoor walking shoes. For more information or to register please call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. The program is sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society, West Lambton Community Health Centre, and Ontario's Community Health Centres.

Indoor walking and fitness in Brighden

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions are held at the Brighden Fairgrounds exhibition hall in Brighden every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please bring indoor walking shoes. For more information or to register please call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. The program is sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society, West Lambton Community Health Centre, and Ontario's Community Health Centres.

Corunna Legion hosts open jam sessions

Open jam sessions will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall the last Saturday of each month beginning at 2 p.m. through May 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend, sit back and enjoy talented local musicians.

Messy Church Tuesdays at Brighden United

Messy Church is being held on the last Tuesday of each month through to June, 2015 (except December) from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Brighden United Church. Come and join congregation members for a fun and messy evening of worship, crafts

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Mooretown Flags scheduled home games and M.M.H. tournament dates

The Mooretown Flags' **regular season home schedule** continues as follows: Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. against Wheatley; Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. against Lakeshore; Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. against Wallaceburg; Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. against Dresden; Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. against Blenheim; Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. against Lakeshore; Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 against Alvinston; Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. against Wal-

laceburg; Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Saturday, Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. against Essex; Saturday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. against Wheatley; Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Saturday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. against Dresden; and Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. against Alvinston.

The second Mooretown Minor Hockey Tournament is set for Nov. 27-30.

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Fowl Bingo in Sombra

If you're in the market for a fowl thing to put on your Christmas table this year, Sombra's St. John's C.W.L. has the right event for you. The Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$2 and there will be 15 rounds for chickens and three rounds for turkeys. Come out and enjoy the evening.

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale in Corunna

All Saints Anglican Church at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets will host a Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. The event will include baked goods, frozen pies, cookie trays, jewelry, books, puzzles, knitting, sewing, and more. Tea, coffee and dessert will be available for \$3. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Country Christmas Jamboree in Bridgen

Jamborees are back at the Bridgen Fairgrounds exhibition hall this winter. The *Country Christmas* Jamboree is set for 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. The ham and scalloped potato meal will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets for the meal will be sold at the door but they are limited, so come early. Jamboree admission is \$2 for those who just want to enjoy the music. Those who sing or play are encouraged to bring their instruments. For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

Operation Christmas Tree OPP drive-through in Corunna

The annual OPP Drive-through collection for *Operation Christmas Tree* will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the OPP Corunna office parking lot, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. Donations of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, and cash will be appreciated. Santa will be on hand to meet and greet kids of all ages.

Christmas Music Matinee in Corunna

A Christmas Music Matinee will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna, on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. The matinee will feature the LaSalle Road Community of Christ choir and friends. A freewill offering and/or donation to the St. Andrew's Food Bank will be appreciated.

Country Christmas Jamboree in Bridgen

The Country Christmas Jamboree will be held at the Bridgen Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, Dec. 14 starting at 1 p.m. Admission is just \$2. Tap your toes and dance the afternoon away while you listen to some great music by local musicians. For those who sing or play an instrument, bring them along and join the jam. And at 5 p.m. a ham and scalloped potato dinner will be served. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the door so come early. For more information call the Bridgen Fair office at 519-864-1197.

Corunna to hold New Year's Levee

Welcome in the New Year with your friends and neighbours at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall, 350 Albert Street, on Thursday, Jan. 1 from 2 p.m. to 4

p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome so don't be shy.

Junior Optimist Family Movie Night slated

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club will hold the first *Family Movie Night* at the Courtright Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be popcorn, juice and pop available for a cash donation. This event is open to the whole family from tots and teens to mom and dad. Come dressed in your pjs if you want to and bring your favourite blanket. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950. **NOTE:** *Movie Night is being held instead of the dance that was originally scheduled.*

Winter Wonderland Jamboree in Bridgen

Start the New Year off right at the Bridgen Fairgrounds exhibition hall with the *Winter Wonderland Jamboree* on Sunday, Jan. 11 starting at 1 p.m. Admission is just \$2. Clap your hands, snap your fingers, or set your toes dancing, or just listen to some great music by local musicians. For those who sing or play an instrument, come out and feel free to join the jam. And at 5 p.m. a ham and scalloped potato dinner will be served. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the door so come early. For more information call the Bridgen Fair office at 519-864-1197.

Mayflower Rebekah Lodge to host dinners

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge will serve a series of dinners at the Cruickshank Centre (Thompson Gardens) in Corunna at 5:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2. The dinners replace the lodge's previous lunch and card party events. The cost will be \$12 per person.

Annual General Meeting of MAS

The Annual General Meeting of the Moore Agricultural Society will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17 in the Bridgen Fair exhibition hall at the Bridgen Fairgrounds. The event will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow.

Parenting program offers sleep workshop

Lambton Public Health is offering a free parenting session in Corunna on Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. This session is a *Sleep Workshop* geared to issues in children from birth up to the age of 12 months. For more information about location and topic, call 519-892-3151.

Cooking Buddies program in Port Lambton

The *Cooking Buddies* program for children ages six through 11 will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 464 John Street in Port Lambton on Wednesdays, Jan. 21, 28, and Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so register at 519-344-3017. The program is held in joint partnership with West Lambton Community Health Centre, All Saints Anglican Church, and Lambton Health Unit.

Scottish Ceilidh at Corunna United

The Corunna United Church Amicitia Club will host a Scottish Ceilidh on Friday, Jan. 23, 2015. The event will include a roast beef dinner and music by Christine Storey