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Canadian  
flag  
celebrates  
50th birthday!

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## *Corunna Legion named for first Moore Township casualty of WWII*



Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

During the New Year's Day levee at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall, a special photo album provided a poignant glimpse into the life of WO2 Leslie G. Sutherland, a Moore Township resident who joined the Canadian Air Force in 1941 to fight overseas during World War II.

His distinction lies not only with his service to his country, but with the terrible sacrifice he made while serving. Leslie G. Sutherland, for whom the Corunna branch is named, was the first known serviceman from Moore Township to be killed in battle.

**Above: Marg Emery shows the new photo album to Leah MacLean, daughter of Branch 447 member Leo Edwards.**

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## Municipal Notes

### *Summer construction on bridge project*

A source of concern for council, and of frustration for motorists, will be addressed this summer. The project to replace the Stanley Line bridge, which has been out of service for several years to ensure the safety of those who use the bridge, has finally been granted the permissions that were necessary to allow the project to proceed.

Mayor Steve Arnold says the township had to wait for government and environmental inquiries and permissions to be resolved before the project could go ahead. "We have been working on this project for a number of years with both the Ministry of Natural Resources and the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, as well as the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans," he said.

With the necessary investigations and documents in hand, council has been able to allocate funding for the project as part of this year's budget.

Matt Deline, St. Clair Township Director of Public Works, says the bridge project has presented challenges that are now resolved. "The Township has been committed to this replacement and has been working through the necessary approvals since the closure," he said. "The financial commitment for the replacement has been tentatively approved in the 2015 Draft Capital Budget. It is anticipated that construction will take place this summer."

#### **Proposed development discussed at public meeting**

A rezoning amendment discussed at the Jan. 19 meeting of council will allow for the development of land north of Bunker Avenue (No Frills store) south of Corunna. The zoning amendment from "highway commercial" to "residential" will allow for the development of a residential cluster of dwelling units that will accommodate seniors.

The public meeting revealed that the community is generally in favour of the development, which calls for a four-storey, 132 unit building as its first phase. The second phase will see the construction of 15 one-storey buildings, each containing four bungalow units.

Senior Planner Barry Uitvlugt told the group that the subject lands fall within the "Urban Centre" designation. In summary, he said the amendment to the Official Plan and to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law has planning merit.

The meeting was attended by Peter Gregor, Director of Development for the project developer, Nautical Lands Group. Mr. Gregor told the meeting his company currently has many seniors developments in Ontario communities, including Alliston, Tilsonburg, Paris, Goderich, and Picton. The Corunna facility will be the second to use a spacious enhanced design which incorporates a medical component and other added features. Unlike many seniors developments, Mr. Gregor says that in addition to suites and kitchenette units, the phase one Corunna facility will offer one- and two-bedroom apartments geared to the active older adult who doesn't necessarily require assistance.

The overall reception to the project was positive. Several concerns regarding noise and the project's proximity to the railway tracks were voiced. However, Mr. Gregor and council pointed

## Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are usually held on the first and third Monday of the month. February meetings will be held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown on Monday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and **Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. after the Committee of the Whole meeting.** Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



### Notice of 2015 Budget Meeting

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

**Charles Quenneville**  
Director of Finance

## *Winter parking by-law in effect*

**The Winter overnight parking by-law is 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.

out these concerns can all be addressed during site plan discussions as the project plans progress. The use of noise attenuation structures and attractive landscaping strategies will all be part of the overall development.

Council approved the motion to accept the by-law amendments.

## Moore Museum volunteer receives cultural heritage award

Moore Museum volunteer Dave Taylor was recently honoured for his outstanding contributions to the museum and for his demonstrated commitment to the preservation and promotion of built and natural heritage.

At the Jan. 5 meeting of St. Clair Township Council, Mr. Taylor was presented with an Ontario Heritage Trust *Heritage Community Recognition Program* cultural heritage award by Mayor Steve Arnold.

Since Nov. 2009, Mr. Taylor has served on the Moore Museum Advisory Committee. The following spring, he joined the museum's volunteer crew, affectionately known as The Tuesday Group. This group of about 10 volunteers assembles at the museum every Tuesday throughout the year to carry out large projects such as the construction of buildings and the ongoing maintenance of the museum's 13 existing buildings. Over the past five years, Mr. Taylor has helped to build the early twentieth century-style general store building, which provides an exhibit space for a large collection of artifacts. He has also helped on other projects such as: the insulation and drywalling of a new exhibit area; the construction of a storage shed; and a wide range of building maintenance and painting projects. He also assists with the museum's programming, helping with tour groups and special events.

Mr. Taylor's interest in St. Clair Township's history extends beyond the museum as well. He serves as a member of the newly-formed Heritage St. Clair Committee. With a strong background in research through his interest in genealogy, he is able to provide expert assistance to this group in their research activities.

Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason says the heritage award allows for the community-wide recognition of those who work to preserve local heritage for future generations. "We are pleased that, by participating in this awards program, Mayor Arnold and Council, on behalf of the community, demonstrate their appreciation of individuals whose voluntary achievements protect and promote local heritage," she said.



Moore Museum volunteer Dave Taylor is presented with an Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition cultural heritage award by Mayor Steve Arnold.



## Rebekah/Oddfellows Youth Pilgrimage winner named

The winner of the annual Rebekah/Oddfellows Youth Pilgrimage was recently announced. Nolan Chafe, a Grade 10 student at LCCVI in Petrolia, won top honours during the Youth Speak-off held on Nov. 23. The topic for this year's qualifying essay was about the importance of the United Nations.

Nolan will participate in the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth with all expenses paid. The pilgrimage will take him to the United Nations headquarters in New York City, as well as Toronto, Ottawa, and Washington, D.C.

The Youth Pilgrimage is a joint effort of the Rebekah Districts 22 and 22A, and Oddfellows District 4 Kent.

Nolan is shown here receiving his trophy from Sister Vicki McNaughton, District Deputy President of District 22 A.



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**[www.twp.stclair.on.ca](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca)**



## HERITAGE CORNER



This enduring image shows bronze Olympic medal high jumper and St. Clair Township resident, Derek Drouin, proudly holding the Canadian flag aloft as he savours his achievement.

### Maple Leaf Forever!

*"The Maple Leaf / Our Emblem Dear, / The Maple Leaf Forever! / God save our Queen and heaven bless, / The Maple Leaf Forever."*

- Alexander Muir, 1867

It may not be politically correct now and you may be showing your age if you admit to singing it at school assemblies, but the pride and the patriotism inspired by the chorus to *The Maple Leaf Forever* is a fitting way to wish Happy Birthday to our iconic and immediately recognizable national flag.

Our red-and-white maple leaf flag has presided over some of the most noble, as well as some of the most heart-breaking, events our country has ever witnessed. Its genesis was controversial but its legacy thus far has been one that millions have taken solace from during times of emergency and conflict, and millions more have cheered for during times of achievement and victory.

On Feb. 14, 50 years will have passed since Canada officially adopted the red maple leaf as its national flag. Today, it is one of the most recognized and respected flags and Canadian symbols in the world - a tremendous source of pride, identity and national unity.

Until it was adopted, the Red Ensign had been Canada's unofficial flag. It represented our British heritage incorporating a unique crest to represent the Canadian identity. But many Canadians felt the Ensign was not truly representative of Canada's heritage and cultural identity. The rationale that Prime Minister Lester Pearson used to justify a new design was that a new flag was necessary to keep Quebec's separatist aspirations at bay. The presence of the British Ensign on the existing flag was also problematic for some foreign countries that did not have an amicable relationship with England.

The new flag was chosen from amongst hundreds of submitted designs, most of which featured a maple leaf somewhere in the design. The winning design was developed by George Stanley, a Canadian civil servant and history professor. It was selected by a House of Commons committee and presented to the house for consideration, passing by a vote of 163 to 78.

-With files from Allan Anderson

## Moore Museum volunteers busy in 2014

Volunteers at the Moore Museum kept busy throughout 2014. Museum Curator Laurie Mason says the 58 volunteers contributed a total of 2,065 hours to many heritage preservation tasks at the site. Because of their diligence and their commitment, there will be new things to enjoy and many improvements to existing displays and buildings to admire. For instance, the façade of the Francis E. Shaw Exhibition Hall has been upgraded and the toyshop exhibit has been expanded. In 2015, the museum will continue to welcome new volunteers. One particular skill that is currently being sought is that of a printing press operator. A roller-style printing press in the print shop requires the skills of a printer who has worked on this type of equipment. But volunteers are also needed to help with a wide variety of projects, from building and handling heritage demonstrations to helping with special events and even collecting admissions. If you would like to discuss how your interests and talents could assist your community museum, call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020. **Work continues in 2015 as volunteers bring their skills and expertise to projects such as the restoration of the Courtright fire boat. Right, volunteers Dave Taylor, left, and Dan Hayward are shown repairing a seat in the vintage vessel.**

*Photo submitted*



## Sombra Museum cash calendar answers revealed

The Sombra Museum's *What's It All About? 2015* cash calendar displays a photo of a mystery vintage item with each month. This fundraiser challenge dared people to identify each of the items and submit their answers by Jan. 31, 2014. The answers are: January, linen thread cutter; February, needle case; March, surveyor's instrument; April, lightning rod insulator; May, cigarette roller; June, perfume decanters; July, cigar cutter; August, milk bottle cap pick; September, butter stamp; October, bicycle wrench; November, *Sticking Tommy* (candle holder used in mines); December, stamp holder.

### WWI items still being sought

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.

## Moore Township airman lends name to Corunna Legion

### From page 1

Marg Emery, 1st Vice-president of the Leslie B. Sutherland Branch 447 Legion, assembled the book as a labour of love after one of WO2 Sutherland's relatives donated a box full of photos and other items.

While compiling the book, Marg says she realized there was no visible acknowledgment of WO2 Sutherland's connection to the branch and she took steps to correct that oversight. She had a commemorative plaque made to hang in the Legion hall. It bears a photo of WO2 Sutherland standing in front of his WWII fighter plane along with a dedication. The plaque reads: *Leslie G. Sutherland was the first known "killed in action" serviceman from Moore Township during WWII. (He was affiliated with the )RCAF London, Ontario base. He was born Nov. 26, 1918, enlisted March 13, 1941, and was killed in action May 24, 1943. See plaque at left.*

**Reminder: Previous service in the Canadian military is not required to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. All that is required is a desire to meet new friends and to make a positive difference in the community.**



## Lambton Public Health issues helpful health and safety bulletins

### Health Buzz newsletter online

A partnership between Lambton Public Health and Chatham-Kent Public Health will see an online newsletter published to address health and safety issues facing families with school-aged children.

*Health Buzz* was launched in January, 2015 and will be issued quarterly, in September, December, March, and June of each school year. It will contain seasonally appropriate information and inform readers about the various services offered by Lambton Public Health. Parents can subscribe to *Health Buzz* by completing the form provided at: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca).

For more information about Health Buzz or any other healthy school initiatives, email: [healthyschools@county.lambton.on.ca](mailto:healthyschools@county.lambton.on.ca)

### Smoking prohibitions expanded

As of Jan. 1, 2015, county smoking prohibitions have been

expanded to include: smoking on bar and restaurant patios; smoking within 20 metres of playgrounds, and public sport fields and surfaces such as soccer pitches, outdoor rinks, splash pads, playground equipment; and selling tobacco on university and college campuses. These prohibitions have been added to reduce second-hand smoke exposure and to make it more difficult for young people to buy tobacco.

### Stay active but be seen after dark

It's important to stay active during the winter months, but when enjoying outdoor activities, be sure that you are visible to motorists. Cyclists and pedestrians who wear dark clothing are virtually invisible to oncoming traffic. Statistics from 2010 revealed that 60 per cent of pedestrians who were killed at night or during dim light conditions were not seen by the drivers who hit them. Lambton Public Health advises that fluorescent colours like yellow, orange, and red, as well as reflective clothing, be worn to improve visibility.

*"Here shall he see no enemy but winter and rough weather..."*



Quotations by William Shakespeare may not spring immediately to mind when looking out across the St. Clair River, but this quotation rings ominously true for vessels that sail the Great Lakes during the winter months. On a bitterly cold New Year's Day, the *Indiana Harbor* glides south, serene in its progress past the Shell Canada dock. But the huge vessel's bow bears the thick, icy white mantle of a ship that has known much rougher and more dangerous waters.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*



# Take ownership of your health with Rapids Family Health Team

## February 2015 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](http://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 on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 1:30 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. The session is led by a registered dietitian. A session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 1:30 to 3:30

p.m.

### Quit Smoking workshop

A two-hour session 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 a relapse. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our nurse educators. Session is set for Friday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

### Adult cooking classes

These hands-on classes will be facilitated by a Registered Dietitian. They will help you build familiarity with kitchen tools and ingredients that support a balanced diet. At **St. Andrew's Church, Corunna**, on Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., learn about *Superfoods*. And on Wednesday, March 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., it's *Meatless Mondays*. At **NOVA Chemicals Teaching Kitchen, 1150 Pontiac Drive in Sarnia**, Heart Health will be explored on Feb. 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Feb. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### 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.



## Mooretown Bantam AE reaches International Silver Stick tourney finals



The Mooretown Bantam AE team participated in the International Silver Stick tournament held in Pelham, Ontario Jan. 7 through 11. The Bantam AE division included 16 teams and the Mooretown team fared well, reaching the finals only to lose to Huntsville in a close 2-1 final game. The tournament consisted of a total of 70 Atom to Midget teams from Canada and the U.S.

The Mooretown team members include: Evan Musson, Bryce Little, Tristan Dumoulin, Jeff Barclay, Luke Houle, Kyle Robson, Tanner Adams, Hunter Round, Jake Prudom, Thomas Snary, Drew Pepper, Luke Nahmabin, Dominic Aliperti, Jason Heggie, Riley Brown, and Steele Harris. Coaches are: Craig Prudom, Kevin Barclay, Chris Brown, and Steve Pepper.

*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.

### Bridgen United Church

2420 Jane Street, Bridgen  
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](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).

## Get moving and have fun at the Mooretown Sports Complex

### For The Love Of Your Heart Heart Healthy presentation

Join us Friday, Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. for a Heart Healthy presentation including lunch. This program is provided by the West Lambton Community Health Centre and is free of charge. Registration is required.

### Adult Hip Hop/Zumba combo class

Come out and have fun. This class begins Thursday, Feb. 19 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The six week session will cost \$60.

### Ballet for ages six through nine

Future ballerinas will enjoy ballet classes beginning Friday, Feb. 20 from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$60 for the six week session.

### March Break activities

There will be a recreational swim each day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, and \$6.50 per family. Public skating will be offered on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. and Monday to Friday from noon to 1 p.m. The cost will be \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, and \$6.50 per family.

### Spin classes

Join these classes any time at a cost of \$10 per class, \$80 per 10 passes, or \$60 per 10 week session. *Beginner spin classes* will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. *Bikes and Bells - Kettlebell/spin combo* - will take place on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. *Morning spin classes* will be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. *Evening spin classes* will be held on Mondays from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. or Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 5:45

p.m.

### Muscle Mix classes

Join any time. Build strength, lose weight, look and feel better. Classes are held Mondays or Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$45 per 10 visit pass or included in membership.

### Need a Winter break - why go south?

Come and enjoy our 85 degree swimming pool, soak in the hot tub, and relax in the sauna. It's all included in your Fitness Centre membership at a cost of \$255 per year (Senior rate is \$243 per year). All taxes are included and there are no initiation fees. Monthly, three month, or six month rates are also available.

### Spring 2015 swim lesson session

Register now for the Spring swim lesson session. Spring swim lessons begin the week of April 6.

### 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.

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

## Future NHLers undefeated in recent tournament

Take a look at these smiling faces and remember what it's like to win for the simple innocent joy of it. These happy hockey stars comprise the Mooretown Junior Flags Tyke (Blue) team. They went undefeated in the five game Tim Horton's Sarnia Christmas 2014 hockey tournament at the end of December!

Posing for their championship portrait are: Goalie Paxton Burnie, reclining; Front row left: Cohen Melville, Aidan Schenck, Ryan Teschke, Mekah Dewhirst, Kale Melville, Tucker McLean. Back row, left: Barrett Hands, Blake Barnes, Lucas Ross, Addison MacLeod, Hudson Rodrigues, Wesley Robertson, Ewan Snedden. Coaches: Bill Schenk, Tate Ross, Ryan Barnes, Jeff Hands.

**Congratulations!**



Photo submitted



## Sombra Optimist Club donates to kids pillowcase program

The Sombra Optimist Club made a special donation to the Optimist Pediatric Pillowcase Program during its first meeting of the new year.

The program, now in its third year and currently being offered at Bluewater Health, was started by the Lambton Central-Petrolia Optimist Club. It provides a special handmade bright, cheery pillowcase to each child up to the age of 13 who is admitted to hospital. It is hoped the unhospital-like pillowcases will make



their hospital stay a little more comfortable. They are allowed to take the pillowcase home when they are released. Over the past two years, over 700 pillowcases have been donated to the program at Bluewater Health. Above: Sombra Optimist Club President Carla Aarssen presents a cheque for \$500 to Optimist Ted Gravelle, co-chair of the Optimist Pediatric Pillowcase Program.

## St. Vincent De Paul thanks community for its support

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I would like to thank the people of Ward 2, St. Clair Township, who donated food items during the door-to-door Christmas campaign on Nov. 30. I would also like to thank the community groups and private citizens who have made much-appreciated monetary donations to St. Vincent de Paul, Port Lambton. This year, through your generous support and effort, we were able to provide Christmas baskets and gifts for 66 families in our area. Heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. James the Apostle Anglican Church, Port Lambton, for donating their Parish Hall for us to use during the sorting and packing the Christmas baskets. Thanks also to the Port Lambton and Becher volunteer firefighters for their help in delivering the Christmas baskets. Their valuable assistance with the delivery made our job much easier.

Thank you to the Father Nelligan Knights of Columbus, the Sombra Township Optimist Club, the staff and students of Riverview Central School, Sacred Heart School, and the Best Start Program for their help and donations. I would also like to thank the drivers and volunteers, sorters and packers, and the Sombra Township Boy Scouts for helping with the door-to-door canvassing.

And finally, thank you to the following churches, industry, organizations, and individuals for their generosity and help: Carole Dedecker and friends; Rose Atkins, her family and friends; Elizabeth MacDonell and family; St. John's Catholic Women's League, Sombra; Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League, Port Lambton; St. James the Apostle Anglican Church, Port Lambton; United Church, Port Lambton; Sacred Heart Church, Port Lambton; Women's Thursday Night Bowling League, Courtright; Lambton Generating Station, Courtright; St. Clair Township.

**Frank Johnston, President**  
St. Vincent de Paul, Port Lambton

## Corunna Community Policing Committee seeks public input

Do you have something constructive to contribute regarding the way the Corunna area is policed?

The Corunna Community Policing Committee (CCPC)

is currently seeking input from community residents regarding improvements and issues they would like to see addressed. What safety issues are you concerned about? What areas of the community require better lighting, better signage, or increased police presence? What positive contribution can YOU make to the way law enforcement is carried out in YOUR community?

The public is invited to contact the CCPC with suggestions and concerns. Visit the Website at: [www.corunnapolicing.ca](http://www.corunnapolicing.ca) or find the CCPC on Facebook.





# Community Contact

## ***New manager at Brigden Community Hall***

The Brigden Community Hall now has a new manager - Russell Struck. Anyone wishing to inquire about hall rentals and availability can call Russell at 519-864-1988. Rental inquiries can also be made concerning the old township offices in the building beside the community hall. The building is well suited for use as an office or to house a small business, and rental would be by long term lease.

## ***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 Colborne 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.

## ***Veteran recognized for service during WWII***

To mark the 75th anniversary of Canada's engagement in WWII, the Government of Canada has issued commemorative pins and certificates as a national tribute to Canadians who served during the war with the Canadian armed forces or with any other Allied force, including the Canadian or British Merchant Navy, at home or abroad.



**Left:** At the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie G. Sutherland Corunna Branch 447, the Executive was pleased to have Membership Chairman Comrade Jim Mitchell present his father, Comrade Glenn

Louis Mitchell, with the limited edition pin and personalized Certificate of Recognition before the December Executive meeting. Comrade Glenn served in Holland and France during WWII as a gunner with the Royal Canadian Artillery Corps. The honouree received a hearty ovation and congratulations from the Executive members.

*Photo submitted*

## ***Lambton Children's Safety Village extends thanks***

The Lambton Children's Safety Village committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year. We would also like to welcome Ron Rivait to our fundraising committee. We know Ron will be a great addition to our effort. In 2015, we hope the community will join us in our quest to keep our children safe.

## ***Corunna Minor Baseball Registration dates***

The Corunna Minor Baseball registration dates for Corunna Girls fastball, Boys House league, and Boys travel baseball are:

Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mooretown Sports Complex; Sunday, Feb. 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex; Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Corunna fire hall on Hill Street; and Thursday, Feb. 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Applications for coaches (both boys' and girls' baseball/fastball teams for 2015) are also being accepted.

For information about Corunna Minor Baseball or to obtain coaching applications, visit the Website at: [www.corunnaminorbaseball.com](http://www.corunnaminorbaseball.com)

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### Ongoing activities offered at Cruikshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruikshank 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 Thursdays 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' Cruikshank Centre. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### 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

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.

### 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](http://www.bluewatersharkshockey.com). For information contact: Ed Marcy, 519-344-8624, or Lance Marcy, 519-344-2205 or email: [emarcy@sympatico.ca](mailto:emarcy@sympatico.ca) or [lmarcy@cogeco.ca](mailto:lmarcy@cogeco.ca)

### Cinderella Story prom boutique set

The 6th annual Cinderella Story Prom Dress Boutique will take place at the Sarnia Lambton Business Development Corp., 109 Durand Street in Sarnia on Friday, April 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event helps outfit secondary school girls with prom dresses and accessories. Since the first boutique was held in 2010, Cinderella Story of Sarnia-Lambton has helped to send over 250 deserving young ladies to prom. Without this program, most of the girls would not have been able to attend this milestone event. To register for the boutique, go online to: [www.cinderellasarnia.org](http://www.cinderellasarnia.org). For more information, email: [info@cinderellasarnia.org](mailto:info@cinderellasarnia.org). This year's sponsors include: Melissa Snider and Bill Dennis Jr. of Exit Realty; Lisa Waller Designs; FOX-FM; Sarnia Lambton Business Development Corp.; and The Work Place Group.

### Courtright United Church chicken dinner

The Courtright United Church will hold a broasted chicken dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 26. The event will be held at the Courtright Community Hall (Silverdome) with seating from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The three-piece broasted chicken dinner will cost \$15 per person. For tickets, call Deb at 519-892-3767 or Lynn at 519-331-9798.

### CCPC events slated

Dates for two annual events sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing Committee have been announced. The Shred-It fraud prevention document destruction event is slated for Saturday, May 2 and the Bicycle Rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 13. Keep an eye on *The Beacon's Around The Township* column for further information or go online to the CCPC Website at: [www.corunnapolicing.ca](http://www.corunnapolicing.ca)

### Moore Museum event dates set

Several of the Moore Museum's popular annual events have now been scheduled. The **Victorian Tea** is slated for Sunday, May 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy tea and homemade scones served by Victorian attired servers as you dine in the charming atmosphere of the museum's turn-of-the-twentieth century cottage. Admission is \$7 per adult, \$3 per child, and \$2 per pre-schooler. The museum's **40th Anniversary Open House** will take place on Sunday, June 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To celebrate this auspicious occasion, admission to the museum will be free, with heritage demonstrations and an official program to round out the celebration. Model train enthusiasts will be able to enjoy **Model Train Time** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays, July 12 and Aug. 16. On these dates, visitors will have the opportunity for enhanced viewing of the Lionel model train displays. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroading and all of the layouts will be running. Regular museum admission will apply. And capping off the summer season, the **Downriver Craft Sale** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This ever popular annual event will feature about 80 tables of homemade crafts and food booth will be onsite to fuel all of the energetic retail therapy our visitors will be engaging in. New craftspeople are welcome to participate and are invited to call the Moore Museum at 519-867-202 to be added to the mailing list. Admission will be \$2 per adult with children under age 13 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.



Anyone for tea?

### 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. Please **double-check** each submission for accuracy before sending.

Email: [beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca)



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The deadline for contest entries is April 30, 2015. Contest rules can be found on the chapter's Website at: [www.alzheimer.ca/sarnialambton](http://www.alzheimer.ca/sarnialambton). For more information, call Shannon at 519-332-4444. The contest is sponsored by: Rotary Club of Sarnia, Fairwinds Lodge, Haines Printing, Music for Young Children, Organization for Literacy in Lambton, Need to Read Festival, the Book Keeper, the County of Lambton, Margaret Bird, and Mark Braun Technical Recruitment Services.

## Cribbage tourney in Corunna

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the Hank Stothers Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, Mar. 1. Registration will be held from noon to 12:45 with play beginning at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and all monies will be returned. Food will be available. Preregistration can be done at the bar or by calling 519-862-1240.

## Sombra Optimist Chili Cook-off set

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township will hold its annual Chili Cook-off at the Port Lambton Community Hall on Saturday, March 7. For a donation of \$5, you can enter a pot of your best chili. Contestants need to be at the hall at 3:30 p.m. to get ready for judging at 4 p.m. Doors open to the public at 5 p.m. and they will be able to sample these culinary masterpieces for a donation of \$5 per person. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place winners, and the public will choose the *People's Choice* winner. Proceeds will go towards the numerous youth programs sponsored by the Sombra Optimists. To pre-register or for further information, please contact Optimist Johanne Leach at 519-677-5716 or email [jleach@bell.net](mailto:jleach@bell.net)

## Shamrock Country Jamboree in Brigden

Get your Irish on and come out to the Shamrock Country Jamboree at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition Hall on Sunday, March 8 at 1 p.m. Enjoy the music and dance, or just tap your toes. If you sing or play, bring your instrument and join the band. At 5 p.m., a ham and scalloped potato dinner will be served. Tickets for the meal are limited and will be sold at the door so come early. For more information go to [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

## Quarter Auction planned in Port Lambton

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township will host a Quarter Auction at the Port Lambton Community Hall on Wednesday, March 25, with doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction starting at 7 p.m. The auction is a fundraiser in support of the club's local youth initiatives. Ten local vendors will attend the auction to display their products and they will donate four items each to be auctioned off. Players pay an entrance fee of \$5 to receive a numbered paddle to be used during the bidding process. Quarters are used to bid on an auction item. The number of quarters, one to four per round, will be determined before each round of bidding starts, so bring lots of quarters to this event. For more information, vendors or players can call Optimist Johanne Leach at 519-677-5716 or email [jleach@bell.net](mailto:jleach@bell.net)

## Corunna Soccer plans indoor skill sessions

The 2015 season of Indoor Skill training is being held at St. Joseph's School in Corunna 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.

## Annual MAS beef dinner slated

The annual Homecraft beef dinner, hosted by the Moore Agricultural Society (MAS-Home of the Brigden Fair) Board of Directors and Homecraft Division, will be held on Sunday, March 29 with seating between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. Tickets are priced at \$15 per adult, \$6 per child ages six through 10, and free for children ages five and under. Admission is by advanced tickets only. Tickets are available from any Homecraft division member, MAS Director, or at the Brigden Fair office at 519-864-1197.

## Indoor walking and fitness in Mooretown

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions are held at the Mooretown Sports Complex in Mooretown every Monday and Wednesday 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.

## 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.

## Indoor walking and fitness in Brigden

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions are held at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall in Brigden 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 Brigden 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 Brigden United Church. Come and join congregation members for a fun and messy evening of worship, crafts and supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult or grandparents.

## 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.

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## **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 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.

## **Euchre played at Sombra Community Hall**

Euchre will be played at the Sombra Community Hall on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following days: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 13, 20, 27; April 10, 17, 24.

## **Dart tourney at Corunna Legion**

The Barb Griffin Memorial Ladies Open Dart Tournament is slated for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Saturday, Feb. 7. Registration will be held from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and play will begin at noon. The tourney will include doubles and teams, with singles play if there is time. The cost is \$5 per event and all monies will be returned in prizes. Refreshments and food will be available. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

## **Valentine's Country Jamboree slated**

Treat your sweetheart to the *Valentine's Country Jamboree* at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, Feb. 8 starting at 1 p.m. Admission is just \$2. Those who sing or play an instrument are invited to come out and join the jam. At 5 p.m. a ham and scalloped potato dinner will be served. Tickets for the dinner are limited and will be available at the door so come early. For more information call the Brigden 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: Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 7. The dinners replace the lodge's previous lunch and card party events. The cost will be \$12 per person. *(Please note that these dates have been changed from the original notice.)*

## **Ice derby set**

The Bluewater Anglers will sponsor an Ice Derby on Saturday, Feb. 14. For more information, go online to: [bluewateranglers.com](http://bluewateranglers.com)

## **Progressive euchre tourney at Legion**

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a Progressive Euchre Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 15 with registration from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and play beginning at noon. The cost is \$10 per person and all monies will be returned. Food will be available. Preregistration can be done at the bar or by calling 519-862-1240.

## **Family Fun Day in Courtright**

The Optimist Club of Moore and Lambton County Jr. Optimist Club will host Family Fun Day at the Airey Lanes in Courtright on Monday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free 10-pin bowling will be held at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. All bowlers must register by calling Michelle at 519-331-3387. Spaces are limited so register early. Lunch will be provided at the Courtright Community Hall with hot dogs, \$1, hamburgers, \$2, pop, \$1, and water and juice, \$0.50 before and after bowling sessions. Games will also be set up for everyone to play. Please remember to register to attend this event.

## **Pancake supper at All Saints**

A pancake supper will be held at All Saints Anglican Church,

corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will include pancakes, sausages and baked beans. Everyone is welcome.

## **Free family movie nights in Courtright**

The Lambton County Jr. Optimist Club will host two free family movie nights at the Courtright Community Hall on Saturday, Feb. 21 and on Saturday, March 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Popcorn and juice will be available. You can wear your PJs and bring your blanket and pillow if you want to. For more information, call Davida at 519-862-2700.

## **Jam session at Corunna Legion**

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host an open jam session at the Legion hall on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out to listen, dance, play, and/or sing with some great local talent. Food will be available.

## **Parenting sessions offered**

Lambton Public Health is offering free parenting sessions throughout Lambton County this season. In Sombra at the Sombra Township OEYC satellite site and Best Start Hub (Riverview Central School, 3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton) the topic will be *Building Resilience in Young Children*. The session is set for Tuesdays, March 24 and 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register call 519-892-3151. Space is limited and many sessions offer free childcare for children up to age 6. For more information about times and dates, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3568, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, or go online to [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca) and click on *Classes and clinics*.

## **Sombra Museum lecture series set**

The popular Sombra Museum monthly lecture series continues on Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with *Our History, Our Heroes: Fighting Wars to Farming Fields in Lambton County*. (Please note the topic of this lecture has changed.) And to complete the lecture series on Tuesday, March 31 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 emailing: [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com). *Don't forget to check out Sombra Museum on Facebook and Twitter.*

## **6th Alzheimer writing contest underway**

The 6th Annual Alzheimer Society Sarnia-Lambton Writing Contest is underway. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and raise money for the Sarnia-Lambton chapter. This year's challenge is to write a letter to your past or future self, write to a loved one, a pet, a stranger, a caregiver, anyone you wish. The contest is open to all ages and cash prizes will be awarded. A \$20 entry fee applies for entrants age 18 and older.