



# The St. Clair Township BEACON



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THE TOWNSHIP  
OF ST. CLAIR

## Victorian Christmas splendor



The Moore Museum is dressing up for Christmas fun. For more about the Christmas program, see Old-Fashioned, page 14.

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## EARLY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY BEACON

The Beacon appreciates everyone who submit items and photographs for publication through the year. Please note that the deadline for submissions to the January, 2016 issue of the Beacon will be Monday, Dec. 14 by noon. The regular deadline for submissions is usually the third Monday of each month by noon.

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

*May Christmas  
and the New Year  
be a time of  
peace and renewal  
for you and your family.  
With best wishes,*

*St. Clair Township  
Council & Staff*



*If you light a lamp for someone else,  
it will also brighten your path.*

*This Christmas, while you are shopping and preparing for the holidays, please remember those in St. Clair Township who will face the season hungry and unable to provide basic needs for their families. Light a lamp of hope by donating to Operation Christmas Tree or the Sacred Heart Food Bank. See Christmas hamper programs, page 6 for more information.*





## Municipal Notes

### New streetlights to yield significant savings

An environmentally-friendly cost-saving measure is underway in St. Clair Township. This measure, recently discussed at the Nov. 2 meeting of council, will see the replacement of all of the township's streetlights. It is expected to result in \$124,000 in savings on the township's electricity bill.

"We will be replacing approximately 1,400 light fixtures with LED units," said Mayor Steve Arnold. "We will be using half of the annual savings to pay for the project (and) the balance will be used to offset taxes."

Director of Public Works Matt Deline says an order has been placed with the manufacturer/supplier and the new LED fixtures should arrive soon. The contractor is due to begin the conversion shortly after delivery. The installation will depend on the weather but it is hoped that 40 to 50 per cent of the lights will be in place by the end of the year. He notes that about 40 decorative light standards/fixtures in the downtown Corunna area are not part of this LED conversion plan.

The project, has been carefully studied and Mayor Arnold says "It's been a worthwhile journey."



### Notice of 2016 Capital Budget meeting

The St. Clair Township 2016 Capital Budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17 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



### P. O. Box numbers required by Township

-Attention all Township residents with P. O. boxes- If you haven't already done so, please provide the Township office with your P.O. box number so that your bills can be delivered in a timely manner. *Please note that failure to receive a tax or water bill DOES NOT excuse a ratepayer from responsibility of payment nor relief of liability of penalty for late payment.*

The Water Department can be contacted at 519-867-2993 or by email at: [publicworks@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:publicworks@twp.stclair.on.ca) The Tax Department can be contacted at 519-867-2024 or by email at: [taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca)

### Holiday Office Hours



The St. Clair Township municipal office at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre in Mooretown will observe the following holiday office hours: on Dec. 24 and New Year's Eve, the office will close at noon. The office will also be closed on Dec. 28 to compensate for Boxing Day falling on a weekend. Otherwise, office hours will remain the same.

### Council meeting schedule

St. Clair Township Council holds its regular meetings at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown every first and third Monday of the month. Upcoming meetings will be held on: Monday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting. 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 until April. 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.



### Pheasant/Rabbit hunting licenses available soon

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses are now on sale at the following locations: Pic-N-Pay Variety, Sombra; Courtright Variety Store; Corunna Home Hardware; Agris Co-operative Ltd., Brigden; and the St. Clair Township Civic Centre in Mooretown.

The fee will be \$5 for township residents and \$8 for non-residents. Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

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

# Council is ready to meet the challenges of 2016



*By Mayor Steve Arnold*

Once again, I have the honour of wishing the residents of St. Clair Township a merry, blessed Christmas on behalf of St. Clair Township Council and Staff. I would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all of the volunteers who help to make this municipality such a wonderful place to live, work and play. Our churches, service clubs, organizations, and the many kind, compassionate individuals who give so freely of their time, support a host of local initiatives that enrich the lives of all who call this township "home". In addition, these initiatives are unfailingly embraced and supported by the community as a whole.

We have only to look at the recent fundraising effort that raised an incredible \$34,000 for cancer patient David Leach. This generous outpouring of community compassion and support clearly demonstrates how motivated and caring our municipality's people are when rallied to a single cause.

As 2015 comes to a close, the world faces difficult times that will challenge the resolve and resources of all levels of government. As a council, we will be challenged to bring our "A" game to the task of developing policies that will help St. Clair Township continue to thrive and to be a place people want to call home. Be assured that we will continue to do this to the very best of our ability.

***To everyone in St. Clair Township, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.***



## Township of St. Clair - Crossing Guards needed

The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing guard to assist school children crossing Hill Street (Queen) in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$28.15 per day.

The Township of St. Clair also requires fill-in crossing guard(s) to assist school children crossing at various locations in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$28.15 per day. This position will be on a "call in"

basis and hours will vary widely depending on need.

Currently, we are in need of a fill-in crossing guard in Corunna at the corners of: Lyndoch Street and Cameron Street; Hill Street and Queen Street; and Hill Street and Colborne Street.

Application setting out qualifications and experience will be received by the undersigned.

**St. Clair Civic Centre**  
1155 Emily Street  
Mooretown, Ont.  
N0N 1M0

**Gary DePooter, CET**  
Co-ordinator of Operations  
Phone: 519-867-22125  
Fax: 519-867-3886



## Accessibility Committee seeks members

The Township of St. Clair Accessibility Committee is currently seeking members. The Committee work to ensure that public spaces within the municipality are fully accessible to all residents. To apply, please submit a written request stating your qualifications in care of: Clerk Jeff Baranek, St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0, or call 519-867-2021, or email: [jbaranek@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:jbaranek@twp.stclair.on.ca) The deadline for submissions is Friday, Nov. 27 by 4 p.m. Preference will be given to those with accessibility issues and committee membership applies for the duration of the current term of Council.

## County job recruitment now Web-based

Lambton County job recruitment and application tracking is now exclusively Web-based. A safe, secure, easy-to-use platform is now in place and can be found through a

link at: [www.lambtononline.ca](http://www.lambtononline.ca) Job postings are also linked from the County's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/CountyofLambton](http://www.facebook.com/CountyofLambton)

## New faces introduced at Brigden Fair volunteer dinner

The recent Brigden Fair volunteer appreciation dinner was the perfect place to introduce the two new faces now working in the fair office.

Right: Moore Agricultural Society President Harold Thompson, left, and Homecraft President Connie Courtney, right, welcome Financial Coordinator Rachel Mann, and Office Coordinator Nancy Brown to the organization.



Left: Michelle Loosemore presents the Woman of Excellence Award on behalf of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to Mona Mae Thompson. Mrs. Thompson, a long-time member of the Women's Institute, has been a MAS Board of Director member for 20 years but has been associated with the fair for many more than that. She has been a dedicated volunteer, helping with fundraising, catering and quilting, and assisting with 4-H shows and youth activities. She is currently the *Agriculture In The Classroom* coordinator which offers hundreds of Lambton County school students the opportunity to discover the importance of agriculture to their daily lives. The program is offered during the first day of the Brigden Fair.

The theme for the 2016 Brigden Fair will be *"The Way We Roll"*.  
See you at the fair!

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

## Here's what's happening at your local Lambton County Library

The Lambton County Library is currently holding The Classic Reading Challenge at all branches, and there are prizes to be won. A list of 100 classic literature works from a variety of genres, time periods, and cultures, as well as 27 works of children's literature, provide the basis for the contest. Participants chose one book from the list to read, watch a movie based on the book, or listen to the audio book, and then write a creative response to the book/movie they chose in the form of a book review, a favourite memory, or even a poem. For more information, go to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca)

**Note:** All Lambton County Library branches will be closed Friday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Jan. 1. Branches regularly scheduled to open on Dec. 24 and 31 will open at 9 a.m. and close at noon, including Library Headquarters.

Here are some of the things happening at your local branch in December:

**Brigden** (519-864-1142): Tales for Tots (preschool - must pre-register) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Dec. 2 and 9; Perler Fun (tween - drop-in) 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Dec. 10 and 17.

**Corunna** (519-862-1132): Drop-in Make and Take Crafts all month, any time; Tales for Tots (18 months to 3 years with caregiver - drop-in) 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Dec. 7; French Story Hour (up to 5 years old with caregiver) 10

a.m. to 11 a.m., Dec. 2, 9, 16; Christmas Fun (children - pre-register) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 includes crafts and games; Play Station 4 (all ages - drop-in) available all day, every day, during open hours during the month of December; Zendoodle, a relaxing adult colouring program (adult - drop-in) 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 7; Thompson Gardens Book Club (senior - drop-in) 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 7.

**Courtright** (519-867-2712): Drop-in Make and Take Crafts (all month, all ages, any time during open hours); Tales for Tots (ages 18 months to 3 years with caregiver - drop-in) 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Dec. 3 and 10; Christmas Family Night (all ages) 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 10; Tween Scene "Discover Flight" (tween - drop-in) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 3 and 17; Book Club (adult - drop-in) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 16.

**Mooretown** (519-867-2823): Afternoon Book Club (adult - drop-in) 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 9.

**Port Lambton** (519-677-5217): Animation (children - drop-in) 11 a.m. to noon, Dec. 5, 12, 19. Discover different ways to animate.

**Sombra** (519-892-3711): Tales for Tots (pre-school - drop-in) 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Dec. 2, 9, 16; Tween Event "Christmas Open House" (tween - drop-in), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 15; TAG "Christmas Open House" (teen - drop-in) 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 15. Cookies, crafts and free gift wrapping.



## ***Rapids Family Health Team clinic to offer individual counselling***

The Rapids Family Health Team at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna now offers one-on-one counselling. Patients can make an appointment to have access to a Registered Social Worker, a Registered Dietitian, and a Registered Nurse Educator. For information or to book an appointment, call 519-813-9800 or go online to: [www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca)

### ***Smoking cessation classes***

Smoking cessation classes will be offered on the following dates: Friday, Dec. 4 at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 8 at 9 a.m.; and Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. These classes are for those who are thinking of quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco. They include a 1.5 hour quit smoking workshop where the group discusses strategies and methods for quitting, ways to overcome barriers to quitting; how to make a quit plan and manage withdrawal symptoms; and how to

prevent relapse.

After completing the workshop, participants are invited to schedule an individual appointment with a nurse educator to receive further support and information. Nicotine Replacement products (NRT), if indicated, can be dispensed after enrollment in the STOP study. NRT is only dispensed during individual appointments. If you are interested in the quit smoking program, please contact Rapids Family Health Team at 519-813-9800 to secure a spot in a workshop. For more information about the STOP study, please go online to: [www.stopstudy.ca](http://www.stopstudy.ca)

**Laboratory services at the clinic continue to operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

*Special thanks are extended to Pembina for its financial contribution to the renovation of the site.*

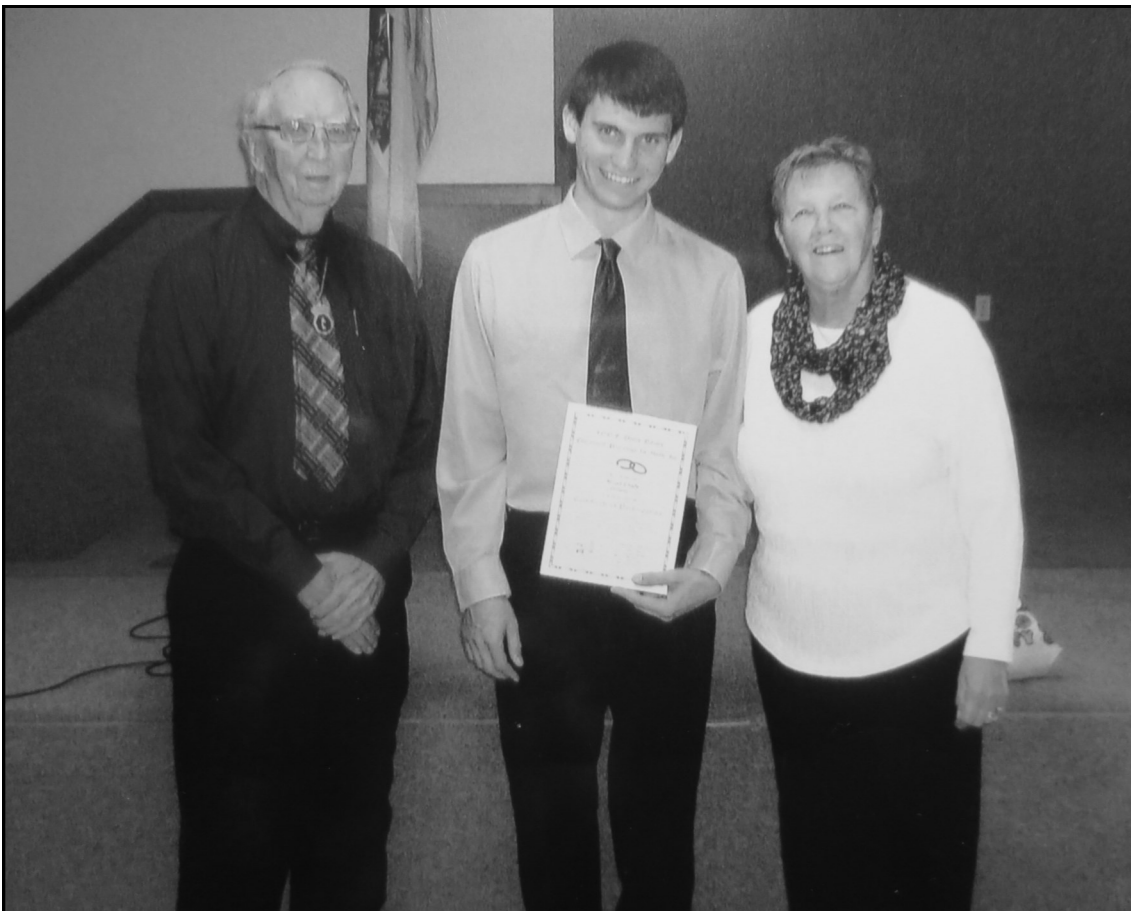
## **Bluewater Community Advisory Panel (BCAP) seeks volunteer members**

Are you interested in the environment, public health and safety related to local industry?

The Bluewater Community Advisory Panel (BCAP) is looking for new volunteer community members. Since its creation 30 years ago, BCAP has provided an opportunity for the public to learn more about industrial operations and provide advice to companies in the region.

If you are interested in learning more about these positions on BCAP, please contact co-chair Jennifer Johnson at 519-346-2419 or email: [jnjohnson@suncor.com](mailto:jnjohnson@suncor.com)

## **UN Youth Pilgrimage student speaks to Rebekah and Oddfellows group**



The Rebekahs and Oddfellows celebrated Goodwill Day at the Wyoming Fairgrounds on Oct. 4, where 17-year-old LCCVI student Nolan Chafe spoke about his recent trip to the United Nations.

He won the trip during the annual Rebekah/Oddfellows speaking contest where participants speak on a pre-selected topic. Seen here with Nolan are Brother Don Minielly and Sister Joyce Brock.

*Photo submitted*

# Community Contact

## **Brigden Fair quilt fundraiser winner chosen**

The winner of the 2015 Homecraft Sampler Quilt was Brian Langstaff from Beaver Meadow in Dawn-Euphemia Township. Thank you to everyone who supported this popular annual fundraiser.

## **Brigden Fair office holiday hours**

The Brigden Fair office will close for the Christmas holidays at noon on Dec. 24 and will reopen on Jan. 4, 2016.

*Merry Christmas to all from the staff and volunteers at the Moore Agricultural Society.*

## **Hockey Moms' fundraisers ongoing**

The Mooretown Hockey Moms have a busy season ahead as they continue to raise money to help fund team activities. Their efforts help feed the hungry teams as well as avid spectators during home games. The group also sells fundraiser items such as the Hockey Moms Keepsake 2016 Calendar, Christmas draw tickets (first prize is an all inclusive trip for two to Cuba), Mooretown drawstring backpacks, leather logo necklaces, toques, mini sticks, stickers and more.

## **Support for trail upkeep encouraged**

Funds raised through the *Pennies for Pavement* program continue to help keep the St. Clair River Trail well-maintained and ready to accommodate those who enjoy the healthful benefits of walking, cycling, and in-line skating along the scenic St. Clair River. Please support this fundraiser by dropping 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. Bricks, benches, and blocks can still be ordered to commemorate a special occasion or to provide a lasting memorial to departed loved ones. To place an order, contact Laura at 519-862-2442 (north end of trail) or Janis at 519-892-3223 (south end of trail). You can also visit the trail Website at: [stclairrivertrail.com](http://stclairrivertrail.com)

## **Brigden Fair student volunteer opportunities**

Students who will need volunteer hours to obtain their diplomas in the coming school year can find what they need by working at the Brigden fairgrounds. Volunteer opportunities are available in Brigden all year long, so call the Brigden Fairgrounds Fair Office at 519-864-1197 for more information.

## **Lambton County Jr. Optimist Club seeks members**

As 22 young Junior Optimist Club members will tell you, belonging to a group that does so much good for the community is a blast! The club began with just 10 members and it didn't take long for other young people to join in. It's fun and it's rewarding, and friendships made can last a lifetime. 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.

## **Mosaic Lambton Project will honour Canada's 150th**

The Lambton Mosaic Project (LMP) is now underway in Lambton County. A six-member Need To Read committee, established through Organization For Literacy In Lambton, has developed this as a Confederation pro-

ject to honour Canada's upcoming 150th anniversary on July 1, 2017. All residents of the 14 communities within Lambton County (11 Municipalities and 3 First Nations Communities) will be encouraged to participate in this project. The objective will be to create a mosaic map of Lambton County.

The map will show all of the Municipalities and Communities. It will display creations of artistic and literary contributions showing what people love best about their local communities in a creative form that is most comfortable for them; drawings, paintings, photos, poems, crafts, and short stories will be among the creations will be included. It is hoped that the project will inspire and motivate people to better integrate, communicate, and promote cultural arts, literary arts, and education. The mosaic will offer contributors exposure for their completed works, which will be showcased on a special Website. An unveiling event will be held in 2017 to display the Lambton Mosaic Project, recognizing the community partners and contributors, while at the same time, honouring the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

The Organization For Literacy In Lambton has been awarded a 2014 grant from the Lambton County Creative Fund (LCCF) to get the project underway and will be seeking further funding from future LCCF intakes and donations. This project is sponsored by: Organization For Literacy In Lambton, the Creative County Fund, Samia-Lambton Workforce Development Board, Rotary Club of Samia, Tourism Samia-Lambton, Margaret Bird. Contributors must use their talents to demonstrate what inspires them most about their community. The project is open to all age groups and submissions to the project will be accepted until March 31, 2016. For more information, go online to: [www.Lambtonmosaic.com](http://www.Lambtonmosaic.com)

## **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. 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.

## **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.

## **Christmas hamper programs help the needy**

In north St. Clair Township, Operation Christmas Tree will be accepting donations of non-perishable food, unwrapped toys, and cash during weekdays in December at the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. Donations can also be made at that location on Saturday, Dec. 12 during the annual OPP drive-through donation event.



In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank, formerly St. Vincent de Paul, can be contacted through the Sacred Heart Food Bank.

## Stay active at the Mooretown Sports Complex

### Winter Swimming Lessons

Register now for Winter swimming lessons. Private lessons, group, adult, parent, and tot programs available. Lessons begin the week of Jan. 4. The Winter brochure can be found online at: [www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)

### Spinning classes offered

Join our certified spinning instructors for a great workout to improve your cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Register now for a 12 week session for \$72 or a 10 pass admission for \$80. Classes begin Jan. 4 and are held Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., or Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. If you're a beginner, there are classes designed for you on Thursdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you're looking for strength training combined with a spin workout, come to the Bikes & Bells class on Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. or Monday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### Piloxing classes

If you haven't tried Piloxing, now is the time. Piloxing incorporates boxing, dance, and Pilates for an incredibly high energy workout. Classes begin Jan. 5 and are held Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$72 for 12 weeks.

### Hip Hop & Ballet

Join Hana Omar-Craig from HOC Dance Club to learn fun, exciting and popular Hip Hop dance moves for ages 7-13 years. Classes are Thursday from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at a cost of \$120 for 12 weeks. Ballet for ages 3-5 years is from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at a cost of \$110 for 12 weeks. Ballet for ages 6-9 years is from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$120 for 12 weeks. Classes begin on Jan. 7.

### Muscle Mix group fitness classes

The Muscle Mix group fitness class includes kettlebell training that will build lean muscles, improve strength and power in your upper body, core and lower body, and increase coordination, joint mobility, and overall endurance. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 per class (\$5 per class per senior), \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$225 per year for full fitness centre membership.

### Cardio kick boxing

The cardio kick boxing fitness class is a high energy cardio workout that employs martial arts moves to rev up your metabolism. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 per class for seniors, \$45 per 10 visit pass, or \$255 with a full fitness centre membership.

### Shallow & deep water aerobics

Discover the rejuvenating power of water with these programs as they take you through a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow water classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 per class for seniors, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$205 per year, \$195 per year for seniors. This class is also included in the full fitness centre membership of \$225.

### Water Therapy - arthritis and fibromyalgia water exercise

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, balance and flexibility training, with the goal of improved mobility. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 for seniors, and \$45 per 10 visit pass. Join any time.

### FREE indoor/outdoor walking exercise program

The West Lambton CHC sponsored walking exercise program is held every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

### Tim Horton's sponsored free public skates

Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop will sponsor free public skates over the holidays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on the following dates: Monday, Dec. 21; Tuesday, Dec. 22; and Monday, Dec. 28. Don't miss this opportunity to take your family fun to a whole new level.

### Public skate

Over the holidays, public skates will be held at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Sunday, Dec. 20, Sunday, Dec. 27, and Sunday, Jan. 3 from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. The cost will be \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, and \$6.50 per family.

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

*Please note that the Mooretown Sports Complex will be closed on Boxing Day, Dec. 26.*

*St. Clair Township Staff wish you a safe, happy, healthy Christmas season!*

## Juvenile Silver Stick Tournament



comes to the  
Mooretown  
Sports  
Complex  
on  
Jan. 7 to 10.

**Go Flags!**

## CKNX Barn Dance Show sets toes tappin' in Brigden



The early days of radio came alive in Brigden on Nov. 15 in the form of the CKNX Barn Dance Show. The Barn Dance evolved from a live radio show at CKNX in Wingham and kept listeners in southwestern Ontario entertained for over 25 years. The show eventually became a traveling act, broadcasting from cities and towns in the area. It is backed by the Barn Dance Historical Society and is Canada's largest traveling barn dance show.

Emcee Jim Swan introduced a number of great country acts, including Lindsay Myers, a young singer from the talented Myers family of Brigden, in her first appearance with the Barn Dance. Lindsay is shown here belting out a familiar country classic. She was backed by the Barn Dance Band: Grant Heywood; Don Maxwell; Bill Norris; Fred Lewis; and Doug Dietrich. Other performers on the bill included: Paul Weber; Linsey Beckett; Jimmy Pair; John and Geneva Heaman; and guest performer Nettie (Bedard) Blayney, an original Barn Dance performer from Sarnia. For more about the Barn Dance Show, go online: [www.thebardance.ca](http://www.thebardance.ca)

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

*St. Clair Township  
honours its fallen  
heroes*



*Photos by Bonnie Stevenson*

Brigden and Corunna were the local hubs of sober remembrance on Nov. 11 when hundreds of grateful residents turned out to witness the annual Remembrance Day services hosted by the Brigden and Corunna branches of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Above: At the Corunna Clock Tower Park under sunny blue skies, numerous wreaths were placed to pay tribute to loved ones, comrades, and friends who met the rigors of battle with courage after a stirring benediction by Padre Paul Woolley. From the left: Wayne Miles and Judy Stewart look at the wreath they have just placed in the name of their father, James Daniel Miles, a WWII veteran, while Cris Heynen and Jayne Miles view their newly-placed tribute dedicated to the memory of their father, Corunna Legion member Don Miles. Delivering a solemn salute is Corunna Legion President Dan Watson.

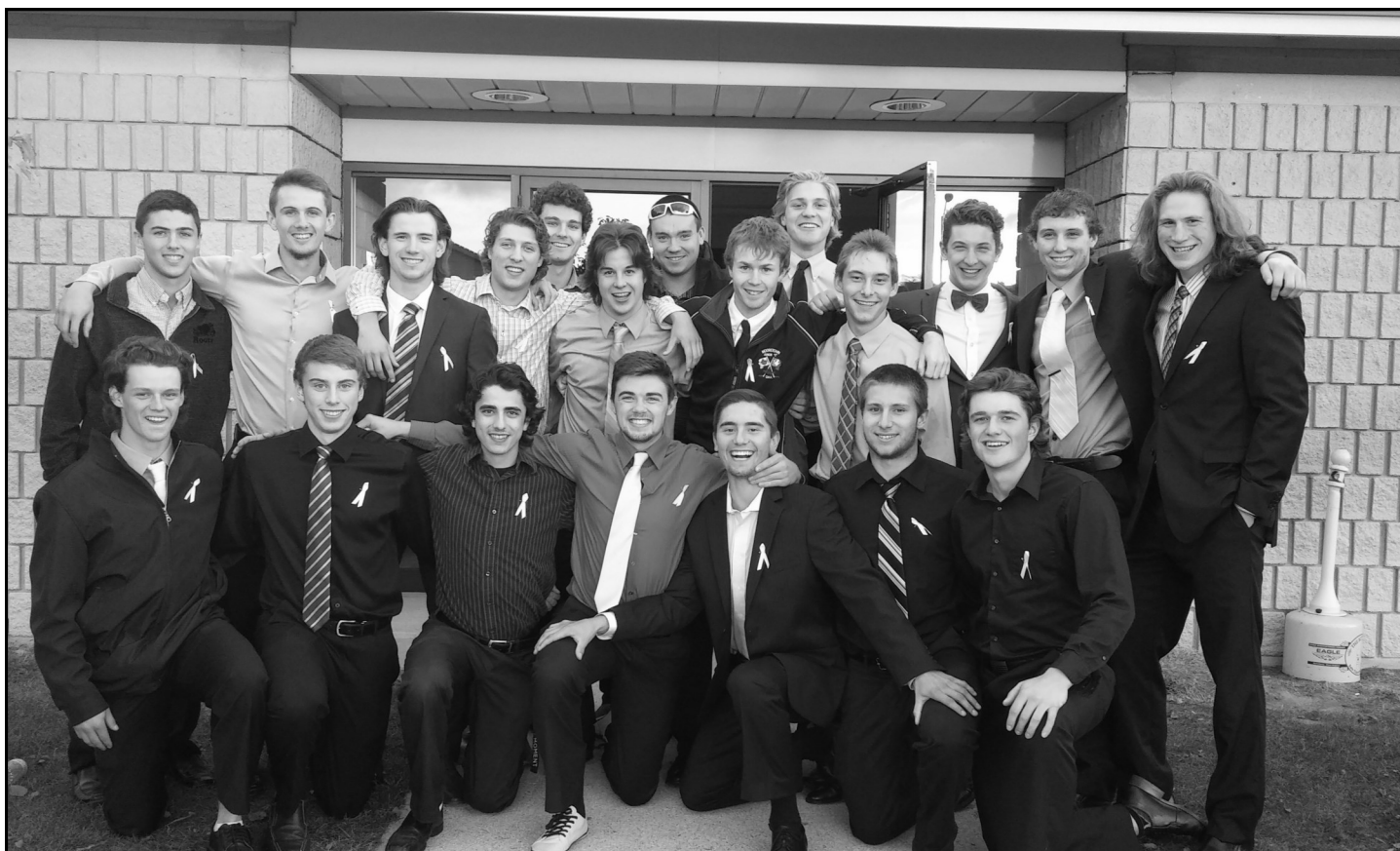
Left: A large contingent of students from Brigden Public School joined the crowd that gathered at the Brigden Cenotaph. A field of waiting wreaths stand in the foreground ready to be placed as Brigden Legion President and Padre Ron Antoine delivers a moving tribute to those who sacrificed so much for their country.

The ceremonies also brought to mind those who continue to struggle with the threats we face in our turbulent modern world, and with the consequences they must face when the ever-present threat of violence takes its toll on their bodies and minds.

*We must never forget.*



## Mooretown Flags Jr C hockey club in 5th year of support for cancer fundraiser



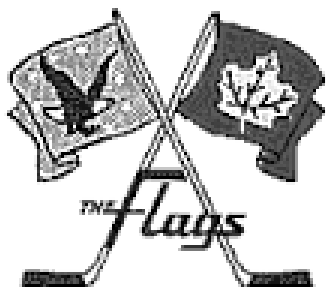
For the fifth year in a row, members of the Mooretown Flags Jr C hockey club showed support for the Annual Grand Desserts Gala held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 hall in Corunna in October. This year's fundraiser raised over \$9,000 in support of Breast Cancer Research and Awareness for the Canadian Cancer Society. Paula McKilay, community fundraising specialist for the Canadian Cancer Society Sarnia-Lambton community office, says the young men attended this ladies-only event to escort the women from their vehicles, hold the door for them, and escort them to their seats. "Chivalry is not dead with these young hockey players," she wrote in a media release. Since the event began six years ago, it has raised over \$48,000 for Breast Cancer Research.

*The Canadian Cancer Society Sarnia-Lambton branch extends thanks to the Mooretown Flags Jr. C hockey club and to the all of the guests who made this event so successful.*

### SD Lambton offers opportunities to play

Sports Disabled Lambton (SD Lambton) offers individuals with disabilities the opportunity to play sledge hockey, floor hockey, weight lifting, and bocce. Anyone interested in playing can register until August, 2015 and early registration is advised because spaces are limited. Pre-registration and an opportunity to try out a sport will be made available. If you have any questions about SD Lambton programs, registration or the organization, please email Joanne Somlai at [jsomlai@coqeco.ca](mailto:jsomlai@coqeco.ca)

## Mooretown Flags home game schedule for 2015-2016



Home games are slated for the Mooretown Sports Complex on the following dates: Wed., Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. against Wheatley; Sat., Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Sat., Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. against Blenheim; Sat., Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. against Lakeshore; Sat., Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m. against Alvinston; Sat., Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Sat., Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. against Blenheim.

**COME OUT AND ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM!**

**GO FLAGS!**



## HERITAGE CORNER



### New wall mural conveys the power and peril of the Q105 in battle



As you turn off the St. Clair Parkway onto Smith Street in Sombra, there is a large work of art waiting for you on the north side at the Sombra Museum. A new wall mural, a conceptual work by artist Danny Alexander, drives home the dangerous and often violent wartime environment that was faced by the Sarnia-built Q105 Fairmile class motor launch. The Q105 was fitted as a sub chaser charged with patrolling the Atlantic on guard for Nazi submarines. In more peaceful times, it took passengers cruising along the St. Clair River under the name Duc d'Orleans. Alexander's use of reds, dark burgundy, greys and whites as well as the turbulence of his sea scape, create a narrative that speaks to the peril faced by the relatively small craft and of the courage shown by those who sailed aboard her. The Sombra Museum Cultural Centre on the south side of the street features a marine room where visitors can view and get the feel of the actual wheel that guided the ship on its many patrols. Several other artifacts of the ship are also on display. **Above: Present on Nov. 9 for the unveiling of the impressive mural and its accompanying commemorative plaques were, from the left, Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey; MP Marilyn Gladu; Brenda Hanlon, administrative assistant, Pembina Pipelines; St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold; and Sombra Museum Chair David Lee. Sponsors for this important project included: Pembina Pipelines; Shell Canada; Ontario Power Generation; Township of St. Clair; and the County of Lambton.**

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

### Plaque to commemorate 1837/8 Rebellion skirmishes in St. Clair Township

Heritage St. Clair recently approached St. Clair Township proposing the installation of an educational plaque to be installed in Courtright Park along the shoreline. This would be the second plaque, with the first commemorating the incredible achievements of Courtright native and inventor of approximately 1,500 magic effects and techniques, Stewart James.

The second plaque will recognize the 1837/1838 Rebellion skirmishes that took place in what is now St. Clair Township. The rebellion was a series of conflicts between one group opposed to British rule versus another group loyal to Britain. Many local citizens joined the fight to oppose the rebels who, with the support of the U.S.,

staged river crossings in the areas now known as Port Lambton and Sombra. The conflict ultimately led to the Act of Union, which joined Upper and Lower Canada, forming the Province of Canada in 1841. (For those who don't already know, Corunna was the official capital of Canada for one day around this time.) The conflict is recognized in many other areas of the province and Heritage St. Clair believes St. Clair Township should be proud of its part in the rebellion and the ultimate formation of Canada.

The value of placing informative signs along the St. Clair River shoreline has caught on in Michigan, where interpretive signs are being developed for several shoreline locations in Port Huron.

**VOLUNTEERS** are always welcome at the Moore Museum, 519-867-2020, and Sombra Museum, 519-892-3982 (seasonal). Many volunteering opportunities are available, from helping with major projects to staffing the special events that take place throughout the season. Call to find out how you can help and make new friends, too.

## Music fills the air at the annual Harvest Home dinner

The annual Harvest Home dinner in Wilkesport rang with song as the Bluewater Chordsmen took centre stage. Four part harmony and uplifting tunes were the order of the evening as the Chordsmen let loose with some old time favourites as well as vintage rock 'n roll classics and a few sweet serenades. The group is proud to be celebrating its 70th anniversary this year with several special concerts.



Above: A spirited crowd at the Wilkesport Community Centre enjoyed a scrumptious buffet dinner and the sweet sounds of the Bluewater Chordsmen, led here by David Crosbie.  
Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



### Optimists recognize outstanding volunteers

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township recently presented two area residents, Don Wells and Elsie Krahn, with plaques that recognize their volunteer efforts in the area. Don helps at various soup kitchens and, for the past three years, he has traveled across Ontario on *Don's Journey of Hope* to raise money for cancer research. Elsie has been involved with the *Meals On Wheels* program in the Port Lambton community for over 35 years. The Sombra Optimists were proud to honour these volunteers for their years of dedicated service to the community.

*Photo submitted*

### Beacon Bits

*If you love words, you're a lexophile.  
Here's humour just for you.*

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

The roundest knight at King Arthur's table was Sir Cumference.

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

A chicken crossing a road is poultry in motion.

*Merry Christmas  
from The Beacon*

## 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.

### 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](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).



# News items from Lambton County

## Flu shots ready

Flu shots are available at 30 Lambton pharmacies, from health care providers, at 10 community clinics; and at Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street in Sarnia. Individuals at high risk of influenza complications are urged to get their flu shot as soon as possible. This group includes: adults 65 and over; infants and children six months to under five years of age; individuals with a chronic health condition; healthy pregnant women; individuals of any age who reside in long-term care or other chronic care facilities; and Aboriginal people. Statistics from the 2014-2015 flu season indicate there were 63 lab confirmed cases of influenza and three flu-related deaths recorded in Lambton. "Getting the flu shot is the safest way to prevent spread of the flu and the best way to protect your loved ones," said Erin Courtney, Supervisor with Lambton Public Health. "In Canada, the flu kills more people than any other communicable disease."

For information about seasonal influenza and the flu shots clinic schedule, visit [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca) or call Lambton Public Health Flu Info Line at 519-383-3812 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3812.

## Adult Day Program offered

Lambton County offers an Adult Day Program three days a week at Lambton Meadowview Villa in Petrolia. The program supports participants and their families with the challenge of coping with the effects of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. It also provides seniors who have physical challenges with weekly opportunities for recreation and socialization. The program is available five days a week at Marshall Gowland Manor in Sarnia for participants with physical challenges or early stages of dementias.

The County's Adult Enrichment Centres support approximately 65 participants each week. For more information, please call 519-336-3720, ext. 5704 (Sarnia) or 519-882-1470, ext. 5028 (Petrolia). Information is available online at: [www.lambtononline.ca](http://www.lambtononline.ca). Click on "Long-Term Care and Adult Enrichment Centres" under the "Residents" heading.

## Fentanyl exchange program in progress

The illegal misuse, and subsequent number of overdoses and fatalities,

of the powerful synthetic prescription opioid Fentanyl has prompted the start of the Lambton Patch 4 Patch program, which was launched at Sarnia Police Headquarters in October. The program relies on the participation of pharmacists and doctors who prescribe fentanyl. When writing the prescription, the doctor includes a note that the used patch must be turned in before the fentanyl patch user can obtain a new one.

## Educational Gale Courses now available online

Hundreds of free instructor-led courses are now available online to Lambton County Library card holders. Gale Courses offer well-crafted lessons, expert instruction, and interaction with fellow students. The free courses range from health and wellness to creative writing, computer programming, business and management, sales and marketing, and more. Courses run for six weeks with two new lessons released each week. New sessions begin each month. For more information about the catalogue of courses offered, or to enroll in a course, go online to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca) and click on "eLibrary".

## Text with 9-1-1 made available to local residents

St. Clair Township residents who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired now have an alternative method of communicating with 9-1-1 operators. Text with 9-1-1 (T9-1-1) was slated to be available across Lambton County beginning on April 15. Cell phone users whose phones have the capability to send and receive text messages, and are compatible with the T9-1-1 program, must register for the service on their cell phone provider's Website. In general, text messages sent to the digits 9-1-1 do not reach emergency services. Users registered with the T9-1-1 program can verify their service through their respective cell phone providers. The T9-1-1 program is offered to all Lambton County residents courtesy of the County of Lambton and Sarnia Police Services. For more information about T9-1-1, go online to: [www.textwith911.ca](http://www.textwith911.ca)

## Free nicotine replacement therapy offered

Smokers who want to kick the habit can now access a free nicotine replacement therapy program being offered by Lambton Public Health. For more information, call Lambton's Tobacco Hotline at 519-383-3810 or toll-free 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3810.

# Lambton County named one of the world's Smart21 Communities for 2016

For those who haven't heard, Lambton County was recently named one of the world's *Smart21 Communities* for 2016.

The Intelligent Community Forum chose the communities, which are now in the running for the prestigious designation of Intelligent Community of the Year next June.

A total of eight Canadian communities are included in the 21 that were chosen, including: Hamilton, Ontario; Ottawa, Ontario; Montreal, Quebec; Oshawa Ontario; Surrey, B.C.; Lethbridge, Alberta; and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The U.S. fielded two contenders while Taiwan has five, Australia has two, and there's one each for Germany, The Netherlands, New Zealand, and Sweden. If you're doubtful, go online to the Intelligent Community Forum's Website at: <http://www.intelligentcommunity.org/index.php?src=news&srctype=detail&category=Awards&refno=1830>

The award is the result of an application sent to the Forum by the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP). The group applied on behalf of the entire community be-

cause of the benefits of being chosen among the Smart 21.

"To be designated as a Smart21 community by the Intelligent Community Forum recognizes Lambton County as a community that can effectively compete in the global economy," said George Mallay, General Manager of the SLEP. Warden Bev MacDougall noted, "Our social innovation, entrepreneurship development, community branding and global leadership in the sustainable chemistry and energy sector are getting us world-wide recognition."

Evaluation for this designation is based on six Intelligent Communities Indicators: broadband, knowledge workforce, innovation, digital equality, sustainability, and advocacy which provide the framework for understanding all of the factors that determine a community's competitiveness and point to its success in the broadband economy. The theme of this year's awards was *From Revolution to Renaissance*, focusing on how Intelligent Communities plan their future at a time when the economy, the environment, and the patterns of urban and rural life are undergoing dramatic change.





## 2nd Corunna Girl Guides exceed goal by more than a hair



The 2nd Corunna Girl Guides recently took on a challenge to raise money for the Breast Cancer Society. Each girl was required to come up with and to execute her own fundraising idea, and the three girls who raised the most money were rewarded with the honour of cutting their leader's hair. The group set a goal of \$200 and they managed to beat their goal by much more than just a hair. They raised a total of \$831.65! Above standing, the three winning Guides, Jasmine, left, Kirstin, and Darah show off the hair they have just cut. Leader Amanda, seated, shows off her sporty new locks. She donated her hair to *Pantene Beautiful Lengths* program, where it will be used to create wigs for cancer victims who have lost their own hair as the result of their treatment.

*Photo submitted*

## Vaccination info required by February

Lambton Public Health warns parents that high school-aged students must have up-to-date vaccination information on file. Those who do not update their information will face school suspension in February, 2016. This information can be reported: online at [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca) ; by email at [immunization@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:immunization@county-lambton.on.ca) ; by calling 519-383-8331, ext. 3589 or 1-800-667-1839 ; faxed to 519-383-7092; or dropped off at Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street, Point Edward.

## S-L United Way campaign reaches half way; community benefits

In early October, the Sarnia-Lambton United Way announced it had reached the half way mark of its 2015 annual community fundraising campaign. The campaign has since approached the three-quarters mark.

Speaking of the generosity of the corporations, local businesses, individuals and volunteers who contribute to the success of these important annual campaigns, United Way Campaign Chair Richard Kelch said, "It is the broad mass of donors which are the backbone of the United Way...It is heartening to see the increased participation in workplaces." He added there is still a long way to go to reach the \$1.95 million campaign goal, Mr. Kelch added the campaign looks good so far. "Imperial, Suncor, NOVA Chemicals, Transport Canada, Styrolutions, Point Edward Casino and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans all had successful kick offs. School across Sarnia-Lambton have also started their individual campaigns."

Each year, the United Way funds programs that enrich the lives of

Lambton County residents. Some of the community groups that benefit from such funding include: Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Boys and Girls Club of Sarnia-Lambton; CNIB; Canadian Mental Health Association; Red Cross; Community Living Sarnia & District; Lambton Elderly Outreach; Family Counselling Centre; Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County; Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Sarnia-Lambton chapter; Ontario March of Dimes; Rebound; Sarnia-Lambton Stroke Recovery; Victorian Order of Nurses; Women's Interval Home; and more.

The stated goal of the United Way is to build and strengthen Sarnia-Lambton by bringing people and resources together to facilitate change in three focus areas: Healthy, Safe and Independent Seniors; Empowering and Strengthening Self-Sustaining Families; and Healthy, Resilient, Successful Children.

For more information about the work of the Sarnia-Lambton United Way, go online to: [theunitedway.on.ca](http://theunitedway.on.ca) or call 519-336-5452.

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(a different type of clay target sport) every Sundays at 1 p.m. sharp. This event is open to the public (licensed firearms owners and their guests).

For more information, call Caron Ball at 519-862-2641 or 519-381-1199. The club is located on the southeast corner of Hwy. 40 and Bickford Line in beautiful St. Clair Township.

### Ballroom Dancing Club begins

Those who enjoy dancing are invited to join the members of the Sarnia Ballroom Dancing Club at their regular dances at the Camlachie Community Hall.

First time attendees are admitted free and dance lessons are now underway. For more information, go online to: [www.sarniaballroomdancingclub.ca](http://www.sarniaballroomdancingclub.ca)

## 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.*

**NOTE: DEADLINE FOR JANUARY BEACON  
WILL BE MONDAY, DEC. 14 BY NOON.**

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

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

## Mooretown Flags take part in Remembrance Day ceremonies

The Mooretown Flags participated in the recent Remembrance Day Ceremony conducted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna. Members of the team are shown here outside the Legion hall by the cenotaph. From left: Doug, a volunteer firefighter from the St. Clair Township Fire Department's Corunna station; Flags players Alec Segers, Landon Wilson, Brent Blais, and Brandon Johnson; with Flags trainer Shawn Osborne, a Sarnia Police Services officer.

These young team members send a comforting message to veterans and those still serving that their service and their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

*Photo submitted*



## Old-Fashioned Christmas program recalls the days of Victorian holiday style and frugal pioneer celebration

The Moore Museum's popular school program, An Old-Fashioned Christmas" is ready to treat approximately 1,000 school children to an enriching Christmas experience from St. Clair Township's distant past. From the Courtney log cabin decorated in frugal pioneer home-crafts, to the elegance of trees and toys from the Victorian Era, students taste history as they participate in a taffy pull and make a souvenir decoration to take home.

The program runs from Nov. 30 to Dec. 17 this year,

with morning and afternoon bookings offered.

The cost of the program is \$4.50 per child. For more information, please contact the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit the Website at: [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)

Photo from page 1: Moore Museum staffer Melissa Westbrook puts the finishing touches on an elegant Victorian Christmas tree as part of the decorative touches that will be on display throughout the museum.

*Photo submitted*

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listen to local musicians play live music. For more information, call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

### New Year's Dance slated for Courtright

The Courtright Community Splash Pad Committee will host a grand New Year's Dance at the Courtright Community Centre, 1594 Third Street (Silverdome) with proceeds to be used toward the cost of the new splash pad. The festivities get underway at 8 p.m. with live music by Scott Manery and the Barn Burners. The event will run until 1 p.m. with food and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets are \$20 per person. ***To ensure the safety of party-goers, rides will be available to and from the hall from four different area locations: the CAP park on Hill Street in Corunna; the IGA; Ken's Mini Mart; and at Mooretown Courtright Public***

***School. Pickups will be made from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and drop-offs will begin at 12:30 a.m. and continue until 1:15 a.m.***

### Sombra Community Hall card parties set

The Sombra Community Hall card parties are held on Fridays at 1 p.m. Dates for upcoming card parties are: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 11, 18; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20. Everyone is welcome.

### Celtic evening at Corunna United

Don't miss the second annual Celtic Evening at Corunna United Church on Friday, Jan. 22. The evening will feature dinner plus an evening of music by Christine Storey and Friends. For information and tickets, contact Allan at 519-862-1040.

### Yuk Yuk's tour comes to Corunna

It's time to Yuk it up with the Yuk Yuk's On Tour show at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna. The show is slated for Saturday, Feb. 27 with doors open at 8 p.m. and the show at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the Legion hall for \$20 or at the door for \$25, and only 200 will be sold. Stuff somebody's stocking with tickets to this show and get ready to be the most popular person in the room. It's also an ideal Valentine's gift.

### Fall/Winter lecture series at Sombra Museum

The Fall 2015/Winter 2016 Monthly Lecture Series has begun for another season. The public is invited to come to the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre at the corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway to enjoy these fascinating evenings. The cost of admission is \$10 per adult and \$7 per student. The schedule for this season includes: Tuesday, March 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Glen Scott tells tales of the *War of 1812 in the Western District*. The war was one of the most iconic for Canada, with conflict was widespread through many different regions, leaving behind stories that continue to intrigue.

Tuesday, April 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Larry Cornelius will speak about the species of trees in Lambton County. In *Native Trees of Lambton County*, he will reveal interesting facts about them as well as the history of the tree cover in

Lambton since the last ice age receded. For tickets and more information, call 519-892-3982 or email: [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)

### Messy Church at Bridgen United

The Messy Church event will be held at Bridgen United Church on the last Tuesday of every month from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. through June, 2016. Everyone is invited to join the congregation members for a fun and messy evening of worship, crafts, and supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. If Sunday mornings are too busy for you, here's a chance to attend church mid-week.

Bridgen United Church holds regular services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join the congregation for meaningful worship and coffee. More information can be obtained on Facebook.

### Forever Fit classes resume in Corunna

Forever Fit classes for adults aged 55 and over, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach, are held at Thompson Garden's Cruickshank Centre on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call Gayle at 519-813-9853, Dianne at 519-862-2678, or Mary at 519-862-2124.

### Ongoing activities offered at Cruickshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruickshank Community Centre each week. These include: **morning coffee socials** from Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. - everyone is welcome; **euchre nights** on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - cost is \$3 per session which includes light refreshments; **Scrabble** on Fridays at 1:30 p.m.; and bridge on Wednesdays at 1 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.

### 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.

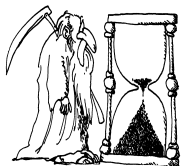
### Recovery support group meets weekly

Recovery International, a self-help group for those who struggle with mental health issues, meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's United Church in Sarnia. Issues that are covered include phobias, depression, anxiety, sleeplessness, and several others. For more information, contact Rita at 519-867-2932.

### Weekly sporting clay shoots held

The Lambton Sportsman's Club hosts sporting clay shoots

# Around The Township



## **EARLY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY BEACON**

**All submissions should be sent in by  
MONDAY, DEC. 14 at noon.**

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### **Cowboy Bill's Jamboree set**

The *Friends of Bill Committee* will host Cowboy Bill's Jamboree/Benefit Dance at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall on Saturday, Jan. 2. This event will raise money to help MAS member Bill O'Brien with medical bills accrued after a serious accident broke several bones and caused other severe injuries. Tickets and more details are available at: McCormick Insurance; the Brigden Country Jamboree on Dec. 13; at the fair office 519-864-1197; Mainstreet Credit Union in Brigden; and the Friends of Bill Committee.

### **Turkey bingo at the Corunna Legion**

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a turkey bingo on Wednesday, Dec. 2 with doors open at 6 p.m. Play from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There will be 25 regular games at a cost of four cards for \$20, plus a Special Game at \$2 per strip. This annual fundraiser will award prizes of turkeys plus main event prizes of RBC Prepaid Visa Cards for \$500, \$100, and \$50. Food will be available and everyone is welcome. Visit the branch on Facebook or go online to: [www.corunna.ca/Legion](http://www.corunna.ca/Legion)

### **Volunteer firefighters plan turkey raffle**

The Corunna volunteer firefighters are looking forward to giving some people the bird - a turkey bird, to be exact. A turkey raffle is slated for the Corunna Fire Hall on Hill Street on Friday, Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds will help support Operation Christmas Tree. Everyone is welcome to come out and support this worthy cause.

### **Christmas Tea & Bake Sale in Corunna**

A Christmas Tea & Bake Sale will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, corner of Hill and Lyndoch Streets in Corunna, on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event will feature baked goods, frozen pies, preserves, crafts, a jewelry table, and quilt raffle. Coffee/tea & dessert will be available for \$3. On the menu will be Christmas puddings and lemon deserts. Everyone is welcome.

### **Knights of Columbus Sunday breakfasts**

The Corunna/Courtright Knights of Columbus will continue to host their popular Sunday breakfast and meat raffle events at the St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 13, and April 17. The all-you-can-eat meal includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7.50 per adult, \$3.50 per child aged six to 12, and free for children under age six. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **St. Andrew's plans 160th anniversary event**

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna will host a special church service to celebrate the 160th anniversary of their church on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m.

That afternoon, there will be an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and an anniversary roast turkey dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Advance tickets for the dinner are required at a cost of \$15 per person and they can be purchased by calling the church office at 519-862-3641 on Tuesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to attend these special events to help the congregation celebrate this joyful occasion.

### **Fowl bingo slated for Sombra**

St. John's CWL Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 7. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. and admission will be \$2. The event will feature 15 rounds for chickens, 3 rounds for turkeys, and a Christmas basket draw.

### **Christmas Dessert Evening in Corunna**

The Corunna United Church Women will host a Christmas Dessert Evening on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be by *Sisters By Choice* and a selection of fabulous desserts will tempt your taste buds. The cost is \$10 per person. For tickets, please contact Connie at 519-862-3789, Gillian at 519-862-3172, or the church office at 519-862-1052.

### **Corunna Legion to hold turkey raffle**

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna will hold the annual Christmas turkey raffle on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 4 p.m. to midnight. Prizes include turkeys, plus gift cards from the LCBO, Beer Store, and Foodland. Food will be available at this event so come out to the Legion hall at the corner of Beckwith and Albert Streets and support your community. Visit the branch's Facebook page or go online to: [www.corunna.ca/Legion](http://www.corunna.ca/Legion)

### **Country Jamboree series slated in Brigden**

The Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall will be hosting its popular Winter Jamboree series again this year. Admission is only \$2 and a cash bar will be operating. The Christmas Jamboree is slated for Dec. 13, followed Jan. 10 by the Winter Wonderland Jamboree; Feb. 14, Valentine's Jamboree; March 13, St. Patrick's/Everyone Is Irish Jamboree; and April 10, Spring Jamboree. These jamborees are a great opportunity to shake of the winter blahs with toe-tapping music you can dance to if the spirit moves you. And if you are a musician or singer, get up and join in the music-making. When the jamboree is over, enjoy a ham and scalloped potato dinner beginning at 5 p.m. You can buy your dinner tickets at the door so come early because they are limited. Mark your calendars and enjoy! For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

### **Jam sessions at Corunna Legion**

The popular Saturday afternoon jam sessions are back at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. They will be held on the last Saturday of each month through next May at 2 p.m. The next jamboree is **Saturday, Dec. 19.** **Please note the change of date from Dec. 26, which conflicts with Boxing Day.** Everyone is invited to come out to