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*We wish you a Merry Christmas and
may 2018 come as a friend to you and yours*

*From St. Clair Township
Council and Staff*



Vintage greeting card courtesy of the Moore Museum archives



Mooretown Juvenile Silver Stick Finals

Jan. 4-7, 2018

Mooretown Sports Complex



Early deadline for January, 2018 Beacon

To accommodate the holiday schedules of municipal staff and production staff, the deadline for the January 2018 Beacon will be **Monday, Dec. 11 by noon**. Early submissions will be welcomed.

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MUNICIPAL NOTES

When you're outside tidying up your yard, you may be tempted to dispose of your yard waste by burning it. Be advised that the old by-law for Open Air Burning has been replaced with the recently approved By-law 55 of 2017.

The following information constitutes excerpts from the new by-law but it is advised that anyone wanting to know more about the full extent of By-law 55 of 2017 should review it at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

The new by-law, to be administered by the St. Clair Township Fire Chief, covers all aspects of open burning. In general, it is not allowed to conduct open air burning within the boundaries of the Township of St. Clair unless permission has been given by the township's Fire Chief. However, recreational burning associated with the use of open burning devices or pits specifically designed for open air burnings is permitted as long as the following applicable regulations are observed:

>Recreational burning will only be conducted between the hours of 7 a.m. and midnight. >It must be done in an open burning device or in a pit no larger than 61 centimetres, or 2 feet by 61 centimetres or 2 feet in size not including decorative edging. >No materials other

New open air burning by-law now in effect

than commercially produced charcoal, briquettes, or clean, dry, seasoned wood (does not include pressure treated- or creosote treated wood) may be burned. >The dimensions of the wood being burned shall not be greater than the size of the appliance or pit. It must be confined within the appliance or pit at all times. >The open air burnings shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum of 3 metres or 10 feet in all directions from adjacent property with the exception of campgrounds, where it shall be 1.5 metres or 5 feet. This also applies to open air burnings that are carried out around combustible structures or objects. >An effective extinguishing agent of sufficient size and with the capability of extinguishing the fire shall be immediately available for use. >Open air burnings shall be attended, controlled, and supervised at all times, and shall be completely extinguished before the open air burn site is vacated.

>No person shall use, or cause to be used, a gas or solid burning barbecue or open burning of any kind on balconies of multi-use residential units.

>Open air burnings are not permitted when the wind speed exceeds 30 kilometres per hour, during rainy or foggy weather, or at times when a smog alert has been declared by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for Ontario. In addition, steps are to be taken to ensure that adjacent properties are protected from fire hazard.

Should the Township of St. Clair Fire Department be dispatched to a complaint regarding public safety due to fire hazard, the Fire Officer will have the discretion to determine compliance and the decision will be final.

Those who fail to comply with the regulations set out in the new by-law and any person who is found to be in contravention of it will be subject to penalties as provided in the Provincial Offences Act. The penalty for failing to observe the requirements of the new by-law can be a fine of up to \$5,000. Failure to pay the penalty will result in the amount being added to the offender's municipal taxes.

Council Meeting Schedule

St. Clair Township Council meets every first and third Monday of the month (with exceptions to accommodate holidays). The next meetings will be held on Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. with the Committee of the Whole meeting slated for Monday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information.



Pheasant/Rabbit Hunting Licenses

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses are now on sale until February 28, 2018. They will be available at the following locations: Pic-N-Pay Variety, Sombra; Courtright Variety Store, Courtright; Corunna Home Hardware, Corunna; Agris Co-operative Ltd, Brigden; St. Clair Civic Centre, Mooretown.

The fees will be \$5.00 for a resident license and \$8.00 for a non-resident license.

Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

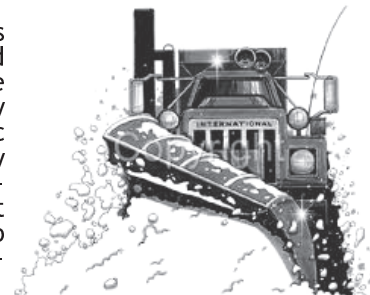
Jeff Baranek, RPP
Director of Administration/Clerk
Deputy C.A.O.



Winter parking by-law in effect

The winter parking by-law is in effect as of Dec. 1. 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 by-law ensures that snow plow crews can do their job efficiently without having to slow down to avoid parked vehicles.

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



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Mayor's Christmas Greeting



As 2017 comes to a close, the celebrations from Canada's 150th birthday are also ending. Our celebrations were very memorable throughout the township. Our volunteers definitely outdid themselves and our staff rose to the occasion while ensuring all events and activities were completed in a safe manner.

We on St. Clair Township Council were active in all of these activities, including the fundraising. As many of you know, no taxes were used in these celebrations or for any of the new recreational facilities that were commissioned, including the township's sixth splash pad in Courtright, the new community dock in Sombra, and the St. George's Square Sesquicentennial Park fountain at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. All of these facilities were financed from fundraising activities that were completed over the past few years in anticipation of the approaching national celebration.



Now, as we celebrate the Christmas season and look forward to 2018, St. Clair Township Council and Staff are preparing the next capital budget. We are investigating areas identified in our Asset Management Plan, as well as others we are hoping to see, including street upgrades in Courtright, Brigden and Mooretown, bridge upgrades, Internet improvements, and many others.

It is an honour and a privilege for me to serve as your Mayor, so on behalf of all of us on St. Clair Township Council, as well as our Staff, I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Steve Arnold

New by-law sets out standards of property maintenance and occupancy

In general, most St. Clair Township residents take pride in making sure their properties are well maintained and fit for habitation.

But there are always exceptions and these are addressed under the municipal by-law for Standards of Maintenance and Occupancy (Property Standards). A new document, By-law 53 of 2017, was recently approved by council to replace the outdated property standards by-law.

This by-law ensures the safety, health and well-being of the residents. The by-law gives the municipality authority to take the appropriate remedial action for any default of the provisions of a by-law and to collect the corresponding related costs on the tax roll.

The scope of the new by-law prescribes standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property within the municipality, and it prohibits the occupancy or use of such property that does not conform to the standards as stated in Section 15 of the Building Code Act, S.O. 1992.

By-law 53 contains regulations covering the following topics: general duty to repair and maintain property, and **this includes keeping property free of graffiti**; maintenance of yard and accessory buildings; maintenance of buildings; standards of fitness for occupancy; vacant lands and buildings; non-residential property standards; administration and enforcement; and enactment. The document also provides definitions that clarify exactly what aspects of the property are being referred to in each section. Section 15 of the Building Code Act, along with an explanation of the Order to Remedy Violation of Standards of Maintenance and Occupancy, are also included in the new by-law document.

The property standards process begins when a complaint is received. A property standards officer is then dispatched to the investigate the complaint. Property owners found to be in contravention of the requirements set out in the new by-law can be subject to penalties. For instance, if property is found to be littered with abandoned vehicles and/or rubbish, the municipality will issue a clean-up order to the owner. If the order is ignored, the municipality has the right to have the site cleaned up and all costs accrued during that process can be added to the owner's property taxes.

It is wise for property owners to become familiar with the full scope of this by-law. For more information about this or any municipal by-law, call the St. Clair Township office at 519-867-2021 or go to the St. Clair Township Civic Centre at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

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Good Neighbour Experience *reveals a community with a big heart*



As we say farewell Canada's 150th birthday year, we also get to take a look at the results of The Beacon's *Good Neighbour Experience*.

To everyone who has contacted *The Beacon* to recognize the good neighbours of St. Clair Township, thank you for your stories.

These are the final stories that document the Good Neighbour experiences of our St. Clair Township residents.

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Ken and Celeste Simpson have been identified as Good Neighbours by some thankful friends who wish to remain anonymous. The contributor, who wrote on behalf of the group, said this couple would not like a fuss made, but she feels they are deserving of Good Neighbour recognition.

"Celeste and Ken Simpson are the most 'giving' people I know and they don't take any money for their good deeds. Ken is Mr. Fix It. He can, and does, repair motors (of all kinds), wiring and plumbing, cement work, (and much more). He was a valued employee at NOVA as well. They are wonderful, caring grandparents who drive miles to help out when needed."

"Ken is one of the first people called upon by Corunna United Church, along with Tim Parker and Dennis Preston, if something goes wrong. Cel makes delicious butter tarts and pies, and she is very generous with these delicacies. She is a master gardener and folks at Thompson Gardens love to look over at her home so nicely manicured and colourful. Many people have been touched by their kindness and they do make a difference."

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Vicki McNaughton is thankful for Good Neighbours John and Colleen Flesher, Kevin Hodgert, and her paper girl. She writes,

"I have some wonderful neighbours, John and Colleen Flesher, that have done things for me like walk my dog everyday, looked after putting in my garden and taken care of it, cleaned up my yard, planted a tree, and much more. I also have another neighbour, Kevin Hodgert, that cuts my lawn, trims my hedges and trees, and takes care of anything I ask of him. Without these people, and I am sure there are others, like my paper girl who walks my dog on her paper route when Colleen isn't able to do it, I would not have been able to stay in my house since my husband passed away.

This is a wonderful neighbourhood I live in and I am blessed to have these people in my life."

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Here's a special Good Neighbour story about Courtright resident John Wilson. It was sent in by author Margaret Bird. She writes,

"A while back, when I wrote to the Observer after a young girl was tragically killed crossing the road to school in Sarnia, one of the newer members of my weekly writers workshop sent me this poem...John Wilson worked in maintenance most of his life and when he retired, he drove a school bus for many years. He has now become a children's crossing guard. John loves children and is always looking out for their safety.

John remembers reading my letter...he wrote this poem."

I Have Been Given To Know

By John Wilson

"Stop driving that school bus" said my friends that I didn't choose
So I traded a pair of driving gloves for a good pair of walking shoes.
The powers that be said, "John, you can't drive that bus no more."
Because I have trouble with my body and my side was always sore.

Bus driving - the rewards were many and it lasted a long, long while,
And to tell you the truth, staying at home just ain't my style.
Now I got me a job where, twice a day, some kids I do greet.
It's easy, just drop that sign and guide them safely across the busy street.

It has taken me a month or so to learn all of their names
And when I make a mistake, they laugh; to them it is all fun and games.

Every school day at 8:15 to 9 and 3:15 to 4 on that three-way corner
do I walk and stand.

Oh, yes, a couple of little ones would tease me; they'd say my stop sign was like a big old red lollipop in my hand.

Rain or shine every day wearing that red and yellow vest and carrying that big stop sign

At this intersection where a hundred people wave, the kids are so kind.

Oh, I am sure there are people who don't realize the significance of this job. They just don't see

The kids get across the street safely and the real winner is me.

Dealing with the kids is a door I have many times walked through.
It's about respect and laughter that's really so true.

So, dear reader, I tell you truthfully from the bottom of my heart, and this is so

To me I think the answer is really simple - *I have been given to know.*

By John Wilson

Crossing guard and poet

See Good Neighbour legacy, page 4

Wanted: Motivated youth looking for rewarding challenges

The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia invites boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn new skills, marksmanship, orienteering, hiking, leadership, pipes and drum band, and teamwork, participate in many new challenges, make new friends and attend great summer camps, all at no cost. Cadets are not required to join the military. Join us today! For more information, call 519-332-6555 or visit: www.petroliacadets.com



Good Neighbour legacy lives on



Editor's note: This column started off as a simple Canada 150 feature and expectations were modest. But in the past few months, the Good Neighbour Experience has highlighted an abundance of truly good people who selflessly share their compassion, talents, and time with others.

To all of the Good Neighbours who were not recognized in this column, know that you are making a positive difference in the lives of your friends and

neighbours. You are helping the Good Neighbour legacy live on; with your kindness and caring hearts you help to enrich this community every day.

When so many people around the world are experiencing the horrors that arise when others cease to care, our wealth of Good Neighbours help to make St. Clair Township a safe, friendly place that everyone can be proud to call home.

Poor Boy fundraiser benefits Operation Christmas Tree hamper program

Below: The residents, industries and local businesses of St. Clair Township recently showed strong support for the annual Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) Poor Boy lunch hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna. The Ladies Auxiliary donated and prepared the lunch of hot dogs, beans, and sweets.

The fundraiser collected well over \$5,000 in donations to help fund the Christmas hamper program that brightens the lives of the less fortunate families and individuals in north St. Clair Township. **Right:** OCT President Lorne Powell thanks Charlie Barnes, a member of the Sew Crazy Girls club at Thompson Gardens, for the 60 items (on stage in background) the women collected. The group has made donations of pajamas, many of them made by the group members, and toys to OCT for several years.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



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:

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.

HERITAGE CORNER

Corunna Legion presented with Canada 150 storyboard honouring Legion's heritage



The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna was recently presented with a story board created as part of a Canada 150 project by Heritage St. Clair. Entitled *Foundation of Freedom*, the story board commemorates Canada's military history, and the Legion's genesis and history of service to Canadians who have fought for their country. The board will now hang in a place of honour inside the branch. Attending the presentation were, from left: Heritage St. Clair Chair

Dave Pattenden; Branch 447 Immediate Past President Dan Watson; Branch 447 President John Cormier; and St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold. The *Foundation of Freedom* story board is one of several historical story boards that can be viewed by the public at the St. George's Square Sesquicentennial Park located at 1155 Emily Street adjacent to the St. Clair Township Civic Centre.

Photo submitted

Canada 150 books available at Moore Museum

Copies of *The History of Canada* colouring books are still available at the Moore Museum. Each book sells for \$19.95 and quantities are limited, so call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or drop by from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Seasons In St. Clair Canada 150 photo contest

There is still time to enter the Seasons In St. Clair photo contest! Until **Dec. 15, 2017**, St. Clair Township residents are invited to photograph their favourite spots in the township and enter up to three photos in Seasons In St. Clair, a photo contest celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary. Details are available online at: www.mooremuseum.ca

Sombra Museum seeking baseball memorabilia

Sombra Museum is working on an exhibit to explore the history of St. Clair Township baseball. Stories, photos, memorabilia, or artefacts like baseball bats, gloves pre-1970 girls/women's baseball uniforms and trophies are being sought to be taken on loan during the 2018 season. Photos and documents can be scanned and returned promptly. If you can help, please call 519-892-3082 or email:

sombramuseum@hotmail.com

MORE HERITAGE CORNER



Sombra Museum welcomes new curator

The Sombra Museum recently welcomed a new curator. Kailyn Shepley, right, is stepping into the position vacated by Shelley Lucier, who has been curator at the museum for the past 11 years. A retirement party was held for Mrs. Lucier in October.

She says she has no big plans for the immediate future and will stay on with the museum in a volunteer capacity.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Letter from the past recalls innocence of Christmas

The following is an excerpt from a Christmas letter in the Moore Museum collection. Dated "Brigden, Ont., Jan. 5, 1935, the letter is addressed to "Bob" and signed, "From your schoolmate Harold". This selection, kindly contributed by Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason, highlights some gifts of the era as well as some Christmas time activities.

"...I got a book from the teacher entitled, "The Scout Patrol Boys at Circle U Ranch" and I got an ever-sharp pencil from Donald. He had my name. How did you like your puck? I hope you soon get out to try it. Mabel (sister) gave me a Mickey Mouse pencil box. It had a rubber, ruler, two colour pencils and two lead pencils. Bill (brother) gave me two lead pencils and a scribbler. Santa Claus gave me two pencils and a pair of gloves. Uncle Stanley gave me another pair of gloves. Mother took the one pair of gloves back that she gave me and sent to Eaton's for a watch instead of gloves. Last Sunday we were skating on the creek.

We had a good game of hockey and wish

you could join us too. When you get home and if you like reading why let us know. I got a Mickey Mouse story book. I heard about it being advertised over the radio and I sent for it and if you want it to read you can have it. Ross also got a book in Sarnia. It was "The Katzenjammer Kids in the Mountains" (comic book c.1934) and you can have it to read if you want it. The skating on the creek is just fine and wish you could join us soon. Ross said there were only fourteen at school (Waubuno-School Section #9, Moore) yesterday. Burrs light the fire at the school now. There are Jack rabbit drives around here almost every day. I was on one rabbit drive myself. Dean and Curtis went also. We went up through to Bill Hayward's thicket. We then crossed the creek and went into Newman's bush. We saw two cotton tail rabbits about the same time. But we didn't get any rabbits..."

-The author of this charming glimpse of a bygone Christmas was Harold Williams, who was 12 years old when he penned this letter to his friend.

**Parkway Church
in Corunna
offering
free clothing;
taking donations**

Parkway Church at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna is requesting that anyone with gently used children's or adults' clothing to donate should bring it to the church, where a free adult and children's clothing room is now in operation. This clothing can be dropped off

at the front door. Clothing rooms are open every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This program is not based on income and is available to everyone in the community.

Big Crunch echoes through Lambton County



Above: The importance of healthy eating was demonstrated as 16,000 Lambton County students took part in the *Great Big Crunch* event on Oct. 19. The Grade 5/6 students at Col. Cameron Public School in Corunna led all county students in taking a huge bite out of a fresh locally grown apple.

The apples were previously distributed to the schools to ensure each child could participate in the event.

The *Great Big Crunch* event is funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and delivered by Lambton Public Health and the Ontario Student Nutrition Program.

All schools in Lambton County have the option to run a Student Nutrition Program. Better nutrition improves student attendance and makes learning easier for them.

Seen here leading the Big Crunch are, from left: Nathan, Rishi, Jeff, Ben, Kaitlyn, Kendall, Elena, and Hailey.

Bonnie Stevenson photo



Decking the halls

The Moore Museum staff and volunteers enjoyed "decking the halls" in preparation for the hundreds of school children who would be participating in the annual Old Fashioned Christmas program.

Museum assistant Amanda Moorehouse was one of the busy workers who created a festive spectacle for all to enjoy.

Photo submitted

COMMUNITY CONTACT

Down River Jr. Optimist Club seeks members

New members are being sought for the Down River Jr. Optimist Club. Youth between the ages of 10 and 18 are invited to get involved with the community and make a difference for kids. The club meets at the Port Lambton Community Hall on the third Monday of each month. High school students can acquire volunteer hours needed for graduation. For more information, call Carla at 226-402-3870.

Corunna Legion 8th Annual Elimination Draw

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna is now selling tickets for its 8th Annual Elimination Draw. The cost is \$20 per ticket and they can be purchased at the Legion hall. First prize is \$2,400. Weekly draws will be held May 5 through Sept. 15 and chosen tickets will be returned to the drum. The official draw event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 and only 350 tickets will be sold. ***Please note: These tickets fit nicely into Christmas stockings and Christmas cards.***

Volunteers needed for 1st Corunna Cub Scouts

The First Corunna Cub Scouts group is looking for volunteers. This would be a great opportunity for high school students to gain their volunteer hours and for retirees to share their experience and skills. The variety of volunteer positions and opportunities include fundraising, administrative tasks, camp cooks, supply coordinators, sewing, and helping run weekly meetings. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Andrea Lane at 519-381-2556 or by email at:

andrealane@live.ca

Taoist Tai Chi coming to Corunna

Weekly Taoist Tai Chi classes are held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Tai Chi is a gentle art that can offer health benefits for every age and for many health issues. The group is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the health benefits of the Taoist Tai Chi arts by making them available to all who want to learn. For more information about tai chi or class times, call 519-344-0346.

Make your change make a change

Just a little bit of change can help to make a big change on the St. Clair Trail. The *Pennies for Pavement* program helps pay for trail maintenance. Just drop it off at the following locations: Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton (*the Canada Post office no longer accepts donations*) 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

Become a community builder as an Optimist Club member

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new mem-

bers who want to help their community thrive. This volunteer organization exists to make their community a better place by doing great things for the youth in their area. Be a friend of youth - join the Optimist Club of Sombra. For more information or to become a member, call Carla Aarssen at 519-892-3536.

New members welcome - Lambton County Jr. Optimists

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club is always on the lookout for youth who want to make a difference in their community. Club members ages 10 through 18 volunteer in the community and fundraise to put on their own programs and to donate to other youth programs. Hours spent volunteering with the club 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.

Brigden United Church activities/services

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (10 a.m. July and August). The church will also host **Messy Church** September through May (except December) every last Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It introduces children to a faith-based life in a fun and informal way, and includes a relaxed evening with an interactive Bible story, crafts and supper. Children must bring an adult. And the **Mom and Tots Drop-in** is held at the church every Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (excludes July and August). The program is sponsored by Sombra Rural Child Care. For more information, call 519-892-3151. And don't forget to check out Brigden United Church on Facebook.

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 Our Lady of Mercy Church rectory hall at the corner of Christina and London Road (entry off London Road) in Sarnia. For more information, contact Rita at 519-867-2932. ***Please note the change of location.***

Local TOPS weight control group meetings

TOPS weight loss groups help members sensibly take off and keep off pounds. Three TOPS groups hold meetings in the St. Clair Township area and everyone (all ages) is welcome to attend. **Brigden TOPS** hold meetings every Tuesday night at the Brigden Optimist Hall. Weigh-ins are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meetings are from 6:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 519-864-1865. **Port Lambton TOPS** weight loss group meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the Port Lambton Community Hall. For more information, call Margaret Ann at 519-677-5665 or just come out on Thursday nights. **TOPS Corunna** meets every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 437 Colborne Street in Corunna. Weigh-in is 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a short meeting from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Wendy at 519-381-5584.

Corunna Legion supports community groups with recent donations



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna recently made donations to local groups and organizations.

Above: President John Cormier presents donation of \$1,000 to 1st Corunna Scouts. Front row: Jesse Reynolds representing 2nd year Scouts, Liam Braet and Camden Courdeux, Cub Scouts. Back row: Chris Moore, Trooper Scouter; Cyriel Braet, Beaver Leader; Andrea Lane, Cub Leader.

Right: President Dan Cormier presents a donation of \$1,000 to local Girl Guides groups including 1st Corunna Sparks, 4th Corunna Brownies, 2nd Corunna Girl Guides, and 1st Courtright Sparks/Brownies. Front row: Emily Lane, Addy Chandler, Claudia Prentice, Taysia Morningstar. Back row: Andrea Lane, Wendy Morningstar, Lara Chandler, Kally Prentice.



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Legion service officer available

Assistance for Veterans and Spouses available

Do you know someone who is living on the street or who might benefit from the "Soldier On" program? Are you interested in finding out if you qualify for assistance with problems like housekeeping, snow

clearing, grass cutting, hearing aids or other medical assistance? For information call the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch at 519-862-1240 or the Brigden Branch at 519-864-1395, or Veteran Service Officer Shawn MacNeil at 519-383-9386.