



### *Sombra Optimists award scholastic bursaries*

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township recently awarded bursaries to two post-secondary students for the 2017-2018 school year. Zachary Ellis and Molly Murphy, who both attend Lambton College, received their awards from Sombra Optimist President Johanne Leach. Zachary is studying Police Foundations and Molly is in the Early Childhood Education program.

*Submitted Photo*

## *Township library updates*

Lambton County Library's annual Spread The Words program began in late January at all branches. This event encourages families to read together and discover the wonderful world of books. Authors featured this year are the late Amy Krouse Rosenthal for children age eight and under, and Avi, an author for older children. Books listed on the Freedom To Read Challenge book list are also included.

This event begins on Family Literacy Day, celebrates World Read Aloud Day on Feb. 1, and finishes on the last day of Freedom To Read Week on Saturday, March 3. Participants have an opportunity to win prizes by entering their name in a draw for each book read independently or together as a family. Entries can be submitted through the library's website at [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca) or by filling out a ballot at your local library branch.

Prizes include: one prize pack of books by Amy Krouse Rosenthal with a fun family activity in the County; one prize pack of books by Avi with a fun family activity in the County; two \$25 gift cards for Book Keeper or Forest Theatre for the adults.

Freedom To Read Week is an annual event encouraging Canadians to be aware of books and magazines that have

been challenged or removed from libraries, schools, and book stores, and to reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom. For more information, visit [www.freedomtoread.ca](http://www.freedomtoread.ca)

New preschool sessions begin the week of Jan. 15 at most Lambton County Library branches.

All branches will be closed on Family Day, Monday, Feb. 19.

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The **Makerspace** program continues at St. Clair Township library branches. The public has free access to this equipment but some of the equipment requires attendance at a workshop before being used independently. Pre-registration is required.

The schedule is as follows:

**BRIGDEN**- Silhouette & Craft Circuits - Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4-5 p.m. **CORUNNA** - Sewing Machine & Soft Circuits - Monday, Feb. 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m. **COURTRIGHT** - Ozobots - Thursday, Feb. 15, 7-8 p.m. **MOORETOWN** - Ozobots - Monday, Feb. 5, 7-8 p.m. **PORT LAMBTON** - Necomimi & Mindwave - Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **SOMBRA** - Sphero - Thursday, Feb. 22, 4-5 p.m. **WILKESPORT** - littleBits - Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## **Brigden Legion presents Youth Education Awards to contest winners**

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 recently presented Youth Education Awards to the winners of the Poster and Essay Contest for students of Brigden Public School. Presenting the awards, far right, is Ben Taylor, chairman of the Brigden Legion's Youth and Education committee. Winners include, back row left: Noah Nicholson, Lilly Withers, Luke Holmes, Macy Willer, Morgan Spinks, Abby Holmes. Front row left: Katelyn Nicholson, Mya Piggett, Garret Blair, Ava Holmes, Ana Nicholson, and Morgan Davis.

*Submitted photo*



## Mooretown-Courtright students use music to demonstrate the power of love

The students at Mooretown-Courtright Public School gave parents and visitors a treat on Dec. 20 when they presented the Christmas musical, *Milton the Warm-Hearted Snowman*. This ambitious production included players from every grade in the school, with the Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten students singing the opening number. "Snowman" Jaclyn Gibson played Milton, a loving snow friend so warm-hearted that it threatened to melt him. His friends tried to cheer him up with a number of great up-beat tunes, but their efforts were less than successful. Grumpy Ebenezer Scrooge and a mean girl who didn't care about the snowman's plight made matters even worse.

Milton finally came up with a solution; he gave his heart to

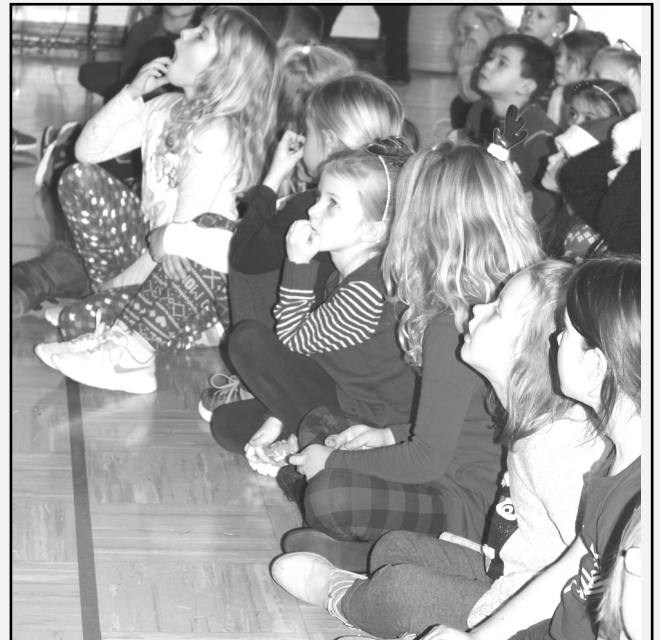
the mean girl and she began to care; Ebenezer's attitude became positive. But without his heart, Milton ceased to function. Santa was called in to save the day and he did that by giving Milton a new heart.

The stage erupted in merriment as Milton came back to life and the finale featured the entire cast as they performed a tune that summed up the message of the show. The song was called *It's About Love*.

Patti Welsh, the Grade 1/2 teacher at the school and co-producer of the play, commented, "I am incredibly proud of how all of the staff and students collaborated to create such a heartfelt event. Our parents are true partners in their children's education program. It's inspiring to be part of such a caring, supportive community of learners and I'm incredibly proud to be a teacher at Mooretown-Courtright Public School."

Right: "Milton" holds his new heart aloft for all to see and his friends rejoice. Below: The young audience becomes absorbed in Milton's sad situation. Inset below left: Teachers Joe Turner and Patti Welsh, the play's directors and co-producers, direct the players and chorus from the "orchestra pit".

Bonnie Stevenson photos



### 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.



## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The EarlyON Child and Family Centres Samia-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](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).

## *Battle the winter blues at the Mooretown Sports Complex*

Is winter getting you down? Battle the winter blues and prepare for the sunny warm days ahead at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Boost your endorphins (naturally occurring chemicals in the brain that help to reduce stress and pain, improve mood, and enhance immune response) and keep your New Years resolution to look and feel your best by participating in one or more of these great programs.

### **Coming soon - Spring 2018 brochure!**

Winter is still in the neighbourhood, but spring isn't far behind. For now, the winter brochure is available online at: [www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca) and openings are still available. Call 519-867-2651 to register or get more information. And keep checking this website. You'll soon be able to use the new brochure to plan your spring activities.

### **Spinning classes for everyone**

Spinning classes are offered here! Join our certified spinning instructors for a great workout to improve your cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Join any time for a 12 week session for \$10 per class or buy a 10 pass admission for \$80. Morning Spin classes are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. - 7:45am. If you're a beginner, there are classes designed for you on Tuesday Evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you're looking for strength training combined with a spin workout, come to the Bikes and Bells class on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00pm, or Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### **Muscle Mix group fitness classes**

The Muscle Mix group fitness class includes kettlebell training to build lean muscles, improve strength and power in the upper body, core, and lower body, and increase coordination, joint mobility, and overall endurance. Classes are Wednesday at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$5 per class per senior, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$255 per year for a full fitness membership.

### **Cardio Kick Boxing**

The Cardio Kick Boxing fitness class is a high energy cardio workout with martial arts moves to get your metabolism revving. Classes are Monday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$5 per class per senior, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$255 per year for a full fitness membership.

### **Shallow and Deep Water Aerobics**

Experience and enjoy the rejuvenating power of water. Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow water classes are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are Monday and Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$5 per class per senior, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, \$205 per year or \$195 per year per senior, or included with the full \$255

per year full fitness membership.

### **Water Therapy - arthritis and fibromyalgia water exercise**

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

### **Shinny Hockey Is Back!**

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

### **Public Skating**

Public skating will be held on Sundays 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. **Cancelled public skating** - March 25, 2018. Last day of public skating - March 25.

### **Free - Indoor walking/low impact exercise program**

Indoor walking, low impact exercise is offered each week on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. This program is provided by the West Lambton Community Health Centre. For more information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. Begins Oct. 2.

### **March Break day camp - March 12-16**

Children ages five to 12 are invited to participate in the March Break day camp to enjoy swimming, skating, crafts, and games. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with an early drop-off at 7:30 a.m. and late pickup by 5:30 p.m. available for an extra fee. The program is \$27 per child per day or \$110 per week.

### **NLS - March Break crash course**

Become a certified lifeguard by participating in the NLS March Break crash course the week of March 12-16. In order to participate in this one week course, you must be 16 years of age by March 16, hold a Bronze Cross certification, and a Standard First Aid Certification. The course will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day at a cost of \$244.75 per person. All course fees are included.

### **Join today!**

This is just a sample of the great programs waiting for you at the Mooretown Sports Complex. A Fitness Centre membership is just \$255, tax included, per person (\$243 per senior). Daily, weekly, or monthly rates are also available and there is no initiation fees to pay. From workouts and recreational interludes to relaxing soaks in the hot tub, the soothing heat of the sauna, or the luxurious feeling of a swim in the 86°F pool, a membership at the Mooretown Sports Complex is the best investment you'll ever make in your health.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651. Find us online at:

[www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)



Above: Jim Larocque, treasurer of the Lambton Seniors Association, presents \$2,000 donation to Gale Phibbs and "Lexi" to fund the St. John's Ambulance Sarnia-Lambton Therapy Dog Training program in Lambton County. *LSA photo*

## LSA supports new Therapy Dog Training pro-

The new St. John Ambulance Sarnia-Lambton Therapy Dog Training program recently received a much-appreciated \$2,000 donation from the Lambton Seniors Association. The donation provided funding to initiate a new training program for handlers and dogs.

This workshop ensures that, on a regular basis, a specified number of handlers and dogs will be trained to continue the important work these teams do for residents in this community.

The entire donation will stay in Lambton County.

The funds were acquired by four Lambton Seniors Association members. Tony Godin, Eric Battle, Dave White and Jim Houston are CN Rail Canada retirees who qualify for the company's *Railroaders In The Community* program. The program allows grants to retirees who volunteer a minimum of 40 hours per year to a registered charity.

Jim Houston, a retired CN locomotive engineer and chairman of the LSA Board of Directors, commented, "...had it not been for the grants received from CN, community project donations of this type would not be possible."

All four of the CN retirees participate in the LSA's Handyman/Handywoman Maintenance program.

Mr. Houston added the LSA has also been instrumental in other community projects such as the formation of four community health centres throughout Lambton County.

The Lambton Seniors Association is a United Way of Sarnia-Lambton funded agency.

## West Lambton Community Health Centre programs

The West Lambton Community Health Centre offers the following programs in St. Clair Township.

### Cooking Buddies for kids

This free series of children's cooking classes for ages 6-12 focuses on nutritious recipes, learning to read a recipe, learning to measure, kitchen safety, and clean up, and the get to eat a meal together. Programs are offered in Brigden, Corunna and Port Lambton. Spaces are limited. Call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 for more information to register for these free classes.

### Low impact exercise classes

Low impact exercise classes are offered free of charge in two St. Clair Township locations. The classes are now being held at the Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily Street, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. until April, 2018.

Classes are also being held at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

For information about these programs, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237.

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## Rapids Family Health Team

The following sessions are being offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic, located at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna. There is no charge for participation but you must register for each one you take. Please note that space is limited. If we are unable to accommodate you for the day of your choice, we will put you on a waiting list for future sessions. **For more information, go online to: [www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca) or to register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to reception.**

### ***Living With Diabetes***

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The next sessions, led by a Nurse Educator, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### ***Diabetes Healthy Eating and Keeping Active***

This is a two hour session for people who have already attended our Living with Diabetes class or who have had past education on the basics of Diabetes and want more information on diet. We will discuss the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level. The next sessions, led by a Registered Nurse, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 27, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### ***A Guide To Diabetes Prevention***

This is a 1.5 hour group session for those who want to learn about diabetes and how to prevent it, or for those who have been told they are at risk of getting diabetes. This session is led by a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian. They will discuss what diabetes is, risk factors for getting diabetes, and how to decrease blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes. The program is open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next sessions will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, 2-4 p.m. and Friday, March 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### ***Healthy Eating and You***

There will be two separate Healthy Eating and You programs, each running for four weeks. The aim of this series of four two-hour sessions is to help you make permanent lifestyle changes. This is **not** a diet program. You will set your own healthy eating and physical activity goals and learn how to make plans for achieving them. Some topics that will be discussed include: carbohydrates, protein and fats (good and bad); physical activity—what types and amounts are beneficial; emotional eating strategies; sensible portions and portion control strategies; group discussions that will help you learn from the experiences of others. This program is open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next program will be held on Wednesdays, on Feb. 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. \*Patients must attend the first class

in order to attend the final three classes.

### ***Quit Smoking Workshop***

This is a two-hour session for people who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco. The discussion will include strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nicotine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications. The session will also include finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent a relapse. This workshop is open to the public; no physician referral is required. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of the nurse educators. Sessions are planned for Tuesday, Feb. 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Tuesday, March 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### ***Teaching kitchen***

Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build your knowledge of healthy eating, but also help you apply them in a friendly group setting. A wide range of health conditions and topics include: heart health, digestive concerns, vegetarian, cooking for one, increasing fruit and vegetables, high blood pressure and more. Cooking classes are open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next classes are slated for Thursday, Feb. 15, 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, March 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Note: Class dates, times, and location within Corunna is subject to change/cancellation depending on number of patient registrations.

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**Laboratory  
Services offered**  
Laboratory services at the clinic  
are available  
Monday through Friday from  
7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.



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**New patients being  
accepted**

A family medical practice is in operation at the Shell Health Centre (Rapids Family Health Team), 233 Cameron Street, in Corunna. Applications are available by calling 519-813-9800.

## ***Rapids Family Health Team seeks volunteers for new program***

Volunteers are needed to help with a Boosting Balance program to be held in Corunna through the Rapids Family Health Team this spring. This is a two-hour commitment once a week for four weeks. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Cynthia McColeman at 519-402-5274 or email: [cmccoleman@rapidsfhteam.ca](mailto:cmccoleman@rapidsfhteam.ca) No experience is necessary. Volunteers will be trained.

## Moore Optimists induct new junior club members



At a joint meeting of the Optimist Club of Moore and the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club, held in early January, two new junior members were inducted by Mary Lou Abrams, governor of the Southwestern Ontario Optimists, centre. Inducted were Bryce Adams, left, and Addison Fox Abrams. On hand for the occasion was Jace Abrams, right, president of the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club.

*Submitted photo*

## Mooretown teams garner Silver Stick victories

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clear. Klarke McLaughlin, Drew Mullen, and Cole Scott kept up the forecheck and Ewan Snedden, Chase Free, and Ryan Teschke were punishing along the boards!

The Flags were guided by their head coach, Ross Carlton, and Todd Free, Ian Snedden, and Mike McLaughlin coached the boys down the straight and narrow path to victory.

The Atom Rep team was made up of Garry Bennett, a technician of the tangled twine between the pipes. John McLaughlin and Charlie McLaughlin were creative centres. Tucker Ward and Holden Petrie kept their passes crisp, while Reid Whitmarsh, Ethan Rosseel, Liam Hazzard, and Teegan Holmes back checked aggressively as wingers. Ashton Gaulton, Nolan Bourdage, Drew O'Neil, and Dillon McCowan defended the zone, showing a willingness to move the puck.

The Flags were guided by their head coach, Jason Bourdage, with Mark McCabe, Blair Gaulton, Mark McLaughlin and Mike McLaughlin encouraging the Flags and focusing them on their steps to victory.

## Jr. Flags Atom AE wins gold in Peterborough

Mooretown teams have been bringing their A games to the rink this season.

The most recent victory came when the Mooretown Jr. Flags Atom AE team won the gold at the 60th annual Peterborough Liftlock Atom Tournament in the D4 division.

In the finals, the team bested beat out the Quinte West Hawks by a close score of 2-1 to bring home the gold.

The team was one of 126 teams that participated in this prestigious tournament. Over the years, the Peterborough Liftlock tourney has



welcomed the likes of NHL greats Wayne Gretzky (1971, 1972), Tie Domi (1980), and Eric Lindros (1984).

## Remembering the night Santa came to town



Santa and his minions are probably somewhere in the Caribbean soaking up the rays by now, but it's never too late to remember the night the jolly old elf came to Corunna. Here's Santa with one of his elves greeting the masses and practicing his "ho-ho-ho" during the Santa Claus parade, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Moore and NOVA Chemicals.

*Submitted photo*

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plex in Hall #2 on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. The presentation will be led by Ann McLean, First Link coordinator with the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton. The goal is to help reduce your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. There is no charge to attend this presentation.

### Trivia night in Brigden

The Moore Agricultural Society presents Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. The cost is \$5 per person, with six people per team. Cash bar and snacks will be available.

### Corunna Legion hosts ham bingo

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a ham bingo on Thursday, March 1. Doors open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. There will be 25 regular games with four cards for \$20, plus a special game at \$2 per strip. Refreshments and food will be available and everyone is welcome. For more information call the Legion at 519-862-1240. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

### Corunna Legion hosts cribbage tourney

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the Hank Stothers Memorial Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, March 4. Registration is from Noon to 12:45 p.m. and play begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and all monies will be returned in prizes. Refreshments and food will be available. Pre-registration can be done at the bar or by calling 519-862-1240. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

### Nerf Night fun in Courtright

The Junior Optimist Club will host Nerf Night at the Courtright Community Centre on Friday, March 9. Ages seven through nine will play from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and ages 10 through 13 will play from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost will be \$2 per player and a snack and Nerf bullets will be provided. Players should bring their own Nerf gun. Registration must be done by March 5. Call Michelle at 519-481-0577.

### Fish fry & dance at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a pickerel fry and dance on Saturday, March 17 with entertainment by Cornerstone. The cost is \$20 per person and admission is by advanced tickets only. They are available at the Legion, 519-862-1240. Tickets go on sale Feb. 12. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

### Weekly Souper Thursdays in Corunna

The Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, hosts a FREE **Souper Thursday** community lunch every week from noon to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the church and enjoy a homemade lunch to eat in or take out. Those who require assistance can call 519-862-3380 to have lunch delivered. For more information, contact the church online at: [parkwaychurchmichelle@gmail.com](mailto:parkwaychurchmichelle@gmail.com)

### Cruikshank Community Centre hosts weekly activities

The Cruikshank Community Centre hosts two popular activities each week. Morning coffee socials run from Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and everyone is welcome. And **euchre nights** are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per session, which includes light refreshments.

### 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.

### Weekly fun slated for Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 has four weekly fun events open to everyone. Every Thursday at 1 p.m., fun cribbage is played. On Fridays at 1 p.m., it's time for fun bridge. Don't know how to play? Come on out and learn from those who do. On Friday nights, enjoy Meat Darts starting at 7:30 p.m. And every Saturday at 4 p.m., get in on the meat draw, with all meat coming from Foodland. The cost is \$1 per stick. Join the fun, enjoy a beverage and comradery, and maybe even take home dinner.

### LEO exercise for seniors in Sombra

Lambton Elderly Outreach continues to offer Forever Fit exercise classes for seniors at Sombra community hall. Classes are Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Chair exercise is offered at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Everyone age 55 and older are welcome. Shoes with a good tread are required.

### Women's & Men's Recreational Non-competitive hockey tourney set

The Women's and Men's Recreational Non-competitive hockey tournament will be held at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena in Sarnia on April 22 to 22. This will be the 8th Annual Women's 18 and Over tourney and the 7th Annual Men's 19 and Over tourney. All divisions will have a Friday evening start. The entry deadline will be March 31. For more information contact Ed Marcy at 519-344-8624 ([emarcy@sypatico.ca](mailto:emarcy@sypatico.ca)) or Lance Marcy at 519-344-2205 ([lmarcy@cogeco.ca](mailto:lmarcy@cogeco.ca)). Applications are available at: [www.bluewatersharkshockey.com](http://www.bluewatersharkshockey.com)

### Moore Museum annual events

The Moore Museum have several popular annual events coming up through the spring and summer months. The **Victorian Tea** is set for Sunday, May 20 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The popular **Model Train** event will be held on Sunday, July 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Additional model train layouts will be on display at the event, as well as the museum's regular Lionel train exhibit. And the 30<sup>th</sup> annual **Downriver Craft & Gift** sale will be held on Sunday, July 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Craftspeople are invited to participate. Call Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 to be added to the mailing list.

### Moore Agricultural Society extends greetings

The Moore Agricultural Society, home of the Brigden Fair, wishes everyone a wonderful and prosperous 2018 with hopes that everyone made special memories with family and friends in 2017 and during the Christmas season. MAS appreciates your patronage over the past year at the Brigden Fair, the jamborees, campout weekends, tractor pulls, the demolition derby, brunches, beef dinners, and other special events. We look forward to seeing you this year and we hope you enjoy our 2018 fair theme, "Making Tracks to the Brigden Fair."

*Thank you and Happy New Year!*



## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Euchre at Sombra Community Hall

Euchre will be played at Sombra Community Hall on Fridays on the following dates: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 9, 16, 23; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18.

### Progressive euchre at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion will host progressive euchre on Friday nights with registration set for 6:30 p.m. followed by play at 7 p.m.

*The Legion's successful Catch the Ace game, formerly held on Friday nights, was finally won on Jan. 12, the 37th week of the game. Only 15 cards were left out of a deck of 52 and the total was \$10,000. The game is temporarily suspended for the rest of the winter.*

### Brigden Legion hosts meat raffles

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 will host a series of meat raffles on the following Saturdays: Feb. 3, 17; March 3, 17, 31; April 14, 28. Come out and meet old and new friends, relax, and support your local Legion. A free luncheon is provided. The Legion is open to everyone including children supervised by an adult.

### Cinderella Story prom dress drive planned

The Cinderella Story of Sarnia-Lambton will hold its annual Prom Dress Drive from February 5-12. Donations will be accepted at The Co-operators office, 197 Hill Street, Unit C, in Corunna. For more drop-off locations, visit [www.cinderellasarnia.org](http://www.cinderellasarnia.org)

*Please note that dresses must be 2015 or newer, and be clean and in excellent condition.*

### Shrove Tuesday pancakes in Wilkesport

The Wilkesport United Church will host an early Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, and juice. Admission is by free will offering with proceeds to the Wilkesport U.C. general fund. For more information, email:

[wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com)

### Corunna Legion hosts dart tourney

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the Barb Griffin Memorial Ladies Dart Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10. Registration will be 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. with play starting at noon. The tourney will include doubles, teams, and singles, if there is time. The cost is \$5 per event and all monies will be returned in prizes. Re-

freshments and food will be available. For more information call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

### Catch the Ace at Corunna Legion

The Catch the Ace lottery, which began on Jan. 17, is now being played on Wednesdays at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, 350 Albert Street. Ticket sales will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the draw will follow. The weekly draws will continue until the game is won. Food will be available and the hall is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds from the lottery will support the work of the Mooretown Optimist Club and the Corunna Legion. Rules are available at the Corunna Legion website, [legion447.ca](http://legion447.ca), or at the Legion branch.

### Corunna Legion hosts progressive euchre

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a Progressive Euchre Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 11 with registration from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person. All monies will be returned in prizes and refreshments and food will be available. Please pre-register at the bar or call 519-862-1240. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

### MAS hosts Valentines Country Jamboree

The Moore Agricultural Society will host the Valentines Country Jamboree on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition Hall. The fun begins at 1 p.m. and supper will begin at 5 p.m. Limited tickets for the dinner will be sold at the door so come early. Jamboree admission is \$5 per person for those who just want to listen to the music, and if you want to sing and/or play, bring your instrument. A cash bar will be available. For more info call 519-864-1197.

*Other MAS coming events include: Shamrock Country Jamboree, Sunday, March 11 at 1 p.m.; Roast beef dinner, Sunday, March 25 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Brigden Fair Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 1, seating from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; "Remember That One"- The Kiley Joe Masson Musical Show, Saturday, April 14, doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. More info to come in the March Beacon or check out [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or the Brigden Fair Facebook page.*

### Soups On at Corunna United Church

Escape the winter chill with a steamy bowl of delicious soup at the Soups On luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a variety of soups, bread, desserts and beverages. The Corunna United Church will host this event in support of the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

### Yuk Yuk's on Tour at Corunna Legion

The Yuk Yuk's on Tour show at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna is slated for Saturday, Feb. 17 with doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starting at 9 p.m. Advanced tickets are available at the Legion for \$20 or at the door for \$25, and only 200 tickets are available. These tickets would make a great Valentine's gift. For more information call 519-862-1240. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

### Brain health presentation slated

It's never too late to make changes that will maintain or improve your brain health. The "Healthy Brain" presentation will be held at the Mooretown Sports Com-

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If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or an event that will benefit the residents of the township, you may promote it free of charge here in The Beacon.

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E-mail: [beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca)

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