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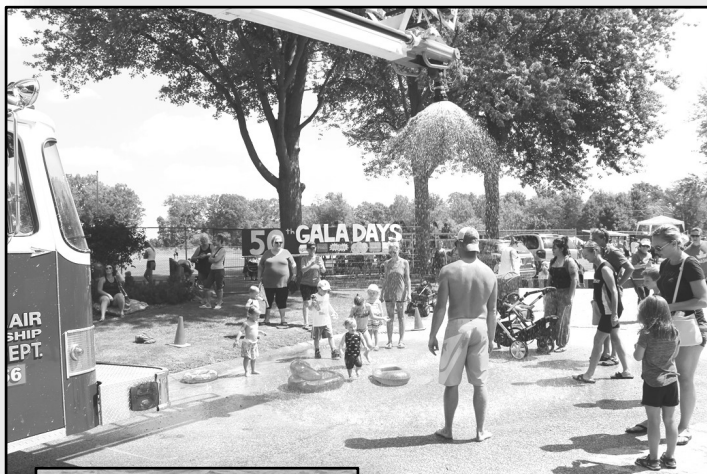
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THE TOWNSHIP  
OF ST. CLAIR

## St. Clair Township says goodbye to summer 2018



Summer in St. Clair Township has been a season that provided lots of opportunities to enjoy the township's great outdoor attractions, both natural and man-made.

**Left:** At community festivals like Port Lambton's Gala Days, these families enjoyed a cooling shower from the overhead boom of a township firetruck.

**Right:** Relaxing with a lazy evening of fishing off the Courtright gravel dock at sunset.



**Inset left:** Floating down the St. Clair River on a giant inflatable swan provided this couple with a whimsical setting in which to enjoy their 50th anniversary.

**Below left:** A pirate captain arrived in Corunna on schedule to kick off Captain Kidd Days.

For more sights of summer in St. Clair Township, see page 18.

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### SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

Please watch out for stopped school buses and students crossing the street.  
**Please give the kids a brake.**



Helping Kids Shine

### St. Clair Township Municipal Election 2018 MEET THE CANDIDATES

October 22 is municipal election day. Will you be able to make an informed decision about electing your next township council? The Optimist Clubs of Moore and Sombra will each host an opportunity for you to meet your candidates for St. Clair Township council and school board trustees.

*Everyone is welcome.*

#### Moore Optimists

Thursday, Sept. 13  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Courtright Community Hall  
1594 Third Street  
Courtright

Complimentary tea and coffee

#### Sombra Optimists

Wednesday, Sept. 19  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Pt. Lambton Community Hall  
507 Stoddard Street  
Port Lambton

Complimentary tea and coffee



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## MUNICIPAL NOTES

### Municipal Election 2018 Oct. 22, 2018 is Municipal Election Day.

St. Clair Township ballots will be mailed out the first week of September.

#### Are you registered to vote?

Residents are urged to confirm their voter information by using [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca). If you do not have access to a computer, you can also call 1-866-296-6722 for information.

**You are qualified to vote if:** You are 18 years of age or older; a Canadian citizen; and either a resident of the municipality or a property owner or tenant or the spouse or same sex partner of an owner or tenant in the municipality during a specific time just before the election.

HAVE YOUR SAY.  
LOG ON TODAY.

Voter  
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### Registered candidates

Candidates registered for the 2018 Municipal Election in St. Clair Township are:

#### Mayor:

Steve Arnold, Jeff Agar, Brian Everaert, Ed Linton.

#### Deputy Mayor:

Peter Gilliland, Steve Miller.

#### Ward 1 (former Moore Township) Councillor:

Tracy Kingston, Michelle Kelly-Maitland, Pat Brown, Neil Fulkerson, Jim DeGurse.

#### Ward 2 (former Sombra Township) Councillor:

Rose Atkins, Bill Myers, Robin Donahue-Parsons.

#### South Lambton East Kent Separate School Board Trustee:

Carol Ann Bryden, Patricia Ann Pook.

#### Central Lambton Public School Board Trustee:

Greg Agar (Acclaimed July 30)

#### Conseil Scolaire Viamonde Trustee

(French Pubic School Board):

Pierre Lambert, Genevieve Smith.

#### Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence Trustee

(French Separate School Board):

Sylvie C. Chmielewski, Louis Guimond, Emilie Sylvain-Lindsay.

The final list of nominated candidates can also be found online at: [stclairtownship.ca/municipal-election-2018/current-nominees-for-the-2018-municipal-election/](http://stclairtownship.ca/municipal-election-2018/current-nominees-for-the-2018-municipal-election/)

See pages 7 - 12 for candidate profiles.

### Council Meeting Schedule

St. Clair Township Council meetings will now take place once per month at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates: Monday, Aug. 13; Monday, Sept. 10; Tuesday, Oct. 9; Tuesday, Nov. 13; Monday, Dec. 3 (new council inauguration) and Monday, Dec. 10.

Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information.

*Please note that these dates are accurate at press time but are subject to change.*



### Sewage Service Line Warranty Protection Mail-Out

The Township of St. Clair Council endorses the **Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc. (SLWC)**, an independent organization to offer the National Service Line Warranty Program to homeowners located in our municipality. The Service Line Warranty program offers **voluntary** warranty protection at an affordable price for sewage lines in the event of a failure. This **new optional** warranty service mail-out began the first week of August, 2018. Homeowners should have received a letter in the mail from SLWC.

The SLWC Warranty Program offers protection against normal wear and tear, which is not covered under most traditional homeowners' policies. If lines break, leak or clog - SLWC will repair the line using local, licensed contractors who are familiar with local code and can ensure a timely response. This sewage program provides up to \$8,000 in coverage per incident. Additionally, the program has no annual or life-time limits, service fees or deductibles - just protection when you need it most. SLWC provides first-class customer service with a 24/7 repair line and the use of licensed and thoroughly researched local contractors - keeping dollars in the local economy. Pay a monthly price of \$5.75 or \$64.00 annual (plus applicable sales tax).

To enroll call SLWC at 1-866-616-8444 and a live operator will be available to help, or visit [www.slwofc.ca](http://www.slwofc.ca)



#### SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

St. Clair Township  
Residents

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of

7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

April 2018 - Fall 2018

For current areas affected refer to [stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca)

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some gurgling noises in drains.

If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works @ 519-867-2993.



#### HYDRANT FLUSHING

St. Clair Township  
Residents

Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township Water Distribution System during the hours of

7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

May 2018 - Fall 2018

For current areas affected refer to [stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca)

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some water discoloration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discoloration disappears.

If discoloration of the water continues after 10-15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works @ 519-867-2993.

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**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
2018 FINAL PROPERTY TAX TENTATIVE DUE DATES**

The 2018 TENTATIVE Final Tax due date is  
**Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018**  
**\*Note: This date is tentative and may change**

The Final Tax Notices were mailed out  
the last week of June, 2018 with both installments.

Most chartered banks and financial institutions will accept payment of your current taxes on or before the due date (*any bank charges will be the responsibility of the ratepayer*).

The following methods of Tax and/or Water Payments may be utilized:

- Automatic Bank Machines
- Telephone & Internet Payments through Bank
- Payment at most Financial Institutions
- Post dated cheques
- Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- Mail to, or
- Drop Box at 1155 Emily St. Mooretown Ontario N0N 1M0

Pre-authorized payment plans are also available free of charge and encouraged. Find the form at  
<http://stclairtownship.ca>

St. Clair Township Tax Department  
519-867-2024  
fax: 519-867-5509  
[taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca)

## Council hears plan for Lambton G.S. demolition

Representatives from Ontario Power Generation and JMX Contracting Inc. attended the Aug. 13 meeting of council to present information regarding the removal of the Lambton Generating Station from its site south of Courtright. OPG Project Manager Dan Roorda told council JMX Contracting Inc. has been awarded the contract to do the demolition and cleanup of the site.

See Lambton G.S. demolition, page 6



### CORUNNA STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT

St Clair Township Corunna Downtown

September 2018 – October 2018

St Clair Township will be changing out streetlights along Lyndoch Street between Cameron Street and Beckwith Street. During these installations, 5 or six streetlights will be out at a time for 1-2 days. During this replacement procedure, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 519-867-2125.



## Public Information Project Summary *Courtright WWTP Odour Control Project and Final Effluent Reuse System*

St. Clair Township is in the process of upgrading the odour control system and installing a final effluent reuse system at the Courtright WWTP. The Township has applied for funding through the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) grant to assist with the costs. Some of the benefits from these projects include:

- Improvement to public health
- Improvement to the community's quality of life
- Reduction of off-site odours
- Positive impact on nearby land and residents
- Increase in home value on neighbouring properties
- Reduction in water consumption (estimated to be reduced by up to 80%)
- Decrease in facility operating and maintenance costs
- Operational improvements from the newly installed systems

The Courtright WWTP Odour Control Project is projected to be completed by Spring 2019. Tours of the facility are expected to be planned for late Spring 2019.

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## Township volunteer firefighter training receives financial support from Enbridge

St. Clair Township volunteer firefighters train diligently to ensure they can do their jobs safely, but obtaining the proper training, skills and knowledge comes at a cost.

Enbridge Gas Distribution's St. Clair Township facility, in keeping with its *Project Assist* educational initiative, recently donated \$5,000 to the St. Clair Township Fire Department. Project Assist helps local fire departments purchase educational materials to help further firefighter training. This is the company's second Project Assist donation the township's fire department has received.

Fire Chief Walt Anderson says the fire department's training regimen is extensive and the welcome donation will help support its operation. "The Township of St. Clair has a very proactive training program, including the start this year of our own training academy, where our recruits will be fully trained and certified before responding as part of our firefighting crew," he said. "We have a large area to cover and a diverse set of hazards that we must be prepared to deal with. One of the ways we do that is by consistent and standard training throughout our six stations, coordinated by our Deputy Chief Steve Bicum. These additional funds from Enbridge will be put to excellent use in training our firefighters to protect our families, homes and businesses in St. Clair Township."

Ross Nichols, Ontario Fire Marshall and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council, expressed appreciation for Enbridge's support of local fire departments. "Ongoing firefighter training enables fire departments to deliver emergency services efficiently and to ensure firefighter safety is maintained," he said. "The support that Project Assist provides is very helpful to the fire departments who receive it, and the volunteer firefighters who benefit from these educational resources. I very much appreciate Enbridge partnering with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council to make this program possible."

The St. Clair Fire Department covers approximately 600 square kilometres, protecting a population of about 15,000. The fire company is comprised of a chief, deputy chief, and about 170 volunteer firefighters who staff six stations across the township. In addition to responding to residential and commercial emergencies, township firefighters must also respond to emergencies in a portion of "Chemical Valley". Facilities within their coverage area include heavy petrochemical refineries, polyethylene and polypropylene manufacturing, a high-pressure gas storage facility, an ammonia plant, and three co-generation power plants.



Shown with some of the training materials the *Project Assist* donation has purchased are, from left: Chris Pincombe, land agent for Enbridge Gas Distribution; Kerry Lakatos-Hayward, director, Enbridge Gas Distribution; St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson; Fire Protection Advisor Rick Finnemore, Ontario Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management; and St. Clair Township Councillor Steve Miller.

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### Substance abuse in the workplace seminar

Small business employers and employees are invited to attend a seminar on Substance Uses and Abuse in the workplace. The seminar, hosted by the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership's Business Enterprise Centre, is set for Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It will feature speaker Anthony Folan, managing director of Integral HR Solutions, who will talk about the issue of workplace substance use and abuse.

The event includes a hot breakfast, the seminar, and a question-and-answer period. Tickets are \$40 plus tax.

This presentation is being held in advance of the province's legalization of recreational marijuana. For more information, email: [contact@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:contact@sarnialambton.on.ca)

### Hazardous waste disposal opportunities

Household hazardous waste disposal is being offered again this year. Lambton County, in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Ltd. will host six household hazardous waste collections in the coming months. There will be no charge for this service.

**The collections will be held on Saturdays on September 29 and October 27.**

Materials accepted include: batteries, drain and oven cleaners, pesticides, rat poison, pharmaceuticals, cleaning fluids, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach, aerosols, gasoline, paints, barbecue starter, oil, solvents, and propane cylinders.

Materials not accepted include: PCBs, commercial, infectious, radioactive, tires, explosives/ammunitions including flares.

**Please note, commercially generated hazardous waste and containers larger than 20 litres or weighing more than 25 kg (55 lb) will NOT be accepted.** For more information, call the Household hazardous waste phone line at 519-845-0809, option 6.

### Property owners urged to call Ontario One Call before digging

Spring and summer present homeowners with opportunities to make changes and improvements to their property. And in the rush to get their projects finished by the time the snow flies, they are often tempted to not bother finding out the locations of buried lines and pipes before they start digging.

Big mistake! Severing buried infrastructure can be an expensive problem for you and/or your neighbours. It can also be dangerous if you hit a live power line.

One call can prevent costly repairs or even save your life.

Before you dig, call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255. Locators from local utilities will be called out to your property to find and mark buried lines.

**One call could save you money and save your life. Call 1-800-400-2255.**



## HERITAGE CORNER

### Blueberry Social offered more than delightful desserts



The Sombra Museum's annual Blueberry Social on Aug. 5 welcomed a few furry guests this year. Heaven's Wildlife Rescue staff were onsite with some of the wildlife refuge's guests, including *Stinkerbutt*, a five-year-old skunk that cannot be released back into the wild. Refuge worker Peggy Jenkins, right, assured leery visitor Jane Harmsworth that the cuddly creature had been deodorized.

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The Sombra Museum's new *Play Ball: Baseball in St. Clair Township* exhibit attracted the attention of visiting Brigden Township Ambassador Julia Lester. Museum summer students Lisa Oleniuk, left, and Ellita Gagner enjoyed showing Julia a display case full of "wire shots" (media photographs) taken at New York's Shea Stadium during the 1912 game between the New York Giants and the Boston Red Sox, on loan from museum volunteer Eldon Grant. The exhibit features a wealth of old photos and memorabilia from local teams and players that kept summers ringing with the crack of the bat and the cheering of local fans.

The public is invited to view this fantastic baseball tribute at the Sombra Museum (corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway in Sombra village) daily from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Sept. 20.

On Saturday, Sept. 22 from 2-4 p.m., *Play Ball!*, a special celebration of St. Clair Township baseball will be held. See *Around The Township*, page 20, for more information.

### Volunteer appreciation event honours volunteers of all ages



Volunteers of all ages were treated to a luscious dinner and the Moore Museum's sincere thanks for all they do through the year. **Above:** Carson Westfall, 8, tries out his new camera by taking a photograph of his grandmother, Sandra Lyon. Carson, who has volunteered at the museum for the past year, is the latest in the Westfall family to become a volunteer. His father, Jacob has volunteered for 15 years, his sister, Madelyn, for seven, and his brother, Sawyer, for four.

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## Quilting bee in Sombra benefits multiple charities



Evelyn Evers shows Connie Ptolemy how to bind the edge of a quilt.



A group of avid quilters help bind the quilt edges.

The happy hum of 14 sewing machines and the quiet murmur of light-hearted conversation filled the Sombra Community Centre on July 23 as 22 volunteers gathered to finish off 48 quilts for donation to various charities.

The quilting bee was organized to bind the edges of the quilts which had been made over the winter by award-winning quilter Evelyn Evers, Sharon Dechene, and Jane McGill. "We made quilts every Monday but we didn't take a day to bind them," said Evelyn. So the call went out to recruit volunteers and they came from as far away as London, Chatham, Tupperville, and Michigan.

"They are quilting friends we've made over the years," she said.

Evelyn says this year's quilts are being donated to the London Ronald McDonald House, the Salvation Army, the Chatham quilters' group for their Comfort Quilt program (given to children who are facing serious health issues), and other community organizations.

A lot of the fabric that was used was donated. "When people know you're a quilter they give you fabric," she said, adding her group will continue to make quilts for donation.

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## Lambton G. S. demolition project now underway

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JMX representative Jason McGuire said JMX has worked across Canada to bring down large structures such as city high rises and large industrial buildings, including some structures in 'Chemical Valley'.

Asbestos removal efforts are slated to begin in early September. Once the facility is clear, equipment will be removed and selected buildings are slated to be demolished between 2019 and 2020. The two west-most chimneys will be brought down in mid-2019, with the east chimney following in early 2020.

Mr. Roorda assured council that, throughout the process, OPG will work closely with JMX to ensure the demolition plan minimizes the impact on the local community and a project office will remain onsite. Safety precautions will be taken will include the installation of two fire hydrants along the St. Clair Parkway.

When asked by council what will be done with the debris left from the demolition of the buildings and infrastructure, Mr. McGuire said as the plant comes down, its various components will be sorted and shipped to appropriate handlers and recyclers. The concrete will be crushed onsite and used to fill the voids left on the site to address safety issues.

To address the noise created by the crusher, Mr. McGuire said it would be placed where it would not cause undue disturbance to surrounding residents.

Mr. Roorda says OPG is now developing plans for the final appearance of the plant frontage. When the designated structures have been demolished and the debris cleared away, the waterfront trail agreement will be updated and the water channels connecting the plant to the river will either be fenced in or filled in to mitigate the risk to public safety. A rendering of the post-demolition site is also being developed.

The demolition project is phase two of the Lambton G.S. project and Mr. Roorda noted phase three would involve environmental restoration.

The Lambton G. S. site covers over 1,100 acres and includes a wooded corridor containing over 23,500 native trees and a wildlife habitat that was developed under the Biodiversity Management Plan, approved in 1995. The facility received the Regional Corporate Habitat of the Year Award from the Wildlife Habitat Council in 2012. The tall grass prairie plantation was cared for in partnership with the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network.

A public information session is scheduled for the Courtright Community Center (Silverdome) on Thursday, Oct. 4. The time for this event is pending.

### Find The Beacon online

No matter where you are, you can read *The Beacon*. Back issues are also available online. Go to the St. Clair Township Website: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca) and click on **Beacon** on the black bar (top right).

# St. Clair Township Municipal Election 2018

## Candidate Profiles

~ Names in each category are listed in alphabetical order ~

### MAYOR

#### Jeff Agar

"I have resided in Corunna for 35 years and I love my community. I want to see it thrive so I am seeking your support for mayor in this year's municipal election. My wife Sue, son Nick, and daughter-in-law Michelle have been very supportive of my mayoral campaign and they share my belief that I can lead St. Clair Township into a bright future.



Jeff Agar

I have wanted to be mayor since the start of my political career, but I realized that a lot of experience and a solid understanding of municipal government was needed. And now that I am a third-term elected councillor, I have gained the knowledge I need to serve my community as mayor. I have served on most township committees and I have initiated and supported all projects throughout the municipality. I will continue to work hard to ensure that our municipality continues to grow while maintaining our low tax rate.

My platform includes Internet for all residents (which has begun). I understand what a vital link it provides, not only for our urban users but for our agricultural producers.

We also need to continue the development and maintenance of a strong infrastructure which brings new industry, business and families to our area. I will also continue to support our fire services and parks and recreation facilities in a fiscally responsible way.

I sincerely believe it is time for a positive change. Good and honest people rise with every challenge and I will rise to this challenge. For the first time in twelve years, all residents of St. Clair Township will be able to exercise their right to vote, so please vote.

For more information on my campaign please visit my website at [jeffagarformayor.wordpress.com](http://jeffagarformayor.wordpress.com) "

~ ~ ~

#### Steve Arnold (incumbent)

"I bring honesty, integrity and fairness for all as demonstrated during my almost 27 years serving on Council including: 12 years as mayor, five years as Lambton County warden and deputy warden, chairing the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and many other committees, both through council and community organizations. I believe that relationship building with ministers, our MP, MPP and community members is essential to forge partnerships to continue to receive grants and donations. These will help improve our many infrastructure and capital projects such as the twinning of our water supply, and arena and golf course club house upgrades, as well as asphaltting of

our roads. I have worked at being in positions of leadership with the organizations that I interact with to bring a positive influence for our community. I have been fortunate to have a supportive council, and without them and our talented staff we could never have been so successful.

Challenges that we will deal with in the next term include: the potential changes that we will see with a different provincial government in power, balancing our budgets, the desire for jobs and employment with the concerns we all share for our environment, and maintaining independence as a township, despite outside influences to move to a one-tier government system. We will have Lambton Generating Station site repurposing, NOVA construction, and many other projects to ensure things are done to benefit our community. Solving high speed Internet and housing challenges will also be a high priority during this term.

I have taken an active role in acquiring grants and donations of over \$50 million dollars since I have been mayor and will continue with these initiatives. We have met with many Internet providers and have a number of solutions that are slowly being implemented. I will continue to bring suggestions and issues from all areas of the township, and will help to facilitate positive relationships both inside and outside of the township to help find solutions for any situation we encounter. I would humbly ask for your support as your mayor to continue for another term."

~ ~ ~

#### Brian Everaert

"My best attributes are honesty and integrity. Accountability is very important to me. As mayor, my primary role will be an advocate for the people. My excellent communication skills will prove to be a key asset in listening to the concerns of the citizens and effectively communicating them with council. I am both a manager and a leader. I have the ability to manage people and resources, and the ability to make tough decisions. In collaboration with my leadership skills, I am confident that as mayor I can facilitate positive change, growth and development within our municipality.

Our community is feeling the absence of the Bluewater Ferry. The lack of a local border crossing has and will continue to affect this area both socially and economically. As mayor I will advocate for



Steve Arnold



Brian Everaert

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and support the efforts of the Bluewater Ferry in resuming its operations.

Another imminent issue is the lack of high speed internet availability throughout many areas of our township. This is unacceptable. As mayor I will relentlessly pursue the challenge to provide our entire municipality with affordable and reliable high-speed internet so that our local businesses and services thrive, making our municipality attractive for families as well as business development and growth.

Driven by positive change I will ensure that our municipality is inclusive of people of all ages and abilities by ensuring all municipal owned buildings meet AODA requirements and offer accessibility improvement grants to local businesses. I see the opportunity to improve community services and provide social meeting places for the elderly.

As mayor I will have an open-door policy. I will ask the people what services they would like to see in the community and advocate for them. I look forward to working with Bill Myers, Rose Atkins, and/or Robin Donahue-Parsons as well as any successful candidate. But most of all to serving the members of the community.

Moving forward with positive change. Vote Brian Everaert!"

~ ~ ~

**Ed Linton**

"My wife and I have owned our home in St. Clair Township for over 24 years and have raised four children there. I really do understand the struggles of 'blue collar' life.

I am a construction worker on maintenance at the area's largest refinery and chair of a large Worker Trade Committee as well as co-chair of a 30-plus member, Contractor's Joint Health and Safety Committee. I also actively participate in several other committees. Daily, I am tasked with helping guide responsible and positive change to the site, its contractors and employees.

I am a certified firefighter and served St. Clair Township in the past as a volunteer firefighter and First Aid instructor.

One challenge I see is to help St. Clair Township become one united community. It is a beautiful and diverse place. With a united council's help, I know this can be done. This is one of the main reasons I chose to run for mayor, to leave no doubt that I represent the entire community.

Communication can be improved between the municipality and the people of St. Clair Township with more one on one, individual conversations, and problem solving. I do this at work now and it gets a lot more positive change and problems solved than waiting for meetings or "the right time".

There are many exciting ideas I would like to offer to the community of St. Clair Township, the establishment of

an after-hours walk-in clinic being just one of these.

Working with council and staff, I am ready to face the challenges of guiding responsible and productive growth and with making everyone feel like they are part of a single community.

Please make sure you're registered and send in your ballot. Thank you."

~ ~ ~

**DEPUTY MAYOR****Peter Gilliland (incumbent)**

"I am once again contending for the position of deputy mayor in St. Clair Township. I have been on council for 15 years, 12 of which as deputy mayor. This, as well as my seat on Lambton County Council, makes me an experienced candidate capable of carrying on the business of the township. Although we are proud of past accomplishments, the list of tasks going forward is lengthy. Infrastructure such as roads, streets, sewers, bridges, buildings, parks etc. are always a challenge to keep updated and in good order. Our sports complex is aging and upgrades are necessary for safety and efficiency. We will need to lobby for government funding and use our asset management system to address and prioritize these issues. High speed internet is in need to outlying areas of the municipality and Council would like to work with internet providers to facilitate this effort.

Regional government is always a concern to the lower tier (township) and we need to protect the autonomy of our St. Clair Township. We are a fiscally sound township with reserves to address emergencies.

We have been successful in paving and curbing many streets, and the replacement of storm sewers has solved many flooding problems that we have had in the past. Our expanded waste water treatment plant will allow for housing development for many years to come. Service clubs and community groups work tirelessly in our community and council should always support them in their efforts.

If anyone wishes to question these or any other issues, I am available to discuss them with you. I would like to continue in the role of deputy mayor, assisting council to address these challenges, and I appreciate your support in the upcoming election Oct. 22, 2018."

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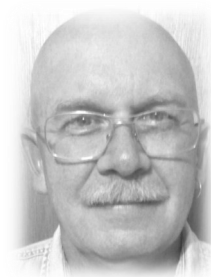
**Steve Miller**

"I've been on council for 35 years now (in Sombra Township and, after amalgamation, St. Clair Township) and I decided to step up and run for deputy mayor. My long-term experience with the operation and responsibilities of council, and with the needs of all St. Clair Township communities, has given me the background needed to help guide the township into a successful future.

Challenges we're going to have to look at include infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. We know the arena



Peter Gilliland



Ed Linton

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Steve Miller

will present a major financial challenge to make the upgrades and do the work it needs. The same is true for the golf course club house. Road rehabilitation on the parkway and the trail is also needed.

To fund these projects, we need to explore funding opportunities that will help us get these projects done without undue impact on the municipal budget.”

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**COUNCILLOR (Ward 1)****Pat Brown**

“I’ve lived in Corunna for 40 years and recently retired as a project coordinator from Arlanxeo/Lanxess. I am a retired member of UA Local 663, Plumbers and Pipefitters and I served as provincial appointee on the Lambton OPP Police Services Board from 2000-2006.

I believe that getting funding for local programs, projects and infrastructure from our provincial and federal governments is very important for St. Clair Township. I hope to work closely with both our MP and MPP to help make this happen. As well, maintaining services and infrastructure upgrades and keeping taxes fair is a challenge that I am up to.



Pat Brown

One of the projects I would like to see completed is the heavy haul corridor. It is important that local fabricators and trades people be able to easily move large industrial orders through this area.

I support our minor sports and community groups that all contribute to making our township a great place to live.

With my previous council experience on both the Moore and St. Clair Township councils, I would be a good fit to work for the residents of St. Clair Township. I believe in a cohesive council that can work together for the betterment of all residents.

We care in St. Clair!”

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**Jim DeGurse (incumbent)**

“As a councillor seeking re-election, I bring forth 14 years of experience dealing with township issues and concerns. I completely understand the responsibility that comes with having the honour to represent the citizens of St. Clair Township. I will continue to be available to listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and explain how decisions are made. Being a current council member, I understand the importance of attending meetings, scrutinizing budget statements, and prioritizing activities based on fiscal responsibility. As your councillor, I believe that the

‘team approach’ accomplishes more.

Two tough challenges that council may face in the next four years are: trying to keep taxes low while maintaining and improving township infrastructure (including high speed internet access) and the legalization of marijuana. Keeping taxes low affects the ability of all residents and businesses within the township to function. Continual budget scrutiny and the prioritization of activities/developments, especially given decreases in provincial and government funding, will be required to maintain low taxes. It will also require listening to constituents to best meet their needs. With regards to the new marijuana legislation, I believe that it will be important for council to inform the residents and township staff of the policies that are currently in place, while reviewing and establishing additional policies, after public consultation, for the township. This will be an ongoing issue for a while as the provincial policies are not yet fully established.

As your councillor, I support: low tax rates without compromising essential services; responsible fiscal management; open, honest, and ongoing communication with residents; industrial, commercial, agricultural, and residential development; local policing; parks and recreation facilities; bicycle and nature trails; environmental protection – increased recycling efforts; upgrading sewage, water, and drainage systems; and improving streets and roads. I look forward to representing the residents and businesses of St. Clair Township for another four years.

I’m only a phone call away if residents have a concern 519-862-3060. If I don’t have an answer for you, I will try to get an answer for you.”

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**Neil Fulkerson**

“I bring a fresh perspective to council and a passion for making the community a safe and affordable place to do business and raise a family. I enjoy engaging with people and listening to them about their hopes and dreams for our community. As a labour relations consultant at Bluewater Health in Sarnia, I strive to build working relationships across the organization. I am determined to work together with business and community leaders to create a community that you can be proud of.

There a number of challenges facing the community such as the continued struggle of providing affordable Internet options to all residents, the future of the Townships rec-



Jim DeGurse



Neil Fulkerson

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reational facilities, and ensuring that all residents feel as equal partners in the success of the Township. Finally, like many communities in Lambton County, the township is dealing with changing demographics, which includes a population decrease of three per cent between 2011 and 2016 according to Statistics Canada. The decisions made regarding these challenges will ultimately have a long-term impact on residents that will far surpass the term of the next council.

One of the greatest advantages of the township is our competitive tax rates. With Canadians already paying 42.5 per cent of their income in taxes according to the Fraser Institute, the township must maintain its commitment to keeping property taxes low and ensure that service fees, such as boat launch fees or garbage bag tags that other communities use to generate revenue, are not implemented in our township. We can do this by creating an environment that makes St. Clair Township an attractive place to operate a business and raise a family. No one individual is able to solve all of these challenges alone. As a member of council, my goal is to listen to the cares and concerns of residents, work collaboratively with key stakeholders to make decisions in the longer-term best interest of the township, and offer a positive vision where we build our future together."

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**Michelle Kelly-Maitland**

"I am confident that my various roles within this community will serve me well in this position. As a former personal support worker, I have a keen understanding of the needs of both our aging and vulnerable populations. As a parent I not only hear the worries and joys of raising children today, I can also attest to them. Whether I am at the Mooretown Sports Complex, teaching yoga at Madakani community living, Corunna Training Academy, or just crossing paths with other community-minded people in town, I love that my various roles and responsibilities in



Michelle Kelly-Maitland

life help me understand what the pulse of this community is. I look forward to serving this community further. It is certain that all councils will face challenges in the coming years. Ours will be no different. We will see great changes with the Nova Expansion and our Council will need to be prepared to ensure that the growth of our community, both in visitors and in residents, is well planned for. I also see an opportunity for our council to grow its reach and strive for a stronger presence through marketing, branding and promotion. Our council also has an ongoing responsibility to look beyond today and prepare for tomorrow with environmental stewardship and green initiatives.

As a strong and engaging member of this community, I have the skills and experience to share our story, promote

our community and put forth concrete solutions to address of our concerns. I am ready to support environmental assessments to plan for future environmental strategies and to engage with our community in ways that help promote our brand and increase awareness. St. Clair Township is a wonderful community. If I can help promote and reward our amazing volunteers, our independent business owners, our long-time residents and our amazing youth, this will only help to strengthen our community and ensure we have the strong base to handle extreme growth, change, or any other challenge thrown our way."

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**Tracy Kingston (incumbent)**

"Being a member of council is not about ego, acquiring accolades or drawing attention to oneself, it's about doing what's right and ethical and supporting decisions that matter.

During my first term as councillor, I have embraced and enjoyed this amazing opportunity to represent and work for the citizens of St. Clair Township.

I have contributed respectfully, co-operatively and diligently with all Council members and Township Staff to make unbiased decisions fairly and logically to move our Township forward in a viable way.

I want to build on the current momentum of projects like odour reduction strategies at the Courtright Waste Water Treatment Plant, shoreline rehabilitation, playground equipment replacement and upgrades, Moore Sports Complex improvements, Township facility accessibility upgrades, acquisition of reliable internet sources and continue providing dependable equipment to our Firefighters.



Tracy Kingston

I take pride in where I work and live and will always support its beautification. I am pleased to be part of the main street improvement project in Corunna and I want it to be a catalyst to develop Community Pride committees.

Working on a wide range of committees of council (such as drainage, accessibility, Moore Museum, Committee of Adjustment) has increased my knowledge of the intricacies and importance of each one and the role they play in the Township.

Being involved with charitable organizations like the Canadian Cancer Society and the Moore Optimist Club for decades has enlightened me of the needs of others and given me numerous opportunities to give back to my community.

Efficiency and accountability are paramount and have part of the success of owning Kay's Petals & Plants in Corunna for the last 10 years. The 42-year-old family business is testament of my commitment to everything I set out to do. I strive to be reliable and honest in my business, personal and council life.

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Positive support and input from all who know me has solidified by belief that serving the public is a gratifying and worthy task, one that I would be honoured to continue."

**COUNCILLOR (Ward 2)****Rose Atkins (Moran)**

"Through both my professional career as a health promoter with Lambton Public Health and my extensive involvement with grass-route committees, I am experienced in planning and implementing environmental supports to create vibrant communities.



Rose Atkins

I am trained to define problems and use intuitive and innovative thinking to find solutions that are systematic, systemic, and sustainable. My 20-year involvement with the St. Clair River Trail, Lambton County Trails, Ontario & TransCanada Trails includes negotiating with various levels of government to move projects forward. I have been successful in securing corporate, provincial, and federal funding to support many community projects including the St. Clair River Trail.

St. Clair Township Council will undergo a shift in members as a result of this election. The transition will provide the opportunity for both experienced and new council members to review township bylaws, policies and strategic plans. If elected, my lens would look to developing strong partnerships between our municipality and various individuals, organizations, and businesses to deliver effective *community-driven* services at a price taxpayers can afford.

My honest, respectful, and inspiring leadership style gains the trust and confidence of colleagues and members of the public that I serve. I would be honoured to represent the residents in Ward 2 on Township Council."

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**Robin Donahue-Parsons**

"I was born, raised and currently reside in St. Clair Township. With 16 years of administrative experience in municipal government at the local and county level, I have a unique insight of the perspective of council. Through my Parliamentary Meeting Protocol course certificate with the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, I have a sound working knowledge of how councils, boards and commissions should function effectively in meetings and have an extensively studied Robert's Rule of Order.



Robin Donahue-Parsons

I have also obtained the Records Management Fundamentals certificate from the University of Toronto and am currently enrolled in the Harvard ManageMentor Leadership Development Program. My educational background is in hospitality and tourism, which compliments the aspect of

promotion of new business development, residential and tourism attraction into our communities.

I am a past vice president and president of the Port Lambton Athletic Association. As a member of this organization, I orchestrated many different events within the community such as fireworks for Canada Day, New Year's Eve galas, and the recently revived Sno-ball Tournament. I was also happy to assist in the creation and organization of the Sombra outdoor volleyball league which still runs today. My love of baseball led me to coach my girls on the diamond from t-ball to the ladies bantam team and you can still find me in the stands cheering on the Pirates.

A few tough challenges that council could possibly face in the next four years may include: the downloading of responsibilities from the new provincial government, the continuation of finding affordable solutions to provide Internet service for all residents of St. Clair Township, and the ability to maintain taxation rates while improving services and maintaining assets within the township. Council will need to prioritize spending by working with staff to determine which projects and services have immediate urgency and cannot be deferred as well as to provide a timeline of when these tasks can be completed. It will be a first concern to research financial funding opportunities from our government to aid in the completion of these strategies. Finally, it will be necessary to be attentive to the experiences and views of businesses and residents so they have a voice to be heard to ensure the priorities of all residents of St. Clair Township are being met by our council."

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**Bill Myers**

"As a resident of the former Sombra Township, I believe in community and in the power of volunteering. Although politics is new to me, I have experience in the boardroom with my many years as a board member with the Moore Agricultural Society, including three terms as president. This experience has helped me know the importance of working well with others to achieve a common goal and being organized and ready to do your part. Over the years, I have been volunteering in a leadership role starting with Boy Scouts, then as part of the boards of the Wallaceburg Museum and the Wallaceburg Snowmobile Club. I also helped at smaller one day events, such as raising money for people and organizations in need. I believe in being fair and honest. I believe that the people of our community are knowledgeable and that by listening to their ideas we will be able to work together to find solutions to issues that arise in the community. I'm a self-starter who believes in getting things done and I look forward to getting things done as your councillor.



Bill Myers

An issue for our township is supporting the reconnection of an international border in Sombra. This is an important border crossing for residents because families and

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businesses depend on this service. I know that our current council has worked to try to find solutions but I am open to finding a way to approach our new provincial government to see if they can find solutions through new programs that may be available since the change in government.

I'd like to see the continuation of shoreline maintenance and conservation projects. Through our corporate sponsors and conservation programs we can continue to protect and preserve our various natural habitats for future generations. I also believe we need to be supportive of our industrial and farming partners to ensure places for employment and a solid tax base.

Being new to the role of councillor, there are probably many issues that I'm not aware of yet but I feel that with my experience I will be able to work collectively with others to find solutions to issues that arise in a timely manner."

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## **CENTRAL LAMBTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE**

**Greg Agar (officially acclaimed on July 30)**

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## **SOUTH LAMBTON EAST KENT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE**

**Carol Ann Bryden (incumbent)**

"As a past chair and vice-chair, I have gained a great deal of knowledge about the business and operations of the board. I have chaired the System Audit Committee since it began and have served as chair on the Educational Foundations Committee, Special Education Committee, the Indigenous Education Committee, and Parent Advisory Committee. While my children attended elementary and secondary schools, I served as a member of their parent councils and worked with other parents to enhance the schools' academic and social environments. During my

tenure as a trustee, I have been able to advocate on behalf of the needs of students and parents throughout the region. In my roles as educator, administrator and trustee, I've worked on a number of regional and provincial committees and workgroups creating materials for students, teachers and school boards. I am currently working as the series consultant for

the new Grades 1-8 religion program being created by the Bishops of Ontario and Western Canada. This experience and background give me a complete vantage point from which to make decisions that impact students, parents and ratepayers.

I am committed to maintaining the Catholic identity of our schools. Modern society often challenges students to follow a path of only secular or material values. While

maintaining our strong academic focus, it is important that our Catholic schools provide students with a compass and a direction that reinforces the importance of spiritual values as well. In doing this we need to maintain a strong relationship between the home, school and parish.

The safety and health of our students needs to be a top priority. Promoting student physical, emotional and psychological wellness is a challenge for all school communities. Over the past number of years, the St. Clair Catholic District School board has worked with our coterminous board and community agencies to provide families with access the services they need. We need to continue and strengthen that support through new and renewed resources, ongoing training for staff as well as strengthening community partnerships.

It is becoming increasingly important to carefully manage our financial and material resources. Our schools in Port Lambton and Corunna are in good condition. But the cost of maintaining all of our schools and providing the needed resources for students requires a strong focus on fiscal responsibility at the board table. To do this, we must continue to look for efficiencies in spending but also look to building effective partnerships within the community."

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**Patricia Ann Pook**

"Having recently retired from teaching for the SCCDSB, I feel that I bring a fresh, current and hands-on perspective as a trustee to the English Catholic School Board. My education and experience have been one of life-long learning and serving. I have taught on both the elementary and secondary panels, worked as an elementary school librarian, as well as a public librarian. More recently I teach Memoir Writing workshops to seniors. Having taught in small towns, Ridgetown and Bothwell as well as the city of Chatham, I am aware of issues that affect the municipality, students, parents and teachers. This combined with small business ventures – restoring a heritage church where I have established a successful AirBnB demonstrates fiscal responsibility and budgeting skills, and considerable volunteer work in the community - provide me with a window to the community's needs, concerns and hopes. As a trustee for the English Catholic School Board I promise to voice these concerns and work hard for a strong Catholic future in education.

I have had the privilege, not only to work in the separate school system, but also to grow up attending Catholic schools and church. I have had wonderful models and teachers who imparted a caring education based on Catholic teachings. Larger schools and secularized teachings threaten the future of our Catholic schools. It is important to be vigilant and to make our schools relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century while preserving our Catholic teachings. I, also, support our local schools. Busing our students to larger centres with a one size fits all education, hurts our commu-



Patricia Pook

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nities and threatens their future. Catholic identity and community identity give students knowledge and values that prepare them for the challenges and careers ahead. I promise, as a trustee on the English Catholic School Board, to work hard and help our children become the best that they can be! I believe in a Catholic future.”

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## CONSEIL SCOLAIRE VIAMONDE TRUSTEE

### (French Public School Board)

**Pierre Lambert**

“As a school board trustee for over 20 years, I have been involved with Conseil scolaire Viamonde since its inception. I bring familiarity with all stakeholders and partners; knowledge of processes relevant to the operation of the board; and experience delivering results for the francophone community in our region as well as moving a multitude of challenging files toward completion. For example, I was a member of the team who brought a Francophone public high school to Sarnia, École Secondaire Franco-Jeunesse, following many years of intense planning, negotiation and budgeting.



Pierre Lambert

Having raised four children in Sarnia while working at Nova Chemicals for over 35 years, I possess a keen understanding of issues concerning local parents at both the elementary and secondary school level. I firmly believe in the French public education system and, as such, students are at the heart of all my decisions and input to the board. The results and initiatives achieved by our students, our schools, and our board over the

years fill me with great pride.

As I look forward to the opportunity of working in continued partnership with parents over the upcoming mandate, I assure voters that they can count on experience and stability by supporting my candidacy.

Because Viamonde covers a large geographical area, there is a risk that the Toronto region be over-represented in discussion and decisions. It is therefore important to have an experienced representative from the region advocating for Sarnia's students and schools at the board table.

I propose to continue to act as a strong experienced voice for the district of Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Haldimand-Norfolk, Lambton, and Oxford, and continue the important work already begun on the board of L'Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario (ACÉPO), where I currently represent Conseil scolaire Viamonde.”

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**Genevieve Smith**

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## CONSEIL SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE PROVIDENCE TRUSTEE (French Separate School Board)

**Sylvie C. Chmielewski**

“I am newly retired after 30 yrs. of teaching in Northern and South-Western Ontario; 27 yrs. of joy at St-Thomas d'Aquin in Sarnia. During my career, building community has been paramount, and I am determined to continue doing so in this new position.

My faith is undeniable. I have dedicated a good part of my career at St-Thomas d'Aquin to making prayer and faith in God part of everyday life for the students and the staff.

I know the curriculum, school board policies and priorities well. I believe in a school where the students learn in a structured environment with teachers who are dedicated to education and are treated as professionals. I am concerned with literacy and math skills starting to drop. I am looking forward to working with our teachers and Providence French Catholic School Board, to find solutions to this decline. Educators, parents and students are the ones who have firsthand information. It's important to listen to them and give them the resources needed for success.



Sylvie C. Chmielewski

I plan to work with the “Centre communautaire francophone” and the “Club Jolliet” to inform all our parents of francophone activities and resources available in our region.

If you choose me, you choose a strong voice for students and families. Be assured, Lambton County French catholic concerns will be heard and addressed.

Je serai la voix forte du comté de Lambton au CSC Providence. Nous avons environ 450 étudiants qui fréquentent nos deux écoles, et nous sommes parfois isolés du reste du conseil. J'ai l'intention de partager et adresser vos inquiétudes avec notre conseil.”

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**Louis Guimond**

“I am running for Trustee of the Conseil Scolaire Catholique (CSC) Providence (French Separate School Board). The area represented by this trusteeship covers three counties: Lambton, Huron and Bruce. In plain language, from Tobermory down to Lake St-Clair.

This is a great year for democracy and a good indication of the French community's engagement. This is one of the first times the position has been challenged by three candidates. My campaign is based on two themes, good governance and community outreach, (gouvernance et rayonnement communautaire) and a promise.

I am a Chartered Professional Accountant and recently

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completed 35 year of service with the Canadian Coast Guard, culminating as Director of Studies at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, Nova Scotia. As head of the institution's academic council, I was responsible for the development and implementation of the organization's training standards, as well as their adherence. I was a member of Cape Breton University Academic Senate and remain involved as a director for the college's Alumni Association.

Louis Guimond

I sailed the three oceans bordering Canada aboard numerous Coast Guard vessels and held a number of leadership positions in marine management and national security. I was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Coast Guard Exemplary Service Medal and a Commissioner Commendation for the Merit.

I am currently a director on the board of Bluewater Health, the Centre culturel francophone Jolliet and L'Entité de planification des services de santé Érié St. Clair/Sud-Ouest. I also represent the French community of Sarnia-Lambton at the Table de concertation franco-info London. Finally, I am an active member and Lector at Sacred Heart Parish in Sarnia.

My promise is to represent the needs and interest of the French community to the best of my abilities regardless of effort or cost. In that spirit, I will donate any income asso-

ciated with the position of trustee to provide a bursary to graduates of CSC Providence so as to assist the recipients in the pursuit of a post-secondary French education.

Je souhaite mes meilleurs vœux à tous les candidates et candidats et j'espère que vous aurez tous l'occasion d'exercer votre privilège de voter."

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### Emilie Sylvain-Lindsay

"As a former student and graduate from CSC Providence, I've been involved in many different aspects of the French Catholic system. Early on, I involved myself in franco-phone organizations and also worked with youth in the community.

One of the challenges I've faced would be to not forget the schools that are far from the school board main office. Unfortunately, the students and members of our communities often feel forgotten.

The world is changing and the schools needs to keep up with the new challenges.

Je tiens à cœur le développement de nos écoles dans notre milieu minoritaire. Il faut outiller les élèves et les membres du personnel pour faire face aux réalités d'aujourd'hui et de demain."



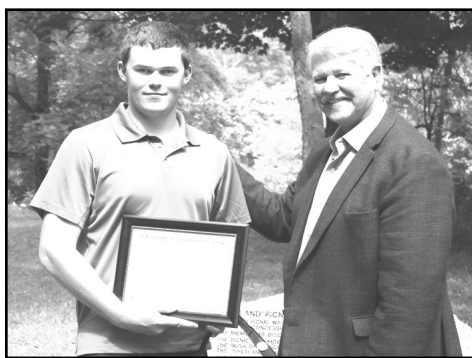
Emilie Sylvain-Lindsay

## SCRCA awards 2018 scholarships for post-secondary conservation-related studies

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority recently presented four post-secondary students with scholarships to help advance their conservation-related studies. SCRCA Chair Steve Arnold, who made the presentations, commended the four students, saying, "The young people we have acknowledged will be our future conservationists and will take an active role in the important environmental issues that face our region."

Recipients who received scholarships included, clockwise from right: \*Brandon Jordan, a graduate of Wallaceburg District Secondary School, received a 2018 A.W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship and will be attending Sir Sanford Fleming College-Lindsay Campus in the Fish and Wildlife Technology program. \*Naomi Rosedale received the 2018 Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarship and will be attending the University of Guelph in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. \*Jarod Newport, a graduate of Lambton Kent Composite School, received a 2018 A.W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship and will be studying Biodiversity and Conservation at the University of Western Ontario. \* Emily Smith, a graduate of Great Lakes Secondary School, received the Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship and will be attending Sir Sanford Fleming College-Lindsay Campus in the Fish and Wildlife Technology program.

Submitted photos



# COMMUNITY CONTACT

## ***Judith & Norman Alix Foundation funding available***

If you have a capital project located in Lambton County, the Judith & Norman Alix Foundation is receiving funding applications until Monday, Oct. 1. To find out if you are eligible to apply, visit the foundation's website at [www.jnaf.ca](http://www.jnaf.ca). Projects that previously received funding include: portable bleachers for Lambton County fairs and a food trailer for the Lions Club.

## ***Lambton Youth Choir accepting new members***

The Lambton Youth Choir is accepting new members. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday during the school year from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at LCCVI in Petrolia. The choir is comprised of youth attending Grade 4 and up as of Sept. 2018. For more information, contact D. O'Dell at 519-882-2315 or email: [odellld@cogeco.ca](mailto:odellld@cogeco.ca). Check out the Lambton Youth Choir Facebook page.

## ***St. Andrew's foodbank in operation***

The food bank at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is in operation every other Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. September dates will be Sept. 12 and 26. The food bank is also open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

## ***2018 Brigden Fair prize list available***

Advance prize lists for the Brigden Fair are available at the fair office or online at [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca). Check out the new Industrial Arts section and the Junior Department High Point classes.

## ***Volunteer hours for secondary students***

Secondary school graduation is fast approaching and the Brigden Fair office is the place where students can find many ways to get the volunteer hours they need to graduate. Call the office at 519-864-1197. Volunteer opportunities are available all year long.

## ***Let the St. Clair Trail help you lose weight - walk to a donation location and empty the spare change from your pocket!***

It's the easiest way to lose weight. Walk to one of the following locations and donate your loose change to the on-going upkeep of the St. Clair River Trail, one of the most scenic trails in the country: Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton or the Riverview Restaurant in Sombra Village. Your donations will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council and your pockets will be a lot less noisy. 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)

## ***Taoist Tai Chi in 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. 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.

## ***Be a community builder with the Optimist Club***

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members

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 Junior Optimist Club***

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.

## ***Down River Junior 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.

## ***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 also hosts **Messy Church** through May (except December) every last Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 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.

## ***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.

## *Keep fit this fall at the Mooretown Sports Complex*

Fall is on the way bringing a return to the demands of a daily routine. It's going to be more difficult to find time to observe a healthy, fit lifestyle. Let the many programs at the Mooretown Sports Complex help you stay in shape this fall and right through the winter months.

### **Fall swim lessons**

Register now for fall swimming lessons. Private lessons, group, adult, parent and tot programs are all available beginning the week of Sept. 17. See the fall brochure at: [www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)

### **Spinning Classes**

Join the certified spinning instructors for a great workout that improves 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 \$85. Morning spin classes are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. If you're a beginner, there are classes designed for you on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you're looking for strength training combined with a spin workout, come to the Bikes & Bells class on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

### **Muscle Mix Group Fitness Classes**

The Muscle Mix group fitness class includes kettlebell training that will build lean muscles, improve strength and power in the upper body, core and lower body and increase co-ordination, joint mobility and overall endurance. Classes are Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7/class, or \$5.50/class/senior \$50/10 visit pass, or \$275/year for full fitness center membership.

### **Get fit and have fun with POUND®**

POUND® is the world's first cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Classes are Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7/class, or \$5.50/class/senior \$50/10 visit pass, or \$275/year for full fitness center 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 \$7/class, or \$5.50/class/senior, or \$50/10 visit pass, or \$275/year for full fitness centre membership.

### **Shallow & Deep Water Aerobics**

Enjoy and experience the rejuvenating power of the 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 \$7/class, \$5.50/class/senior, \$50/10 visit pass or \$225/year or \$205/year/senior or included in full \$275.00 fitness centre membership.

### **Water Therapy -**

#### **Arthritis, Fibromyalgia Water Exercise**

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, 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 \$7/class, \$5.50/class/senior, \$50/10 visit pass or \$225/year, or \$205/year/senior or included in full \$275.00 fitness centre membership. Join any time!

### **Indoor/Outdoor Walking Exercise Program - FREE!**

This West Lambton CHC sponsored walking exercise program is held every Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Call for more information. The class begins Oct. 1, 2018

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

This course is offered on PA days, Friday, Oct. 26 or Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is designed for youth 11 years and up who want to become babysitters. The babysitting course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in case of an emergency. The cost for the program, including the manual, is \$60 per child.

### **Shinny Hockey is back!**

Adult Shinny Hockey will be held every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning September 11. The cost is \$5/person.

### **Public Skate**

Public skating will be held Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 16. Cost is \$2.50/child, \$3.75/adult, and \$7.50/family.

### **Parents, Tots & Seniors Skate - FREE**

Families are invited to enjoy free skating on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Sept. 5.

### **Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor Courses**

Become a lifeguard and swimming instructor! Contact the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information!

### **PA Day Camp offered**

School students are invited to join us for a PA Day Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 28 and October 26. The cost is \$30.00 per day. Early drop off and late pickup available for an additional cost. Call today for more information - 519-867-2651!

**To get more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.**



### **PICKLEBALL GROUP DONATES TO FOOD BANK:**

To celebrate National Pickleball Day on Aug. 11, a fun tournament was organized by Sarnia Bluewater Pickleball. Thirty participants from St. Clair Township and Sarnia collected canned food items for donation to the food bank at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna. Shown with a trunk full of donated food are, from left: pickleball players Jerry and Nora Mullen, and Senga Harrison, organizer Chris Spitzig and food bank representative John Sterling. See page 19 for more info about Corunna pickleball group.

## **Heritage St. Clair seeking old photos of St. Clair Township's past**

Heritage St. Clair is still seeking the help of township residents to gather old photographs (over 20 years old - the older, the better) depicting St. Clair Township (and former Moore and Sombra Townships) from the past.

Photos that are precious to you can be scanned and returned to you.

If you would rather see them in a place that will care for

and preserve them for future generations, Heritage St. Clair can help you find a suitable home for them.

For more information, contact Heritage St. Clair by email: [secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com). Or visit the St. Clair Township site: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca) under the "Residents" or "Recreation" tab to find Heritage St. Clair. Or call Ian at 519-864-1119 or Dave at 519-862-3797.



## 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 Registered Nurse Educator, will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on: Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 6; and Dec. 4. **Please note: a physician referral is required.**

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### **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 Dietitian, will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on: Sept 18; Oct. 16; Nov. 13; and Dec. 11.

**Please note: a physician referral is required.**

### **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/or a Registered Dietitian who will discuss what diabetes is, risk factors for getting diabetes, and how to decrease blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes. The next sessions will be held on: Thursday, Sept. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Monday, Oct. 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **The program is open to the public and no physician referral is required.**

### **Healthy Eating and You**

Healthy Eating and You is a series of four sessions lasting two hours each. The aim of this program 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. The next sessions are planned for: Friday, Sept. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **This program is open to the public and no physician referral is required.**

### **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 will be held as follows: Meatless Mondays, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - noon; Meals For One, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - noon; Dining with Diabetes, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. - noon; and Healthy Holiday Baking, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - noon.

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

### **Laboratory Services offered**

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



### **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.

Find township information and The Beacon at:  
[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

## **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](http://www.petroliacadets.com)

## More summer sights from St. Clair Township



Submitted photo



### Photos clockwise from top left:

\*Port Lambton Gala Days featured a lively volleyball tournament, with two courts and several teams in play.

\*The Optimist Club of Sombra Township's third annual Family Fun Day at Brander Park on Aug. 12 included comical human-activated inflatable balls and a gigantic dart board, as well as crafts, a reptile petting zoo, and free hotdogs. The club received help from the Knights of Columbus, Council 10873, Port Lambton.

\*Miss Aamjiwnaang and her young court graced the Captain Kidd parade in Corunna.

\*Vintage fire truck from the Corunna fire station also participated in the Captain Kidd Days parade with a crew of young future fighters aboard.

## St. Clair Parkway Golf Course



There's still time to enjoy some exciting rounds of golf at The St. Clair Township Golf Course. Membership and event information are available online at: [www.stclairparkwaygolf.com](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com) or by calling 519-867-2160.

## LAMBTON SENIORS SENIORS HELPING SENIORS Association



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Home safety



**PLEASE CALL 519 339 8866**  
Toll Free 1-877-219-4717



United Way  
Sarnia-Lambton



## 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.

## Parkway Church in Corunna offering free clothing

Parkway Church at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna has free clothing available for children and young adults. The room is open Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment.

Clothing donations are always accepted. They can be dropped off in the church's clothing bin at the side door or call 519-862-3380, ext. 21.



## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The EarlyON Child and Family Centres 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 Birch bank 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).

## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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Night at the Sombra Museum on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20 and check out a Paranormal Investigation. Tickets are \$10 for the talk (the museum's October lecture) or \$20 for the talk and a chance to join the investigators while they work in the museum at night. Pre-registration is required to participate in the investigation. Stay tuned for more information. To pre-register, call 519-892-3982.

### Fall Craft and Vendor Sale planned

A Fall Craft and Vendor Sale is planned for Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall, 506 Stoddard Street in Port Lambton. The sale, sponsored by the Port Lambton United Church, will feature the work of about 99 crafters, and vendor tables, plus a raffle table. Lunch will be available and admission will be free. This event is sponsored by the Port Lambton United Church.

### Archery range open

The archery range at the Lambton Sportsman's Club, 521 Bickford Line, Sombra, is now open to the public until mid-September every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon as long as an Archery Committee member is on site. New archers or novices will be introduced to the sport and assisted as well as supervised, depending on weather conditions. For more information, please call Len Lemaire at 519-344-7009.

3-D Archery Shoot will be held on Aug. 18. Shooting will be done in the club's bush, with trail and targets marked. Non-members fee is \$10 and members fee is \$5. Ages 15 years and under will be admitted free when accompanied by a paid adult guardian. Lunch will be available. Menu and prices are posted at the club. Outdoor footwear and insect repellent are recommended. For more information call Len at 519-344-7009 or Elsie at 519-867-3940.

### Weekly Souper Thursdays in Corunna

The Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, hosts a **FREE Souper Thursday** hot lunch every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. 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)

### Cruickshank Community Centre hosts weekly activities

The Cruickshank 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.

### Pickleball held at Corunna Athletic Park

Another season of pickleball is underway in Corunna and games are held Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Corunna Athletic Park courts on Hill Street. Adults are invited to join the fun and lessons can be arranged. Come out and see how much fun this sport can be. For more information, call: Keith at 519-918-5359; Jim at 519-862-3447; or Michael at 519-813-9274, or Nora at 519-867-5490.

### Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and now plays Pepper every Friday evening at 7 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. The cost is \$1 per stick. Join the fun, enjoy a beverage and camaraderie, and maybe even take home dinner.

### Catch the Ace at Corunna Legion

The Catch the Ace lottery 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.

### 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.



### Mooretown Flags Home Schedule

It's time for another great season of Mooretown Flags hockey action.

Home games planned for the coming months are: Saturday, Sept. 15 against Wallaceburg, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 22 against Amherstburg, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 29 against Dresden, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. Against Wheatley, 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 19 against Lakeshore, 8 p.m.

*The Beacon will carry the complete season schedule next month.*

### New hours start at some township library branches

Three St. Clair Township library branches will have new hours of operation as of Sept. 4.

**Brigden** - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Courtright** - Tuesday and Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sombra** - Tuesday and Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Lambton County Plowing Match

The Lambton County Plowing Match is slated for Saturday, Sept. 1 on the farm of Bob Mater, 6605 Mossie Line, Inwood. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and plowing begins at 10:30 a.m. For more info, call Kody at 519-809-0137, Linda at 519-828-3311, or Bill at 519-695-3701. Free admission. Everyone is welcome.

### Happy Day Kids Club in Brigden

The Brigden Community Church will host the Happy Day Kids Club on the first Friday of each month beginning Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Subsequent dates will be: Oct. 12 (*being held on second Friday to avoid the Thanksgiving weekend*); Nov. 2; Dec. 7; Jan. 4; Feb. 1; March 1; April 5; May 3; and June 7. The club is for children in JK through Grade 6. The theme for this year will be The Armour of God and will feature games, crafts and snacks. For more information, contact Cathy at 519-864-1249.

### Upcoming Corunna Legion events

Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 has a lot of great events and activities planned for this fall. Thursday cribbage returns in September with a 1 p.m. start and Friday night meat raffles will also be held at 7 p.m. beginning in September. Events include: Mixed Dart Tournament, Sept. 8, 11 a.m. start; Memorial Golf Tournament, Sept. 9; Turkey Bingo, Sept. 27, doors open at 6 p.m., heads down at 7 p.m.; Pickerel Fry and Dance, Oct. 20, tickets on sale Sept. 17; Johnson Memorial Cribbage Tournament, Oct. 21; Annual Halloween Open Jam Session, October 27. For more details, please contact the branch at 519-862-1240.

### Taoist Tai Chi to host open house

The Taoist Tai Chi group will host an open house at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 436 Colborne Drive in Corunna on Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to come and learn how they can improve their health through these gentle arts. Weekly classes will begin following the open house for those interested in learning Taoist tai chi. For more information, call 519-344-0346.

### Meet the Candidate events

Two *Meet the Candidate* evenings are planned for St. Clair Township in September. The first is slated for the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) 1594 Third Street in Courtright on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. and the second will take place at the Port Lambton

Community Hall at 507 Stoddard Street in Port Lambton on Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 7-9 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about the candidates who are running for St. Clair Township Council and for board of education trustee positions in the Oct. 22 municipal election.

### Downriver Craft and Gift Sale set

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Downriver Craft & Gift Sale will be held on Sunday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 80 tables of handmade crafts, curiosities, and delectable food items will be offered. A food booth will be available to feed hungry shoppers and fuel their continued adventures in delightful shopping. New and familiar craftspeople are invited to participate. Call Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 to be added to the mailing list. Admission is \$2 per adult with children under age 13 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

### Corunna U.C. to host Fall Sunday

The congregation of Corunna United Church will host Fall Sunday on Sept. 16 with service time set for 10:30 a.m. The service will feature popular Petrolia accapella group *Sisters of Choice* and the church's own duo, Tina Doan and Dwayne McClinchey. Fellowship will follow.

### Play Ball! at Sombra Museum

On Saturday, Sept. 22 from 2-4 p.m., the Sombra Museum invites everyone to put on their favourite baseball jersey and/or cap, come out to "Sombra stadium" (the Sombra Museum), and get ready for the playoffs with the teams of St. Clair Township in the new Play Ball! exhibit. Admission will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, and all proceeds will help fund the museum's special projects. Admission will include access to the museum, a hot dog, chips and a drink, and maybe a few surprises. For more information please call 519-892-3982 or email [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)



*Note: The museum is looking for high school student volunteers. Hours spent volunteering count toward your mandatory graduation volunteer hours. Call 519-892-3982.*

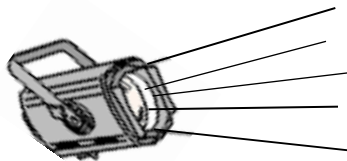
### OPG Lambton G.S. demolition open house

A open house will be held at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) on Thursday, Oct. 4 to inform the public and answer questions about the upcoming demolition of the Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright. A time for this event has not yet been set. (*See Council hears plan, page 3, for more information.*)

### Paranormal Investigation at Sombra Museum

Are you ready for some thrills and chills? Come to Fright

See More, page 19



Shine a spotlight  
on your events in  
The Beacon

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, don't stress! Put your event in the spotlight **free of charge** here in The Beacon.

The deadline for Beacon submissions is the third Monday of each month by noon.

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

Please note: Photos submitted close to the deadline may be held until the following issue due to lack of space.



The BEACON  
is getting a new  
e-mail address!  
Contact us at:

[beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca)

PLEASE NOTE: The Beacon's new email address is in the process of being commissioned. The old address will be kept in service until the new one is in operation for a while.