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Demolition of Lambton Generating Station explained



The demolition strategy for bringing down a St. Clair Township landmark was the subject of an open house held in Courtright on Oct. 4. Project Manager Dan Roorda noted OPG wants to ensure local residents on both sides of the river are kept apprised of what the process will be and what steps are being taken to ensure it is done safely and with minimal impact to neighbours. Above: Ontario Power Generation representative Jamie Dreveny, a Lambton G.S. employee and St. Clair Township resident, explains the demolition process to residents who live across the river from the station in East China and St. Clair, Michigan.

Bonnie Stevenson photo



Still time to apply!

Lambton County's Creative County Grant Program is still accepting funding applications for cultural, heritage, and art initiatives in St. Clair Township. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 12, so don't delay! More information on page 5.



TIME TO "FALL BACK"

Daylight saving time (DST) ends on Sunday, November 4. Before you go to bed on Saturday night, turn your clocks back 1 hour.



EARLY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2019 BEACON

Please note that the deadline for submissions to the January 2019 Beacon will be **Monday, Dec. 10 by noon**. This early deadline is necessary to accommodate the holiday schedules of the municipal office and the printing office.



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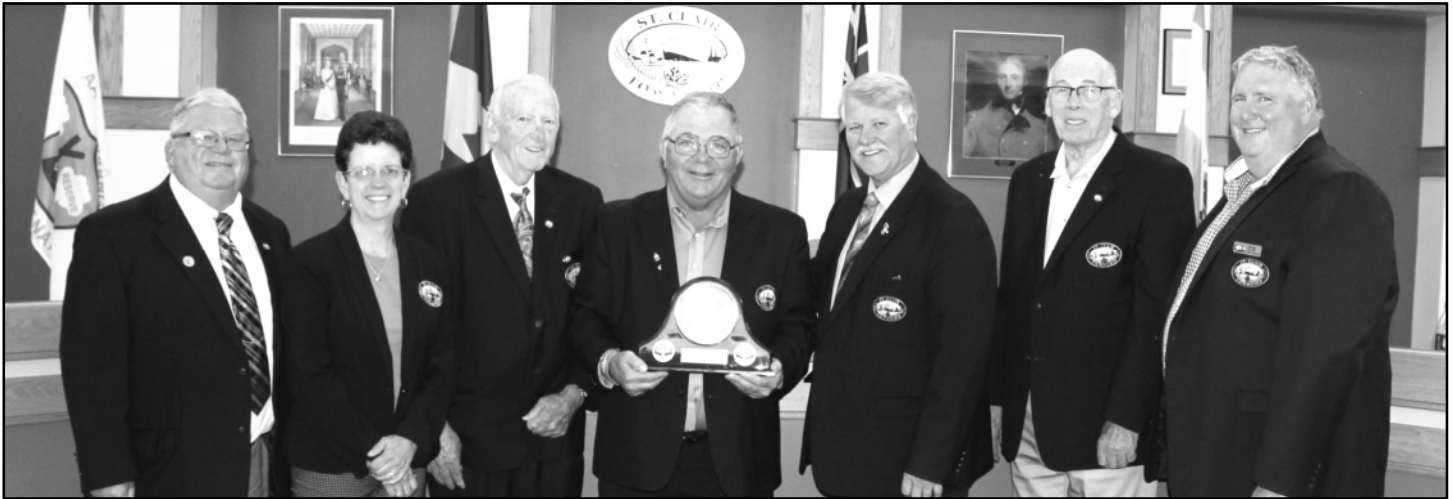
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MUNICIPAL NOTES



Council Meeting Schedule

St. Clair Township Council meetings are slated for the following dates: Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. (inauguration of new council); Monday, Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

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.

MOVING ON: The 2014-18 council members honoured one of their own during the final regular council meeting of the term on Oct. 9. Ward 2 Councillor Darrell Randell, centre, is leaving the political arena to concentrate on work and family after several decades of service to the former Sombra Township and the amalgamated St. Clair Township. He was presented with a commemorative mantel clock to mark the occasion. The outgoing council includes, from left: Councillors Steve Miller, Tracy Kingston, Jim DeGurse, Mayor Steve Arnold, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland and Councillor Jeff Agar.

Bonnie Stevenson photo



Pheasant/rabbit hunting licences

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

The fees will be \$5.00 for a resident license and \$8.00 for a non-resident license. They will be on sale until Feb. 28, 2019. Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

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



Winter parking by-law-Dec. 1

The winter parking by-law will come into effect on Dec. 1. Under this by-law, it is against the law to leave vehicles of any kind parked on public streets and roads overnight from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. This by-law ensures that snow plow crews can do their job efficiently without having to slow down to avoid parked vehicles.

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



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.

For more information or to enroll call **SLWC at 1-866-616-8444** and a live operator will be available to help, or visit www.slwofc.ca

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Public Works Dept. Notices

Contact Information

Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Email.....publicworks@twp.stclair.on.caAfter hours emergency
~ 519-344-9318 ~

Water.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

Water utility appointments require 48 hours notification

St. Clair Township By-Law 41 of 2017 user fees requires that property owners provide at least 48 hours in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

Streetlight replacement

Corunna Downtown

October 2018 - December 2018

Streetlights along Lyndoch St. between Cameron St. and Beckwith St. will be replaced. During these installations, 5 or 6 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.

Changes to recycling collection

Attention: St Clair Township residents

January 1, 2019

Beginning January 1, 2019, recycling will only be collected in blue recycling boxes. **Clear or blue bags will no longer be accepted.** Blue boxes are available to purchase at the Civic Centre Public Works Department and will be sold at a reduced price of \$5.75 starting September 1, 2018 until January 1, 2020.

NEEDED! Crossing guards - St. Clair Township

The Township of St. Clair requires a fill-in crossing guard to assist school children crossing in Brigden. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$30.55 per day. This position will be on a "call in" basis and hours will vary widely depending on need. Please send applications to publicworks@twp.stclair.on.ca or in person at the Civic Centre.

Clear the road!

All homeowners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (eg. basketball nets, goal nets, etc.) off and away from roads and streets. Please contact St. Clair Township Public Works with any questions.

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.

During construction you may notice increased traffic on site.



SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

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

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fall 2018

For current areas affected refer to 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 Department.

Call before you dig! Ontario One Call could save you money and save your life.

If you're planning to dig anywhere on your property this fall, all it will take is one simple call to make sure the buried pipes and cable under the surface will not be damaged or severed. Cutting a power cable or gas line can be a dangerous thing for you or whoever is doing the work, and any infrastructure that is damaged could prove costly for you.

Call Ontario One Call
at 1-800-400-2255.



HERITAGE CORNER



New mural now on display at museum

The south side of the Moore Museum's main building now sports a magnificent new seven-panel mural that perfectly captures the spirit of the place.

The mural, designed and executed by artist Tim Allen of Sarnia, was chosen from a number of designs submitted by Lambton County artists. "It brought together a lot of elements of the museum," said Curator Laurie Mason. "It seemed to be what everybody liked."

The large 28' x 8' mural now covers a large white panel that was installed in place of the old windows to keep artifacts inside the museum from sustaining light damage. While beneficial to the artifacts, the panel also gave the impression that the building was closed. The mural, which incorporates many aspects of the museum's exhibits and displays, now leaves no doubt in the minds of passers-by that the museum is a place of interest not to be missed.

Left: Wrestling the third of seven panels into place are museum volunteers, from left: Rick Clubb; Dave Pattenden; and Dave Beer.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

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The Moore Museum received the financial support of Lambton County's Creative County Grant program in paying for the mural. The program, which is currently taking in applications for the next round of grant awards, invests in new and innovative projects that define the county's unique identity and enrich the quality of life for all residents. See page 6 for more information.

### 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.

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.

### Moore Museum delights school children with interactive Christmas program

By Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason

For close to three decades, the Moore Museum's most popular school program has been offered at Christmas. Adults who visit often comment that they still have a handmade decoration on their tree that they made at the museum when they were young. The taffy pull also features prominently in recollections of childhood visits to the museum.

Both of these popular activities have been maintained while other aspects of the program were updated last year to increase their connection to the Ontario curriculum. This resulted in an even greater number of classes attending the program.

*Community Christmas Celebrations: Traditions of the World Arrive with the Settlers* offers the following grade-specific curriculum links for Kindergarten through Grade 3:

For Kindergarten students, this program provides an opportunity for exploring a part of the community, with hands-on activities and a theme of interest to young children.

Grade 2 students studying *Changing Family and Community*

*Traditions* learn about the Christmas traditions brought to our community by early settlers from many countries. This allows students to gather information on past traditions and celebrations of Christmas for classroom discussion of continuity and change in the various holiday traditions of their families today.

Grade 3 students studying *Communities in Canada, 1780-1850* explore 19<sup>th</sup> century Christmas celebrations of the early settlers of our community, and visit the log cabin and one-room school. This information gathering provides background for comparing early settler life and Christmas celebrations to life and holiday celebrations today.

Elementary teachers are invited to call Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit the school programs page at [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca) to learn more about this program, which is offered throughout December each year. The program tends to fill quickly so please call soon to have the best choice of dates.



## Creative County Program funding available

Lambton County's Creative County Grant Program is currently receiving funding applications for cultural, heritage and art initiatives occurring in 2019 in St. Clair Township and Lambton County in general.

Organizers of new or expanding initiatives are encouraged to apply for funding to cover up to 50 per cent of their project's cost.

Program guidelines and the related online application can be found by clicking on "Creative County" under the "Residents" heading at [LambtonOnline.ca](http://LambtonOnline.ca). Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12.

The Creative County Grant Program invests in new and innovative projects that build cultural capacity, strengthen the creative community, define the county's unique identity, and enrich the quality of life for all residents.

Since its inception in 2013, the Creative County Grant Program has supported 100 local cultural initiatives or program expansions.

## Corunna Legion announces winners of 8<sup>TH</sup> Annual Elimination Draw

### Weekly Winners

May 5, 173, John McKechnie; May 12, 15, Liz Carr; May 19, 225, Denise Harwood; May 26, 138, Cheryl Simpson; June 2, 144, McKenzie Maxwell; June 9, 323, Tray MacLean; June 16, 25, Jack Monteith; June 23, 88, Steve Greenslade; June 30, 326, Carla Always; July 7, 121, Robert Kirk; July 14, 273, Michelle Hohol; July 21, 274, Florence Winger; July 28, 158, Carol McGugan; Aug. 4, 178, Gloria Meere; Aug. 11, 328, Heather Hart; Aug. 18, 332, Nick Mulyka; Aug. 25, 278, Pat Ott; Sept. 1, 339, Wayne Cunningham; Sept. 8, 129, Eugene Doucet; Sept. 15, 22, Jackie Miller.

### Winners the Night of the Draw

1-\$50, 236, Raymond Rawson; 25-\$50, 142, Chris Williams; 50-\$50, 264, Pauline McLaughlin; 75-\$50, 342, Diane Cucksey; 100-\$50, 193, Wanda Lalonde; 125-\$50, 136, Kyle Stevenson; 150-\$50, 58, Tim Greene; 175-\$50, 235, Tom Haggerty; 200-\$50, 301, Mary Anne Beaudoin; 225-\$50, 180, Annie Kuipers; 250-\$50, 45, John Kuipers; 275-\$50, 32, Ellie Montminy; 300-\$50, 23, Gitta Monteith; 325-\$50, 50, Jen Pettit; 350-\$60, 55, Denise Camden; \$600, 65, Jean Proulx; \$600, 151, Jim Mitchell; \$600, 250, Lorrie Yorke.

## Brigden Fair Demolition Derby...and the winners are....

### Vans

1st - James "Jimmy" Bowles-  
2002 Chrysler #169  
2nd - Mike Blackman-  
03 Dodge Caravan #2617

### 4-6 Cylinder "Poor Man"

1st - Tom Burr -91 Grand Prix #11  
2nd - Justin Scott -2003 Chev #1388

### Truck "Poor Man"

1st - Chad Mitchell - 1/2 ton Chevy #8  
2nd - Dylan Grant - 96 GMC Sierra #73



Used car, anyone?

### V8 Car "Pro Stock"

1st - Bill Dobbin - Lincoln - #2  
2nd - Derrick Simpson-  
64 Chrysler Imperial #442

### Truck "Pro Stock"

1st - Dan Speelman - 97 Chev #20  
2nd - Wayne Paradis - 98 Suburban #10X

### 4-6 Cylinder Car "Pro Stock"

1st - Ron Hillman - Toyota Camry #1316  
2nd - Kris Stocking - 97 Camry #89X

### Best Decorated Vehicle -

Shelby Armstrong-Gordon #777

## Christmas hamper programs plan to deliver holiday smiles

The Christmas elves in St. Clair Township are ramping up their efforts to put smiles on the faces of the community's less fortunate families.

In Ward 1 (former Moore), Operation Christmas Tree (OCT), coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore, will kick off its efforts with a annual Poor Boy lunch at the Corunna Legion hall on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is supported by the Corunna Br. 447 Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

The OPP Drive through drop-off event is slated for Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Corunna OPP parking lot at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. New unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, or monetary donations will be much appreciated.

The OCT headquarters will once again be located in the St. Clair Township Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. All donations of non-perishable food, new unwrapped toys, and cash will be gratefully received. Donations will be accepted weekdays during business hours.

OCT work is a perfect place for teens to get community service points and help is always needed to sort and

pack the Christmas hampers.

Applications to receive a hamper will be accepted at the St. Vincent de Paul shop in Corunna from Monday, Nov. 12 to Saturday, Nov. 17 and Monday, Nov. 19 to Saturday, Nov. 24 between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Lorne at 519-862-1978.

In Ward 2 (former Sombra) the Sacred Heart food bank has its own Christmas program.

Charity Night will be held Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Sacred Heart Church hall at 7 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and an auction to follow. The Sacred Heart food bank fall meeting is set for the Sacred Heart Church hall on Sunday, Nov. 4 at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Cookie Walk is set for Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. The door-to-door can drive is slated for Sunday, Nov. 25. Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church. **Volunteers are needed.** Fowl bingo will be played at the Sombra Community Hall on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The Christmas hampers will be ready for pickup on Saturday, Dec. 15.



## Smith Homestead inspires new educational programs

By Bonnie Stevenson

The Smith Homestead on Oil Springs Line in St. Clair Township has become the local ground zero for the use of horticultural techniques that incorporate old and new strategies.

Owners Paul and Jan Smith, whose efforts are reflected in their motto, "Learn to grow-grow to learn", spend a lot of time out in their gardens. Jan says, "Over the years, Smith Homestead has demonstrated the use of growing food in an ecological manner with the technique of intensive gardening practices that incorporates both intercropping and succession planting that supports the theory of growing a large yield in a small space naturally."

Always open to new possibilities, the couple broadened the scope of their endeavours four years ago when they were asked to host a group of visitors from the Focus on Ability program at Ruth's Place in Inwood. Owner/operator Ruth Syer, whose background is in nursing and education, was looking for new ways to engage the developmentally challenged individuals who attended her day program. "A friend of mine told me to call Paul and Jan," said Ruth. "They embraced the program right away."

Jan says she and Paul were pleasantly surprised by the request. "We had no experience but we were willing to do what we could," she said.

That first visit became a horticultural therapy program and eventually led to the group starting a charitable food donation program for the Petrolia food bank and Heaven's Wildlife Rescue in Oil Springs.



Proud members of the Ruth's Place group hold up one of the cabbages they grew at Smith Homestead.

*Submitted photo*

Paul says the horticultural program is working well. "Participants of Focus on Ability, through our horticultural therapy program, have learned to germinate and propagate seeds to be planted in the garden, along with preparing the garden beds, planting and harvesting cold and warm season vegetables," he said.

One of the satisfying things the Smith's have garnered from their on-going experience with the group is seeing the positive effect it has on the participants. "The look of excitement the first time they saw the seedling growth from the seeds they planted was definitely thrilling," said Paul.

Today, the Smiths share the group's pride in their accomplishments. A second therapy program has been developed which allows group members to explore their horticultural experiences through art. Paul, an accomplished artist in his own right, says, "Tapping into the creativity and talents of these participants has been rewarding. Observing and defining one's attributes through art with an ability approach ver-



Colin George, 26, shows his painting of a butterfly he saw while working in the garden at Smith Homestead. With him, from left: Ruth Syer, Jan Smith, and Paul Smith. In the background are some of the other butterflies painted by the Ruth's Place group.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

sus a disability approach can be manifested once developmental handicap barriers are removed from the equation. This allows inspiration and empowerment to surface."

The Smiths are pleased that the group's gardening experiences have inspired the production of artwork based on what they've learned about the eco-system and the biodiversity needed to provide food for the population. "Their artwork subjects are flowers and plants that attract pollinators to help support the garden," said Paul.

Artwork created to illustrate the horticultural therapy program was recently featured in a well-received show and sale at the Lawrence House in Sarnia. The group decided proceeds from the sale of art from the show would be donated to the Women's Interval Home and the Habitat for Humanity Restore, where they volunteer. The show received funding from the Lambton County Creative County Grant program.

Ruth noted the show displayed how developmentally disabled adults can use art to learn through the exploration of the natural world. She says the group also received the satisfaction of giving back to the community.

Ruth's Place is a day program where eight participants with developmental disabilities such as Down's Syndrome and Autism attend a life skills development and other related programs four days a week. "Ruth is an amazing woman," said Jan. "They (the group) taught us so much; how loving and how clever they are, how to share and look after one another, and patience."

In addition to the group's horticultural and art therapy program at Smith Homestead, the group also participates at Ruth's Place in a baking program, therapeutic animal therapy, music therapy, and a men's program.

## 1st Corunna Scouts appreciate community support

If you were out in the Corunna and Mooretown areas on Sept. 28 and 29, you may have encountered some earnest young Beavers, Cubs and Scouts selling apples in support of the 1st Corunna Scout Group. Annual Apple Day was a success and Leader Chris Moore has a note of thanks for everyone who showed their support.

"Our youth were visible around Corunna and Mooretown offering apples to the public as our way of saying 'thank you' to our community. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the overwhelming generosity shown to our group. Our leadership team will provide the youth with canoe loads of fun and adventure supported by these donations. Thank you, Corunna and area. If you would like more information about Scouting in Corunna, or if you would like to join our team, contact us at [1stcorunna.scouting@gmail.com](mailto:1stcorunna.scouting@gmail.com)"

Right: Adrian Henry, left, and Beaver 1st year Donnie Joseph, make a sale to customer Christine Bailey.

*Submitted photo*





## Age-friendly Sarnia Community Action Plan in development

A two-year project to strengthen and build community support and health services, dubbed the Age-friendly Sarnia Community Action Plan, is currently in development thanks to a \$591,300 grant from the Ontario Health and Well-Being Grant program.

The goal of the plan, an initiative by Lambton Public Health and its community partners, is to create a community that addresses the needs and requirements of an aging population. It is hoped the plan, when put into action, will make it easier for seniors to age in the comfort of their own homes and communities.

Anita Trusler, Health Promotions Supervisor at Lamb-

ton Public Health, says connections between health and social sectors must be strengthened. "This is an important first step," she said. "Funding will enable us to work with our community support agencies to enhance connections between the various health and social sectors."

According to a media release issued by Lambton Public Health, "An age-friendly community supports active, healthy and engaged living for people through all life stages and ability, and fosters civic, economic, and social participation."

For more information and to view the action plan, visit: [www.agefriendlysarnia.com](http://www.agefriendlysarnia.com)

## Free business seminars offered through Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership's Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) will offer the following *free* seminars for those who have small businesses or startups.

### Ministry of Transportation Seminar

Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon

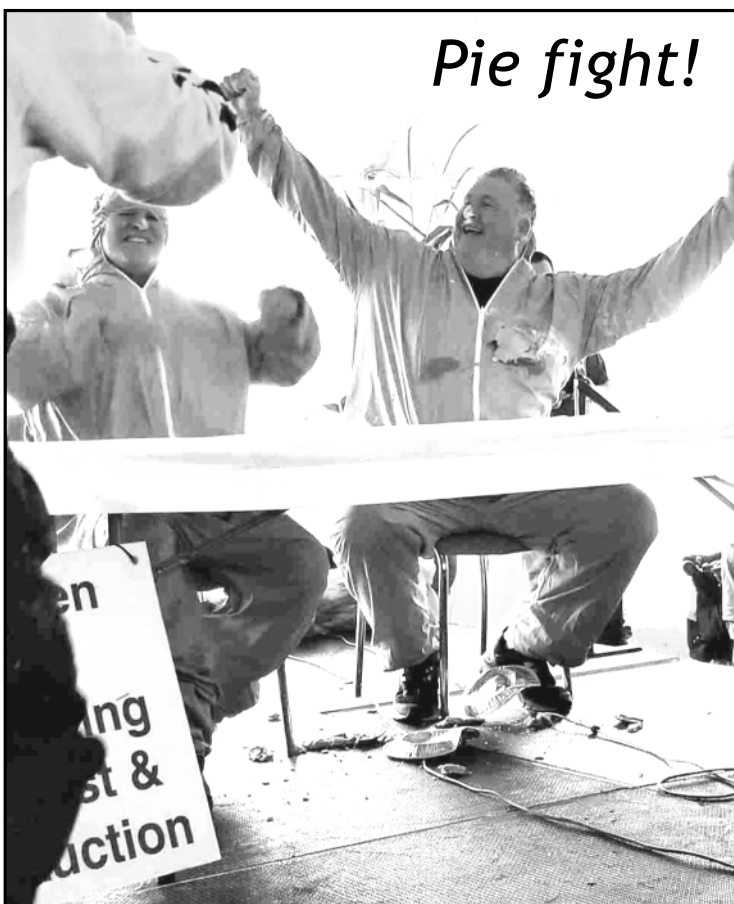
If you own a company that operates a vehicle or vehicles over 9920 pounds, Ontario's Ministry of Transportation requires that you know the standards to which you are held under the Highway Traffic Act. On Nov. 6, representatives of the MTO will discuss how to safely operate your vehicles, offering information including licensing, vehicle history logs, and other required documentation, plus updates on changes to the Highway Traffic Act

and other MTO regulations. Pre-registration is required. Contact Fraser Parry at [fraser@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:fraser@sarnialambton.on.ca) for more information.

### Writing a Business Plan

Wednesday, Nov. 14

BEC Business Counselor Fraser Parry will conduct a Writing a Business Plan seminar, taking you through the steps needed to get your business venture off the ground. He will provide information necessary to understand what is required of a new or expanding business. Pre-registration is required. Contact Fraser Parry at [fraser@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:fraser@sarnialambton.on.ca) for more information.



### Pie fight!

Pastry pulverizing mayhem ensued during the Brigden Fair as Mayor Steve Arnold, left, took on mayoral candidate, Councillor Jeff Agar, in an epic pie eating (and throwing) competition. The event also featured a pie auction that raised over \$200 for St. Joseph's Hospice. Submitted photo

### Skill and Drill children's program

The Organization for Literacy in Lambton offers a free evening Skill and Drill children's programs in Brigden and Corunna until April 4 (excluding December and holidays).

Parents can register their children by calling 519-332-4876, online at [www.readsarnia.com](http://www.readsarnia.com), or by email at [oll3@bellnet.ca](mailto:oll3@bellnet.ca). Space is limited so please register by Friday, Oct. 5. These programs are for children in Grades 1-7 and are offered with the help of Lambton County Libraries. Children are helped to improve their math and reading while improve their self-confidence in learning.

## Brigden Fair winners

### Harvest of Gold

Congratulations to Lou Basque, a first-time visitor to the Brigden Fair. He bought a ticket on the Harvest of Gold 50/50 draw and was the lucky winner of \$3,118.74.

Thank you to everyone who purchased Harvest of Gold 50/50 tickets. The proceeds the Brigden Fair receives are used for children's activities and agricultural education throughout the year. *Thank you for your support.*

### Homecraft 2018 quilt

Congratulations to Susan Perry, this year's winner of the handmade Tennessee Waltz pattern Homecraft Quilt. Thank you to our supporters who purchased quilt tickets. Next year's quilt is ready to go and tickets will go on sale at the January, 2019 Country Jamboree.



## RAINY WEATHER AFFECTS 2018 BRIGDEN FAIR



The Brigden Fair got off to a good start in spite of the nasty trick Mother Nature played on it during the weekend. Dignitaries from all around Lambton County turned out to bring greetings during the opening ceremonies and gathered afterwards for the traditional group photograph. The group included, from left: Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) Homecraft 1st Vice-President Kathy Scott, St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson (representing the 2018 fair parade marshals, the Brigden and St. Clair Township Fire Departments; St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold; Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu; Lambton County Warden Bill Weber; MAS President Bill Myers; MAS Homecraft Division President Michelle Evanitski; Brigden Fair Ambassador Courtier Cleo Code; Brigden Fair Ambassador Eve Pettit; Brigden Fair Ambassador Courtier Taryn Robinson; Enniskillen Township Mayor Kevin Marriott; Dawn-Euphemia Township Mayor Alan Broad; Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey; Brooke Alvinston Township Mayor Don McGugan; MAS 2nd Vice-President Malcolm Rogers; MAS Homecraft Division Past-President Connie Courtney; Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Award winners Mona May and Harold Thompson; and MAS 1st Vice-President Julie Maw.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

### Brigden Fair presents 2018 OAAS Award

Long-time Brigden Fair volunteers Mona May and Harold Thompson (below) were recently named the winners of the fair's 2018 Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Award.



Since the 1970s, the couple has been active in many aspects of the fair's operation, and three children and grandchildren have also become volunteers. Mona May and Harold have both served as president of the Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) several times, with Mona May serving in 1997 and 2004, and Harold

in 1992, 2000, and 2015. Mona May also served as president of the Homecraft Division in 1989 and 1990, and has also served as chair of the Agriculture In The Classroom school program since its beginning 30 years ago.

Harold began his volunteer days as a member of the sheep committee and is still the chair of that committee. Through the years, he has been involved as an agricultural director for District 13 and has served as president of the OAAS, also sitting on that organization's Technical Safety Standard Association, which set safety standards for agricultural fairs.

The couple is also active in the community. Mona May has been active with the Women's Institute Do-R-Best branch and at the district level, receiving the Women of Excellence Fair Award from the Lambton District Women's Institute and the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. She has also been a 4-H leader for Do-R-Best Women's Institute and she leads the West Lambton Community Health program's low impact walking program.

Active with the Boy Scouts, Harold was a leader of the Zion Scout troop and was also a local Boy Scouts Canada district commissioner for several years. For over 25 years, he was involved with the Canadian Coast Guards Auxiliary in the Search and Rescue and Boating Safety programs. And with Lambton Upland Game Bird, he continues to encourage wildlife habitat, conservation and youth education in Lambton County and beyond.



## A CAMERA'S EYE VIEW OF THE 2018 BRIGDEN FAIR

*Captivating quilts*



*Agricultural  
education at  
Agriculture in  
the Classroom*



*Midway magic*



*CHOK's Sue Storr on the air with  
MAS member / horse-drawn wagon  
master Dennis Robinson, left, and  
MP Bob Bailey.*

*Swift shearing*



*A hanging bootsket*



*An aloof alpaca*



*A young team of Beaver  
Meadows Horses being hitched.*





## *Keep off winter weight at Mooretown Sports Complex*

Don't let a sedentary winter lifestyle leave you weighed down with extra pounds. Let the many activities and programs at the Mooretown Sports Complex help you manage your weight, keep you healthy, and keep your energy levels up.

### **Winter swimming lessons - Registration**

Registration will begin on Nov. 5. Call today for more information at 519-867-2651.

### **Spinning Classes**

Join the certified spinning instructors for a great workout that improves cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and power! Join any time for a 10 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 Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 per class or \$5.50 per class per senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$275 per year. Senior rate is \$255 per year for full fitness centre membership.

### **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 for a 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; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$275 per 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 per class or \$5.50/class/senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$225 per year or \$205 per year per 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 per class or \$5.50 per class per senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$225/year, or \$205 per year per senior; or included in full \$275.00 fitness centre membership. Join any time!

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

This West Lambton Community Health Center sponsored walking exercise program is held Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Call 519-867-2651 for more information.

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### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

This course will be offered on PA day, Friday, 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 is now being held every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$5/person.

### **Public Skate**

Public skating is now being held on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Cost is \$2.50/child, \$3.75/adult, and \$7.50/family.

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

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

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

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

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

## **St Clair Parkway Golf Course pesticide use meeting**

The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course will host a public meeting to present its annual report on Class 9 pesticide use as required by Ontario Regulation 63/09 under the Pesticides Act. The annual report summarizes the use of Class 9 pesticides used at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in 2017. The meeting is set for the Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily Street, Mooretown, in hall one at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 28.

*Golf Course Superintendent  
Kendall Lindsay*

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## Rapids Family Health Team

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

### **Living With Diabetes**

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The next sessions, led by a Registered Nurse Educator, will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on 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 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 session will be held on 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 session is planned for 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 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.

### **Nutrition screening tool available**

Parents or caregivers of toddler or preschoolers are invited to use Nutri-eSTEP as a fast, simple way to ensure that your child is a healthy eater. The online tool offers screening for toddlers (18 to 35 months) and preschoolers (three to five years).

Answer a short questionnaire about your child's eating and activity habits, and receive personalized feedback on how well your child is doing and what areas need improvement.

Tips and resources are provided to help make positive changes.

Go online to: [www.nutritionscreen.ca](http://www.nutritionscreen.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)



# COMMUNITY CONTACT

## ***St. Andrew's foodbank needs supplies***

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. The food bank is also open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The need for donations exists throughout the year in this community and all communities throughout Lambton County. Non-perishable food, baby care, and personal care items are always needed. At this time, the St. Andrew's food bank is experiencing a shortage of the following items: pudding/fruit cups; canned tomatoes, toilet paper, and pancake syrup. Please support your local food bank.

## ***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: [odelld@cogeco.ca](mailto:odelld@cogeco.ca) Check out the Lambton Youth Choir Facebook page.

## ***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.

## ***Supporting the St. Clair River Trail makes good cents***

Supporting the beautiful St. Clair River Trail, with its scenic views of the river and safe pedestrian use is a good sense use for your spare cents. Donation locations can be found at 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 volunteers hours needed for graduation. For more information, call Carla at 226-402-3870.

## ***Brigden United Church activities/service***

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

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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.

### Fun with pumpkins a township-wide pursuit



Submitted photo

Halloween saw St. Clair Township decorated from one end to the other with creative takes on the traditional pumpkin.

*Left: At the Sombra Museum, a Halloween Craft-ernoon resulted in a variety of happy pumpkins being created and displayed here by, clockwise from top: Finn McGlade; Ashlynn Burnham; Brooklyn Burnham; and Rory McGlade. The event also featured crafts, treats and a lot of fiendishly fine fun.*

*Right: During Pumpkinfest at the Courtright Community Centre, the children chose their pumpkins and used paints, feathers, markers, and other decorative materials to create their perfect pumpkins. The event, sponsored by the Moore Optimist Club and the Lambton County Jr. Optimist also featured a bake table and food for sale. Proceeds help support the on-going club activities and community initiatives. Shown here with two spooktacular examples of pumpkin decorating done by Optimist Club member Stan Marsh are, from left: Jr. Optimists Rachel; Chase; Adara; and Sean.*



Bonnie Stevenson photo



### 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 Samia-Lambton is a free family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6.

#### Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School

3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, 519-892-3151

#### Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### Best Start Hub - St. Joseph's School, Corunna

535 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).



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### 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 various community groups, youth sports programs, 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.

### ~ ~ ~ Looking ahead to 2019 ~ ~ ~

### Moore Agricultural Society to hold annual general meeting

The annual general meeting of the Moore Agricultural Society will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall. The event will begin with registration and membership renewal, with a pot luck supper and meeting to follow. *Watch the December Beacon for times.*

### Yuk Yuk's returns to Corunna Legion

Laugh away the winter blahs at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 when the Yuk Yuk's show takes to the stage on Saturday, January 19. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. **#stockingstuffer!** (For strangers to this social media short form, it translates as "These tickets would make a really great Christmas stocking surprise.")

### Canadian Cancer Society 5th annual Snowballz Two-Pitch Tourney

The 5th annual Snowballz Winter Classic Two-Pitch Tournament to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society will be held on Jan. 26 and 27 at the Corunna Athletic Park on Hill Street and the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. There will be 16 men's and 16 women's teams, and they must be registered and paid in full by Jan. 10, 2019. The cost to field a team is \$300. The event will include prizes, foods and beverages. Proceeds will benefit research for men's cancers. In the firsts four years the tournament has been held, about \$8,000 per year has been raised. For more information, call the Canadian Cancer Society Sarnia branch at 519-332-0042.

## 2018 Ride Don't Hide events raises \$64,371

Riders from Lambton Kent who participated in this summer's 5th annual Canadian Mental Health Association Ride Don't Hide cycling event went above and beyond to raise a combined total of \$64,371 for the CMHA's Preventative Education program addressing youth suicide.



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Events across Lambton Kent, including the 515 riders who attended the Ride Don't Hide event at the Mooretown Sports Complex on June 24, plus the 450 elementary schools students that participated in the school ride, made this event an incredible success.



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The next Ride Don't Hide event is slated for Sunday, June 23, 2019.

Organizers of the event would like to thank the many sponsors and supporters for making mental health in Lambton Kent a priority:

Zimmer Controls; St. Clair Township; St. Clair River Trail; Ontario Parks' Medical Place Pharmacy; Batterink-Walker Accounting and Tax Services; SNC-LAVALIN; Otsuka; Sarnia Construction Association; Dillon Consulting; Bluewater Power; Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson; Pilkey Investment and Insurance Solutions Ltd.; Howard Mutual Insurance Company;

Kent Farms; Chatham Kent Police Association; The Bicycle Shop; Blackwell Cycle; Smith Cycle and More; McDonalds with Peter and Colleen Buckley; Kern Water; Kent Tent; Willow Ridge Golf Course Pub

and Eatery; Zimmer Security and Cabling Solutions; Raleigh Fire Department Station 16; Rob's No Frills; The Bread Depot; Buis Beef; Blackburn Radio; The Sarnia Ob-



server; The Petrolia Topic; Sarnia and Lambton This Week; Chatham Kent This Week; The Chatham Daily News.



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scalloped potato and ham supper. Musicians are welcome.

### Meeting to enable seniors to live at home

The Lambton-based seniors' care advocacy group, Navigating Senior Care Lambton (NSCL) has been hosting a series of meetings across Lambton County to gather input from seniors and their families concerning the need to allow seniors to live in their own homes and communities. The next meeting is set for the Petrolia YMCA on Tank Street in Petrolia on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. Complimentary sandwiches, coffee and tea will be served and all are welcome. For more information, call 519-542-1895 or 519-332-4575.

### Poor Boy lunch will benefit OCT

The annual Poor Boy lunch to benefit Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna hall on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A proceeds raised will go to support OCT. Donations of non-perishable food will also be appreciated. See page 6 for other OCT activities.

### Luncheon/bake sale in Corunna

The CWL council at St. Joseph's Parish Centre (Lyndoch and Beckwith Streets, Corunna) will host a luncheon and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission will be \$5 per person for a lunch of homemade soup, roll, dessert, tea/coffee or \$2 without lunch. The event will feature delicious homemade baking, as well as local vendors displaying and selling their creations. Everyone is welcome.

### Nerf Night coming to Courtright

The Lambton County Jr. Optimist Club will host Nerf Night on Friday, Nov. 23 at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome). Ages seven to nine years old will play from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and ages 10 to 13 year-olds will play from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Kids must bring their own guns and eye protection is strongly suggested. Bullets will be provided. Admission will be \$2 and a snack will be provided. There will be limited space so reserve your spot by calling Michelle at 519-481-0577.

### Candy Cane Bazaar at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna, will host the annual Candy Cane Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The sale will include baked goods, crafts, cookies, butter tarts, small beef and turkey pies, seasonal planters and used books. A soup lunch will be available to eat in or take out. The church is barrier free and everyone is welcome.

### Santa Claus Parade in Corunna

The annual Optimist Club of Moore Santa Claus Parade will light up the night along Lyndoch Street on Saturday, Nov. 24 beginning at 6 p.m. Anyone



wishing to enter the parade can contact Cindy Scale at 519-384-0223 or by email at: [cynthiajayne1@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiajayne1@gmail.com)

### Mayflower Rebekahs host turkey luncheon

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 will host a turkey luncheon with homemade desserts on Monday, Nov. 26 at noon at All Saints Anglican Church, corner of Hill and Lyndoch Streets in Corunna. Dine in or take out. Tickets will be \$15 per person. A portion of all proceeds will help foster the needs of the community.

### Enjoy Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be dropping by the Corunna United Church on Saturday, Dec. 1 to host a breakfast for kids who are accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. Photos will be available for \$1. Advanced tickets are required and can be obtained by calling Sharon at 519-862-1957.

### Christmas parade set for Courtright

The firefighters of the St. Clair Township Fire Department's Courtright fire station will hold their annual Christmas parade and visit with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 2. Hay wagons will leave the station at 11 a.m. to roam the streets of Courtright picking up children to bring them back to the station. Santa, as well as hot dogs and hot chocolate, will be waiting for them. Canned goods will be collected for Operation Christmas Tree along the route and can also be brought to the fire station.



### 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 at Thompson Gardens in Corunna hosts several activities each week including: \*The Coffee Social, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost is 75 cents for unlimited coffee and good company. \*Fun Bingo, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 fee to participate and \$1 per card played. \*Euchre on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Cost is \$3 to play, which includes light refreshments. During the months of October, November and December, the first Tuesday of the month will be complimentary for everyone who wants to come out and play. Those who have never played euchre before or need a refresher can participate in the Intro to Euchre on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Registration is required so please call 519-862-1628 or 519-862-2629.

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## Mooretown Flags Home Schedule

Another great season of Mooretown Flags hockey action is underway

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Flags!

Saturday, Nov. 3 - Amherstburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 7 - Lakeshore, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 10 - Wheatley, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 17 - Dresden, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 1 - Wallaceburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 8 - Blenheim, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Essex, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 22 - Petrolia, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 2 - Lakeshore, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 12 - Essex, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 19 - Dresden, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 26 - Petrolia, 7:30 p.m.



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### Euchre set for Sombra Community Hall

Euchre will be played at the Sombra Community Hall on the following Fridays at 1 p.m.: November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

### Mayflower Rebekahs to host fashion show

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 will host a fashion show on Friday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna. Fashions by Alia, Tanjay, and Nygard will be featured and desserts and beverages will be served. Admission will be \$10 per person. A portion of the proceeds will help foster the needs of the community.

### All Saints Parish to host bazaar

All Saints Anglican Parish (Corunna and Sarnia) will host a joint Christmas Bazaar at the All Saints Anglican Church, corner of Vidal and Charlotte Streets in Sarnia, on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will feature a bake table, deli, meat pies, sewing, knitting, books, bits & pieces, jewellery and attion treasures. Admission is free and don't forget to take a break in the tea room for \$3 per person.

### November events at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion hosts Catch the Ace every Friday night. Ticket sales are from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the draw is at 8 p.m. \*Meat raffles are set for Saturdays, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. \*Trivia night is set for Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. \*Cards will be played at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24.

### Upcoming events at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a series of events in the next two months. \*Open jam ses-

sions will be held at 3 p.m. the last Saturday of every month through May 2019. Enjoy an afternoon of great music. \*On Friday, Nov. 9, the Waylon, Willie, Johnny and Elvis Tribute Night, with special guest Brian Moon, will be presented. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. \*A Christmas bingo will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29 with doors open at 6 p.m. and heads down at 7 p.m. \*The annual Bake, Craft and White Elephant Sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with proceeds going to the Fred Victor Centre for Homeless Veterans. \*The annual turkey raffle is also set for Saturday, Dec. 1 beginning at 3 p.m. \*On Sunday, Dec. 2 play progressive euchre. Register from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with play beginning at 1 p.m. \*On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Alf Hughes Mixed Darts tourney will be held, with registration from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and play beginning at noon.

The Legion hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information on these events, please contact the branch at 519-862-1240.

### 1st Corunna Scout Group to hold Remembrance Vigil

The public is invited to join the 1st Corunna Scout Group for its Remembrance Vigil on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Corunna Memorial Clock Tower on Lyndoch Street. It will be held in the traditional Scout "campfire" format. (Rain location will be the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 at the corner of Albert and Beckwith Streets). The evening will include guest speakers, songs and stories. Vigil candles will be available that evening with donations going to the Corunna Legion's Poppy Fund. Please bring a chair, dress for the weather, and join the group's Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts for a community remembrance.

### Brigden and Corunna Legion REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Brigden and Branch 447 Corunna will hold Remembrance Day Services on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 11.

**IN BRIGDEN**, the service will take place at the Cenotaph (corner of Brigden Road and Jane Street). It will begin promptly at 10:57 p.m. with a two-minute silence at 11 a.m. At the conclusion of the service, everyone is invited to the Brigden Legion hall for a light lunch and fellowship.

**IN CORUNNA**, at 10:45 a.m. a parade will proceed from Beckwith Street and south on Lyndoch Street to the Corunna Memorial Clock Tower, where the service will begin at 11 a.m. sharp. At the conclusion of the service, everyone is invited back to the Corunna Legion hall for refreshments and fellowship.

*No matter where you are on November 11, please pause at 11 a.m. to remember and pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve this country, and to those who have lost their lives in that service. We remain free thanks to them.*

### Jamborees are back at Brigden Fair exhibition hall

'Tis the season to get out your dancin' shoes and mosey down to the Brigden Fair exhibition hall to enjoy the jamborees, held the second Sunday of each month. The first one of the season is set for Sunday, Nov. 11. Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. A cash bar will be open and limited dinner tickets will be available for the 5 p.m.

## EARLY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2019 BEACON

Please note that the deadline for submissions to the January 2019 Beacon will be **Monday, Dec. 10 by noon**. This deadline is necessary to accommodate the holiday schedules of the municipal office and the printing office.



**Don't miss your chance to promote your event in The Beacon**

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

**E-mail: [beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca)**

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.

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

