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Help!
The elves have
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How many can
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*Best wishes to all for a
merry, memorable
Christmas
and a
New Year
filled with
happiness and promise*

*St. Clair Township
Council & Staff*



46th Annual Mooretown Juvenile Silver Stick Finals
January 3 - 6, 2019
Mooretown Sports Complex



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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MUNICIPAL NOTES

New council to be sworn in

The new St. Clair Township Council will be sworn in during council's regular meeting on Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. It will include: Mayor Steve Arnold, who won with 3,239 votes out of the 5,630 that were received; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, 2,766 out of 5,476; Ward I Councillors Tracy Kingston, Jim DeGurse, and Pat Brown; and Ward II Councillors Rose Atkins and Bill Myers.

School Board Trustees

School board trustees include: Greg Agar for the Lambton Kent District School Board (Central Lambton) and Carol Ann Bryden for the St. Clair District School Board (South Lambton/East Kent).

Council Meeting Schedule

St. Clair Township Council meetings are slated for the following dates: Monday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. (inauguration of new council); Monday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m.; 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.



Winter parking by-law-Dec. 1

The winter parking by-law is in effect as of 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.



Mayor's Christmas greeting



As we approach the Christmas holiday season, I spend time reflecting on the past year - the good work that has been completed and the ideas that will move us forward in 2019.

I know I speak for everyone on our new council when I pledge that we will do our best for our wonderful municipality.

*On behalf of
St. Clair Township Council
and Staff,*

*I wish everyone a
Very Merry Christmas
and a safe and prosperous
New Year.*

Mayor Steve Arnold



Two more "impaired" designations lifted from river

The St. Clair River is getting healthier thanks to measures that have been put in place through the efforts of groups like the Canadian Remedial Action Plan Implementation Committee.

The latest signs that the river is recovering came in a letter to council from Michael Goffin, Regional Director General for Ontario Region. The letter noted that, based on a comprehensive review by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, two "impaired" designations have been lifted. Reports from these groups indicate Beach Closing Beneficial Use Impairment and Restrictions on Dredging Activities Beneficial Use Impairment have been designated as "not impaired" for the Canadian portion of the St. Clair River Area of Concern. Mr. Goffin called these achievements "important environmental milestones."



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, Brigiden; 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.

Election night excitement filled the council chambers



Above: The St. Clair Township Council chamber was the mustering point for a crowd of excited election watchers keen to know the local results of the Oct. 22 municipal election. At about 8:30 p.m., Clerk Jeff Baranek satisfied their curiosity with the preliminary results.

Left: Newly elected Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, a long-time councillor for Sombra Township and, after amalgamation, St. Clair Township, receives a celebratory kiss from wife, Janice, during the election night gathering at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre.

Below: The new council is comprised of, from left: Ward 1 Councillors Tracy Kingston (incumbent); Jim DeGurse (incumbent); Pat Brown; Mayor Steve Arnold (incumbent); Deputy Mayor Steve Miller (former councillor for Ward 2); Ward 2 Councillors Rose Atkins; Bill Myers.



Tracy Kingston



Jim DeGurse



Pat Brown



Mayor Steve Arnold



Bill Myers



Rose Atkins

Ward 1

Ward 2

Thank you to everyone who values the democratic process enough to vote.



Public Works Dept. Notices

Contact Information

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

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.caAfter hours emergency
~ 519-344-9318 ~

Water billing.....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.

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Streetlight replacement Corunna Downtown

November 2018 - December 2018

Streetlights downtown will be replaced. During these installations, 5 or 6 streetlights will be out at a time for 1-2 days. Questions or concerns please contact Public Works.

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Changes to recycling collection 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 and will be sold at a reduced price of \$5.75 starting September 1, 2018 until January 1, 2020.

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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.

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Clear the road!

All homeowners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (e.g. 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 been approved 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.



St. Clair River Trail winter closure

The St. Clair River Trail will be closed annually from Nov. 30 to April 15. No winter maintenance will be completed during this period under By-Law 45 of 2018.

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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.

Asset Management FCM Funding Update

\$50k Funding Received, upon successful completion of our project objectives, to increase the Municipality's overall Asset Management readiness. This was accomplished in the areas of;

- Building an Asset Management Framework
- Migration of CMMS to an Enterprise Operations Management System
- Education/Training and Operational Improvements

Work included the establishment of a Steering Committee, Policy Creation, and Level of Service documentation. Migrating and implementing a new Operations Management System along with multidiscipline Asset Management awareness training and education.

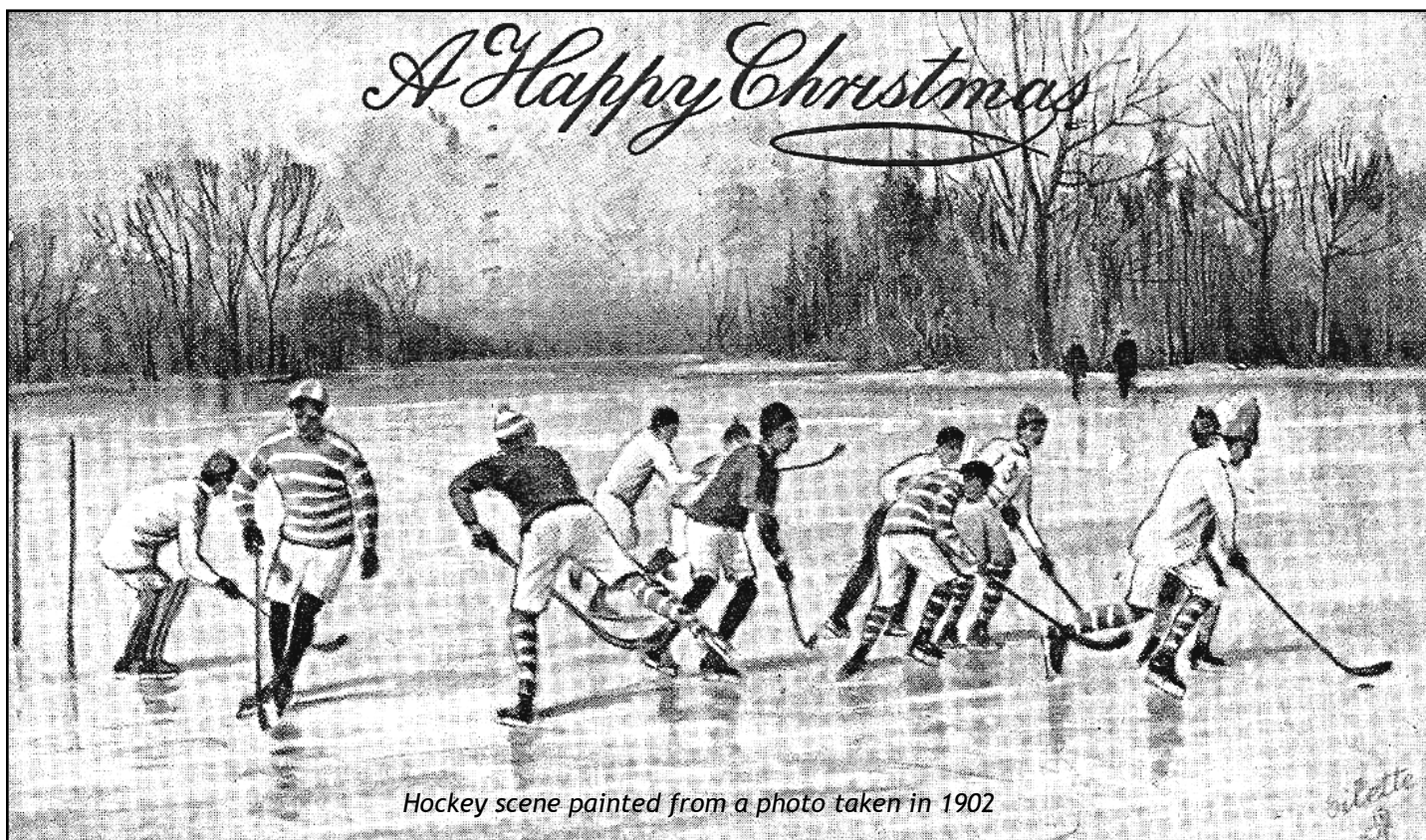
Winter vehicle accidents most frequent

Every motorist who copes with our Canadian winters knows it's a treacherous time to be on the road. Drivers are urged to adjust their speed to the weather and road conditions, and exercise good common sense.

SUV and 4x4 drivers, as well as drivers with all season tires on their vehicles, no matter what kind of brake assist and other control features they might have, still run the same risks as other motorists. Stopping a vehicle or regaining control of a vehicle that has gone into a slide pose serious or even fatal threats no matter what you're driving.

Collisions happen but they can often be avoided. Be winter wise and drive responsibly. Slow down in bad conditions, make good use of directional signals, be sure your window washer and wipers are in good shape, and drive sober.

HERITAGE CORNER



Memories of Skating on Talfourd Creek, Froomefield, Ont. By Alice Gibb

"Oh, I wish I had a river I could skate away on....."
- Joni Mitchell

Every winter, youngsters in Froomefield started watching their thermometers with great interest. This was still the era of Fahrenheit temperatures in the 1950s and early 60s. We wanted the numbers to fall far below the freezing point. The reason - we were waiting for Talfourd Creek to turn to ice and the skating season to begin!

Talfourd Creek, which wound through the Sarnia Chippewas reserve and apparently on to the Moore Township settlement of Logierait, spilled into the St. Clair right beside the Canadian Oil refinery (now Shell Canada). In fact, that last section of the creek rarely turned to solid ice, likely due to the chemicals - and perhaps hot emissions - from the refinery. But upstream, often by late December, we had a skating rink like no other.

My mother would bundle up my brother and myself in layers of clothing from mittens to thick scarves to double socks. We'd head back through the vacant lot, owned by a Catholic order which had once planned to build a school in Froomefield, and down to the creek behind the Ryans'. Someone would have pulled logs over to the bank of the creek, where you could change out of boots and into your skates. On good days, the ice would be cleaned off and there would be a roaring fire where you could warm your fingers and toes whenever they seemed on the verge of frostbite.

Admittedly, there was a division of sorts on the frozen creek. The boys, particularly the teenage boys, were there for a reason - to play games of pickup hockey. Numbers were never a problem: the Havers family had 11 children and the Jack and Alice Ryan family had ten offspring. Jack Ryan, the patriarch, often played hockey along with the boys and he was exceptionally handy with a hockey stick.

We girls, and the younger children, usually stayed out of the

way. We would leisurely skate down the creek, towards the St. Clair. It was a winding creek, with lots of trees overhanging the banks. It was easy to pretend you were exploring in the wild. The girls would join hands and we usually traveled as far as the back of the Froomefield United Church Cemetery. There came a point where the ice wasn't quite as firm and you started to see signs of pollution along the banks. While I can recall skaters getting wet feet, I don't remember anyone actually falling through the ice into deeper waters.

We had our section of the creek and kids from the reserve (Aamjiwnaang) had their section, and we rarely trespassed on each other's territory. We vaguely knew that Talfourd Creek had been named for the brothers - Froome and Field Talfourd - who founded our village. I'm not sure any of us really knew how far the creek wound into Moore Township. Others had heard the story of the albino turtles once discovered in Talfourd Creek, and knew that those turtles were a hoax devised by the enterprising David family.

After two or three hours of skating, noses, cheeks and toes would be frozen. We'd return to the logs, take off our skates and dash home, knowing that hot chocolate and a warm house would be waiting.

Like Joni Mitchell, I still sometimes wish I had a river (or creek) to go to.

Alice Gibb, now of London, Ontario, was born and raised in Froomefield. Several generations of her Gibb and Simpson families farmed nearby in Moore Township. Her mother, Evelyn, was Tweedsmuir curator for the Froomefield Women's Institute and this spawned Alice's interest in local history. Alice has written for and edited six township histories, including Euphemia Township's history. Over the years she has written history columns for publications in London, Seaforth, Lucan and Ailsa Craig. She still misses the St. Clair River and long ago rowboat trips to Stag Island.

Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the community

Moore Museum's "Adopt-a-Project" campaign each year seeks funding for a variety of projects needed for the Museum's development, programming and maintenance. Once again in 2018, community-minded industries, businesses, organizations and individuals generously sponsored these projects, and Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges their support.

Specific projects were funded by the following:

Purchase of a newly restored antique wood stove to heat the one-room schoolhouse:

- Moore Community & Recreational Foundation
- Optimist Club of Moore

Fundraising continued for the addition onto the fire hall:

- Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447, Corunna
- Lambton Mutual Insurance Company

Improvements to Lionel model train room:

- CN Railroaders in the Community - in recognition of volunteer work of CN retiree Leo Griffiths and Marg Griffiths
- Knights of Columbus Council 9447

Antique vehicle maintenance:

- Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

The following donors contributed in 2018 to projects and operating costs, including care of the historic buildings and artifacts and offering lifelong learning opportunities for visitors:

- Bruce & Margaret MacPherson
- Donations in memory of Grace Woods - long-time Museum volunteer and supporter
- ARLANXEO Canada Inc.
- Royal Canadian Legion Br. 635, Brigden
- Optimist Club of Brigden
- Leopold Lodge #397
- Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324
- Shirley Warner
- Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge #245
- Rosemary Bradshaw
- Sally Townsend

Thank you to all who contributed to the on-going heritage preservation efforts of the Moore Museum.



Moore Museum prepares for Christmas school program



Photo submitted

The popular Moore Museum Christmas school program, which highlights pioneer and Victorian Christmas traditions, is back in operation and to prepare, Museum Assistant Fiona Doherty, kneeling, and co-op student volunteer Kate McGregor prepare a tree filled with handmade and traditional decorations.

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. Or visit the St. Clair Township site: 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.



Poor Boy Lunch draws a delightfully mixed crowd

The recent Poor Boy Lunch kick off fundraiser to benefit the annual north St. Clair Township Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) hamper program, put on by the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary in north St. Clair Township, generated a much-appreciated \$2,000. The program is an initiative of the Moore Optimist Club. The lunch attracted a diverse range of diners, including a few who were still getting the hang of food conveyance. At the “baby table,” left, a trio of hungry toddlers employed various eating techniques to enjoy their hot dogs. Twenty month-old Micah, left, “shoveled” his lunch with a gusto two-year-old Elody, middle, found fascinating. Meanwhile, 15-month-old Rowan was too busy using the “stuffing” method to watch the action to his right.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

Right: Haley McKinlay, 13, spoke to the crowd about her successful fundraising efforts for Operation Christmas Tree. The Col. Cameron Public School student has been helping out with local Christmas efforts since she was in kindergarten, when she began collecting Canadian Tire money to buy toys for less fortunate children in the township. “It doesn’t sound like a lot but when you get enough Canadian Tire money, it goes a long way,” she said. Her recent efforts have evolved to the point where, last year, she collected about \$1,000 for OCT.

Haley explains that her efforts are a way of giving back for the joy the program brought to her and her family years ago. “My family used Operation Christmas Tree when I was little so we wanted to give back,” she said, adding she derives great satisfaction from donating to the program. “I never get to meet the people this goes to, but I can imagine them having a better Christmas,” she said.

Although she is off to high school next year, she says she will still be collecting Canadian Tire money for the cause. And when school is over, “I want to work with kids with special needs,” she says. “At school right now I take care of a little girl with autism at lunchtime.”



OCT President Lorne Powell looks on as Haley speaks to the lunch crowd about her fundraising efforts.

Changes to smoking act restrict use of cannabis and vapour products

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 now restricts the use of cannabis and vapour products wherever the smoking of tobacco products is prohibited.

This includes: enclosed public spaces; enclosed workplaces, including work vehicles; common areas of multi-unit dwellings like apartment and condo buildings; child care centres and home child care locations; spectator arenas hosting sports and entertainment; motor vehicles where children under age 16 are present; outdoor

grounds of hospitals and provincial buildings; within nine metres of entrances to long-term care homes; sport fields, playgrounds, and school properties plus 20 metres from the perimeter; bar and restaurant patios plus nine metres from the perimeter; outdoor grounds of recreation centres plus 20 metres from the perimeter.

For more information about the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, and on cannabis resources, go online to: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca.

Still time to support local Christmas hamper programs

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 benefit from the OPP Drive through drop-off event, 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 are 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 there during 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.

In Ward 2 (former Sombra) the Sacred Heart food bank has its own Christmas program. The next benefit event for this program will be the fowl bingo which is set for the Sombra Community Hall on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The Christmas hampers will be ready for pickup on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Aerial view of Brigden demonstrates public support for Brigden Fair



Aerial view of the town of Brigden, taken after excessive rain made the field parking area too soggy to use, demonstrates how fair-goers found parking throughout the town. This overwhelming show of support caused a traffic snarl on the streets, but the Moore Agricultural Society and its volunteers were grateful for the way residents coped with the sudden increase in vehicle volume on every street adjacent to the fairgrounds. Photo submitted



Special thanks from Brigden Fair

The Board of Directors and volunteers of the Moore Agricultural Society would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to all of you for coming out to this year's fair. A special thanks to the people of the Brigden community. With the closure of the fair parking lot on that rainy weekend, we truly appreciate your patience and understanding this year. Thank you!

Moore Agricultural Society

More results from the Brigden Fair

In spite of Mother Nature's wet rampage on Brigden Fair weekend, the fair still yielded results for several special events.

The Moore Agricultural Society would like to thank all of the auction buyers and bidders at the 2018 Brigden Fair Livestock and Charity Auction.

The results were:

- Champion Feeder Club lamb - buyer Lacey Eramo; exhibitor Claire Parney.
- Champion Feeder Club steer - buyers for UNIFOR LOCAL 848 of Sarnia Ryan McRae and Chelsea Jennings; exhibitor Trevor Dobbin.

2018 Auction buyers

UNIFOR LOCAL 848 of Sarnia; David and Lacey Eramo & family; CF Industries Courtright; Brigden Feed Mill Ltd. & Cash & Carry Feed Bin, Petrolia; Highgate Tender Meats; Ancar Livestock; Grace Transport; Pride Seeds - Doug Adams; Dresden Meat Packers; Agris - Brigden; EweDell

Family Farms; B & A Langstaff Farms; George Langstaff & Sons Construction; Anderson Agronomy Services; World's Finest Shows; Par-Tee Rentals - Petrolia; Kelly's Construction Services; Great West Auction Company; John & Shirley Langstaff; Lorne & Theresa Pumfrey; Adam & Randa Harris; Grant Langstaff & Sons Construction; Reidl Farms; Harold & May Langstaff; Dallas Haul; Fred Jennings & Family; Darlene Pettit; Horsemen Motorcycle Club; Mark Ryan & Daughters; Bill & Tammy Warner; Kody & Rachel Roddick; Wilbur Farms; Walker Morley; Scotia Bank - Petrolia; CIBC - Wallaceburg.

Thank you to the buyers. The donations of meat will go to the Women's Interval Home, Huron House Boys Home, LCDS, Petrolia food bank, Inn of the Good Shepherd, and the Salvation Army, Wallaceburg.

Thank you to Dresden Meat Packers and Weiland Meats for preparing the donations, and Bruton Farms for transporting the livestock.



Winter chill can't stop Remembrance Day observance

The bitter cold wind that chilled this year's Corunna Remembrance Day ceremony failed to lessen the attendance or the solemnity of the occasion.

Right: Padre Paul Woolley led the group in prayer and called for the two-minute silence in memory of those who died in conflicts, past and present. The day also marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Below: The crowd of observers included people of all ages, including members of the 1st Corunna Scouting group. Nearby, row upon row of wreaths, representing the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, St. Clair Township, local businesses and service groups, and individual families impacted by the loss of loved ones, stood by to be placed at the foot of the cenotaph.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



RCL Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna elects 2018-2019 executive



Front row left: Doug Heath; Treasurer Dan Watson; President John Cormier; 1st VP Marg Emery; Bob Chambers. Back row left: Shawn MacNeil; Ashley Rogers; John McKechnie; Lyn Boczek; Eric Hancock; Carman Martin. Absent from photo: Marion Maki; Malcolm Boczek; Eric Simankowicz; Padre Paul Woolley.

Photo submitted

Invenergy donates to Operation Christmas Tree Christmas hamper program



Invenergy was one of the first industries to support the 2018 Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) Christmas hamper program this year. The program is an initiative of the Moore Optimist Club. On hand for the cheque presentation, from left: Optimist members Gord Dawson and Peter Grunte, Invenergy Plant Manager Ron Kraayenbrink, and OCT President Lorne Powell.

Photo submitted

Skill and Drill children's program offers school

The Organization for Literacy in Lambton offers a free evening Skill and Drill children's programs in Brigden at the Brigden Library and in Corunna at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church until April 4, 2019 (excluding December and holidays).

Parents can register their children by calling 519-332-4876, online at www.readsarnia.com, or by email at 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.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this program on weekday evenings. Anyone interested in being part of this program can contact Judith Farris at 519-332-4876 from Monday to Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or online at: oll3@bellnet.ca



Moore Optimists play Minute to Win It



The Optimist Club of Moore not only inducted five new members at its November meeting, it also had some fun with flying chocolate.

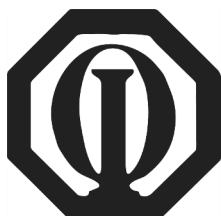
Left: Teams of two, divided into catcher and thrower, played Minute To Win It. It was all in good fun and the winning team was the team that caught the most foil-wrapped chocolate morsels in their bucket. Here, teams comprised of Tracy Kingston and Paul Mitchell, left, took on Gena Birch and Ken Nimmo. In this round, team Kingston-Mitchell won. (The circled blurs at the top of the photo are flying chocolate morsels.)

Below: New inductees are welcomed to the club. Clockwise from back left: Art Vandermeer; Jeff Rovers; Moore Optimist President Audrey Cassidy; Melody Ryan; Sarah Shymko; and Michelle Gerrie.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Moore Optimists sponsor oratorical contest



Friend of Youth

The Optimist Club of Moore invites area students to participate in the upcoming Optimist International Oratorical Contest. The local contest will be held Feb. 9, 2019 at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome).

This year's topic asks the question, "Is There A Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?" The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of Oct. 1, 2018 and the deadline to

hand in the written version of the speech is set for Feb. 2, 2019.

Speeches are judged based on content and presentation to determine the top three winners, who will receive a monetary prize for first, second, and third place. The winning speakers will also compete at the Zone level and if they win there, they will go on to District level for the opportunity to win college scholarships.

Should the competitor win at the District level, he or she is eligible to go on to the Regional competition in St. Louis, Missouri at Saint Louis University. The last step toward winning a scholarship worth up to \$22,500 is the World Championship, which is also held at Saint Louis University.

Students wishing to participate in the oratorical contest can obtain more information by contacting Oratorical Contest Chair Erica Cassidy at 519-328-1428 or by email: erica.cassidy@acuren.com

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with a membership of over 80,000 adults and youth members in almost 3,000 clubs in



the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico and across the globe. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is one of club's most popular programs, with over 2,000 clubs participating annually. Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach over six million young people each year. Learn more at: www.optimist.org

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Township twins chosen to play for the University of Windsor Lancers



Killian Irwin, right, with teammate, Lori.

June was an auspicious month for St. Clair Township sisters Kori and Killian Irwin. After graduating with honours from high school, the girls were both accepted to the human kinetics program at the University of Windsor. And just as exciting was the news that they had also been successful in making the varsity women's fastball team, which plays in the Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Softball Association.

Family spokesperson Dale Irwin says during their first season on the team, Kori was chosen all-star third base woman, making only two errors in the 18-game schedule and finishing second in team batting average as well as top offensive producer through the season. He added Killian also demonstrated notable offensive and defensive statistics. Mr. Irwin says, "They are doing very well academically at Windsor University and very much enjoying a new chapter of their lives."

The girls are the daughters of Kevyn and Michelle Irwin. Growing up in the Sombra area, the girls attended the nursery school in Sombra, Riverview Public School and Wallaceburg District Secondary School. They have played ball in Corunna, Port Lambton, Ennis-killen, Byron, and Lasalle.

Photos submitted



Kori Irwin on the field.

Two new members welcomed to Sombra Optimist Club



Two new members joined the Optimist Club of Sombra in November. From the left: Newly-elected Sombra Optimist President Vic O'Leary; Past Lieutenant Governor Louise Reek; new Optimist members Valerie Kraayenbrink and Cole Mugridge; and Lieutenant Governor Zone

6 Carla Aarssen.

New members are always welcome to the Sombra Optimist Club to help serve within the community. For more information, contact Optimist Carla at 519-892-3536.

Photo submitted

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 coordination, 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.

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.



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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 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 session, led by a Registered Nurse Educator, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 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 session, led by a Registered Dietitian, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 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. *Information for the next session was not available at press time. 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. *Information for the next session was not available at press time. 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 class will be 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.



Protect yourself with the flu shot

Protect yourself against the flu this year with a flu shot, especially if you are at high-risk for contracting this highly-contagious disease.

Those at high risk of influenza complications include: babies under six months; children under five years of age; older adults; pregnant women; people with underlying health conditions.

Free flu shots are available at six community clinics, 33 Lambton County pharmacies, and all health-care providers.

For more information on the flu, go online to: lambtonhealth.on.ca or call Flu Info Line at 519-383-3812 (toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3812).

One thing nobody wants for Christmas is the flu. Do yourself a favour and do the responsible thing - get a flu shot.

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

COMMUNITY CONTACT

MAS Annual General Meeting planned

The annual general meeting of the Moore Agricultural Society will be held on **Saturday, January 19** at the Bridgen Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. The event will begin with registration and membership renewal starting at 4:30 p.m. with a potluck supper set for 5:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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. on Dec. 5 and 19, and Jan. 2, 16, and 30. 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. Check out the Lambton Youth Choir Facebook page.

Volunteer hours for secondary students

Secondary school graduation is fast approaching and the Bridgen 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 NOTE: The trail will

Taoist Tai Chi open house in Corunna

An introduction to the Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi® Arts will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna, on Wednesday Jan. 9 at 6:30pm. A demonstration and registration period will be followed by the first of the series of weekly classes. These gentle arts offer benefits to people of all ages in a compassionate and non-competitive environment. For more information, please call 519-344-0346.

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.

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 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.

Holiday greetings from the Moore Agricultural Society

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*Wishing everyone a
Happy New Year.
We look forward to
seeing you
again throughout
2019.*

*Thank you
Moore Agricultural
Society*

Thank you to all those who supported my re-election. I appreciate the opportunity to keep leading our municipality into a future we can all continue to take pride in.

Mayor Steve Arnold



Thank you to the voters of St. Clair Township who elected me as a councillor for Ward 1. I look forward to serving township residents over the next four years while fulfilling my term on council.

*I wish everyone a safe and happy
holiday season and a very
Merry Christmas.
Sincerely, Pat Brown*

Thank you to the residents of St. Clair Township for their support of my recent campaign and for their support over the last 12 years of my time on council. I would not change one thing. Thank you one and all, and from my family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Jeff Agar



THANK YOU

To the voters of
St. Clair Township
for your support.

*Jim DeGurse
Councillor*



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.



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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, or at the Legion branch.

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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.

Corunna Minor Baseball registration

The Corunna Minor Baseball organization has moved to an earlier registration format.

Registration is being done online and will be open until Jan. 15, 2019. An early bird fee applies until Dec. 1 after which the cost goes up by \$10. After Jan. 15, a late fee of \$50 will be added and only in divisions that are not full. Registration before the January deadline is the only way to guarantee your child will be rostered on a team during the 2019 season.

All details are available at www.corunnaminorbaseball.com or can be found on the organization's Facebook page.



New Year's Levee at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host its New Year's Levee on Tuesday, Jan. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the fun as

members of Branch 447 thank the community for its support of their events and programs, and to welcome in 2019.

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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.



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Thank you

Moore Agricultural Society





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to enjoy monthly jamborees, held the second Sunday of each month through April. 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. scalloped potato and ham supper. Musicians are always welcome.

Looking for a gift idea that will be appropriate for any occasion and keep on giving well into spring? Gift certificates for these jamborees are now available at the jamborees or at the Brigden Fair office on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Here's a look at the next three jamborees slated for the Brigden exhibition hall. The **Christmas Country Jamboree is set for Sunday, December 9, 2018.** Come dance the afternoon away. Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. Cash Bar. Limited dinner tickets are available for the 5 p.m. scalloped potato and ham supper.

Dance away those winter blues at the **Winter Wonderland Country Jamboree on Sunday, January 13.** Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. The ham and scalloped potato supper will be offered at 5 p.m. with tickets to be sold at the door. A cash bar will be in operation and musicians, as always, are welcome. Bring your partner, your dancing shoes and your love of music.

Then celebrate with your Valentine on **Sunday, February 10 at the Valentine's Country Jamboree.** Doors open at noon and music begins at 1 p.m. A cash bar will be in operation and dinner tickets will be available for 5 p.m. seating. Musicians are always welcome and the larger the crowd, the more fun we have.

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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

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 is played Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Cost is a \$1 fee to participate and \$1 per card played. *Euchre is played on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Cost is \$3 to play, which includes light refreshments. On Tuesday, Dec. 4, play will be complimentary for everyone who wants to come out and play. Registration is required so please call 519-862-1628 or 519-862-2629.

Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre

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Mooretown Flags Home Schedule

Another great season of Mooretown Flags hockey action is underway

*Go
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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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.

Don Jackson Memorial Cribbage Tourney

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the Don Jackson Memorial Cribbage tournament on Sunday, Jan. 6. Registration will be at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with play beginning at noon. The cost is \$10 per person and all monies will be returned. Food will be available and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call the branch at 519-862-1240.

Upcoming events at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a series of events in the next few months. *Open jam sessions will be held at 3 p.m. the last Saturday of every month through May 2019. Enjoy an afternoon of great music. *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.

Sydenham Field Naturalists to host presentation

The Sydenham Field Naturalists will host a presentation of interest to landowners and conservation-minded residents on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. The presentation will feature Amanda Blain from the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, who will speak about the role of the conservation authority and how landowners can develop the environment through a variety of natural restoration projects. The presentation will be held on the second floor of the Wallaceburg Municipal Service Centre, 786 Dufferin Avenue in Wallaceburg.

Sombra Optimist meat raffles slated

The Optimist Club of Sombra will hold two meat raffles at Rum Runners Speakeasy on Dec. 7 and Dec. 21.

Holiday Open House in Sombra

A Holiday Open House will be held at Rum Runners Speakeasy in Sombra on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature crafts and vendors, plus free hot chocolate and cupcakes. Non-perishable canned goods will be collected for the local Salvation Army.

Christmas musical at M-C school

The students of Mooretown-Courtright Public School will present another captivating Christmas musical on Dec. 19 at noon and again at 6 p.m. What happens when Santa loses his jingle? Who will save the day? Don't miss this feel-good holiday treat!

Christmas Eve celebration service

The St. Clair Community Church at 3435 John Street in Sombra, will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a Christmas Eve service on Monday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. All are welcome. The church holds regular worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. as well. For more information, call 519-542-4447.

Jamborees are back at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall

The Brigden Fair exhibition hall is the place

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

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.