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Brigden Fair concludes with the crowd favourite demolition derby



The Brigden Fair Demolition Derby on Oct. 19 attracted a standing-room-only crowd as a motley variety of motorized scrap metal took to the field in six categories: stock car, stock truck, stock van, modified truck, modified car, and modified V8. Above: Vehicles competing in the stock car category line up to enter the ring while the crowd settles in to enjoy the mechanical carnage to come. St. Clair Township volunteer firefighters stand by. For more memories of the 169th Brigden Fair of 2019, see page 11.



Corunna Santa Claus Parade, Saturday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m.

Road closure: Beginning at 5:45 p.m., the parade will be traveling north along St. Clair Parkway/Lyndoch Street from the No Frills store south of Corunna to Thompson Gardens/Beckwith Street. The OPP will be monitoring the road and motorists are advised to obey road blocks.



Early deadline for January, 2020 Beacon

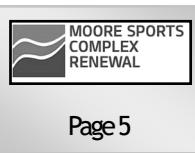
Please note the deadline for submissions to the January, 2020 Beacon will be Monday, Dec. 9 by noon. The early deadline is necessary to accommodate the holiday schedules of the municipal office and the printing company.



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MUNICIPAL NOTES



Council honoured by Wallaceburg Legion

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Wallaceburg Branch 18 visited council on Oct. 7 to express thanks to St. Clair Township for the donations and support that have been contributed to the branch. Branch 18 has many members from south St. Clair Township and council has acknowledged that in the past through donations that help pay for upgrades such as the hall's air conditioning, repairs to walls and walkways, and paving stones commemorating branch veterans at the Wallaceburg cenotaph. Presenting Mayor Steve Arnold and council with an etched crystal token of the branch's thanks are the co-chairs of the Wallaceburg Branch 18 Honours and Awards Committee, Dee Heath, right, and Len Drouillard. *Stevenson photo*

Council Meeting Schedule

The tentative dates for upcoming meetings of St. Clair township are slated for: Monday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m.

Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information or to be put on the agenda.

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

Moore Community and Recreational Foundation seeking volunteers

The Moore Community and Recreational Foundation is still looking for volunteer board members to help select worthy St. Clair Township organizations. Grants are awarded for projects submitted that provide services that directly benefit the citizens of St. Clair Township.

Those who are interested in filling these positions can contact St. Clair Township Treasurer Charles Quenneville at 519-867-2021 or Mary Jane Marsh, chair of the Moore Community and Recreational Foundation at 519-864-1531.

Winter parking by-law

The winter parking by-law will come into effect on December 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 and safely without having their work hampered by parked cars.

Property owners are 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 and mishaps.



Pheasant/Rabbit Hunting Licenses

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses will be on sale Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 until February 29, 2020. 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.

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

Jeff Baranek, RPP
Director of Administration/Clerk



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Public Works Department

After hours emergency
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Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.ca

Water Utility.....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 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the water utility department to avoid service fees.

Crossing Guards

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 \$33.05 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 with 'crossing guard' in the subject line or apply in person at the St. Clair Township office, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

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.

Until Fall 2019

For current areas affected, refer to

stclairtownship.ca

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

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



Blue Boxes back in stock

Twenty-two gallon Blue Boxes are back in stock at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. Pick one up now, while they are on sale for \$5.75. As of January 1, 2020, they will return to regular price of \$9.25.

Lids are also available for \$3.50 each (price subject to change in new year). Please note that lids will only fit current blue boxes being sold at St Clair Township Civic Centre.



Attention Residents!

We have 2077 residents using our Recycling app!

Thank you for helping us get to 2019 in 2019!

Download the App! For your complete waste & recycling information

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Get the **RECYCLE COACH™** app

.... Get all your Recycling & Waste Collection information

.... Easy as **1-2-3**



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Personalized
collection calendar

View upcoming collections and collection requirements.



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What goes
where ?

Find out the proper disposal instructions for thousands of items.



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Collection
reminders

We'll remind you what bins to take out, so you'll never miss another collection.

Public Works Department

Yard Waste and Brush Collection

In order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to landfill, St. Clair Township provides yard waste collection (directed to the compost site) in the spring and fall (see calendar for dates). During this collection period, paper bags or containers clearly marked with a large X must be used.

During the summer months, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection, subject to the 6-item limit. During this period, compost will be directed to landfill, not the compost site.

Residents can take their compost to the City of Sarnia compost site free of charge (there is a nominal charge for branches). Compost must be placed in paper bags or containers clearly marked with an X. Plastic bags will not be accepted.

The compost site is located at 379 St. Andrew Street, Sarnia. Due to construction, access to the site has been detoured. Please follow the posted route along Scott Road.

Please see our [2019 Recycling & Waste Calendar](#) (April) for information on Yard Waste and Brush Collection.

For further information call St. Clair Township Public Works at 519-867-2125.

Brush Collection for Fall 2019 will be Monday, November 4th. If your brush is not picked up on the designated day, please leave it out for collection on the 5th.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION



MONDAY

- St. Clair Parkway (South of Emily St., Mtwn)
- Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Wilkesport
- Sombra, Port Lambton, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens

Spring – 1st Week of MAY to End of JUNE
Fall – 3rd Full Week of OCT to End of NOV



WEDNESDAY

- St. Clair Parkway (North of Emily St., Mtwn)
- Corunna, Froomfield

IMPORTANT – CHANGES

Information *on all the notable changes can be found on* stclairtownship.ca - *Recycling & Waste Collection page.*



Christmas waste collection 2019

If your regular waste collection is Wednesday, Dec. 25 please put out on Monday, Dec. 23.

For waste collection on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, collection will be Monday, Dec. 30, 2019.

All other collection days remain the same.

Christmas Tree Collection will be Monday, Jan. 13, 2020.



Clear the road!

All home owners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (e.g. basketball nets, goalie nets, etc.) off and away from roads and streets. Please contact St. Clair Township Public Works with any questions.

Courtright WWTP Odour Control Project

The Courtright WWTP Odour Control project is approaching completion and performance testing has now been done.

Once the system is optimized, St. Clair Township will be reaching out to area residents with an invitation to tour the site and see the upgrades.

The tour may need to take place in the Spring of 2020, depending on weather conditions.



MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX RENEWAL

MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX RENEWAL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Moore Sports Complex Renewal fundraising committee has been busy this month. The committee has been developing an application for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

The program, which would help fund the renewal project, is a cost sharing program between the federal and provincial government. Funding is awarded based on demonstrated community need to projects that maximize the impact on investments (i.e. most people served in a given area).

The application process is a lengthy task that takes a lot of research and consultation to complete. Application submissions are due Nov. 12 but first they must be reviewed by council and approved. Programs chosen to receive ICIP funding will be notified in the spring of 2020.

If the Moore Sports Complex Renewal project is awarded ICIP funding, it will not be for the full cost of the project. The committee will be seeking further funding opportunities and devel-

oping fundraising strategies to raise an additional \$5 million to advance the project and ultimately create a new community facility that will better serve the growing population of St. Clair Township for generations to come.

It is hoped that the facility will include 'green' technologies and be built to withstand severe weather events that have been predicted as a result of climate change.

In the meantime, the sports complex's direct expansion ammonia cooling system, which presents a potential for dangerous leaks in the piping under the concrete rink pads, will need to be replaced.

The facility is the last one in Ontario still using this refrigeration system to make ice on the rinks. As a safety precaution, a recent inspection of the system was done by an independent consultant. It revealed no issues and the system passed the inspection. St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey says the situation is believed to be safe for now. The rinks are operational.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES PLANNED FOR ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Remembrance Day, Monday, Nov. 11, will be observed by the St. Clair Township Royal Canadian Legions, Corunna Branch 447 and Brigden Branch 635.

CORUNNA: The service will be held at the Corunna Memorial Clock Tower on Lyndoch Street, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with the formation of the parade on Beckwith Street, proceeding to the clock tower, where the service will begin at 10:55 a.m. At 11 a.m., the Guy Vanwaybrant Flyover will take place. At the conclusion of the service, everyone is invited to the legion hall for refreshments and fellowship.

BRIGDEN: The service will take place at the Brigden Cenotaph, corner of Brigden Road and Jane Streets, at 10:57 a.m. when the two-minute Wave of Silence will be observed. At the conclusion of the service, all are invited to the Legion hall for a light lunch and fellowship.

On Nov. 11, please remember those who have served and those who continue to serve this nation.



Help make Christmas a time of joy for everyone in St. Clair Township

Local Christmas hamper programs bring a lot of joy to less fortunate families and individuals of St. Clair Township. You can help by donating non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, or a donation of money to these two hard-working community Christmas hamper programs.

In north St. Clair Township, the annual Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) Kick-off Poor Boy luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion, 350 Albert Street in Corunna is set for Thursday, Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations to OCT can also be dropped off at the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets on weekdays from Nov. 26 to Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The annual OPP drive-through event will accept donations at the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Operation Christmas Tree, coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore, assists about 125 local families each year. Local volunteer firefighters from the Brigden, Corunna, and Courtright fire stations, as well as the Knights of Columbus, will deliver the hampers on Dec. 21 after the food and toys are collected, sorted and distributed into separate hampers for each applicant by other volunteers from the community. Any extra food is donated to the Corunna food bank.

Applications for the hampers will be accepted at the St. Vincent de Paul store on Lyndoch Street in

Corunna, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Nov. 18 to Nov. 30.

For more information, go online to: <https://operationchristmastree.ca>

In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas hamper program will be in operation as well. The door-to-door canned food drive will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24 beginning at 1 p.m., when volunteers will set off from the Anglican Church in Port Lambton.

The food bank group is always looking for drivers and for people to go door-to-door to pick up donations and/or to help sort the food after the drive. Anyone wishing to help can call Frank at 519-677-5328 or Claudette at 519-677-5609.

In addition to the canned food drive, a fowl bingo to benefit the food bank will be held at the Sombra Community Hall on Monday, Dec. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The food hampers will be packed from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 18. Help is needed for this as well.

Both Christmas hamper programs welcome the help of community volunteers to sort and pack the collected items. Volunteers, donors and program partners all enjoy having the chance to brighten the lives of the less fortunate families in their community.



100 years of Optimism celebrated with free community event

The Optimist Club of Moore held a community barbecue to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary of Optimism on Sept. 21. Families came out to enjoy the event which offered good food and lots of fun for all.

Left: A group of hungry children gather around the special 'birthday' cake table as members of the Moore and Jr. Optimist Clubs work to serve them. They include, back row left: Optimists Gord Dawson, Carson Love, Michelle Abrams, Club President Stan Marsh, Mary Lou Abrams, Jayce Abrams, Bryce Abrams, and Lorne Powell, kneeling, who became club president in October. Waiting for their piece of cake are, front row from left: Garin, Emily, Andrew, Jacob, and Emilie.

Congratulations to club member Mary Lou Abrams who was recently named as the Southwestern Ontario District member of International Junior Optimist International. She is currently the Junior Optimist Advisor.



Bonnie Stevenson photo

Moore Optimist Club seeking support for Santa Claus parade

Christmas is a busy time for the Moore Optimist Club. Its members not only oversee Operation Christmas Tree, they also coordinate the Corunna Santa Claus Parade. And for the rest of the year, they support initiatives that help nurture social responsibility and caring in community youth.

With Christmas looming in the not too distant future, the club is putting the final touches on the 2019 edition of the Corunna Santa Claus parade. Entries are being registered (there is NO fee for a parade entry), costumes are being pre-

pared, parade features (i.e. bands) are being booked, and even the needs of chilly parade-goers are being taken care of.

Over 50 entries and 3,000 guests attended the 2018 parade and this year's goal is to exceed both totals. But the parade doesn't happen in a vacuum; there are expenses for featured bands and performers, and infrastructure costs to pay for, as well as supplies to acquire.

Monetary and in kind donations would be much appreciated. Christmas is a time of giving and the Moore Optimist Club wants to give the sweet memories of a great hometown parade to this community. For more information or to donate please contact Moore Optimist Club President Audrey Taylor-Cassidy by email at audreytaylorcassidy@hotmail.com or at 226-886-3553.



Friend of Youth

Information updates available for NOVA construction traffic-Rokeby Line

A NOVA media release warns motorists that delays caused by slow-moving construction traffic at NOVA's 804 Rokeby Line construction site entrance are possible, especially between the hours of 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The release notes NOVA understands these delays may cause inconveniences to site neighbours and the community. To reduce the impact of these delays, contractors, subcontractors, and multiple local agencies are being involved with the highest priority being put on safety.

Information updates for the community will be shared through the CAER Industry Update line as required at 1-855-472-7642 (1-855-4SARNIA). The update line is a 24-hour service featuring information on industry activity through pre-recorded telephone messages. The update line is available to all Sarnia-Lambton residents.

The new polyethylene facility project, as well as the current expansion of the NOVA Corunna site cracker, constitutes an additional \$2.2 billion investment that is expected to strengthen the area's growth and the company's long-term viability. There are currently 600 tradespeople on-site. The company says the majority are sourced locally. The projected start-up of the new facility is late 2021.

For more information about NOVA Chemicals, visit the company website at: www.novachem.com

Creative County Grant program deadline looms

If you've been working on a project that will qualify for Lambton County's



Creative County Grant, your application must be submitted by Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. to be considered.

Program guidelines and applications are available online at LambtonOnline.ca (click on Creative County and look under the Residents heading).

The Creative County Grant program invests in new and innovative projects that build cultural capacity, strengthen the creative community, define Lambton County's unique identity, and enrich the quality of life of all residents. If your application is accepted, grant funding may cover up to 50 per cent of the cost of the project.



Quilt raffle benefits homeless veterans

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 is holding a draw for this beautiful queen-sized quilt (black background with colourful insets) to benefit the homeless veteran program. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The draw will take place on Monday, Nov. 11 at the branch hall.

The *Leave the Streets Behind* program is a national program that began with the Ontario Command. The program's mission is to reach out to homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness, and provide them with immediate financial assistance and support. It also connects them with social and community services to establish a long-term solution to meet their needs.

The *Leave the Streets Behind* program operates across Canada to help homeless and near-homeless veterans and their families.

Moore Agricultural Society wins Agri-Business award

The Moore Agricultural Society (MAS), the organization responsible for the Brigden Fair, recently won the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Achievement Award for Agri-Business.

The award, sponsored by Cargill AgHorizons, was presented during the Chamber's 30th anniversary Outstanding Business Achievements Awards held in Sarnia on Oct 18. The award is presented to businesses that demonstrate a high level of excellence that motivates and encourages its members/employees/volunteers.

MAS Homecraft President Michelle Evanitski said, "Honestly, we were very surprised and honoured to be nominated by an anonymous individual. It was very exciting yet humbling to hear 'Moore Agricultural Society' called out as the winner of this award. We would like to thank the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce and the 2019 OBAA Judging Committee for recognizing our contributions in the realm of Agri-Business."

A statement issued by the Moore Agricultural Society read: "The Moore Agricultural Society was proud to be a part of the Outstanding Business Achievement Awards. Thank you to everyone who, through their dedication and enthusiasm, continue to help us work diligently all year long with many agriculturally-based events to keep rejuvenating and expanding the agricultural side of the fair experience."

Moore Agricultural Society is very aware of its impact on the local community, both socially and economically, and strives to provide facilities and events for the area and the various demographics. Having

the characteristics of a good friend, good neighbour, and good citizen is important to Moore Agricultural Society.

As an agri-business, our success comes from our ability to work in combination with, and to support many of the other nominees in this category. By striving to buy local and to promote our neighbouring businesses across Sarnia Lambton, this makes us all stronger as we grow together and build our industry with passion.

"When we work together with a plan and clear vision, we are all winners."



Above left: Accepting the Agri-Business Award are Homecraft 2nd VP Barbara Rogers, MAS President Malcolm Rogers, and Homecraft President Michelle Evanitski.

Submitted photo

HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum hosts home-schooled students

A group of home-schooled students enjoyed an afternoon hearing how children lived in times gone by through the Moore Museum's pioneer *Childhood Memories* and *Victorian Times* programs.

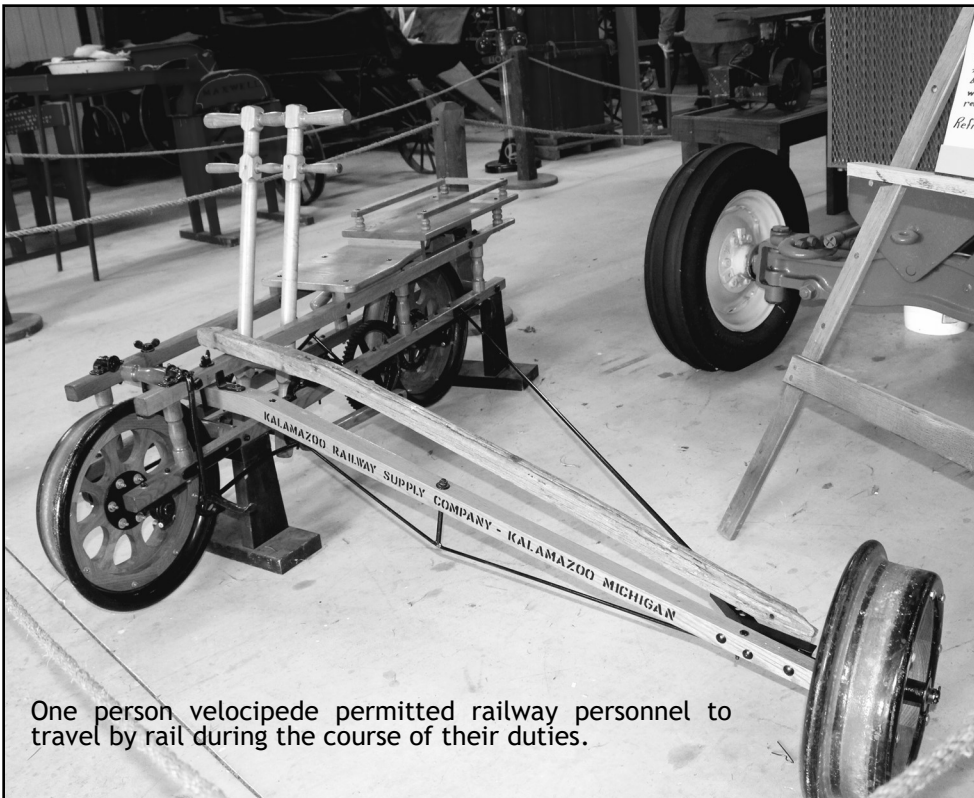
The students and their families, who come from Corunna, Wyoming, Petrolia and Sarnia, are connected by Facebook. The students are in grades kindergarten to Grade 5.

Right: In the role of a pioneer woman, Moore Museum staff member Linda Wood tells the students about her early years, describing daily life as a child growing up in a rough, new land.

Stevenson photo



Newest addition to Moore Museum collection takes up residence



One person velocipede permitted railway personnel to travel by rail during the course of their duties.

The newest addition to the Moore Museum collection looks like a wooden bike with a very long training wheel. Look closer and you'll see it was made by a railway supply company.

The new addition is a velocipede, a restored three-wheeled railway 'car' that allows a single rider to propel the rail car with his feet, or feet and hands together. The car was used by track inspectors, telegraph line repairmen, and lamplighters.

The original car was found partially covered with dirt beside the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway tracks near Rodney, Ontario.

The car was refitted by Don Eastman of Blenheim in 1983. During its reconstruction, all of the wood had to be replaced, the drive gear was built up, and new wheel bearings were installed. Modern steel wheels were fitted over red oak spokes.

Visit the Moore Museum and see this early transportation curiosity on display in the Shaw building.

Stevenson photo

Spooky experiences wanted

The Sombra Museum is seeking information about "happenings" in the houses, businesses and other buildings there. Anyone with stories to share can 519-892-3982, email sombramuseum@hotmail.com or contact us on social media at [facebook.com/SombraMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum) or sombramuseum.webs.com

MORE HERITAGE CORNER



Vintage vehicles visit museum: Thirty-five vehicles from the Kent Historic Auto Club could be seen outside the Moore Museum on Sept. 30. This silver 1951 Ford Monarch was part of the convoy that brought 70 visitors to tour the facility.

Note of Thanks Sombra Shadows and Spirits

The Sombra Museum would like to thank the 37 volunteers and three summer students who spent countless hours working hard to make the Sombra Shadows and Spirits Tour on Sept. 21 such a success.

Over 210 people attended the three tours and the museum has received much positive feedback from them. We couldn't have done it without the support of the volunteers and the community.

The Sombra Museum would also like to acknowledge the support of: the Creative County Grant Program, the Optimist Club of Sombra, Sombra Sports and Recreation, Sunset Rebekah Lodge #185, Beyond Air Network, Thornyhurst Women's Institute, Shepley Transportation, and the Sombra Historical Society.

For photo memories of the Sombra Shadows and Spirits Tour, see page 13.



Moore Museum programs highlight Community Christmas Celebrations

Parents, do you remember the fun of making pull taffy at Moore Museum during a Christmas field trip to the museum? Do you still have a Christmas tree decoration you made there and does it still hang on the family Christmas tree every year?

Moore Museum's "Community Christmas Celebrations: Traditions of the World Arrive with the Settlers" school program has been updated to comply with the current curriculum for Kindergarten through grade 3, and the fun of taffy-pulling and creating a tree ornament remain popular parts of this program.

Your child's teacher may not have grown up in this area and may not have experienced this holiday tradition, so why not let them know about the program? You'll be able to share these memories of your childhood field trips with your children. Let the teachers know that they can call Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit the school programs page at www.mooremuseum.ca to learn more about this program.

The program is offered throughout December each year, but spaces tend to fill quickly, so teachers need to call soon!

We look forward to helping your children make Christmas memories at the Moore Museum.

Laurie Mason
Moore Museum Curator



A student participating in the Community Christmas Celebrations program works to create the perfect pulled taffy.

Submitted photo

MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX HISTORY

Invitation of Sept. 5, 1968 - "To all residents of Moore Township: You are cordially invited to attend the official sod turning ceremony for the new Moore Township Arena tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. at the Moore Township Park, Mooretown. Please come out and support us in our aim to have ice in the arena by Christmas."

The Moore Township Arena Committee

Taken from the Moore Museum archives

THOUSANDS ATTEND BRIGDEN FAIR WEEKEND



The 2019 Brigden Fair weekend was a great success, attracting 54,836 guests during its four-day run. "The weekend was full of new agricultural activities, shows, creative displays and exhibits, and as always, it was a wonderful Thanksgiving tradition (for many)," said Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) Media Director Julie Maw. "As an agricultural fair, it's very exciting to see the number of exhibitors increasing in our agricultural shows."

MAS extends thanks to the many volunteers who made the show possible. And with the 2019 fair barely over, they are already making plans for a very special 2020 fair. The theme of the 170th anniversary Brigden Fair will be "Hats off to the Brigden Fair".

Photos clockwise from top left: *The fair's Agriculture In The Classroom program gave students a chance to try their hands at old time chores like woodworking with hand tools. Riverview Public School students Cylus, left, and Daymen were challenged with the "bit and brace" hand drill.

*Judy Alix of the Alix Foundation joined MAS Homecraft President Michelle Evanitski on stage in the Entertainment Tent to receive the appreciation and thanks of the Moore Agricultural Society for the foundation's donation. The donation funded improvements to the fairgrounds infrastructure to make it more accessible for all. *At the Safety Trailer, St. Clair Township Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bicum helps a student negotiate the escape ladder with Fire Chief Walt Anderson standing by. *Dignitaries and community leaders attended the Brigden Fair opening ceremonies on Oct. 11.



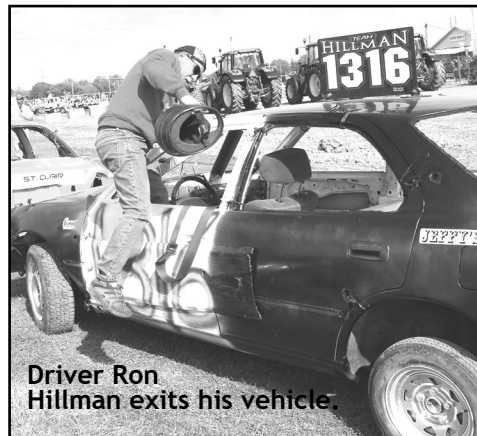
More Brigden Fair Memories



4-H members showed their prize lambs at the regional sheep



Driver Shelby Gordon checks her vehicle before the Brigden Fair demolition derby. She was one of five female drivers competing in this year's event.



Driver Ron Hillman exits his vehicle.

Holy smoke! The Brigden Fair Demolition Derby demonstrates what happens when 24 cars occupy the same small space carrying 24 drivers determined to have the last vehicle in motion.



Note of thanks from the Moore Agricultural Society

The members of the Moore Agricultural Society would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers, vendors, exhibitors and patrons of the 2019 Brigden Fair. Moore Agricultural Society is fortunate to have such a talented group of individuals who work hard to make the magic happen. Thank you for creating lasting memories for all those who visit the fairgrounds. We look forward to seeing you in 2020 when the theme will be "Hats off to Brigden Fair".



Mooretown Bantam AE team wins Mooretown Tournament Trophy

The Mooretown Bantam AE won the Stanley Taggart Memorial Tournament the weekend of Oct. 19-20. The team sealed their victory undefeated with a 2-1 win over the Petrolia Oilers.

In the final game, after an unbeaten four-game round robin, the team was down 0-1 with five minutes left to play when they tied the score and then got the winning goal with just one minute left on the clock.

The team will now go on to the South Huron Silverstick Tournament in November and the Buffalo River Classic in New York.



Shown here after their victory are, back row left: Ryan Moosberger, Mark Mossberger, Sam Thomas, Ryder Avery, Brent McManus, Caleb Mesko, Colin Haskins, and Marty Dewhirst. Front row left: Steven Switzer, Chad Wellington, Owen Smythe, Noland Devine, Brayden LeBlanc, Andrew Hayward-Lucas, Vince Krohn, Daden Sheldon.

Submitted photo

Rapids Family Health Team

The Rapids Family Health Team clinic, located in the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street, Corunna, has only one informational class slated for the remainder of 2019. There is no charge for participation. You must register to participate. Please note 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. Some new classes are being considered for the new year but have not been finalized.

For more information go to www.rapidsfhteam.ca or to register call 519-813-9800 and speak to reception.

Teaching Kitchen

Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build on your knowledge of healthy eating, but also help you be able to apply them in a friendly group setting. Classes will cover a wide range of health conditions/ topics including: heart health, digestive concerns, vegetarian, cooking for one, increasing fruit and vegetables, high blood pressure and more! Cooking classes are open to the public - no physician referral required.

The final class of the year will be Healthy Holiday Baking, Thursday, December 12 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

*Class date, times and location within Corunna subject to change/ cancellation depending upon number of patient registrants.



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.



Trail Facebook page welcomes your photos

The St. Clair River Trail has a Facebook page where we can show off the natural beauty the trail is known for as well as related photos taken in the community.

Keep your phone or camera handy when you're out and about at any time of the year.

Like us on Facebook and message us your pictures.



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

Spirits walk in Sombra - visitors witness the village story

The recent *Sombra Shadows and Spirits* guided tour offered three sold-out shows on Sept. 21. In spite of the scorching hot weather and the threat of rain, over 250 people turned out to ride the people-movers to scenarios re-enacted throughout the village. Volunteer actors presented skits based on documented historical events and everyday life in early Sombra Village.

Right: A makeup artist begins the task of transforming volunteer actor Ann Duffy into the ghost of Mrs. Bury (once the owner of the gray Bury House across from the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre). Below that photo, Mrs. Bury is shown haunting the streets of Sombra.

Below left: A group of visitors, comfortably seated in the "people mover" borrowed from the Bridgen Fair, watch actors across the street.

Bottom photo: The volunteer actors gather on the Bury House lawn for a photograph to mark the successful completion of three *Sombra Shadows and Spirits* shows.



Bonnie Stevenson photos



Bonnie Johnston photo

The Shadows and Spirits Tour Players included, left: Terry Meadows, Bret Davis, Corbin Arnold, Janis Paulley, Dawne Mudford, Anne Stratton, Tony Stratton, Brent Anderson, Kailyn Shepley, Bonnie Stevenson, David Lee, Jim Duffy, Anne Duffy, Jessica Riedle, and Cathy Martin. *Young Players* front left: Emma VanRuymbeke, Sydney Bezaire, Kate Bezaire, and Audrey Bezaire. Missing from photo: Ed Johnston, Dennis Robinson.

Bonnie Johnston photo

Don't fall victim to holiday weight gain : Moore Sports Complex

Don't let holiday weight follow you into 2020. The Moore Sports Complex can help you keep off those pesky pounds. Find a program you'll enjoy and get information ranging from registration times and program schedules to last-minute cancellations by consulting our Facebook page. Like us on Facebook and we'll do our best to keep you informed.

Red Cross Babysitting Course offered

A Red Cross Babysitting course will be offered on PA Day, Friday, Nov. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a cost of \$60. The course is for students 11 years of age and older. For more information, call 519-867-2651. For a full description of this and other programs offered by the Moore Sports Complex, go online to: www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

Shibashi - perfect for beginners

Shibashi - tai chi/qigong - is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. It consists of 18 simple steps, is easy to learn, and perfect for beginners. The class will be held on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. until Nov. 20. This class is offered through the West Lambton Community Health Centre. Register at the first class.

Public skating

Public skating is offered on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. until March 24, 2020. Cost is \$2.50 per child, \$3.75 per adult, and \$7.50 per family. (No skating on Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Jan. 5, or Feb. 23.)

Parents, Tots and Seniors skate

The Parents, Tots and Seniors skate is held free of charge on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. until March 26, 2020. (No skating Mar. 18 and 19.)

Shinny hockey is on!

Shinny hockey has resumed at the Moore Sports Complex. Come out on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. until March 19, 2020 and get your game on. Cost is just \$5 per person.

Spinning Classes - NEW PRICE!

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 \$50. Morning spin classes are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Beginner classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Strength training combined with a spin workout is offered with the Bikes & Bells classes on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Lifesaving Society Instructor Course

This course will be offered on Nov. 22 - 24. For more information, contact the Moore Sports Complex.

Release your inner rock star with POUND®!

POUND® is the world's first cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Classes are Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 per class, or \$5.50 per class per senior; \$55 for a 10-visit pass; or \$275 per year for full fitness center membership.

Low impact exercise offered

The West Lambton Community Health Centre will offer low impact exercise on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Register at your first class.

NEW! Youth POUND®!

Kids ages 10 to 15 can get in on the fun now with the new youth POUND classes on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Registration is required at a cost of \$55 for a 10-week session. Call today for more information at 519-867-2651.

Generation POUND®!

Kids ages five to nine will enjoy the Generation POUND classes on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Registration is required at a cost of \$55 for a 10-week session. Call today for information at 519-867-2651.

Pool and health club closures

Pool and health club closed on

Nov. 11, Dec. 24 at noon, Dec. 25 and 26.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Moore Sports Complex at 519-867-2651

or email: info@stclairtownship.ca

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**Mooretown Silverstick is set for Jan. 2-5, 2020 at the Moore Sports Complex.**



## **St. Clair Parkway Golf Course open weather permitting**

**The clubhouse restaurant will be open for breakfast Wednesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Christmas.**

For more golf course information or to order your stress-free meal, go online to: [www.stclairparkwaygolf.com](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com) or call 519-867-2160.

## **Hawthorne's Catering Menu**

You can still enjoy Trudy's delicious home-cooked meals at home. Just choose your meal from this menu, call in your order three days in advance, and leave the rest to Hawthorne's catering staff.

### **Option 1**

**Dinner for 2 - \$21.95, 4 - \$39.95, 8 - \$79.95**

\* Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and roll

\* Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes and roll

### **Option 2**

**Dinner for 2 - \$27.95, 4 - \$55.95, 8 - \$109.95**

\* Roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll

\* Quarter chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll

\* Lasagna, Caesar salad and garlic bread

### **Option 3**

**Dinner for 2 - \$35.95, 4 - \$69.95, 8 - \$139.95**

\* Chicken and ribs baked, potatoes, vegetable and roll

(White meat chicken extra)

**Please order 3 days in advance  
Contact Karen at 519-867-2810**

## Capt. Kidd committee donates total of \$24,00 to community organizations



Thank you to everyone who participates in and attends Captain Kidd Days each year.  
*Captain Kidd  
 and his intrepid committee*

This happy group has a lot to smile about. The Captain Kidd Days committee's work resulted in raising \$24,000 during the 2019 Captain Kidd Days event. Committee spokesman Geoff Dale announced the total during the committee's Oct. 3 meeting, noting this record-breaking total far exceeds the committee's original goal of \$20,000.

The committee has distributed the funds by making donations to: Rebound, the Canadian Mental Health Association, St. Clair Child and Youth, Mooretown Hockey Moms, the Flags hockey organization, Corunna Minor

Baseball, the Sarnia Humane Society, and the Lady Flags.

Captain Kidd Days Committee members shown here include: seated left, Kim Sylvester holding one of the donation cheques; Meg Schenk. Back row left: James McNaule; Mike Tyndall; Geoff Dale, Nicole Krohn, Marianne Gignac; Becky McNaule; Brian Daamen; Ashley Ward; Steve Lane; Darrell Gignac. Missing from photo are members Alicia Woolvett and Devin Galvin.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

### 9th annual Elimination Draw Results - Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447

#### Winners - day of the draw Sept. 21, 2019

|     |       |     |                    |
|-----|-------|-----|--------------------|
| 1   | \$50  | 168 | Dennis McDonald    |
| 25  | \$50  | 163 | Shane Johnson      |
| 50  | \$50  | 136 | Jean Proulx        |
| 75  | \$50  | 255 | Pauline McLaughlin |
| 100 | \$50  | 13  | Gay Robbins        |
| 125 | \$50  | 107 | Darryl Cucksey     |
| 150 | \$50  | 47  | Gord Yates         |
| 175 | \$50  | 77  | Peg Cormier        |
| 200 | \$50  | 188 | Kevin Harris       |
| 225 | \$50  | 145 | Pauline McLaughlin |
| 250 | \$50  | 85  | Rita McLaughlin    |
| 275 | \$50  | 301 | Rita McLaughlin    |
| 300 | \$50  | 153 | Jim Mitchell       |
| 325 | \$50  | 341 | Linda Goodman      |
| 350 | \$600 | 291 | Mike Carswell      |
|     | \$600 | 219 | Laura Heggie       |
|     | \$600 | 54  | Brooke Horley      |
|     | \$600 | 105 | Jim Stevens        |

#### Winners - 2019 weekly elimination draws

| Date 2019 | Ticket # | Winner                   |
|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| May 4     | 179      | Liz Roszell, Sarnia      |
| May 11    | 75       | Sue Topley, Sarnia       |
| May 18    | 222      | Elaine Carroll, Sarnia   |
| May 25    | 347      | Joe Sammon, Mooretown    |
| June 1    | 39       | Patricia Greene, Corunna |
| June 8    | 48       | Gord Yates, Point Edward |
| June 15   | 275      | Tina Gatt, Corunna       |
| June 22   | 19       | Karen Corr, Wallaceburg  |
| July 1    | 19       | Karen Corr, Wallaceburg  |
| July 8    | 231      | Pete Fedorko, Corunna    |
| July 13   | 191      | Mary Maxwell, Corunna    |
| July 20   | 13       | Gay Robbins, Courtright  |
| July 27   | 331      | Dela Horley, Sarnia      |
| Aug. 3    | 79       | Steve Glowa Jr., Corunna |
| Aug. 10   | 68       | Steve Gryzelak, Corunna  |
| Aug. 17   | 249      | Deb Hicks, Corunna       |
| Aug. 24   | 306      | Joe Levan, Corunna       |
| Aug. 30   | 19       | Karen Corr, Wallaceburg  |
| Sept. 7   | 300      | Adam Holmes, Dresden     |
| Sept. 14  | 217      | Scott Heggie, Corunna    |

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### **Brigden Fair winners - quilt and Harvest of Gold 50/50**

\*The winner of the 2019 Brigden Fair Homecraft Division Quilt Raffle, drawn on Oct. 14, was Helen Rankin.

The winner of the Harvest of Gold 50/50 Raffle was Mike Smith.

### **St. Joseph-St. Charles Catholic Church Community to participate in food program**

The St. Joseph-St. Charles' Catholic Community in Corunna, along with the Catholic churches in Petrolia, Forest, and Watford, has worked collaboratively with the Boys and Girls Club of Sarnia-Lambton to extend Project Backpack, a food assistance program, into Lambton County. The program provides a bag of nutritious food that can be easily assembled to people ages 14-24 who are in need of a healthy meal. Each bag also contains hygiene items and helpful information from community partners. People who qualify for this program can find these bags at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office at 346 Beresford Street in Corunna during regular office hours (Monday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Program organizers say the program will continue into the fall and they hope to continue it as long as there is a need for it.

### **Sombra Museum has new 2020 calendars / quilt tickets on sale**

The Sombra Museum's new 2020 calendar is now on sale at the museum. Treat yourself to one or give this unique, attractive calendar as a gift to someone special.

The museum is also selling tickets on a beautiful handmade quilt featuring a pink, green, and cream butterfly motive. The quilt was made by the Loose Knots quilting group from Port Lambton. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of November. Call the museum at 519-892-3982 for more information or to purchase. These items will also be available at all museum events.

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

The food bank at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is in operation every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and every other Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It operates in association with the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia. Thanks are extended to all local individuals and groups who support the food bank with donations. Your generous support is critical to its ongoing success. In the first three months of 2019, it has helped 31 different clients from our community, offering a variety of healthy food including milk, eggs, bread and meat at a cost of about \$75 per week. Financial donations are very much appreciated and can be made to: Food Bank, C/O St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0.

### **Volunteer hour opportunities available for secondary school students**

Secondary school students will be looking for volunteer opportunities to add to their volunteer hour requirements. 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.*

### **Donate your small change; support the St. Clair River Trail**

The St. Clair River Trail is a community treasure

and it's important to maintain the trail to keep it safe and attractive. It's used and appreciated by township residents and out-of-town visitors who enjoy the scenic beauty afforded by the river, its parks and its wildlife. You can help keep the trail beautiful by donating that bothersome loose change that weighs down purses and pockets. 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 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)

### **New young voices invited to join Lambton Youth Choir**

The Lambton Youth Choir is accepting new members in Grade 4 and older. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday during the school year from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at LCCVI in Petrolia. For more information, email Diane O'Dell at [odell@cogeco.ca](mailto:odell@cogeco.ca) You can also check out the Lambton Youth Choir Facebook page.

### **The Optimist Club supports community youth - new members welcome**

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 new members ages 10-18**

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

### **Good listeners wanted - Family Counselling Centre**

Good listeners are needed by the Family Counselling Centre to staff the Distress Line, speaking with individuals who need support and need to feel connected. Volunteers are also needed to staff the Tel-Check program line, placing daily calls to seniors and persons with disabilities who live alone and are feeling isolated. For over 40 years, volunteers have been making



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contact with seniors and individuals struggling with day-to-day life challenges in Sarnia-Lambton. **An information session will be held on Nov. 5 for those who are considering being a volunteer. To register or to find out more about this effort, call Donna at the Family Counselling Centre, 519-336-0120, ext. 251.**

### Opening Doors mental health support

The West Lambton Community Health Centre offers Opening Doors, a healthy lifestyle program for individuals living with mental illness or seeking mental health support. For more information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 259.

### 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.

### St. Clair Community Church services

St. Clair Community Church, 3435 John Street, holds

services every Sunday at 10 a.m. The congregation invites you to join in to praise God through song, prayer and hearing the Word taught by Pastor Wendy Beasley or one of the church's other speakers. For more information, call 519-542-4447 or visit the church website at [www.stclaircc.ca](http://www.stclaircc.ca)

### 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. **TOPS Corunna** meets every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 437 Colborne Street in Corunna. Weigh-in is at 6 p.m. with a meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Wendy at 519-381-5584.

## County paramedics spearhead program to enrich lives of hospice/palliative care patients

A volunteer program developed by Lambton County paramedics to enrich the lives of hospice and palliative care patients is gaining overwhelming support.

The program will allow terminally ill patients to leave their care facility and travel to the destination of their choice. Over 50 paramedics have already signed up to volunteer for this program and the County of Lambton has donated a dedicated ambulance to facilitate the outings. The volunteers will provide medical and emotional support for the patients, if needed, and they will have the equipment and training to safely move and transport patients with limited mobility.

Patients can now experience everyday outings such as going to watch a grandchild's sporting event, visiting friends or family at their homes, or even going to get a plate of fries under the Bluewater Bridge.

The program was initiated by Lambton County Paramedic Stephen Adlington, who commented on wishes expressed by patients he and other paramedics have transported. "Many paramedics who drive patients in hospice and palliative care have heard from those patients that they wish they could go see a location one more time or go to a fami-

ly event, but they have no way of getting there...I think it will be a very positive experience for the patients and also for the volunteers to witness those patients experience some joy."

Dr. Glen Maddison, medical director of St. Joseph's Hospice, says, "This unique initiative has the potential to bring meaning, peace and comfort to our end-of-life patients and their families."

The program also has the support of SEIU Healthcare, the union that represents paramedics. "This is a great idea that will help comfort and bring happiness to so many patients," said SEIU Healthcare President Sharleen Stewart.

### Winter RV storage available at Brigden fairgrounds

Winter storage for recreational vehicles will be available at the Brigden fairgrounds. The Brigden fairgrounds storage facility will continue to receive these vehicles each Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until noon until the facility is filled. Storage is done on a first come, first served basis.



## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The Early ON Child and Family Centres Sarnia-Lambton is a free family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6.

### Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School

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

### Hours of Operation:

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

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

535 Birchbank Drive, Corunna, 519-862-5071, ext. 224

Hours of Operation: Monday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

& 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### Brigden United Church,

2420 Jane Street, Brigden

519-892-3151

Hours of Operation: Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of hours and parent/caregiver workshops, go online to: [www.ontarioearlyyears.ca](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).



Submitted photo

## Rusty relic becomes a work of art

The September school PA day included an artistic adventure for young members of John and Frances Bouman's family.

Beacon correspondent Chris Dobbelaar says the family has known about the presence of an old crane in the bush and it was recently turned into an art project for the children. "All the young children play on it and on their last PA day, we supplied them all with paint spray cans," he said.

The results of their extensive project can be seen in this photo.

Mr. Dobbelaar says that, judging from the engine make and size, the relic is believed to be a crane from the 1930s.

The children, from left, are: Cleo, Boe, Zachary, Dylan, Scarlet, Valley, and Mylie.

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contact the church online at: [parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com](mailto:parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com)

### Cruickshank Community Centre 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 back! Join the group Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 and it includes a light refreshment. Proceeds from the last Tuesday of each month will be given to a designated charity. For additional information on any of our programs, please call 519-862-1628 or 519-862-2629.

### 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.

### Activities offered at Wellings in Corunna

Wellings Corunna, 180 Bunker Avenue in Corunna, will hold several weekly activities offering people enjoyable afternoons to socialize and meet new friends. Euchre will be held every second and fourth Monday of each month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a \$2 fee, and bridge will be offered every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Call 226-778-0539 to register.

### Low impact exercise offered in Brigden

The West Lambton Community Health Centre (WLCHC) will offer low impact exercise at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall, 2976 Brigden Road, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Register at your first class.

WLCHC classes will also be offered at the Moore Sports Complex, 1166 Emily Street in Mooretown, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Register at your first class.

### 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.

## New deputy fire chief welcomed



The St. Clair Township Fire Department recently welcomed a second deputy fire chief.

Deputy Chief Andrew McMillan will be working full time out of the township's fire department headquarters in the Emergency Services building in Corunna. His duties will focus on Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Education.

Deputy Chief McMillan was previously at the township's Becher station as well as being a full time inspector for the London Fire Department.

### November fire safety concerns

\*The month of November includes Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week from Nov. 1-7. Property owners are urged to make sure there are adequate *functioning* carbon monoxide detectors placed in their homes. Remember that these detectors need to be checked regularly according to the instructions that accompany them to ensure they are working properly.

\*Ontario statistics for the fire risk in November indicate that 8% of annual loss fires occur in November with an average of 37 injuries and seven fatalities. Top ignition sources are: cooking, heating equipment, cigarettes, and electrical distribution equipment.



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Estate Winery; and the new Cascade Casino. The cost is \$57 per person which includes lunch and wine sampling. Seats are limited on the coach bus. The deadline to register is Thursday, Nov. 14 (or until the bus is full). Please contact Denise at 519-862-1628 for additional information.

### Corunna Legion hosts several monthly events

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 will host several monthly events through the winter. They include: \*An **Open Jam Session** on the last Saturday of each month through May, 2020 at 3 p.m. \***Catch the Ace** will be held on Thursdays with supper served at 5 p.m. and sales open at 5 p.m. and closing at 7 p.m. with the draw at 7:30 p.m. \***Fun Cribbage** will be held on Fridays at 1 p.m. \***Fun Bridge** will be played on Friday at 1 p.m. \***Meat Darts** will be held on Fridays at 7 p.m. \***Meat Draw** will be held Saturdays at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend these enjoyable activities and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For additional information call 519-862-1240.

### Corunna Legion Br. 447 Upcoming feature events

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host several feature events this winter. \*The **Johnson Memorial Cribbage Tournament** will be slated for Sunday, Nov. 3 at noon. \*The **Christmas Turkey Bingo** will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28, doors open at 6 p.m. and play at 7 p.m. \*The **Christmas Turkey Raffle** is set for Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. \***Yuk Yuk's** comes to the Legion hall on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 with tickets on sale Dec. 2 for \$20 per person. They're a great stocking stuffer for Christmas or a treat for your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. Call 519-862-1240 for more information on any of these great events.

### Housing laws subject of new workshop series

A series of workshops covering various aspects of housing law is being held at the Lambton County Petrolia Library branch. The series continues on Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the subject of *Repairs*. Margaret Capes, a retired legal aid lawyer from the Community Law School, will lead this workshop aimed at better understanding of the Residential Tenancies Act. Another workshop will be held on the topic of Privacy Laws on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. *Workshop information for 2020 will begin in the January Beacon.*

### Christmas Bazaar at Wellings

A Christmas Bazaar is planned for Wellings (St. Clair Parkway south of Corunna) on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This unique shopping experience will feature live music, door prizes, and over 20 vendors, with light refreshments available. *Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted for the local food bank.*

### Santa Claus Parade Show your Christmas spirit to the entire community

Don't miss the Corunna Santa Claus Parade, coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore. It will be coming up Lyndoch Street on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. (*Date corrected from October Beacon.*) This much-anticipated event, which also includes an after-parade gathering at the Corunna Clock Tower park for hot chocolate, goodies

and Santa, is a perfect way to get into the holiday spirit, whether you are an observer or a participant.

Participation in the parade is a great way to share your family's Christmas spirit, fill the parade route with music and merriment, or promote your club, church, or business through the use of creative floats and engaging designs.

You can also contribute to the parade's success with a donation. All donors are acknowledged on the Donor Board at the Corunna Clock Tower park and online at [www.CorunnaSantaClausParade.ca](http://www.CorunnaSantaClausParade.ca). There are several donation categories, from the Super Santa at \$1,000 and over, to the Snowflake from \$50 to \$249. The Refreshment and Candy sponsorship at \$300 will provide hot chocolate and goodies for parade goers at the Clock Tower Park when the parade is over.

**Road closure: Beginning at 5:45 p.m.** Lyndoch Street/St. Clair Parkway will be closed from the No Frills store south of Corunna to Thompson Gardens/Beckwith Street. OPP control will be on-site and motorists are advised to obey road blocks.

For more information, to confirm your donation and/or participation in the parade, or to obtain a contribution and/or entry form, contact Audrey Taylor-Cassidy at 226-886-3553 or email [audreytaylorcassidy@hotmail.com](mailto:audreytaylorcassidy@hotmail.com)

### Sombra Museum Lecture series begins

The first Sombra Museum lecture of the winter will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. with County of Lambton Archivist Nicole Aszalos, who will present *A History from the Vault*. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available by calling 519-892-3982 or emailing [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)

### Corunna U.C. hosts Breakfast with Santa

Corunna United Church will host a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. All kids accompanied by an adult are invited to attend. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. Photos with Santa will be available for \$1. Advance tickets are required. For ticket call Sharon at 519-862-1957.

### Crafter-noon Christmas at Sombra Museum

The Sombra Museum will host a *Crafter-noon Christmas* on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event will include a Christmas craft, drinks and cookies, and more Christmas fun. The cost is \$5 for children under the age of 12. To pre-register, call 519-892-3982 or email [sombramuseum@gmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@gmail.com)

### Christmas In Corunna sale at Legion

The second annual *Christmas In Corunna* craft, bake and vendor sale will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall at 350 Albert Street on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include a Christmas raffle and vendor prizes, and food and drink will be available. Proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Tree. Admission is free and donations of non-perishable items will be greatly appreciated.

### LEO fitness classes in Corunna

The LEO Forever Fit class for seniors 55 and over, held at Thompson Gardens/Cruikshank Centre on Wednesday, has resumed for the season.

### Weekly Souper Thursdays

The FREE *Souper Thursday* hot lunch hosted by Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, is now offered on Thursdays 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, take out, or even delivery. Those who require assistance can call 519-862-3380 to have lunch delivered. For more information,



## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Euchre in Sombra

Euchre will be held at the Sombra Community Hall on Fridays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 1 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of strategy and socialization.

### Bazaar at All Saints Church

The All Saints Anglican Church campus in Corunna and the All Saints Church campus at the corner of Charlotte and Vidal Streets in Sarnia will present their annual bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the **Sarnia location**. The event will feature baking, a deli, knitting, sewing, attic treasures, bits and pieces, and books. Admission is free. A tea room will be in operation at \$3 per person.

### Turkey dinner at Corunna United Church

The Corunna United Church will host a turkey dinner in support of the Lambton Center on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. Children ages seven to 12 are \$10. Everyone is welcome. For tickets, please call Allan Knight at 519-862-1040.

### Rebekah Lodge to host Elder Abuse presentation

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 will host a presentation on Elder Abuse Awareness on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Church, 498 Lyndoch Street in Corunna. The speaker will be Tracy Rogers. Everyone is welcome to attend this important presentation.

### Country Music Jamborees resume in Brigden

The Country Music Jamboree Winter series begins at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall with the **Fall Jamboree on Sunday, Nov. 10**. Doors open at noon and music starts at 1 p.m. A cash bar will be available and a ham and scalloped potato dinner will follow the jamboree at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets will be \$12 at the door. A \$5 cover charge applies if you're coming for the music and fellowship only. Bring your partner, your dancing shoes, and your love of music. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments.

The **Christmas Country Jamboree** is slated for **Sunday, December 8** with doors open at noon. A ham and scalloped potato dinner will follow the jamboree at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets will be \$12 at the door. A \$5 cover charge applies if you're coming for the music and fellowship only. Bring your partner, your dancing shoes, and your love of music. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

Please see page 5 for information on Corunna and Brigden services on Nov. 11.

### Card party evening at Sixth Line U.C.

The Sixth Line United Church will host a Card Party evening on Friday, Nov. 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will include a silent auction and light lunch. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be obtained by calling Gary at 519-867-3097 or Bob at 519-864-1531.

### Soup, Sweets & Specialties at St. Joseph Parish

The CWL councils at St. Joseph Parish Centre, Lyndoch and Beckwith Streets in Corunna, will host their luncheon and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry fee including a lunch of homemade soup, roll, dessert, tea/coffee will be \$5. The fee without lunch is \$2. The event will feature vendors that include Pampered Chef, Arbonne, Epique, and 31.

### Wilkesport fire station celebrates 50th anniversary

The St. Clair Township Fire Department's Wilkesport fire station will celebrate 50 years of service to the community with an anniversary open house on Saturday, Nov. 16 from noon to 4 p.m. Past firefighters, their families, and friends, as well as the public, are all welcome to attend.

### Courtright United Church to hold drive-through lasagna dinner

Dinner doesn't get any easier than this. The Courtright United Church is holding a drive-through lasagna dinner on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Customers will have a choice of meat or vegetarian lasagna, plus a roll, Caesar salad, and a delicious square. Tickets will be pre-sold for \$15 per dinner, so customers can simply drive up, hand in their tickets, and their meals will be packaged and ready at the door. There's no need to leave the car so this is a perfect hot meal for those who are harvesting in the fields. For tickets, call Deb Vann at 519-312-6840.

### Bus trip for Chatham outing

The Cruickshank Centre at Thompson Gardens will host a bus trip on Thursday, Nov. 21 starting at 8:30 a.m. until about 5:30 p.m. Enjoy shopping and have some fun in the Chatham area. Stops include: The Glass House; lunch at The Crazy 8 Barn; Early Acres

### Promote your events and activities in the Beacon

The DEADLINE for Beacon submissions is the third Monday of each month by noon, except for the January issue - see below.

**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, 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.



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**The DEADLINE for the January issue of the Beacon will be Monday, Dec. 9 at noon**