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WISHING A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

St. Clair Township Council
and Staff



The 47th Annual Mooretown Juvenile Silver Stick Finals

Jan. 2-5, 2020

Moore Sports Complex



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 Meeting Schedule

The tentative dates for upcoming meetings of St. Clair township are slated for: Monday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Dec 16 at 6 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.

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.



Christmas Greeting from Mayor Steve Arnold

It seems hardly possible that another year is nearly over. We are on the crest of 2020 and all of the challenges the new decade will bring. By now I am sure you have heard that we have applied for grant funding for the renewal of the Moore Sports Complex; the overall cost is approximately \$35 million. Shortly, the new Moore Sports Complex Renewal community fundraising committee will be getting many activities underway to fulfil their \$5 million commitment to the project and I encourage everyone to be generous.

Council continues to improve our community within our Capital Budget process and we are considering almost \$10 million in Capital projects for 2020. Council continues to lobby for additional grants and programs to minimize the financial impact to all of our ratepayers.

As we get closer to the Christmas Season, all of us on St. Clair Township Council and Staff want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous Happy New Year!

Mayor Steve Arnold



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: 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.

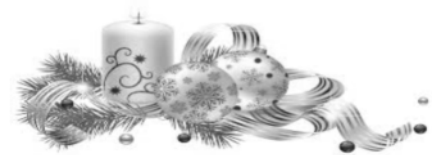
Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

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

Please note: Pheasant/Rabbit licenses are not available at Courtright Variety this season.

St. Clair Township holiday office hours

The St. Clair Township municipal office at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown will be closed for the holidays as follows: Dec. 24 at noon; Dec. 25 and 26; Dec. 31 at noon; and Jan. 1.





Public Works Department

After hours emergency
~ 519-344-9318 ~

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 Bridgen. 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.



2020 Waste Calendar coming soon

Check your mailbox the first week of January for the 2020 Waste Calendar! This calendar is full of information regarding St. Clair Township and upcoming events.



Heavy item waste pickup

Each household is allowed two large/heavy items (i.e.: mattress, couch), as part of their limit of six items each week. These items will be picked up separately from their regular waste pickup.



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.



St. Clair River Trail winter closure

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

2020 Waste Calendar available January!

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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

AVOID FROZEN WATER METERS AND PIPES

Prevention

It's that time of year again! The winter weather is here and your home is at risk of frozen water meters and pipes. This can stop the flow of water and may be costly to repair. Property owners are responsible for protecting water pipes and meters from damage. Here are a few tips to help prevent frozen water meters and pipes:

- Eliminate cold drafts near water pipes
- Turn off service to external water taps
- Insulate pipes that are most prone to freezing
- Make frequent use of your water supply
- Know the location of your indoor shut-off valve in case a pipe bursts

If you suspect your pipes are frozen check the following:

- Most likely the pipes near an outside wall, or where the water service enters the house through a foundation wall, are frozen. Begin by opening a faucet near the frozen pipe to avoid a burst line when water starts flowing
- **NEVER** use a blowtorch or open flame to thaw a line
- Begin by warming the pipes using a blow dryer, heating pad or portable heater (Do not leave electrical devices unattended or place near flammable materials)
- Once water starts flowing, allow a small stream of water to continue until heating is restored
- Eliminate drafts and allow heat to circulate to avoid refreezing

Water Department

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

519-867-2128

After Hours Emergency: 519-344-9318



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.



Bridge closures

Please be advised that the Holt Line bridge over the Sydenham River and the Pretty Road bridge over Black Creek will be closed until rehabilitation can commence in 2020. Please find alternate routes.



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from your
Public Works Department



MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX RENEWAL

MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX RENEWAL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT



The Moore Sports Complex Renewal Committee (MSCRC) will take the first big step toward fundraising for the new sports complex when it sends in the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) application on Dec. 10. If the application is chosen to receive program funding, \$25.665 million of the MSCRC's total estimated price tag could be raised. "If the grants from federal and provincial sources are successful, the municipality share of the \$35 million will be \$9.335 million," said MSCRC Committee Chair Geoff Dale. He added the committee's fundraising mandate goal is \$5 million.

At its Nov. 4 meeting, St. Clair Township Council unanimously approved the motion for the township's share of funding providing the federal and provincial grants are received. When the MSCRC project is completed, it will include two updated ice pads, a new pool, and an expanded fitness centre. The

current sports complex rink and pool infrastructure is deteriorating to the point where the necessary extensive repairs and updates would be costly and would not address the need for a facility that will serve the needs of the municipality's growing population.

"The committee's mandate is to ease the burden on the taxpayer," said Mr. Dale.

The MSCRC fundraising committee now has several members including St. Clair Township Councillors Tracy Kingston and Rose Atkins as well as retired Director of Community Services Linda Kennedy and Corunna chiropractor Beth Hodgins. Mr. Dale says several more members are being sought.

***Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is a cost-sharing program between federal and provincial governments.**



Operation Christmas Tree receives donation from Invenergy

St. Clair Power L.P. recently donated \$1,000 to Operation Christmas Tree. The donation will help to stock OCT food and toy hampers that will ensure the less fortunate families in north St. Clair Township will have a brighter Christmas. Accepting the donation are, from left: Stan Marsh, who will be the 2020 Operation Christmas Tree president; Peter Grunte, Operation Christmas Tree board member; St. Clair Power L.P. Manager Ron Kraayenbrink; and Lorne Powell, 2019 Operation Christmas Tree president.

The Operation Christmas Tree hamper program is coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore.

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 still 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) is accepting donations at the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets on weekdays until 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.

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



In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas hamper program is still in operation as well. The food bank is always accepting donations or volunteers to help. 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.

HERITAGE CORNER

HAMLETS OF ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



People on hand for the public unveiling of the Duthil sign included, from left: Heritage St. Clair members Murray McAllister, Bob Goodearle, Bob Nicol, Dave Pattenden, Eldon Grant, Brent Anderson (representing his father, Allan Anderson), and Mayor Steve Arnold. *Bonnie Stevenson photo*

When we take a drive through the rural beauty of St. Clair Township, it's easy to forget that there used to be tiny centers of habitation scattered throughout its *908,699.33 square kilometres.

Some of these hamlets were little more than a post office or general store surrounded by a few houses, but they were hometowns to many, places where newcomers settled and families were raised. They are the places that still live in the childhood memories of township residents like Eldon Grant. He's a founding member of Heritage St. Clair and, along with his fellow members, he's trying to preserve the memories of 32 of St. Clair Township's hamlets.

Eldon was a Duthil kid. His father, William J. Grant, was a merchant in the hamlet, which also boasted a United Church that was also Presbyterian and Methodist during its lifetime. Eldon recalls meeting his friends after school (*at school house #9 where there were three students*) at the "Duthil tree", which stood in the middle of the hamlet's intersection until it was cut down in the 1950s. (*See photo on right.*) He also recalls a sight that is not possible today. "From the hamlet you could see the masts of sailing ships going up the (Sydenham) river," he said.

A new sign recently unveiled near the intersection of Duthil Road and Holt Line is an assurance that the name and spirit of Eldon's hometown will be preserved. During the unveiling ceremony, the late Allan Anderson, an avid Heritage St. Clair member, was remembered as the man who spearheaded the hamlet project after he expressed concern that the hamlets would be forgotten.

The Duthil sign is just the latest hamlet sign to be erected and dedicated through the hard work of Heritage St. Clair. The sturdy double-sided sign features fluores-

cent lettering for night viewing and a QR code that can be scanned with a smart phone. The code will connect the viewer to the Heritage St. Clair website.

Signs have already been erected at eight hamlet sites, including Froomfield, Becher, and Kimball, with eight more slated for installation next year and the remaining 16 in 2021, depending on the availability of funding for the project. The sign project has been supported with funding from St. Clair Township and the Lambton County Creative Fund.

Heritage St. Clair President Dave Pattenden says the signs have been of value because of the additional information they encourage from those who are familiar with the hamlets histories. "(After they see them) it leads to people contacting us with more information," he said.

**2016 census profile*



MORE HERITAGE CORNER

MOORE MUSEUM GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY

Moore Museum's "Adopt-a-Project" campaign each year seeks funding for a variety of projects to benefit the museum's maintenance, growth and programs. In 2019, community-minded industries, businesses, organizations and individuals generously sponsored these projects. Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges their continued support.

Specific projects were funded by the following:

Purchase of an antique velocipede to provide an intriguing addition to the Museum's railroad history exhibits:

Moore Community & Recreational Foundation

Purchase of planer and ceiling fans:

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447, Corunna

Restoration of the railroad jigger:

CN Railroaders in the Community - in recognition of volunteer work of CN retiree Leo Griffiths and Marg Griffiths

Improvements to Lionel model train room:

Lambton Mutual Insurance

Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324

School program enhancements, for continued development of programs which engage students in actively learning the lessons of the past:

Optimist Club of Moore

Antique vehicle maintenance:

Leopold Lodge #397

The following donors contributed in 2019 to projects and operating costs, including care of the historic buildings and artifacts, safety improvements and offering engaging learning opportunities for visitors of all ages:

ARLANXEO Canada Inc.

Advanced Finishing Technologies Inc.

Sim Propane Limited

Southwest Regional Credit Union Ltd.

Art Dunlop

Optimist Club of Brigden

Bruce & Margaret MacPherson - in memory of Peggy Mullen

Wilhemine Mason

Eleanor Vargo

Earle & Joanne Clysdale

Sally Townsend - in memory of Ella Norton

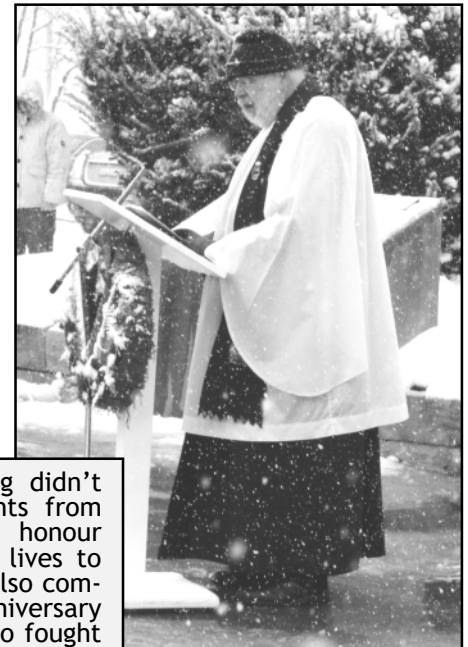
Spooky experiences wanted

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

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Winter weather fails to dampen Remembrance Day



A snowy, damp morning didn't stop Corunna area residents from braving the weather to honour those who sacrificed their lives to keep us free. The service also commemorated the 100th anniversary of D-Day and Canadians who fought in that pivotal battle.

Clockwise from top left: *Sir John Moore School students Colin Hastings and Avery Hands read *Flanders Fields* while a member of the Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadets Petrolia stands watch. *Padre Paul Woolley pays tribute to the fallen. * Bugler Greg Robins sounds the *Last Post*. * The colour guard from Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 arrives at the cenotaph. *St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold places a wreath in memory of township residents, past and present, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



WILKESPORT FIRE STATION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

The St. Clair Township Fire Department's Wilkesport fire station recently held an open house on Nov. 16 to celebrate 50 years of service to the community. Local firefighters past and present, as well as well-wishers from the community they have served so well, were treated to an extensive array of photographic memories as well as lunch and a commemorative cake. During his remarks, Mayor Arnold recalled the organization of the Wilkesport station in the 1960s in response to a need for a local fire crew in the area. On behalf of council, he acknowledged the dedication of the men and women who have volunteered their time and efforts to train diligently and staff the Wilkesport fire service over the past five decades. "There was a hole (in fire service) and they (organizers) had the foresight to start one," he said. "We now have a fire station that is second to none." MP Marilyn Gladu and MPP Bob Bailey also came to the event to bring greetings.

Clockwise from top right: *The Wilkesport fire station's newest recruit, Dallas Davis, who was chosen to cut the cake, cuts the first piece for Wilkesport's Deputy Chief Douglas Lester.

*Mayor Steve Arnold presented the Wilkesport station with a Certificate of Appreciation and a commemorative crystal token of recognition and thanks for keeping residents safe. Displaying the awards are, from left: Councillor Bill Myers; Deputy Chief Bicum; Chief Anderson; Mayor Steve Arnold; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; and Councillor Pat Brown.

*The current complement of Wilkesport fire station's volunteer firefighters posed for a photo on the occasion of the station's 50th anniversary. They include, back row left: Trevor Preece, Greg Shaw, Kody Vandevenne, Kale Shephard, Deputy Chief Steve Bicum, Chief Walt Anderson, Doug Lester Sr., Brandon Hammerlein, Doug Lester Jr., Brad Hammerlein. Kneeling left: Dallas Davis, Steve Murphy, Adam Murphy, Dan Foster, Braiden Shaw, Derick McBean. Missing from photo: Pat Leveille, Brian Bogaert, Jeanene Baxter, and Ken Taylor.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



Mammoth delivery for NOVA Rokeby site comes ashore

The largest vessel associated with the new NOVA Chemicals Rokeby site facility came ashore on Nov. 1 at the Courtright supply dock. The mammoth vessel was loaded onto a special flatbed trailer for its journey along the St. Clair Parkway south to Courtright Line, east to Hwy. 40, then north to Rokeby Line. The move was completed without incident through a collaboration between NOVA Chemicals employees, contractors, subcontractors and local agencies.

Once installed at the site, the 345 tonne 165 foot long polyethylene stripper will stand 300 feet tall.

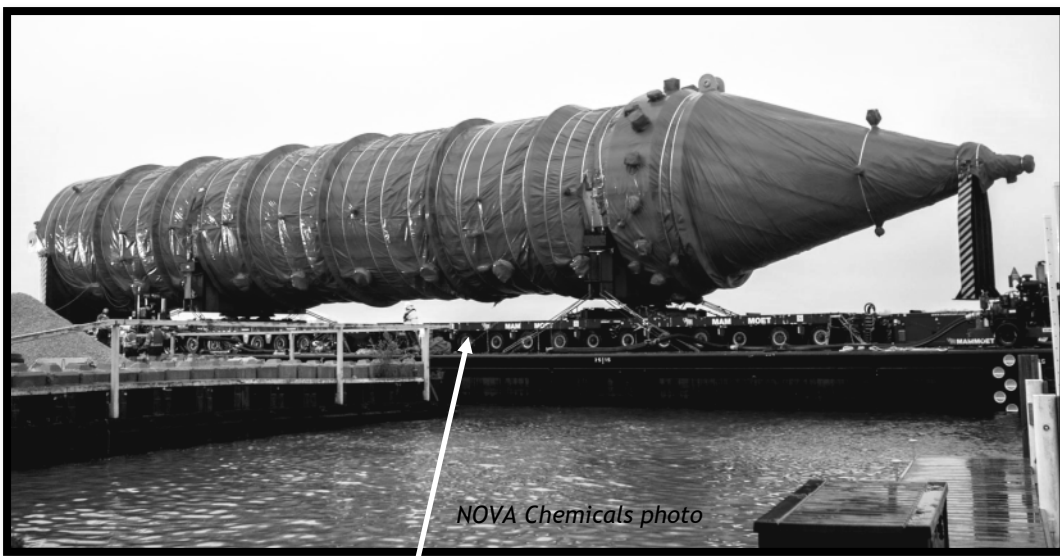
The vehicle used to transport the vessel is a heavy weight in its own right. The Mammoet self-propelled modular transporter (SPMT) is controlled by a single operator using a central panel. The wheels can be steered through 360 degrees and they have a suspension that allows each wheel to operate independently, adjusting to any bump in the road. The trailers can be linked together to accommodate extra long cargoes and they are able to keep a load level to compensate for any unevenness in a road surface.

The \$2.2 billion expansion at the Nova Chemicals Corunna site on Rokeby Line adjacent to Hwy. 40, is the first part of the project. Its projected completion date is expected to be late 2021 and when commissioned, it will produce about one billion pounds of polyethylene annually. This product is used to make products ranging from clear plastic bags and bottles to food packaging, bulk containers, and stock to facilitate processes such as industrial injection molding.

The next phase of the project will see the conversion and expansion of the Corunna cracker. This will increase the facility's current ethylene capacity by over 50 per cent. Up to 1,400 construction workers are at the site at any time and, when the project is complete, about 150

full-time workers will be hired to staff the facility.

The NOVA project is making good use of the Oversized Load Corridor project that was announced by the federal government in September. The project includes permanently raising utility lines, modifying intersections, and designating streets that can handle the transportation of oversized loads. The work has been evident in north St. Clair Township, especially along Hwy. 40.



NOVA Chemicals photo



Stevenson photo

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 up-

date 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. The company says the majority of the construction workers 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

Mega-moves help build new NOVA facility



Stevenson photo

Above: Towering pipe racks under construction at LAMSAR in the St. Clair Township Industrial Park are destined for the new NOVA project on Rokeby Line. The tallest pipe rack (on the left) is being prepared to be loaded onto a huge self-propelled modular transporter.

Below left: The pipe rack has been loaded onto the transporter and is going through final preparations before being moved to the NOVA site.

Below right: A pipe rack similar to the one shown on the left creeps along the road on its way to the NOVA site.



Stevenson photo



Photo courtesy of NOVA



Kids have a scary good time at the Moore Optimist Pumpkinfest

The Optimist Club of Moore and the Moore/Lambton County Junior Optimist Club held the perfect kick off to Halloween on Oct. 27 with the annual Pumpkinfest at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome). Families came out to enjoy an afternoon of pumpkin carving and painting, pumpkin bowling, crafts and tasty treats.

Clockwise from right: Tristan, 10, from Corunna tried his hand at pumpkin bowling; families got creative with their own pumpkins; Hannah, 11, and her sister Amelia, 7, had different opinions on how to clean out their pumpkins; and current Moore Club President Stan Marsh, dressed in an inflatable green alien suit, wandered around the room looking for "victims" like Jr. Optimist Joy Advisor Mary Lou Abrams.



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No Frills donates valuable service to Corunna food bank



Food bank representative Charles Mortley-Wood, centre, is seen here with No Frills supply manager Shelly Miller and Rob Carr.

The Christmas spirit is alive and well at the No Frills in Corunna. Owner Rob Carr is helping the Corunna food bank at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church keep a supply of meat in stock by ordering ground beef through his suppliers.

Charles Mortley-Wood says the meat is an important item the food bank gives to those who come in for help. "I order 50 pounds of ground beef every two months," he said. "We work with the Inn of the Good Shepherd (in Sarnia).

Mr. Mortley-Wood says the food bank supplies about 73 families. He noted winter is especially difficult for food bank users who have less money to spend on food because of the extra cost of heating and, for some, the cost of keeping a roof over their families' heads. "Some live in their cars during the summer," he said.

The food bank is always grateful for food and monetary donations. The donation from NoFrills will save money for other necessary purchases the food bank must make. "This will save us over \$100 a month," said Mr. Mortley-Wood.

Season's Greeting from the Moore Agricultural Society

The Moore Agricultural Society (MAS), Home of the Brigden Fair, would like to wish everyone a wonderful and prosperous 2020. We hope that everyone was able to make special memories with family and friends during 2019 and we are glad we were able to be part of it. We appreciate your patronage over the past year at the Brigden Fair, as well as the jamborees/campout weekends, tractor pulls, demolition derby, brunches, beef dinner, and other special events.

We look forward to seeing you again throughout 2020.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year,
Moore Agricultural Society



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 vegeta-

bles, 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/ cancelation depending upon number of patient registrants.

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### Laboratory Services offered

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

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New patients being accepted

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



New video now on Trail Facebook page & website

The St. Clair River Trail Facebook page and website has added a new promotional video to its photo archive. The natural beauty the trail is known for comes alive on the screen.

And while you're looking at the video and submitted photographs, why not send us some of the shots you've taken while enjoying the trail?

Like the St. Clair River Trail on Facebook and message us your pictures.



Brander Park
pavilion

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

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.



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.)

Free skating

Free family skating is held every Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

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.

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 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. More information as it becomes available.



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 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*

St. Clair Township residents honoured with Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

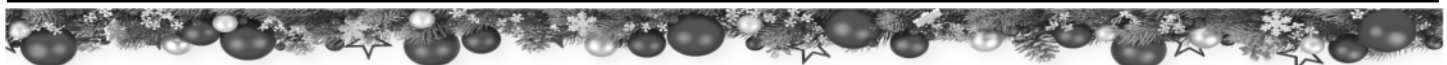


Several St. Clair Township residents received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award during a ceremony held Nov. 5 in Sarnia. This award is presented to recognize years of continuous volunteer service to one organization ranging from five to 65 years. Volunteers nominated for the award must reside and volunteer in Ontario, and be an active member in an organization that has existed for at least five years. Nominations are reviewed by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration and award recipients receive a stylized trillium pin and a personalized certificate to acknowledge their years of service.

This year the province recognized 7,100 volunteers, including 700 youth, at 52 ceremonies in 41 locations. In this area, volunteers nominated for the award had total volunteer hours amounting to 2,603 years of service. The 125 attendees at this year's award ceremony were recognized for service up to 60 years.

Above: St. Clair Township Councillor Tracy Kingston; Susanne Hodgins and Marg Griffiths, 10 years each at Moore Museum and Lyle Gander, 5 years at Moore Museum; Steve Kutz, 10 years with Sarnia Silverstick; Alan Knight, 49 years with the Blue-water Lions Club; presenter MPP Bob Bailey; Margaret (Peg) Van Nice, 50 years with Scouts Canada; Dan Van Nice, 59 years with Scouts Canada (not officially recognized at this ceremony); Norm Fournier, 30 years with First Corunna Scouts.

Tracy Kingston photo



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE FIRE SAFE!

Prevent These Leading Causes Of Fire During the Holidays.



▲ **Cooking** is the leading cause of fires during the holidays. **Always stay in the kitchen** while cooking!



▲ **Heating equipment** is the second leading cause of fires during the holidays. Heating systems and chimneys should be **inspected and cleaned annually** by a qualified service technician.



▼ **Smoking** is the leading cause of fatal fires during the holidays. Butt-out cigarettes in **large, deep ashtrays**.



▲ **Alcohol** is a factor in approximately one in five fatal fires during the holidays. **Drink responsibly during the holiday season.**

Fire Moves **FASTER** Than You!



You Need To Be Responsible For Your Family's Fire Safety!



Install **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** in your home. Test them every month.



Practice a **home fire escape plan** so everyone in your home knows what to do when the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms sound in an emergency.

Office of the Fire Marshal and
Emergency Management
ontario.ca/firemarshal

COMMUNITY CONTACT

St. Andrew's foodbank needs supplies

The food bank at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is in operation every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Thursday evening from 9 a.m. to noon. 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 the ongoing success of the food bank. In the first 10 months of 2019, it has helped 73 different client families from our community, offering a variety of healthy food including milk, eggs. The food bank offers a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including milk, eggs, bread, and meat. The fresh food supplied at the food bank costs approximately \$75 per week to purchase. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the food bank can do so through Food Bank, C/O St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0.

Please be generous this year. As we approach the holiday season and the cold weather moves in, more people turn to the food bank for help with utility bills rise, taking away money that would allow them to purchase healthy food choices. Donations of non-perishable items are also welcome, including household supplies like laundry soap, household cleaners, and toilet tissue, and personal hygiene items like toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, deodorant, and shaving items.

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.

Volunteer hour opportunities available for secondary school students

Secondary school students who are looking for volunteer opportunities to add to their volunteer hour requirements should contact the Brigden Fair office. 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.

Small change yields big results when you 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. Your small change can help keep the trail beautiful when you donated it at these St. Clair Township locations: 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 or purse 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

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 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 volunteers 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 contact with seniors and individuals struggling with day-to-day life challenges in Sarnia-Lambton. 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 ser-

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vices at 10:30 a.m. 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

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.

Country Jamborees in Brigden; a listener's pleasure and a dancer's treat

The winter months are never dull when you have the monthly Sunday Jamborees at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall to look forward to.

The Country Jamborees are held monthly on Sundays from November to April. Upcoming jamborees include the Country Christmas Jamboree on Sunday, Dec. 8 and the Winter Wonderland Jamboree on Sunday, Jan. 12. Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. A cash bar is available.

Tickets for the ham and scalloped potato dinner that follows the jamboree at 5 p.m. are also on sale.

Musicians and singers are welcome to come and participate, but it's also a listener's pleasure and a dancer's treat on a Sunday afternoon.

Jamboree gift certificates are perfect gifts to give as Christmas, Birthday or "Just because I care" gifts. They can be purchased in the fair office at 2976 Brigden Road on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



The dance floor fills up fast as talented local musicians and singers take to the stage at the monthly Country Jamborees in Brigden.

EarlyON
Child and Family Centres

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.

Shoppers flock to Port Lambton Craft and Vendor Show

The Port Lambton Craft and Vendor Show attracted shoppers from all around St. Clair Township and beyond. The show offered unique hand-crafted items as well as unusual decorative items and handcrafted jewelry like the delicate rings being sold by their maker,



Zachary Stafford of Brigden, left. He and his mom, Sheryl, had a steady stream of customers buying the rings for stocking stuffers, gifts, or just to beautify their own hands. Right: Home decor items like the air plants,



succulents, and delicate artificial plants on display at Marcy McGlade's Riverstone table also attracted the eyes of many shoppers. Marcy, shown here with some of the Riverstone product line, along with business partners Erin Snow, Marshall Burnham and Braddon Burnham, are using a Facebook page entitled *Rustic River Stevenson* photos

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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 en-

joyable 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.



Thank you note to Santa Claus Parade participants and donors

The Moore Optimist Club would like to extend its sincerest thanks to all the participants of the 2019 Corunna Santa Claus Parade. Special thanks to NoFrills Corunna, Bella's Pizza, the Welland ladies, and Laura and Allan Rogers for their generous contributions.

Without the participants and contributions from our community, the Santa Claus Parade would not be possible.

Thank you all again and have a safe winter season!

Moore Optimist Club

Beacon Bits

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.

~Seneca

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New Year's Levee at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the annual New Year's Levee at the Legion hall, (intersection of Albert and Beckwith Streets), on Jan. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the fun as members of Branch 447 thank the community for its support of the Legion's events and programs, and to welcome in 2020.

Taoist Tai Chi introduction in Corunna

The Taoist Tai Chi group will host An Introduction to the Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi Arts at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna, on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. A demonstration and registration period will be followed by the first of a series of weekly classes. The gentle arts offer benefits to people of all ages in a compassionate and non-competitive environment. For more information, please call 519-344-0346.

Winter Wonderland Jamboree in Brigiden

The Winter Wonderland Country Jamboree will be held at the Brigiden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, Jan. 12 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.

The Valentine's Country Jamboree is slated for Sunday, Feb. 9. See above for details.

Moore Agricultural Society annual general meeting

The annual general meeting of the Moore Agricultural Society will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Brigiden fairgrounds exhibition hall. The meeting will begin with registration and membership renewal at 11:30 a.m. with a potluck supper set for 12:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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 with Privacy Laws on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Upcoming workshops include: Protections Against Harassment on Feb. 26; Ending a Lease Early on March 25; Eviction Basics on April 29; and Landlord and Tenant Board on May 27. *Margaret Capes, a retired legal aid lawyer from the Community Law School, leads this series to foster a better understanding of the Residential Tenancies Act.*

Sombra senior fitness exercise classes

The Sombra Senior Fitness chair exercise classes at Sombra Community Hall, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach, have been changed to Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. The Forever Fit classes are held at 9 a.m. on Monday and Thursday mornings, and at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

LEO fitness classes in Corunna

The LEO Forever Fit class for seniors 55 and over is held at Thompson Gardens/Cruickshank Centre on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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, contact the church online at: parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com

Cruickshank Community Centre weekly activities

The Cruickshank Community Centre at Thompson Gardens

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Carvers brighten veterans' Christmas:

Wood carvers Wayne Begarnie, left, and Harvey Osborne, as well as several other members of the Triple 'C' Carvers Club who excel at painting and finishing, have been working on Christmas ornaments in advance of the upcoming holiday season. They got the club involved in what should be done with the ornaments and the consensus was that they should be used to brighten the Christmas of some local veterans. The beautifully finished ornaments will be used as favours at the Sarnia veterans Christmas dinner and some will be delivered to veterans at Parkwood in London.

Stevenson photo

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Corunna volunteer firefighters association presents turkey raffle

The Corunna Volunteer Firefighters Association will host a Turkey Raffle on Friday, Dec. 6 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be over \$2,000 in turkeys and prizes to be won with proceeds going to support Operation Christmas Tree.

MTMHA hosts Midget All Star Games

The Mooretown Minor Hockey Association (MTMHA) will host the 2019/2020 Shamrock Hockey League Midget All Star Games on Dec. 7 at the Moore Sports Complex. About 74 of the top players from 17 centres in southwestern Ontario will be on hand. This event is used by scouts to source players for their Jr. A, Jr. B, and Jr. C teams.

Wilkesport Christmas Parade

The St. Clair Township Fire Department Wilkesport fire station will present the Wilkesport Christmas Parade on Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. The parade will muster at the Wilkesport Community Centre and proceed through the village to terminate at the fire hall. At the hall, kids can meet Santa and be photographed with him, and enjoy the bouncy house, hot dogs and chili. Everyone is invited. Bring your cameras.

Christmas Country Jamboree in Bridgen



The Country Music Jamboree Winter series continues with the Christmas Country Jamboree, slated for Sunday, December 8 with doors open at noon. A ham and scalloped potato dinner will follow 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. (See page 17).

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. The draw will be held at 7:30 p.m. ***Fun Cribbage** will be held on Thursdays 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. ***Progressive Euchre Tournament**, Sunday, Dec. 1 with registration at 11:30 a.m. ***The Alf Hughes Memorial Mixed Dart Tournament**, Saturday, Dec. 7 with registration at 10 a.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 now on sale for \$20 per person. They're a great stocking stuffer for Christmas or a treat for your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. ***Don Jackson Memorial Cribbage Tournament**, Sunday, Jan. 5 with registration at 11:30 a.m. Call 519-862-1240 for more information on any of these great events.

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

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.

Christmas Cantata in Corunna

The joint church choirs of Corunna United, St. Joseph's, Corunna, and Our Lady of Mercy Sarnia are performing the Cantata "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" on Sunday, Dec. 15 at Corunna United Church and Tuesday, Dec. 17 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Corunna. Both performances are at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. There will be a free will offering. Refreshments will follow the performance. For further information contact Mary at the Corunna United Church at 519-862-1052.

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

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.