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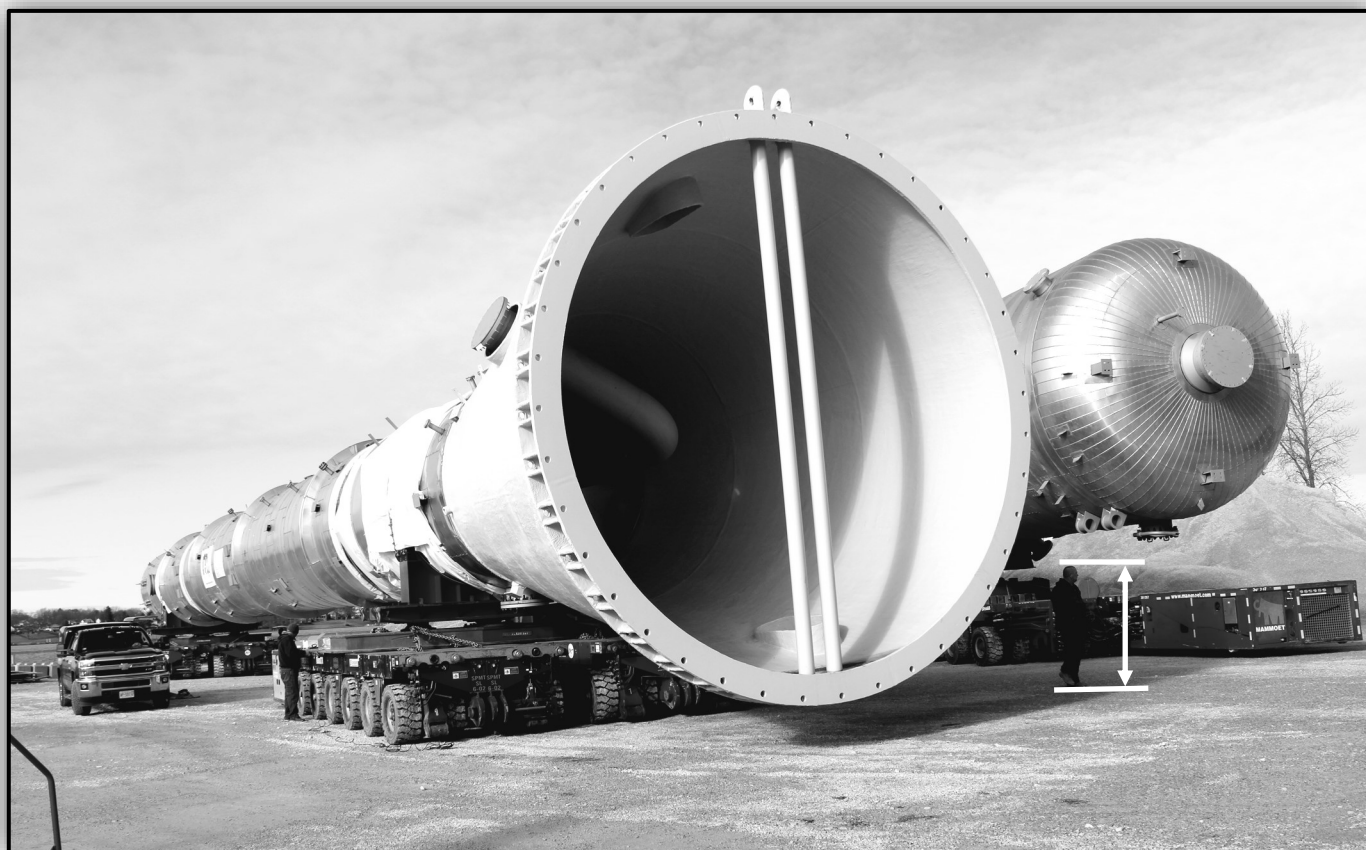
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THE TOWNSHIP
OF ST. CLAIR

Metal monsters come ashore in Courtright



These two huge vessels destined for the new NOVA project on Rokeby Line spent some time on the Courtright Supply Dock before making the journey to their new home. The mammoth scale of these components can easily be seen when compared to the worker to the right of the photograph. These components, prefabricated off-site, will continue to be brought in over the next six months. (See Municipal Notes, page 2, for a progress update from the site.)

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LADIES SO HAPPY?



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

NOVA representative updates council on new polyethylene facility project

NOVA representative Meaghan Lawrence attended council on Dec. 2 to talk about the progress being made at the company's new facility on Rokeby Line. Statistics presented indicate there are currently 800 skilled tradespeople working at the site with the majority sourced locally, and it is estimated that several million construction labour hours will be required to complete the project.

Off-site, the project is keeping many more skilled workers busy fabricating modules in local fabrication shops. These huge structures are being transported to the Rokeby site as they are completed.

It is estimated that about 180 deliveries of large modules and equipment will be made to the site over the next six months. The community is advised to anticipate slow-moving traffic and possible delays on area roads. Ms. Lawrence noted a concerted effort is being made to anticipate traffic impacts of the oversized load deliveries, particularly during peak traffic times. She emphasized that the company is working with contractors, subcontractors, and multiple local agencies to reduce the impact of construction activities, placing a high priority on safety in every facet of the project with the goal of zero injuries.

Environmental considerations are being observed by meeting permitting and regulatory requirements. A tree planting plan is underway and the company is working with contractors to minimize material waste and over supply. Noise is being addressed by scheduling work primarily during daytime hours, and a berm is in place to help with noise mitigation.

For those who are still unfamiliar with the Rokeby project, it is a new polyethylene facility, the second advanced SCLAIR-TECH™ technology facility (AST2). The new facility will use ethylene feedstock from the existing Corunna NOVA facility once that plant has undergone the cracker expansion. The project is a \$2.2 billion investment and facility start-up is expected in late 2021.

Council Meeting Schedule

Dates for upcoming January meetings of St. Clair Township Council are **tentatively** slated for Monday, Jan. 6 at 3 p.m and Monday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.

Anyone wishing to attend or 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 is now in effect. 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.



Welcome to the neighbourhood



Mayor Steven Arnold welcomes Theresa Welch and Carly Pemberton-Crawford to Corunna. The two women received the keys to their new Habitat for Humanity home during a ceremony on Nov. 29. See page 12.



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.



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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 Guard—January 2020

The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing guard to assist school children crossing in Corunna. 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. Please send applications to public-works@twp.stclair.on.ca or apply in person at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre at 1155 Emily St., 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

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.



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.



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.



St. Clair River Trail winter closure

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

2020 Waste Calendar is now available!

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

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



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Personalized collection calendar

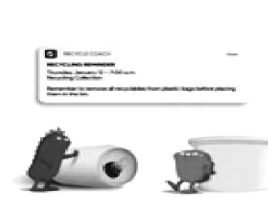
View upcoming collections and collection requirements.



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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

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:

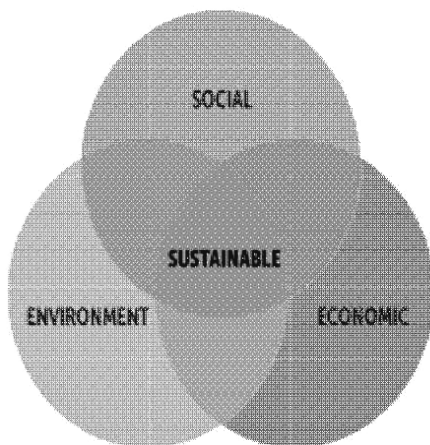
Monday - Friday

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

519-867-2128

After Hours Emergency: 519-344-9318

ASSET MANAGEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE



*To make Asset Management (AM) a comprehensive part of
St Clair Township's integrated approach towards
efficiently and effectively managing our assets, to meet or
exceed the expectations of all stakeholders.*

*Vision and Goals excerpt from - Strategic Asset Management Policy
Revision 001 2019*

HERITAGE CORNER



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This gorgeous New Year's card from 1910 is from the Moore Museum archives.

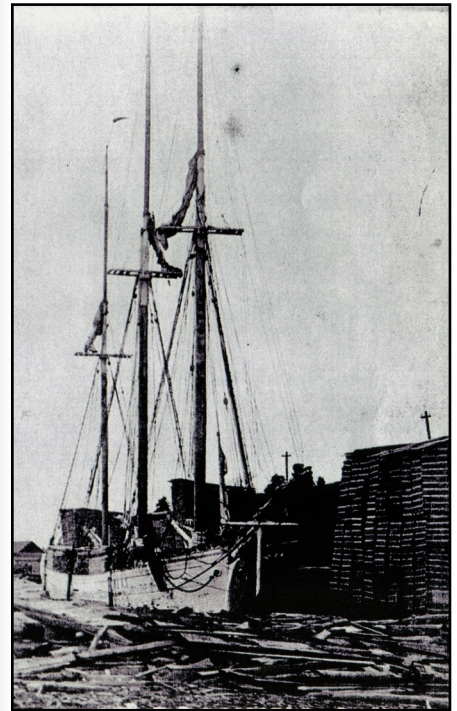
Historical Tidbits you may not know

A hamlet north of Shell Canada docks is one of the communities that recently received a shiny new sign, courtesy of Heritage St. Clair and St. Clair Township. Froomefield was founded in 1834 by Froome and Field Talfourd.

Froome Talfourd built an Anglican church there in 1840 and he ran a grist mill on the creek. He, along with Baxter, Bertrand, and Stone sold cordwood to passing steamer ships.

The place where Stone's dock once stood is now part of the Shell dock facility.

This tidbit is taken from the 1973 issue of the History of Lambton County, published by the Lambton County Historical Society.



This vintage photo from the Heritage St. Clair files show the docks at Corunna where cordwood was bought to keep the boilers stoked.

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

Heritage St. Clair Committee a history buff's dream

-By David Pattenden, Chair, Heritage St. Clair

In the late Spring, we presented part of our railroading story for St. Clair Township. At Brigden, and later that day in Courtright, we unveiled two new storyboards featuring the old CASO/MCRR/NYCRR dream of a railroad from New York City to Chicago. The route ran from New York City to Buffalo, New York, over the Niagara River to St. Thomas, Ontario, onto Courtright, and over



MCRR depot and ferry dock
Courtright

the St. Clair River by ferry, then on to Chicago. It was a dream that never reached its full potential. The line built from St. Thomas to Courtright,

passed through Brigden. Our towns of Brigden and Courtright owe their existence to this railroad.

These communities were expected to offer lodging, supplies and workers to make this railroad route possible. Although the railroad was removed in 1963, Brigden and Courtright still exist today and, if you look hard enough and know where to look, you can still see signs of this once great effort to connect New York City to Chicago through St. Clair Township. As you drive around St. Clair Township you will see the start of a new roadside sign initiative. The idea, envisioned by Heritage St. Clair member Al Anderson, was to tell the story of early township communities. These early hamlets, communities and villages, now mostly vanished from the landscape, were instrumental in the survival of early settlers to the area. The hamlets offered stores, schools, churches and camaraderie to early settlers. Small hamlets, like Duthil, Beecher, Froomefield and Kimball are now marked by new heritage roadside signs, which include the date of their establishment. The committee has four more ready to put up, and although their locations are being kept a secret, I encourage you to take a drive in the spring to look for them.

Along with the new hamlet road signs, we are also putting pictures and stories of these early hamlets on our web site, <https://stclairtownship.ca/heritage/>. This added information helps to bring these communities to life. There is also a committee from HSC working on the Abandoned Cemeteries of St. Clair Township project. These often forgotten and rundown cemeteries are in need of some tender loving care. The project group has been developing plans to improve their appearance and tell their stories. Look for more on this in 2020.

What is Heritage St. Clair up to in 2020?

We are continuing with our early hamlet roadside sign project for the next few years. It is hard to believe but there were originally about 30 of

these early communities within the township. We plan to mark the locations of each one to keep their memory alive. This will be a three- or four-year effort, so look for more news on this effort as the months progress.

Railroading is again in our plans. Another railroad, significant to the township, is commonly known as the C & O. At one time this rail line ran from Sarnia to Chatham and then on to Blenheim. Its journey took it through Froomefield, Corunna, Mooretown, Courtright, Sombra and Port Lambton, which all had passenger stations at one time. There was also a connection with the CASO at Courtright; you could get on a train in Corunna, transfer at Courtright and travel to New York City. Storyboards will soon be mounted along this route as well.

Another exciting project we're working on involves the world-famous magician Stewart James. He was a township resident and he will soon be receiving the exposure he so richly deserves. Stewart's story is amazing and, along with the plaque that has already been installed in his honour, the committee will be releasing some fascinating and surprising additional insight into Stewart's life.



World famous magician
Stewart James of Courtright

The Heritage St. Clair committee is trying to increase its on-line presences. We now have the help of a knowledgeable volunteer who will be helping us accomplish this. Everything we install in the community is equipped with a "QR" code. At any location, anyone with a device that can scan these codes and log into our website can look at all the stories and pictures we have collected about these and many more projects. We are especially grateful to the St. Clair Township Council and Staff for all the support they have given us in these and the many other projects we undertake. The County of Lambton, through the Creative County Fund, has also been a valuable supporter of these efforts. We thank them all.

If any of these projects and ideas interest you and you would like to take part in some of them, please contact Heritage St. Clair. It's as easy as going to our website <https://stclairtownship.ca/heritage/>. We are always looking for individuals with a curious nature to help out.

Don't be bashful, sign up.

Beacon Bits

Life's greatest pleasures are the simple ones; it's like seeing the driver who just raced by you on the 402 pulled over by the police three miles down the road.

-Anonymous

Year long celebration will mark Port Lambton 200th



2020 is going to be a landmark year for Port Lambton and if this group of motivated people has their way, the town's 200th anniversary is going to be great. The Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Committee is planning to hold an event each month and though things are still in the brainstorming stage, the January event is in the works.

The committee members are, front row left: Greer Macdonell; Jennifer Pedersen; Anne Hazzard; Rose Atkins; and Derek Morrison. Middle row left: Doreen Hewitson; Sue Ann Parkes; Sue Moran; Betty Nowakowski; Ann Cram; Bonnie Johnston; Shirley Johnston. Back row left: Colleen Dean; Tammy Sealey; Jim Goodman; Glenda Young; Mike Bechard; Phil Johnston; Christine Cousins; Darrell Randell.

Bonnie 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 update line is a 24-hour service fea-

turing 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

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Corunna Legion Br. 447 donates to community



The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 in Corunna recently presented several donations to community groups.

Top far left: R.C.L. Br. 447 President John Cormier presents a donation of \$1,000 to the Canadian Cancer Society "Wheels of Hope". Receiving the cheque is CCS representative Johnna Johansen.



Top left: A donation of \$1,000 was presented by President John Cormier in support of the Captain Kidd Days festival for children held in Corunna each summer. Receiving the cheque is Capt. Kidd Days representative Geoff Dale.



Left: A donation of \$500 was presented by R.C.L. Br. 447 President John Cormier to the U10 Corunna Lady Giants Select softball team. Receiving the donation, from left, is Camryn Leitch, Emma Gauvin, Coach Paul Salisbury, Kylee Salisbury, Charlie Kyte, Natalie Duncan, Claire Gaulton, Taya Elliot, and Stella Kennedy.

Below: R.C.L. Br. 447 President John Cormier presented a donation of \$500 to the players and executive of the Mooretown Flags Junior Hockey Club for the 2019-2020 season.

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Corunna Legion donations

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Clockwise from top right: *Royal Canadian Legion (R.C.L.) Leslie Sutherland Br. 447 President John Cormier presents a donation of \$1,000 to the Corunna/Courtright Unit of the Girl Guides of Canada. Receiving the donation, clockwise from top left, are: Leader Tracy Woodward, Guide Alyssa Soares, Leader Jessie McLaughlin, Spark Emery Melville,, Spark Danika Tomlinson, Brownie Meaghan Woodward, and Brownie Jaleynn Tomlinson. *Pres. John Cormier presents donation of \$1,000 to Principal Kathy Myers from Colonel Cameron Public School for use towards technology projects. *On Nov. 11, 2019, R.C.L. Leslie Sutherland Br. 447 Service Officer Shawn MacNeil presented a reunited WW1 medal, awarded to Private Ernest Henry Blake, to Mr. Blake's granddaughter, Margaret Clysdale. The medals were "donated" to the branch during the last week of October. Lyn Boczek was crucial in finding the family. *R.C.L. Leslie Sutherland Br. 447 Service Officer Shawn MacNeil presented a donation for \$500 from the Branch Poppy Fund Trust to Sue Hardy of Parkwood Hospital for the purchase of two pressure sensitive mattresses for the veterans' beds.



Memories of Christmas in St. Clair Township

Residents of St. Clair Township were generous once again during Christmas 2019. Operation Christmas Tree in north St. Clair Township (Ward 1) and the St. Vincent de Paul program in south St. Clair (Ward 2) made sure that those in need received hampers of food and, where needed, children's toys, to brighten their holidays.

Figures for Operation Christmas Tree (OCT), which celebrated its 30th year in operation, and the St. Vincent de Paul effort weren't available by publication time, but all indications were that the less fortunate families within the township were able to look forward to a wonderful Christmas.

This year's OCT President Lorne Powell noted in the past 10 years, the OCT Christmas hamper program had distributed a total of 1,232 hampers. "The entire community is part of the effort," he said, expressing appreciation for the schools, OPP, volunteer firefighters, Knights of Columbus and all of the volunteers who help collect, sort, pack, and distribute the hampers.

Clockwise from top left:

* The Poor Boy Luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 on Nov. 21 got the OCT campaign off to a great start. The Legion's Ladies Auxiliary cooked and served up a great meal to a full house of hungry diners.

* Several cash donations were received at the Poor Boy luncheon. **From left:** OCT Treasurer Gord Dawson; Dorothy Smith from Knox Moore Ladies Aid; Maureen McKellar from Knox Sunday School; Esther Waybrant from the Courtright Friendship Club; Donna Thomas from the Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324; and OCT President Lorne Powell.

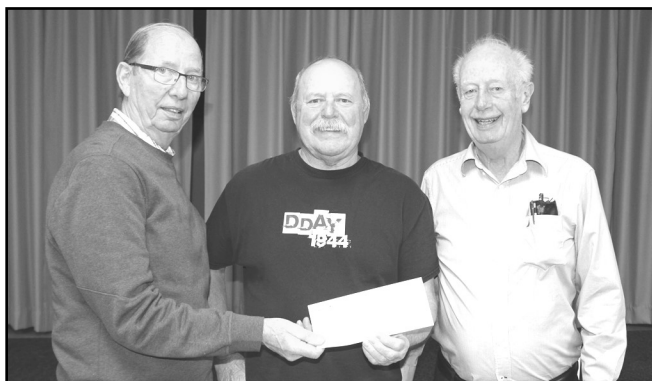
* The Southwest Regional Credit Union presented a donation to, from left: Bailey Ettinger, Meaghen McCormick, OCT representatives Gord Dawson and Peter Grunte, Mary Heynsbergen, Darragh Ginn, OCT 2020 President Stan Marsh, and OCT 2019 President Lorne Powell.

* A donation of books from the Organization for Literacy in Lambton was presented to OCT President Lorne Powell.

* RCL Leslie Sutherland Br. 447 President John Cormier presented a donation to Gord Dawson and Lorne Powell.

Major donors included: Shell Canada; CF Industries; Knights of Columbus Council 9447; RCL Leslie Sutherland Br. 447; Arlanxco Canada Inc.; Sarnia Community Foundation; Ontario Power Generation; St. Clair Power L.P. and Bluewater Hearing.

Stevenson photos



Submitted photos

Kindness, caring and crafts brighten community



Mooretown-Courtright students make an old fashioned tree ornament.
Moore Museum photo



The Moore and Sombra Museums were busy in the days leading up to Christmas.

Above: The Moore Museum hosted hundreds of Gr. 3 through Gr. 6 school children, who learned about childhood in the early days of St. Clair Township and made Christmas crafts the way those children did.

Moore Museum photo

Top and middle right: At the Sombra Museum Crafter-noon, Laurie Kerwin of Sombra took great care making a pretty felt stocking decoration for the family Christmas tree. Then, she took a turn in the photo booth using funny Santa cut-outs as a disguise.

Above middle: A total of 17 children, including Finn, foreground, and his sister Rory, Brodie, his mom Sheila and brother Austin, all from Port Lambton, attended the Sombra Museum Crafter-noon, making felt stocking decorations, taking a turn in the photo booth, writing a letter to Santa, and enjoying hot chocolate and home made cookies while listening to a story.

Bottom right: Over at Rum Runner's in Sombra, the annual charity basket raffle was underway, with two gift baskets valued at over \$500 each up for grabs. Proceeds from the raffle were donated to Knox Presbyterian Church soup kitchen in Wallaceburg. Keeping an eye on the baskets are bar manager Nancy Vankuelan and vendor Wendy Richmond.

(Sombra)Stevenson photos



New residents receive the keys to their Corunna Habitat for Humanity home

The dream-come-true that began in April for two women has now been realized. The Corunna Habitat for Humanity house in Corunna is complete and its keys are now in the hands of Theresa Welch and Carly Pembleton-Crawford, clients of Lambton County Developmental Services (LCDS).

The women received their keys during a special ceremony at the house on Nov. 29. On hand for the occasion was Lambton County Warden Bill Weber, St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, Habitat for Humanity Sarnia-Lambton Board of Directors President Donald Haagsma, representatives from project sponsors and donors, and well-wishers from the community. A blessing for the house was offered by Rev. Blair Corcoran from Corunna United Church.

Saving the best for last, Carly and Theresa stepped up to the microphone to express their joy and to thank all those who made their dream home a reality.

The house at 411 Murray Street is built on land that was donated to Habitat by Nadine and Doug Lasenby as a tribute to Nadine's much-loved uncle Eddie, who had Down's Syndrome.

The two-bedroom house is the first Habitat for Humanity build to be done in St. Clair Township, although 57 of the simple, affordable Habitat homes have been built in Lambton County since 1994. The house was built by 14 volunteer teams made up of 150 people from local businesses and industries, plus community volunteers and faith organizations, who helped fundraise for the project. Ontario Works volunteers also participated, receiving hands-on experience to develop employable skill sets.

Build teams for the Corunna house included volunteers from: B. M. Ross, CF Industries, Enbridge, Imperial, Home Depot, Pembina, Worley, Knights of Columbus 9447, RBC, and Lambton Audiology.

Corporate partners included: Home Depot, Lambton County, Blackburn Radio, Lowe's, Hucker Floor Covering, GMSB, Worley, Ontario Power Generation, and RBC.

Construction partners included: Advanced Building Materials, Arkona Appliances, Village Fireplace Shop, Byers Truss, Carron Electric, Char-way Trenching, Concrete Systems, Dam Excavating, Devries Construction, DSC Plumbing, Dulux Paints, Durston Installations, GAF Canada, H Moore & Sons Windows, Hucker Floor Coverings, Imperial Roofing, John Chilly Sawczuk, Lambton Sanitation, Mammoet Canada Eastern Inc., Monteith and Sutherland Ltd., North Pole Trim & Supplies Ltd., Robinson Design & Drafting, Sarnia Concrete Products, SPM Shades, Thornevalley Cabinets, VanVer Construction, Wallace Kent Sprinklers, and Watson TIM-BR Mart in Courtright.

Photos from top: *Carly Pembleton-Crawford, left, and Theresa Welch receive the keys to their new home from HFHS/L Board of Directors President Donald Haagsma. *Lambton County Warden Bill Weber congratulates Habitat for Humanity and its volunteers and donors on the completion of the project and wishes the new owners well. *A large crowd turned out to wish the new homeowners well and take a tour of the new house.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



MAS "Pie Ladies" fundraising efforts bear fruit...and lemon and pumpkin, etc...



The Brigden Fair "Pie Ladies", arguably the best pie providers in all the land, managed to raise an impressive \$2,135 during their annual pie auction and pie eating contest at the fair. The fruits of their labours were recently presented to St. Joseph's Hospice in Sarnia. On hand for the presentation, from the left, were: MAS President Malcolm Rogers; MAS Second Vice-President Julie Maw; Brigden Fair Pie Lady Rosemary Bradshaw; Emily Core from Petrolia Street Bakery; Pie Lady Marie Gorton; St. Joseph's Hospice representative Tammy Witcher; MAS Homecraft President Michelle Evanitski; Hospice representative Lesley Coene; Pie Lady Isabelle Clark; MAS First Vice-President John Scott; Pie Auction Co-Chair/Pie Lady Loretta Clark; and Jocelynn Cooper from All for the Love of the Treats. Absent from the photo are: Pie Auction Co-Chair Tammy Warner; and a representative from Parks Blueberries. The Moore Agricultural Society would also like to thank Great West Auctions, Rob's No Frills in Corunna, and LAM-SAR, who donated services and supplies to make it all possible.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Wilkesport Christmas Parade features boats, goats and Santa



A player from the Wilkesport Channel Cats ladies baseball team in the team's land yacht.



In Wilkesport Santa came to town,
The children squealed with glee,
For Santa brought a fine parade
For all of them to see.

The trucks and floats got oohs and aahs,
The colours and noise were fun,
But one odd sight brought great delight
To almost everyone.

A sorry few, befuddled grew
As a group of dogs approached,
Until they knew that the horn-ed two
Turned out to just be goats.

Rapids Family Health Team

The following sessions are being offered at the **Rapids Family Health Team** clinic located in the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street, Corunna. There is **no charge** for participation and all classes are open to the public - **no physician referral required**. You must register to participate. Please note space is limited.

For more information go to www.rapidsfhteam.ca or to register call 519-339-8949 and speak to reception.

Healthy Eating and YOU

A series of **four** sessions, each lasting two hours. The aim of the program is to help you make permanent life-style changes; this is not a "diet" program. You will set your own healthy eating and physical activity goals, and learn how to make plans for achieving them. Some topics that will be discussed include:

- ◆ Carbohydrates, protein and fats (the good and the bad)
- ◆ Physical activity: What types and amounts are beneficial
- ◆ Emotional eating strategies
- ◆ Sensible portions and portion control strategies
- ◆ Group discussions will help you learn from others experiences.

This four-week series will be repeated three times through the year.

The **first series** will be held on Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

The **second series** is set for Thursdays, April 30, May 7, 14 & 21 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

And the **third series** is planned for Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

FREE Cooking Classes: Love Your Heart - Eat Smart!

These classes focus on nutrition advice to reduce your risk of developing heart disease and stroke.

This three-week series will be held twice through the year.

The **first series** is set for Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 19 & 26 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The **second series** will be held on Thursdays, Sept. 17, 24 & Oct. 1 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

FREE Cooking Class: Boosting Bone Health

This class is all about cooking delicious and nutrient-packed recipes to promote strong healthy bones to decrease the risk and progression of developing osteoporosis.

This class is set for Wednesday, March 25 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

FREE Cooking Classes: Dining with Diabetes

These classes are geared for anyone looking to prevent or manage their diabetes or support a loved one diagnosed with diabetes. We'll explore some delicious recipes to help manage your blood sugar.

This four-week series will be repeated twice through the year.

The **first series** is set for Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

The **second series** will be held on Wednesdays Nov. 18, 25, Dec 2 & 9 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

FREE Cooking Class: Eating Comfortably with IBS

IBS is pain and bloating in your stomach followed by diarrhea/constipation. If you are suffering from Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), this is the class for you. Nutrition interventions have been proven to help manage symptoms. Join us as we cook up IBS-friendly recipes!

This class will be held on Thursday, June 18 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

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### LAB OPEN

Just a reminder that our lab is open  
daily  
for all residents  
Monday to Friday  
from 7:30a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

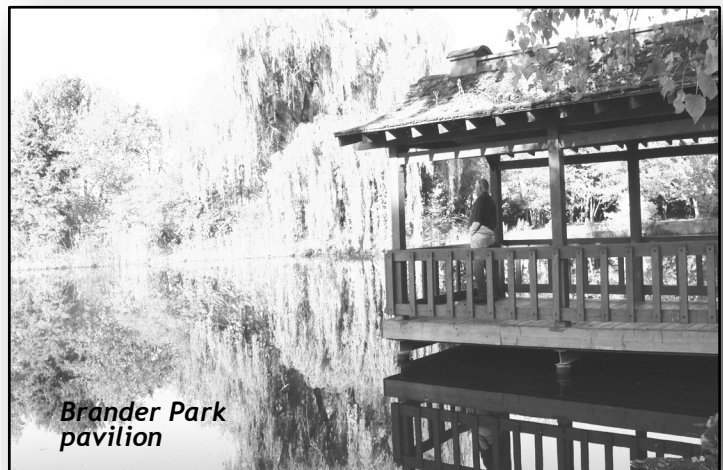


## New video now on Trail Facebook page & website

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

## *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 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.

### **Shibashi**

Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps. It is easy to learn and perfect for beginners. Classes are held Wednesdays from January to May at 10:15 a.m. Register at the first class.

### **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.

**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](mailto: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.**

## **Mooretown Junior Flags Atom AE team wins regional championship Now, on to the International Silver Stick Championships**



Photo submitted

The 2019-2020 Atom AE team is on its way to Pelham, Ontario to compete in the International Silver Stick Championships after winning the regional Silver Stick Championship in Exeter in November. The team is comprised of a highly knowledgeable, and dedicated coaching staff. **The coaching staff is:** Head Coach - Shannon LeBlanc, Assistant Coaches - Derek McKinlay, Jason McLean, Andrew Melville, Dustin McEvoy; Trainer - Ryan Gavigan; Manager - Kristen Campbell.

**The Atom AE1 team roster is:** Goalie - Tucker McLean; Forwards - Joshua Carpenter, Cohen Melville, Lynkoln Gavigan, Kale Melville, Liam McEvoy, Cooper Osborne, Evan Leblanc, Gavin Oblak. Defense - Nolan McKinlay, Camden Campbell, Dexter Stewart, Tanin DeGurse.

**GO FLAGS!**



## 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 winter progresses, 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](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 [odelld@copeco.ca](mailto:odelld@copeco.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 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.



## MORE COMMUNITY CONTACT

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

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services 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](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.

## **Animal control officer says coyotes pose minimal threat; studies reveal their benefits**

Bonnie Stevenson

A recent conversation with St. Clair Township's animal control person, Gayle Farr, revealed that many property owners within the municipality are concerned about the presence of coyotes near their properties. She said she receives many calls about coyotes each year and some of the callers insist she should come and look after the problem. "They want me to shoot them," she said. "We don't do that."

Gayle pointed out coyotes are beneficial animals within the ecosystem. "They're the garbage collectors of the bush; they're like the vultures," she said. Coyotes dine on dead animals they encounter but they aren't shy about killing vermin like rats, mice and other small animals.

Coyotes as rabies carriers is also a concern, but all mammals, including humans, pets, livestock and wildlife, can also become infected. The virus can be passed along if the body fluid from an infected animal enters the blood of a healthy host after being bitten, getting the fluid in open sores or other wounds, or in eyes, nose or mouth.

According to the Province of Ontario rabies website, Ontario has a wide-spread rabies control program. Small edible pellets containing a dose of the vaccine are dropped from an aircraft around urban, forested, and rural agricultural areas. Their target is foxes, raccoons, and skunks, the three animals most likely to spread the disease. But the baits are safe and effective for other animals and the website says they are not harmful to humans or pets. However, it cautions that contact with the vaccine itself should be discussed with a doctor or veterinarian.

Gayle says the presence of coyotes is rarely a threatening situation. "They're more afraid of us than we are of them," she said. She knows one person who actually liked coyotes. He fed them bird seed in his garage.

That's not a wise thing to do, says Gayle. "Don't feed them. Put food in a sealed container and don't leave pet food out unattended," she said. "If you feed them and then stop, they could become aggressive."

It isn't surprising that coyotes are being sighted more often in inhabited areas. Humans are building on territory the animals used to hunt and live on. Their habitat is be-

ing destroyed and there are fewer acres they can roam without coming into contact with humans.

Authorities on the coyote say if you see a coyote, don't turn and run. They'll think you're bait.

Another fairly recent "immigrant" to the area is the opossum. These odd looking creatures have no difficulty making themselves at home in occupied areas, which also sparks requests for removal. But Gayle says they aren't as fierce as they look. "They look ferocious but they're gentle," she said, adding that her husband, who also worked as an animal control person, found a tiny 'possum left behind in a transport cage after he relocated a family of them to a new home. "They can be tamed and trained, and they make good pets," said Gayle. "My friend raised the possum for about 14 years (until it died)."

A website called *How To Avoid Conflicts with Coyotes*, available at [urbanresearch.com/coyote-info](http://urbanresearch.com/coyote-info), suggests six steps to avoid coyotes.

**DO NOT feed coyotes.** Coyotes that are fed by humans can lose their fear of them and may test their benefactor and his or her pets as possible prey.

**DO NOT let pets run loose when out hiking and if you let them go outside without a leash, make sure the area they are in is completely fenced in.** Animal repellents can be used to discourage coyotes from trying to get in.

**DO NOT run from a coyote.** If it approaches you, yell and wave your hands.

**DO NOT taunt or annoy the animal.**

**REPORT the animal immediately if it exhibits aggressive or fearless behaviour, or becomes agitated with barking, growling, or raised fur on the back of its neck.**

*Left: A coyote walks a paved urban street looking for food.*



## 2020 Lady Flags "Try It" skates & "Try It" goalie sessions offered

For anyone with a daughter between the ages of three and nine who is interested in giving girls hockey a try, here is a great opportunity to get them out on the ice prior to registration to see if they like it. The Lady Flags are also offering girls ages five to nine the chance to try playing goalie during these sessions.

The Mooretown Lady Flags Girls Hockey Association offers a fantastic girls hockey program that just keeps growing. It doesn't matter if the girl is new to skating, new to the game, or just looking for a new sport, a little competition, and some big fun with the girls, why not consider hockey as the right fit for your family?

### Player "Try It" Skates

These sessions are for any girls three to nine who are not part of another girls hockey association, including Mooretown. The newest girls will be given the best experience possible while introducing them to the love of the game! No previous hockey experience is needed.

### Goalie "Try It" Sessions

These sessions are for any girls (5-9) who are not part of another girl's hockey association who would like to see what it is like to be a goalie! We welcome current Mooretown Lady Flags players to these goalie sessions as well. No goalie experience is needed.

These skates will be held at Moore Sports Complex on Rink 2, at a cost of \$10.00 / session or \$60.00 for all nine sessions.

The cost of these sessions are discounted accordingly in consideration that registrants may not be able to attend all sessions due to other commitments.

\*Full equipment required (we can help with equipment for these sessions if needed).

### "Try It" Session Dates

All skates are from 3:00 - 4:00PM on Rink 2: January 19; January 26; February 9; February 16; March 1; March 8; March 15; March 22; March 29.

For Online Registration please visit the website:

<https://mooretownladyflags.ca/>

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\*Payment in full is required at the time of online registration via e-Transfer. The child will not be considered registered unless payment is received.

\*Please include your player's first & last name in the comment section of the e-Transfer.

\*Please send payment via e-Transfer at time of registration to [treasurer@mooreladyflags.ca](mailto:treasurer@mooreladyflags.ca)

If you have any questions at all please contact Mooretown Lady Flags President, Kevin Slater at [president@mooretownladyflags.ca](mailto:president@mooretownladyflags.ca)



Kate Leitch-Novice age group

## Wanted: Motivated youth looking for rewarding challenges

The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia invites boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn new skills, marksmanship, orienteering, hiking, leadership, pipes and drum band, and teamwork, participate in many new challenges, make new friends and attend great summer camps, all at no cost. Cadets are not required to join the military. Join us today! For more information, call 519-332-6555 or visit: [www.petroliacadets.com](http://www.petroliacadets.com)



## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

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

### Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School

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

### Hours of Operation:

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

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

535 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).

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### 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](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.

### Pickleball will resume in May/June with beginner classes

The 2019 Pickleball season is over but organizers are already planning for next year. Known as "the fastest growing sport in the world", new adult players will be able to join the fun at the

Corunna Athletic Park courts in May/June 2020 to take lessons. Watch the Beacon for details when the season approaches.

### Note of Thanks

We thank St. Clair Township Parks and Rec for providing these great courts upon which we play.

We also thank the Beacon for including our group's activity in its monthly editions, which has resulted in new players.

We invite new players to join us for the 2020 season.

*Pickleball organizers*

### New dental program for eligible seniors

Lambton Public Health (LPH) is supporting access to the new Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program to help lower-income seniors remain healthy. The dental clinic is coming soon to LPH.

#### To begin the eligibility program process:

- ◆ Apply online at [Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental](http://Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental)
- ◆ Pick up a form from Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth St., Point Edward from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Contact LPH directly at 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839

#### To be eligible, seniors must:

- ◆ Be 65 years or older
- ◆ Be an Ontario resident
- ◆ Meet the following program income requirements:
  - \* Annual net income of \$19,300 or less for a single senior
  - \* Combined annual net income of \$32,300 or less for a couple

- ◆ Not have access to any dental benefits (e.g. private insurance or government program)

#### Covered services include:

- ◆ Examinations/assessments
- ◆ Preventative services (e.g. cleaning)
- ◆ Restorative services to broken teeth and cavities
- ◆ X-rays
- ◆ Oral surgery services to remove teeth and abnormal tissue
- ◆ Anaesthesia
- ◆ Endodontic services to treat infections/pain
- ◆ Periodontal services to treat gum conditions/diseases

Prosthodontic services including dentures partially covered but not free.

Accessible transportation to and from LPH available for those in need.

To learn more contact Lambton Public Health by visiting [www.LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://www.LambtonPublicHealth.ca) or [Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental](http://Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental)



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### Euchre played in Sombra

Euchre is played at the Sombra Community Hall on Fridays at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The winter/spring schedule is as follows: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 13, 20, 27; April 3, 17, 24; and May 1, 8, and 15.

### 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. **\*Don Jackson Memorial Cribbage Tournament**, Sunday, Jan. 5 with registration at 11:30 a.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 treat for your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. Call 519-862-1240 for more information on any of these great events.

### 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 demon-

stration 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 Brigden

The Winter Wonderland Country Jamboree will be held at the Brigden 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.

### Moore Agricultural Society annual general meeting

The annual general meeting of the Moore Agricultural Society will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Brigden 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.

### Card-making classes at Sombra Museum

Two card-making classes, hosted by Angela Brodhagen, will be held at the Sombra Museum on Monday, Jan. 27 at 9:40 a.m. and on Monday, Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Make two cards for \$10. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982, emailing [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com), or via Facebook Messenger.

### 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.*

### Valentine's Jamboree in Brigden

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweetheart on Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. A cash bar is available and musicians are welcome. And don't forget to stay for the ham and scalloped potato supper at 5 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door. Bring your partner, your dancing shoes and your love of music.

### 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.



*You don't have to be a sleuth to find a place to promote your events and activities; it's elementary!*  
**Contact The Beacon**

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

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