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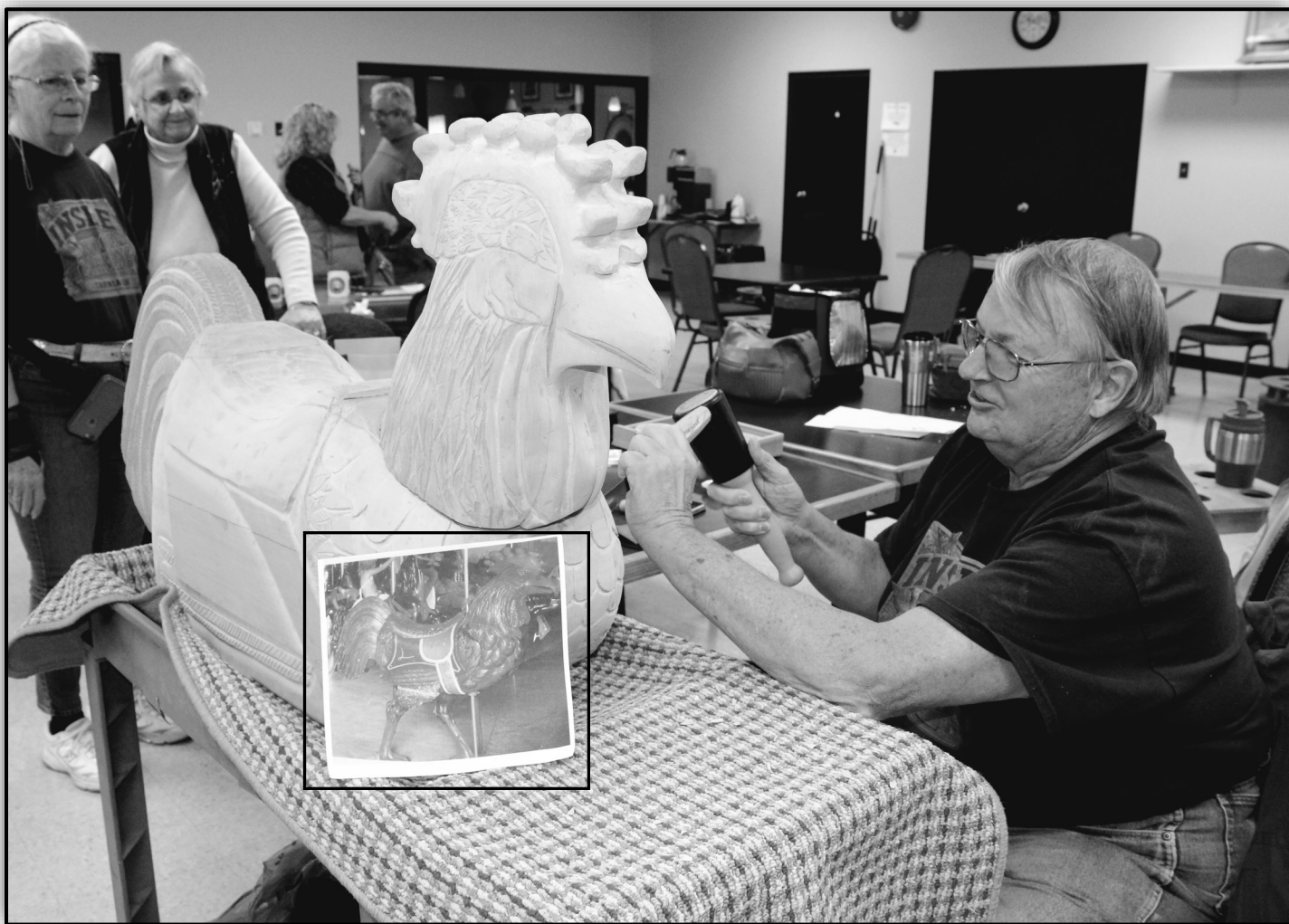
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THE TOWNSHIP  
OF ST. CLAIR

## *No project too big for this Triple 'C' Carver*



The Triple 'C' Carvers take on all sizes of projects, from tiny Christmas ornaments to giant carousel animals like the one Dennis Insley is working on here. The artist says his project is a replica of a vintage carousel rooster seen in the photograph leaning at the base this project. Dennis says there are only five original wooden carousel roosters left in the world. The Triple 'C' Carvers have garnered many awards for their work at some of the most prestigious carving shows in Ontario and new members are always invited to join no matter how much or how little carving experience they have. The club was originally formed in Corunna and continues to boast carvers from all around Lambton County. The group meets at the Navy Club, 1420 Lougar Avenue in Sarnia on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon from September to June. For more information call 519-542-2244.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*



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# MUNICIPAL NOTES



## Notice of 2020 budget meeting

The St. Clair Township 2020 draft budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in the Council Chambers at 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, starting at 5:00 p.m. The budget meeting is open to the public and all rate-payers are welcome to attend.

**Charles Quenneville**  
Director of Finance

## Township part of new large scale fibre project

High-speed fibre-optic broadband services that deliver faster internet speeds will soon be coming to some households and businesses in St. Clair Township. On Jan. 20, SWIFT (Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Inc.) announced that four large-scale fibre projects are slated for Lambton County. Service to over 3,900 households and businesses in St. Clair Township, Plympton-Wyoming, Lambton Shores, and Kettle and Stony Point First Nation is slated for this phase.

Cogeco Connexions will receive funding to service more than 80 kilometres of underserved roads in St. Clair Township to provide faster and more reliable service to the people of Babys Point, Port Lambton, Sombra, Wilkesport, Avonry, Mooretown, and Brigden at an estimated cost of \$4.9 million. The project is scheduled to provide fibre broadband services to more than 1,700 rural residences and businesses by the end of 2021. The four broadband projects are valued at a total estimated cost of \$11.4 million.

Mayor Steve Arnold believes this will not be the end of the broadband expansion in the township. "It's been almost 12 years since we started the internet journey and I'm very happy we will finally have a lot of our under serviced areas looked after," he said. "The really rural parts of the township are still not fully serviced but this is the first stage and I am under the impression we will see more areas completed in the next round."

## By-law approved to recover funds from homeowners after fire

By-law 3 of 2020, a by-law that allows the municipality to use Indemnification Technology® to access applicable insurance coverage for Fire Department Specific Response fees, was passed by council during its Jan. 6 meeting. The by-law approves an agreement between the municipality and Fire Marque Inc. which enables the municipality to receive payment from a property owner when fire department services are called to attend a fire in a building, contents, or a structure of any kind.

This fee is collected from the property owner's insurance; a fee collection policy of this nature has been in effect since 2015. St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson says the property owner is not directly burdened with this cost. "There is a lot of misinformation out there on how Fire Marque works and that they go after the homeowner for the costs of extinguishing the fire. That is not true," he said. "This is something in their (home insurance) policy already."

According to the Fire Marque website ([www.firemarque.com/faq-property-owners.php](http://www.firemarque.com/faq-property-owners.php)) "The homeowner's property taxes pay for the fixed costs of your fire department, i.e. firefighting equipment, vehicles, fire hall, etc. The additional costs the fire department incurs attending the fire at your property are eligible to be recovered through your property policy."

Further, the website states insurance rates do not rise as a result of the Fire Marque program. "Your property insurance policy already has the fire department expense coverage in it."

## Concerns raised over frequent brining of roads

The frequent brining of township roads was discussed at the Jan.

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## Council Meeting Schedule

Dates for upcoming January meetings of St. Clair Township Council are **tentatively** slated for Monday, Feb. 3 at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.; Monday, March 2 at 3 p.m.; and Monday, March 16 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 currently 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.



## Pheasant/Rabbit Hunting

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





## More MUNICIPAL NOTES

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6 meeting of council. Rural property owner Owen Anthony presented council with research and photographs to support his complaint that a brine solution (the township uses a calcium chloride liquid product called *Mastermelt*) is being used excessively on rural roads.

Mr. Anthony noted excess brine was running into drains and coating farm equipment with corrosive material that can cause damage and necessitate expensive repairs and replacements. He believes the excess brine runoff can make its way into township watercourses and eventually, the Great Lakes. Several other complainants were in attendance to support Mr. Anthony's concerns. They noted there had also been a fall application of a sticky yellow material that was especially troublesome for the agricultural community and rural residents in general.

Mayor Arnold, who owns and operates agricultural equipment, agrees the situation is cause for concern. "I, like everyone else, must wash the equipment more often since the investment for tractors and combines is huge and it doesn't take long to have well over a million dollars invested," he said.

Addressing the yellow material which has caused such concern and potential expense for township residents, council has instructed Public Works Department staff to deliver a report on the matter. Mayor Arnold commented, "The yellow brine material that was mentioned is something that Mr. Neely (David Neely is the township Public Works Coordinator of Operations for roads and drainage) should comment on. I wasn't involved directly in its use and I don't know the reasons why it was used. It would only be speculation on my part." (See boxed item below for David Neely's initial comments.) The St. Clair Township Public Works staff report will be delivered at the regular meeting of council on Monday, Feb. 3 at 3 p.m.

The use of calcium chloride applications has become common for municipalities across Canada since 2004 when Environment Canada published *The Code of Practice for the Environmental Management of Road Salts* was released. The code was developed to assist municipal and provincial road care departments to better manage their use of road salts in a way that reduces negative impact on the environment while maintaining road safety.

"We have always been assured that our roads were done based on weather forecasting, coordinating with the county and all based on the MTO standards," said Mayor Arnold. "Any other calcium chloride solutions that are applied are one-offs that a private individual would apply or the township may apply on an emergency basis," he said. "The main reasons calcium chloride is applied to paved roads is to pretwet the asphalt for better ice and snow penetration and freezing resistance before a major weather event takes place or if the freezing cycle over bridges is forecast to occur. These are safety precautions done to protect our travelling residents." He added that council is aware of this material's impact on the environment and its destructive effect on vehicles, machinery, road surfaces and bridges. "Bridges are washed yearly to help mitigate corrosion," said Mayor Arnold. "The township has spent considerable money to ensure these liquid application systems use state-of-the-art computer-driven technology." He added the typical application rate is in the range of 100 litres per lane kilometer, which is actually quite a small amount.

### MSC Renewal Committee progress reported

Moore Sports Complex Renewal Committee Chair Geoff Dale attended council to report on the committee's latest efforts. He noted a new permanent logo has been designed to represent the renewal effort and two exciting new fundraising efforts are being mounted for the coming months with a third in the planning phase.

\*The first is participation in the **Kraft Hockeyville** contest. (See page 8). Winning the contest would garner a \$250,000 prize toward the renewal project and a game at the Moore Sports Complex played by two NHL teams. \* The second effort is the **Spring Renewal Gala** slated for Saturday, April 18 at the Wilkes-

port Community Centre. (See poster, page 8). \*A third fundraiser currently in the planning stage will be the **Raise The Rink concert** on May 1 featuring the widely acclaimed band *See Spot Run*, the biggest selling indie band in Canadian history, with opening band *Full Disclosure*. More details will be released when available.

### Golf tourney funds approved for use to purchase emergency items

Emergency situations like high heat and snow events, and the prolonged power outages these events can cause can make it necessary for affected residents to take refuge at their local emergency shelter. But when they need to stay more than a few hours, they require accommodations the township is currently lacking.

St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson discussed this situation with council at its Jan. 6 meeting. He said emergency equipment such as cots and bedding used to be locally available through the Red Cross, but the organization has since transferred storage of those items to a central location away from the township. He told council the committee that oversees the annual firefighter golf tournament fundraiser has offered to provide \$10,000 toward the purchase of items such as cots and bedding, as well as a trailer to store and transport them should one of the township's designated emergency shelters have to be activated. The 2019 golf tournament raised a total of \$18,000 and this project is one of several projects that has been considered for funding. Council approved the use of the funds for this purpose.

### Township issues raised at ROMA Conference

Mayor Arnold and Deputy Mayor Miller recently attended the annual ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) Conference. ROMA is the rural arm of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) that allows municipal representatives to bring their specific issues of concern to the attention of the provincial and federal government representatives.

Mayor Arnold says meetings concerning St. Clair Township had been arranged with the Minister of Infrastructure to discuss the Moore Sports Complex Renewal project and the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to discuss the old hazardous waste site adjacent to Hill Street east of Corunna, energy from waste at Clean Harbors, and plastics in asphalt for road construction. A presentation had also been forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry in regards to the Conservation Authority (CA) regulations committee make-up, high water levels on the Great Lakes (including St. Clair Township), funding for shoreline protection, the speed of pleasure cruisers, etc., and the CA involvement on man-made drainage works.

### Use of calcium chloride explained

Calcium chloride ("brine", commercial name *Mastermelt*) is applied to gravel roads in the spring time after spring grading to control dust throughout the summer. It is a clear colour and is applied by a contractor. The deputation that attended council referred to an extra application of dust control that was applied in fall of 2019. Although a few problem roads may get a fall application of dust control, it is not normal for a fall application to be completed across the entire road network; however, such an application was done in 2019.

This application, which was provided at no cost to the township, contained "rust" that had settled to the bottom of the brine ponds. Public Works was not initially aware that the dust control would have the orange/yellow coloured rust in it. We know many people were not happy about this event but we assure the public it will not be completed again. It was a one-off event.

During the winter months, Mastermelt is applied only to hard top roads (no gravel road application) in a practice referred to as "anti-icing". Applications are done based on weather forecasts and according to MTO standards to keep township roads safe to use.

-Information contributed by David Neely, C. Tech, Coordinator of Operations (Roads/Drainage), Public Works



## Public Works Department

After hours emergency  
~ 519-344-9318 ~

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

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://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—February 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 [publicworks@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:publicworks@twp.stclair.on.ca) or apply in person at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre at 1155 Emily St., Mooretown.



### 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.



### Municipal 511 notification system

The Public Works Department of St. Clair Township will be utilizing (starting January 1, 2020) notification system known as "Municipal 511". This mapping-based system will allow the Public Works Department to notify the public of road closures, detour routes, water-main breaks, etc. Access this website at [www.Municipal511.ca](http://www.Municipal511.ca). Information found on Municipal511 will also be linked to navigation systems (cell phones, GPS) such as Google Maps, Apple Maps, Garmin, MapQuest and ESRI.



### 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.

**MOTORISTS:** The Winter Parking By-Law is now in effect between the overnight hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Vehicles must not be parked on the streets during this time.

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# 01

### Personalized collection calendar

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# 02

### What goes where ?

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# 03

### 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**

## Don't become a victim of the silent killer

Without knowing it, there could be a silent killer invading your home. Carbon Monoxide (CO), a.k.a. "the silent killer", is an odourless, colourless, tasteless and poisonous gas. If you live in a dwelling containing a fuel burning appliance (such as natural gas stove or furnace, wood stove or oil furnace) an attached garage, or fireplace, you are required **by law** to have a carbon monoxide alarm.

Mild to medium exposure to the effects of CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as: headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. Fever is not one of its symptoms.

#### Safety Tips

- Install a CO alarm outside all sleeping areas in your home. It's the law!
- Get an annual inspection for all fuel-burning appliances in your home.
- Test all CO alarms monthly.
- Replace all CO alarms when

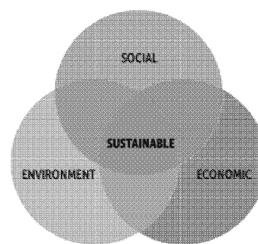
#### If the Carbon Monoxide alarm goes off:

- Leave your home immediately
- Call 9-1-1 from a safe location
- DO NOT re-enter the house until you are told it is safe to do so by a St. Clair Fire Department member

**Look after your CO alarm  
like your life depends on it.  
Some day, it might!**



#### 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

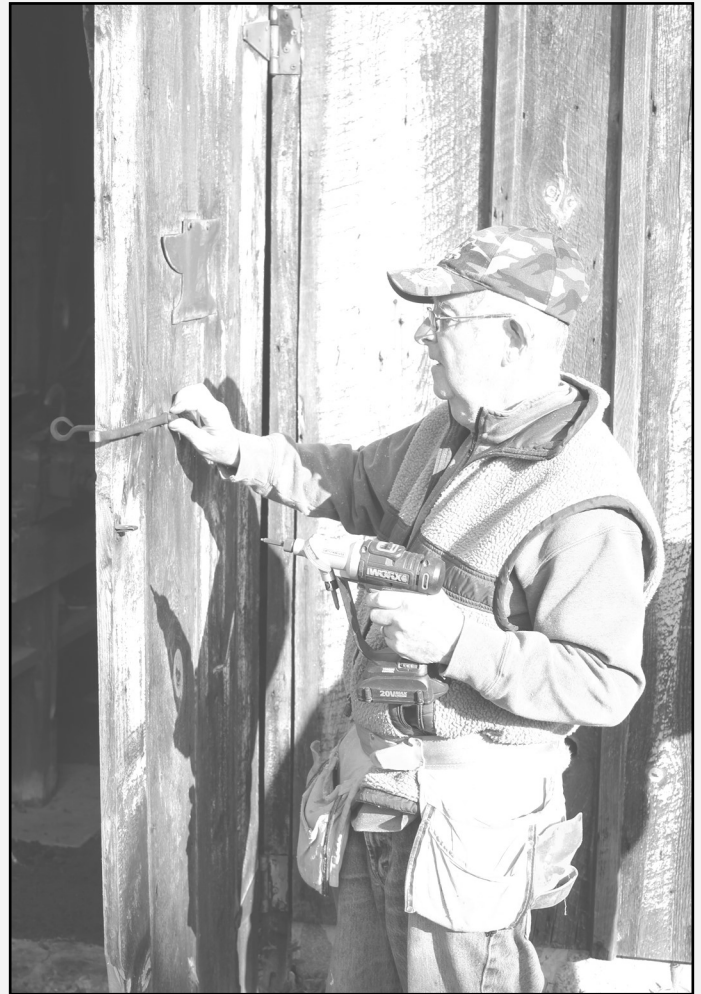
the expiry date on the unit has passed or when it fails testing. Remember that these alarms may need new back up batteries and may alarm when the battery is low.

## HERITAGE CORNER

### Valentine wishes from the Moore Museum



*From the  
Moore  
Museum  
archives*



**Thinking ahead to spring:** Volunteers at the Moore Museum are busy all year long. Winter is the time when they work on new projects and take care of maintenance chores that pop up around the site. One of the chores taken on by volunteer Dan Hayward, who has been employing his handyman skills around the museum site for the past 10 years, was the repair of a damaged iron shed latch.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*



*Victorian ladies after tea  
in the cottage.*

### **Moore Museum celebrates 45th anniversary**

The Moore Museum celebrates 45 years of heritage preservation in 2020 and volunteers are working hard to get the museum and its extensive collection and artifacts in shape for the coming season. A new model train layout and a unique display of Vaseline glass will be highlighted, and annual favourites like the Victorian Tea, held in the onsite Victorian cottage, will feature Victorian clad waitstaff, warm homemade scones and tea/coffee served in fine china.

Congratulations to the Moore Museum and to the Moore Agricultural Society for being chosen to receive a Lambton Creative County Grant to further their good work.



## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

### Port Lambton's 200th anniversary receives new logo

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Port Lambton. To celebrate this landmark occasion, a striking new logo has been designed to accompany all of the special events and activities being planned throughout 2020.

Be sure to watch for this logo as the year progresses.

*The Beacon will carry news and information regarding these special community activities as it is received.*



**Quilt raffle winner:** The lucky winner of the Sombra Museum quilt raffle fundraiser was Pastor Betty Page, left, of Brigden. She is shown here with Museum Curator Kailyn Shepley. The draw for this beautiful quilt, made by the Loose Knots quilting group from Port Lambton, was done on Dec. 8. Proceeds will be used for the museum's on-going exhibit development and collection care efforts.

*Photo submitted*

### Too little information

This photo in the January issue of the Beacon did not recognize some of the people who contributed to the Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) pie ladies' donation of \$2,135 to St. Joseph's Hospice. Emily Core of Petrolia Street Bakery, Jocelyn Cooper from All For The Love of Treats, and Parks Blueberry Farms all donated pies as well.

The pies were auctioned off during an event at the 2019 Brigden Fair with proceeds going to the hospice.

*The Moore Agricultural Society and their talented pie ladies wish to express their gratitude to all of the generous businesses for their help in making the event a success.*



### Notice Bear Creek Cemetery Company

Bear Creek Cemetery has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Russell Marsh at 519-331-1798 for information or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 3393 Telfer Road, Mooretown, Ontario.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Contact can be made by telephone to: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.



## Christmas spirit reigns at Shell Corunna facility

The Christmas spirit reigned at the Shell Manufacturing Centre Corunna facility during the holiday season. The company's Christmas food drive provided 650 pounds of grocery products, from diapers to juice boxes, and soup to snacks, to the food bank located at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna. The facility also made deliveries to the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia. **Right: Food bank volunteer Charles Mortley-Wood, with Shell employees Lesley Pike, left, Annette Wares, and Dana Mitchell, are shown with shelves displaying some of the grocery items donated by Shell employees.**

Shell volunteers also helped sort some of the donated food and pack some of the hampers for Operation Christmas Tree.

**Below: The Shell Manufacturing Centre packing team included, from left: Erin Hogan, Manager, Learning Sarnia; John Spinozzi, Reliability Engineer; Lisa Bone, Learning Team Lead; Marcy Gauvin, Senior Administrative Assistant; Olwen Gover, External Relations Manager; and Bryant Bird, External Relations Advisor.**



Submitted photos

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# AN NHL GAME AND \$250,000

## LET'S RALLY

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [KRAFTHOCKEYVILLE.CA](http://KRAFTHOCKEYVILLE.CA)

Here's a chance to show Canada the passion and enthusiasm St. Clair Township has for the game of hockey. It's also a chance to win \$250,000 toward the Moore Sports Complex Renewal project AND an NHL game played right here. The 2019 Hockeyville winner hosted a game between the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Hockeyville competition deadline is on March 28 at 8:30 p.m. so there's no time to waste. Go online to [krafthockeyville.ca](http://krafthockeyville.ca) to get all the information you'll need to tell your own hockey story and add your voice to St. Clair Township's entry in this competition.



Join Us  
*Saturday April 18th*

**Wilkesport Community Centre**

1622 Baby Line, Wilkesport

# Gala

Spring renewal

*Cocktails* | 6:00 pm

*Dinner* | 7:00 pm

*Midnight Meal* | 11:00 pm

*Silent and Live Auction* | Cash Bar

*Tickets \$100 Available at*

Moore Sports Complex  
Township of St. Clair Civic Centre  
Kay's Petals and Plants - Corunna  
Rum Runners - Sombra  
Online at: [www.ticketscene.com](http://www.ticketscene.com)

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## Corunna Legion community support continues into 2020



The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna not only started the year off in grand style with a rousing New Year's Day Levee, it also made some much appreciated donations to community sports groups.

**Counter clockwise from top left:**

1 - RCL Corruna Br. 447 Vice-President Eric Hancock, right, presented a cheque for \$500 to Mooretown Lady Flags Peewee "C" hockey team to help pay for tournament fees. Front row left: Jaelyn Devine, Ella West, Harlow Germain, Sydney Nesbit, Lilly Firth, Meadow Edwards. Back row left: Coach Maddy Stock, Kaeley Derrick, Abby Vanderslagt, Alyian Nelson, Sapphire O-Mahoney, Coach Randy Vanderslagt. Absent from photo: Team Captain Catrice Westbrook.

2 - RCL Corunna Br. 447 Vice-President Eric Hancock, far left, presented a cheque for \$500 to Mooretown Lady Flags Atom "B" hockey team to help with tournament fees. Front row left: Kylie Slater, Natalie Duncan, Kylee Salisbury, Amelia Yaks, Camryn Leitch, Charlie Potvin, Sophia Burgess. Middle row left: Eastyn Potvin, Mekah Dewhirst, Ella Routley, Taylor Luckhurst. Back row left: Coach Dave Routley, Lee Duncan, Kevin Slater.

3 - RCL Corunna Br. 447 John Cormier presents a cheque for \$500 to Rick Harris, Tournament Director for the International Juvenile Silver Stick finals held in Mooretown the weekend of Jan. 2 through 5, 2020.

4 - Pipers and drummers from the Sarnia Legion Pipe Band performed some stirring tunes for a full club room at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Corunna hall on Jan. 1 during the annual New Year's Day Levee.



5 - The smallest piper in the band was 7 year-old Jackson Bydeley. Although he says he enjoys piping and has been doing it for over a year, he would like to learn to be a bee keeper.

*Bonnie Stevenson photos*



## Mooretown-Courtright P.S. performs *Santa's Holiday Hoedown*



The students of Mooretown-Courtright Public School presented their original musical, *Santa's Holiday Hoedown*, on Dec. 17. Every student had a role to play in this rousing tale of Santa's near bankruptcy, the impending failure of his toy empire, and his intrepid elves' plan to put Santa back in business by putting on a country western show in Branson, Missouri. Through two triumphant performances the students danced, sang, and shared their enthusiasm with two appreciative audiences.

**Above:** The fabulous finale had the school gym jumping as the cast celebrated Santa's return to solvency.



**Left:** Proud parents and siblings watch as their budding Broadway stars perform.

**Below left:** No stage production would be complete without a chorus line.

**Below right:** Santa and Mrs. Santa discuss their financial situation and mull over what Christmas will be like without his visits.

Bonnie Stevenson photos





## Notes United presents an *UNEXPECTED* show

The five members of the musical group *Notes United* performed a charming and completely *UNEXPECTED* original show on Dec. 17. *Unexpected!*, the title of the show, was a remarkable feat considering they've only been meeting once a week since September, which amounts to 12 hours of preparation. Their Christmas story was told from a heavenly perspective, employing holiday favourites like Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, plus an original called An Unexpected Christmas. For their version of Jingle Bells, the group took a page from the Blue Man Group's playbook and used various lengths of plastic piping to create the musical notes for the tune. Another song was accompanied by sign language, and Rudolph was performed to a rock 'n roll beat. Talent and creativity is alive and well in Courtright.

*Notes United*, a free music education program for kids ages 8 and up, was formed four years ago by its musical director Beth McDonald. It is sponsored by the Courtright and Sixth Line United Churches.

**Right: The members of *Notes United* are, from left: Kennidie Westbrook, Catrice Westbrook, Shyla McVety, Macey Turner, Tessa Wheeler, and Director Beth McDonald.**

**Below: The *Notes United* group performs *Jingle Bells* by tapping different lengths of hollow plastic pipes on their legs to create the required notes.**

Bonnie Stevenson photos



### Col. Cameron P.S. comes through big time for OCT

Students at Col. Cameron Public School really know how to get involved in their community. They raised a total of 2,300 cans of food for Operation Christmas Tree (OCT), with Mr. Nicholson's Grade 8 class alone collecting 651 cans. A school spokesperson says Col. Cameron more than doubled the collections at other township schools. The Grade 8 champs are seen here with members of the OPP St. Clair Township detachment who stopped by to take the food to the OCT sorting depot.

For their hard work, the Grade 8 champs enjoyed a pizza party.

Photo submitted

## *Note of thanks from Corunna food bank*

Christmas in St. Clair Township is always a time when community spirit is magnified. Operation Christmas Tree, the Sacred Heart food bank, and the Corunna food bank all witnessed that spirit in the donations and volunteer help they received from individuals, organizations and industries. But the community's generosity is something that continues throughout the year.

Corunna food bank volunteer Charles Mortley-Wood says, "We are very grateful for all of the support provided to us from the community." He says the food bank, which operates out of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Colborne Drive, was able to help 80 local families in 2019. "About half of them only need some support once through the year, but many need our support on an ongoing basis." He is also grateful for those who volunteer their time to the food bank, and to the church that provides a home for it. "All our staff are volunteers and the church provides the location for our use free of charge."

Non-perishable items, including personal hygiene products and baby care products, are welcome any time of year. But monetary donations are also appreciated. "Fresh bread, milk, eggs, and frozen meat are provided each week at a cost of approximately \$60 per week (\$3,200 per year), funded by generous donations from members of our community, including Rob's No Frills, who supplies all of our purchased groceries at a significant discount to regular prices."

"We are grateful for all of the support provided to us from the community," said Mr. Mortley-Wood. He added that tax receipts will be issued to individuals for cash donations.

*Thank you to everyone in St. Clair Township who supports these organizations in their work at Christmas and throughout the year.  
Through them, we reveal the best version of ourselves.*

## *Note of thanks from Operation Christmas Tree*

Operation Christmas Tree had yet another successful year. With the continuing support of this great community, we delivered 109 food and toy hampers to needy families. In doing so, we made the holiday a little bit brighter this Christmas for 148 adults and 111 children.

The Operation Christmas Tree board of directors thanks all those who were involved in this year's event.

In 2020, Stan Marsh will be taking over as the President of Operation Christmas Tree, replacing me after a wonderful five years in that role. We are sure he will carry on with even greater success for the next five years.

*Lorne Powell, 2019 President, Operation Christmas Tree*

## *Bundle Up With A Book from your local library*

Lambton County Library's annual winter reading program, *Bundle Up With A Book*, encourages children and teens to visit their local library, participate in activities, and explore new books to read during the winter. Every visit they make entitles them to fill out a ballot for the chance to win a family pack of ticket vouchers for a Sarnia Sting game, a custom Lambton County Library mug, or a bundle of books for winter reading.

## *Note of thanks from Sacred Heart Food Bank*

The Sacred Heart Food Bank would like to convey appreciation and thanks to all who helped make the 2019 Christmas Hamper campaign (canned food drive) such a success.

Thank you to the drivers, canvassers, and sorters. Special thanks to those who donated food, made monetary donations, or helped pack 220 food hampers for the needy. And thank you to the Wilkesport, Becher, and Port Lambton firefighters, along with the Port Lambton Pirates ball team, who did a great job with deliveries.

With this much appreciated community support, we helped make Christmas bright with food and gifts for 62 needy families in our community.

*The Sacred Heart Food Bank Committee*

## *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
- 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)



## *Corunna Legion donation*

R.C.L. Leslie Sutherland Br. 447 Service Officer Shawn MacNeil presented a donation for \$5,000 from the Branch Poppy Fund Trust to Sue Hardy of Parkwood Hospital for the purchase of two pressure sensitive mattresses for the veterans' beds.

*Submitted photos*

*Note: Donation was mistakenly stated as \$500 in the January 2020 issue of the Beacon.*

## 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](http://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 10 a.m. to noon.

**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 10 a.m. to noon.**

### 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 10 a.m. to noon.

### 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.**

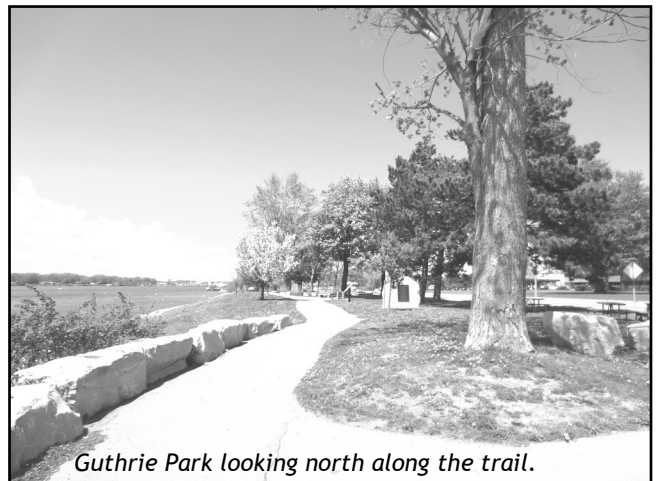


## Check out Trail Facebook page, video & website

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.



*Guthrie Park looking north along the trail.*



## *Big calories only count when they make your clothes too small : MSC*

The new year is here and spring is on the way...no, really...it'll be here before you know it. Be ready to fit into your nifty shorts and light shirts when they come out of storage. Moore Sports Complex can help you dispose of the unpleasant reminder of all those big, scrumptious calories you enjoyed during the holidays. 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 and ready to wear those summer clothes.

### **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.

### **Drum away the pounds 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**

## *Planning underway for golf season 2020*

The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course is quiet right now, but that doesn't mean there's nothing happening. The 2020 season is "on the drawing board" being prepared for opening day the first week of March. *More details as they become available.*



The golf simulator is shut down right now, but it's due to return at the beginning of March when the heat in the clubhouse is turned on, just in time for golfers to perfect their swing before they hit the links for another season.

*Left: One of the last golfers to test her golf technique in the simulator participated in a "closest to the pin" challenge during one of the Christmas parties the golf club hosted.*



Perfect your swing in the golf course simulator.

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### **Well water safety a concern to LPH**

Lambton Public Health (LPH) is encouraging residents with private water wells to test their water supply as soon as possible if the well is flooded by excessively high water levels and flood conditions caused by rain and snow melt.

Harmful bacteria may enter the drinking water supply making it unsafe for consumption.

LPH Public Health Inspector Vicky MacTavish cautions, "Until you can test your well water, use bottled water for daily use including drinking, making infant formula or juices, cooking, making ice washing fruits and vegetables, and brushing teeth."

Once floods have receded, the well should be disinfected and tested at least three times at one week intervals before the water is used for drinking. The test for bacteria (total coliform and E. coli) and water sample kits are free. Water samples must be dropped off within 24 hours of being taken. Local drop-off centres are at Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street, Point Edward, and at Bluewater Health CEE lab, 450 Blanche Street in Petrolia.

For a full schedule of access times for these locations and resources on how to take a water sample, visit [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca)

It is recommended well water be tested three to four times per year to ensure the water supply is not contaminated.

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### **Volunteers needed for telephone support**

Volunteers are being sought to provide check-in calls to seniors through the Tel-Check program. Volunteers are also needed to staff the Distress Line to ensure that when people reach out to this telephone help line, their call will be answered. For more information or to volunteer, call Donna at the Family Counselling Centre, 519-336-0120. This service is funded by the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton.

### **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.

### **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: [stclairriver-trail.com](http://stclairriver-trail.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@cogeco.ca](mailto:odelld@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-



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### **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. To register or to find out more about this effort, call Donna at the Family Counselling Centre, 519-336-0120, ext. 251.

### **Opening Doors mental health support**

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

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

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. 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.

## Mooretown Jr. Flags Bantam Rep team fundraiser benefits United Way



The Mooretown Jr. Flags Bantam Rep hockey team raised over \$200 for the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton with its Christmas Sweater Charity Challenge. The challenge, made by player Charlie Brander, was accepted by every player and coach.

The team is shown here displaying their wild assortment of yuletide-themed holiday shirts and sweaters. They are, back row left: Bryan Beaudoin, Scot Poland, James Snedden, Nolan Beaudoin, Lleyton Ticknor, Luke Doan. Middle row left: Chase MacDonald, Seth Sutherland, Keegan Hornbostel, Casyn Foster, Trevor Anderson, Jake MacLean, Jordan Muir, Jeff MacLean. Front row left: Charlie Brander, Carter MacLean, Tyler Coene, Carter Foster, Derek Hornbostel.

Missing from the photo: Mike Coene, Tom Foster, Aaron Tickner.

Photo submitted



## 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: February 9; February 16; March 1; March 8; March 15; March 22; March 29.

For Online Registration please visit the website:

[https://mooretownladyflags.ca/Articles/1206/2020\\_Lady\\_Flags\\_Try\\_It\\_Skates\\_and\\_Try\\_It\\_Goalie\\_Sessions/](https://mooretownladyflags.ca/Articles/1206/2020_Lady_Flags_Try_It_Skates_and_Try_It_Goalie_Sessions/)

\*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)



## 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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### 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 pickleball season approaches.*

## Coming Events ~ Spring ~

### Spring Renewal Gala fundraiser planned for April

The Moore Sports Complex Renewal Committee presents the Spring Renewal Gala on Saturday, April 18 at the Wilkesport Community Centre (1622 Baby Line in Wilkesport). The event



will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and a silent and live auction. A DJ will make sure there is music to

keep you dancing and a midnight meal at 11 p.m. to top off the evening. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available at the Moore Sports Complex, St. Clair Township Civic Centre at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown, Kay's Petals and Plants in Corunna, Rum Runner's in Som-

bra, and online at [www.ticketscene.com](http://www.ticketscene.com)

### MSC Renewal Concert Fundraiser - Come and See Spot Run

See *Spot Run* is Canada's #1 indie band and it's coming to St. Clair Township for one concert only as the Moore Sports Complex Renewal Committee presents the Raise The Rink fundraiser. The concert, slated for Friday, May 1 at 8:30 p.m., will take place at the Moore Sports Complex on Rink 1. Popular local band *Full Disclosure* will open for the headliners and general admission will apply, with food and a cash bar available. Tickets will be \$20 per person. *Details are now being finalized and more information will soon be released.*

### Vacation Bible School in Brigden

The Brigden United Church is planning its summer Vacation Bible School from July 6 to July 9.

### Corunna U.C. bus trip planned

The annual Corunna United Church Bus Trip is set for Tuesday, June 1. A Badder Bus Lines bus will leave from Corunna Athletic Park at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Its destination this year will be St. Jacob's, where you'll enjoy a day of shopping, lunch, a show, and dinner. The show at the St. Jacob Country Playhouse will be "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder", a musical comedy that has garnered great critical reviews and enthusiastic audience approval. Dinner will be at the Crossroads Restaurant. Tickets for this trip is only \$115 per person, which includes the bus, performance and dinner. To reserve a seat on the bus, call Jill at 519-862-3517.

### Ontario Command Service Officer to visit

The Royal Canadian Legion's Ontario Provincial Command Service Officer Rebecca Hyndman (Calder) will be in the area the week of March 4-6. She will be able to provide information and advice on topics such as disability pensions, financial assistance, veterans independent programs and services.

Veterans and/or their families with concerns or questions about eligibility or access to benefits and services can set up an appointment to meet with Service Officer Hyndman (Calder) by calling Shawn MacNeil at 519-383-9386 or the Corunna Legion Branch 447 at 519-862-1240 before Feb. 12.



## Sarnia-Lambton United Way reaches needs target

A successful but challenging effort to reach the 2019 United Way of Sarnia-Lambton Needs goal of \$1.9 million was reached by the new year. The total funds raised amounted to 100.3% of the goal. In a media release, 2019 Campaign Chair Vicky Ducharme noted the outlook for reaching the goal was bleak in December, but a concerted effort by the United Way team and volunteers, who helped deliver pledge cards, made phone calls, and visited area businesses, made the difference. "We live in one of the most generous communities in Canada," said United Way of Sarnia-Lambton Executive Director Dave Brown. "Over 3,000 individuals contributed to the campaign."

The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton funds 18 local agencies that provide 36 programs and services in three priority areas: Healthy, Resilient, Successful Kids; Healthy, Safe and Independent Seniors; and Empowering and Strengthening Self-Sustaining Families. This work impacts the lives of thousands of Sarnia-Lambton residents.

Right: Executive Director Dave Brown and 2019 Campaign Chair Vicky Ducharme celebrate a successful campaign.



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### Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at Brigden U.C.

A Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held at Brigden United Church on Feb. 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. There is no cost but free will donations will be accepted.

### Corunna Legion hosts several regular 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.

### 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 *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.*

### World Day of Prayer - Corunna

All Saints Anglican Church in Corunna, Lyndoch and Hill Streets, will host the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6 at 2 p.m. This year's theme will be *Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk*. It is written by the women of Zimbabwe. The service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 519-813-9084.

### Sombra Museum Speaker Series event

The Sombra Museum Speaker Series will continue on Friday, March 6 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with *Property Search with the Lambton County Archives*. Learn about resources available locally and online that can help you uncover your property's past. The archivist from Lambton County Archives will share tips and tricks on navigating the ONLAND website, a free resource that shares access to official property related information and documents. Attendees may bring property information and their laptop to follow along if they wish. The cost is \$10. For more information call 519-892-3982 or email [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)

### Stew supper in Wilkesport

A stew supper will be held at the Wilkesport United Church on Thursday, March 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The meal will include homemade biscuits, coffee/tea/juice, and desserts. A free will donation will be taken to benefit the church. Take out will be available. For more information call Ann at 519-892-3673 or email [wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com)

### 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: [parkwaychurchmichelle@gmail.com](mailto:parkwaychurchmichelle@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* has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 and it includes light refreshments. On the last Thursday of the month, the registration proceeds will be given to a chosen charity and individual donations will also be accepted. **Everyone is welcome.** For additional information please call 519-862-1628.

### 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 and Mooretown

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 Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Register at your first class.

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## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Corunna library to welcome guest speaker

The Corunna branch of the Lambton County Library will welcome Peggy from Heaven's Wildlife to talk about animal hibernation and migration on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to noon.

### Corunna Legion hosts special events

The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 will host a number of special events during the months of February, March and April. \*A roast beef bingo is set for Wednesday, Feb. 5, with doors open at 6 p.m. and play beginning at 7 p.m. \*The Barb Griffin Ladies Memorial Dart Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 with registration from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and play beginning at 11 a.m. \*Yuk Yuk's is coming to the hall on Saturday, Feb. 22. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. \*The Hank Stothers Memorial Cribbage Tournament is set for Sunday, March 1 with registration from noon to 12:45 p.m. and play at 1 p.m. \*On Saturday, March 7 the Mel Wilkinson Memorial Dart Tournament will be held with registration from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and play at 11 a.m. \*The Annual Pickerel Fry and Dance is set for Saturday, March 21. Admission is by advance tickets only. They go on sale on Feb. 17 at a cost of \$25 per person. Music will be by Celtic Hillbillies. \*The Easter Ham Bingo will be held on Wednesday, April 1 with doors open at 6 p.m. and play at 7 p.m. \*A Progressive Euchre is set for Sunday, April 5 with registration from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and play at 1 p.m. For more information about any of these events, please call 519-862-1240.

### Shibashi in Mooretown

Shibashi, a tai chi/qigong practice that aligns breath and movement for exercise and health, is being offered at the Moore Sports Complex on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. This class is offered through the West Lambton Community Health Cen-

tre. Registration can be done at the first class.

### 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: February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 13, 20, 27; April 3, 17, 24; and May 1, 8, and 15.

### 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.



### Soups On at Corunna U.C.

The Corunna United Church will host a *Soups On* luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A variety of soups, plus bread and dessert, will be offered and take outs are available. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to Access Open Minds Sarnia Lambton c/o Bluewater Health Foundation. Receipts will be given for donations of \$20 or more. Everyone is welcome.



### Pal-entine's Day at Wellings

Wellings Corunna will hold a *Pal-entine's Day Minute To Win It* event on Feb. 14 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will feature a sit-down dinner at 5 p.m., and *Minute To Win It* at 6 p.m., plus music by Janet LaPlante. Tickets are \$20 per person. RSVP by Feb. 7 by calling 226-778-0539.

### Pancake supper in Wilkesport

A pancake supper will be served at the Wilkesport United Church on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pancakes, breakfast meats, coffee/tea/juice will be on the menu. A free will offering will be accepted with proceeds to the church. Take out will be available. For more information call Ann at 519-892-3673 or by email at [wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com)

### Paint Party and card-making classes At Sombra Museum

The Sombra Museum has two enjoyable crafty activities planned. \*A Paint Party will be held at the museum, corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway in Sombra village, on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Get together with friends and create an acrylic masterpiece while enjoying snacks and drinks (non-alcoholic). Instructor Marlene Rabideau will lead the class and no experience is required. The cost is \$45 per person and pre-registration is required by Feb. 16. For more information or to get tickets, call the museum at 519-892-3982, email [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com), or Facebook. \*A card-making workshop, hosted by Angela Brodhagen, will be held at the Sombra Museum on Monday, Feb. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Make two cards for \$10. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 21 and can be done by calling the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982 or emailing [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com).



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