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Please wear a poppy to show your gratitude for those who fought for our freedom and those who continue the fight today. On November 11 at 11 a.m., please take two minutes of silence and remember.

## BRIGDEN REMEMBERS HOMETOWN HEROES



Remembrance Day 2020, will be a lot different from those we have known in decades past. We won't be able to stand together in silence with our friends and neighbours as the haunting sound of a lone trumpet sends The Last Post soaring into the brisk November air. We'll miss the solemn grace of the colour guard that bears the flags of the country for which our service men and women fought, and often laid down their lives.

This year, an unseen enemy stands between us and our wish to honour our heroes as they deserve. But several communities have found a way to bring their memories to life, giving them a virtual opportunity to march once more down the main streets of their home towns.

Left: If you take a walk through the village of Brigden along Brigden Road, you will see the faces of brave men in their youth looking down at you from their watch posts on the utility poles (Photo insets show a few of the faces you'll see). This year, colourful banners, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635, Brigden, will remind us of their service and sacrifices, and we will remember all who fought to keep us free.

"They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

~Excerpt from *For the Fallen*,  
by Robert Laurence Binyon

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## MUNICIPAL NOTES

### Shell facility will not be sold

Shell Canada has been actively marketing the Shell Manufacturing Centre north of Corunna since January, 2019, but the decision has now been made to retain it.

In an emailed statement received by St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, the facility's External Relations Manager Olwen Gover said, "Shell will continue to operate these assets, maintain its marketing presence in Ontario, and continue to honour branded supply and wholesale agreements." The plant was taken off the market when negotiations with a prospective buyer were unsuccessful.

Mayor Arnold says this comes as good news for the township. "We are all pleased that Shell has decided to keep the refinery, distribution centre, and dock as part of their core business in St. Clair Township. It will put a lot of minds at ease that Shell continues to see the site as an important asset in their world-wide operations." He acknowledged the facility's employees for their commitment to their work during the uncertainty caused by the prospective sale. "Its employees continued to operate the site in a safe and environmentally friendly manner," he said.

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### Moore Township Community and Recreation Foundation grants awarded

The Moore Township Community and Recreation Foundation recently held a Zoom online meeting to discuss and choose recipients for four 2020 grants.

The recipients included: \$1,500 to Moore Museum for a wall-mounted display case; \$1,000 to the Brigden Community Decoration Team for seasonal decorations/planters; \$1,500 to the Sombra Volunteer Garden Club for a bench; and \$2,500 for a digitizer.

Members of the foundation include: David Cram, Janet Edgar, Gord Dawson, Jim Rich, Cathy Langis, Susan Pearson, Jane Marsh, Charlie Quenneville (treasurer), and Mayor Steve Arnold.



### Pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses on sale

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses are on sale now until Feb. 28, 2021. They will be available at the following locations: Corunna Home Hardware; 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  
Director of Administration/Clerk  
Deputy C.A.O.

### Council Meeting Schedule

All regular public council meetings will be held as virtual, online meetings until the COVID-19 threat has subsided enough to allow public gatherings. However, the public may view the meetings online by going on to the township website at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca) On the St. Clair Township home page, look for the link to the meeting, top of the page, highlighted in blue.

**Upcoming meetings include: Monday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.**

St. Clair Township offices at the Civic Centre in Mooretown will remain closed during council meetings and for public access. Opening will be considered on a meeting-to-meeting basis until it is safe to reopen the facility. Anyone wishing to contact the municipality can call 519-867-2021 for further information.

### Winter Parking by-law

The winter parking by-law will be in effect beginning on Dec. 1, 2020. 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. The by-law ensures that snow removal crews can do their jobs efficiently and safely without being hampered by parked cars.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All boats and trailers parked in laneways **MUST** be set back at least to the front yard set back of the zone in which you reside. In Corunna and all built-up areas, any trailer or boat **MUST** be a minimum of six (6) metres setback from the property line through April 1, 2021.

Property owners are also reminded that it is against the law to shovel snow out onto public streets and roads. These snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless vehicle collisions and mishaps.



### Pay taxes and water online

Ratepayers now have the option to pay their taxes or water bills online with any major credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex) or PayPal with PaySimply, a secure third-party provider. Visit the St. Clair Township website and simply click on 'property taxes payment' or 'water payment'.

Please allow three business days for processing. A convenience fee will be applied to cover payment handling and processing charges.





## More MUNICIPAL NOTES

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#### Fawn Island parking area safety concern

The safety of Fawn Island residents using the shoreline docks immediately north of the Southwestern Sales Corp. (SWS) dock will be addressed by the township in response to safety concerns raised by SWS. The company asked that the township pay for and install steel structure swing gates to block public access to the shoreline area and three docks immediately north of the property SWS leases from the township (at the south end of the Fawn Island parking area). The company pointed out that two steel cable anchor points used to help secure freighters that offload gravel at the SWS dock are within the shoreline area that will be blocked off by the new gates. SWS says these anchor points have been located in that area for many decades and are essential for operation. However, members of the public that use the public docks and the boat ramps, and drive under or over the anchor cables while the ships are off-loading, are in danger. SWS believes it is "only a matter of time before a major accident will occur at this location."

Council agreed the fence and gates are a good idea to protect those who use the public area. "It's to protect our people when they're (SWS) unloading a ship, so we're getting the benefit of it," said Mayor Arnold. A motion to undertake the steel gate project was passed.

The gates will be activated by SWS workers when freighters are at the dock, and they will temporarily block access to the three public docks at the south end of the Fawn Island parking area. SWS estimates approximately 10-12 loaded gravel ships dock at the site each year, with about eight of them docking during the Fawn Island season. The duration of the off-loading process is about five hours per ship. The cost of the protective barrier will be paid from the Works Dept. operational budget and installation will be handled by the township.

#### Sombra Museum receives COVID grant

The Sombra Museum has received a grant for \$10,000 from

the Ministry of Canadian Heritage. The grant was awarded under the Museums Assistance Program - COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund. The grant is to be used to help the museum carry out its normal activities. It will help make up funds that would normally be made through fundraising events that are held through the summer and community donations.

#### OPG takes over Lambton G.S. project

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has informed council it has resumed full control of the Lambton Generating Station site after terminating its contract with JMX Contracting Inc. About 60 per cent of the structures have been removed and according to OPG, the site is currently in a "safe, shutdown state".

In a letter to Mayor Arnold, OPG Project Manager Ralph Curitti said, "OPG...is exploring options to resume the demolition project in a safe and environmentally responsible manner using an alternate contractor."

During a council discussion regarding the letter, it was suggested the current halt in the demolition process would be an appropriate time to make council's concerns known to OPG. One aspect of the project that has already been discussed involves the method in which the stacks will be removed from the site. During a council meeting in 2019, OPG representatives attended council to outline a plan involving explosives to bring down the three stacks.

Council objected to this method, citing the massive dust and debris the falling stacks would put into the air. This method was used successfully in the dismantling of other tall stacks at OPG stations like Lakeview G.S. near Toronto. But with the Lambton facility so close to its township neighbours, the St. Clair River, and the neighbouring state of Michigan, council believes it would be an environmentally unwise option for this application.

#### Opening of community halls reviewed

The reopening of community halls in the township was reviewed at both October council meetings. It was decided the halls will remain closed to the public for now, although hall board meetings may take place there subject to the observation of all COVID-19 safety protocols. As the coronavirus situation improves, council will revisit the matter.

## Community support needed to slow COVID-19 transmission

Recent outbreaks of COVID-19 have prompted Lambton Public Health (LPH) to issue bulletins reminding the public that COVID-19 will not go away without the help of every person in Lambton County. LPH reminds everyone the increase in COVID-19 cases within the community requires the assistance of all Lambton County residents to address.

"We know it is going to be tough," said Dr. Sudit Ranade, Medical Officer of Health for Lambton County. "It's getting colder out and we are moving inside for more of our activities and socializing. But as we see this sudden rise in cases, primarily due to unmonitored social gatherings, LPH is asking for everyone's help in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We all have to be patient, be kind, and work together to get through this."

All residents of Lambton County are reminded to limit the number of close contacts. If you receive notification that you are a close contact of a (confirmed) case, you must self-isolate. When LPH contacts you, be honest and understand that our focus at that time is to further slow the spread of COVID-19. Informing a close contact is a critical step. LPH will provide further direction

as part of the investigation.

You will be asked to follow these precautions: don't go to work or school if you have symptoms and if you are symptomatic and waiting for test results, please wait for the results before returning to work or school.

Workplaces are being asked to review and monitoring operating guidance requirements and policies to support parents or guardians that may need to stay home with a sick child. Dr. Ranade says that transmission is connected to our social interactions and behaviours. Limiting the amount of time and contact people have with individuals outside of their household also plays an important role in reducing the virus's spread.

The use of face masks is also crucial to reducing the spread of the virus, especially in situations where physical distancing cannot be assured.

To find out more about contact tracing, self-isolation, daily situation reports, local testing and assessment, as well as workplace guidance, go online to [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](https://www.lambtonpublichealth.ca)

## Need a flu shot?

The need for a flu shot has never been more important. Although it won't protect you from the coronavirus, it may help you avoid the complications that can arise if COVID-19 and the seasonal flu simultaneously infect an individual.

Flu shots are available at pharmacies, Lambton Public Health, or your doctor's office. **Please don't put it off.**



## Public Works Department

After hours emergency  
~ 1-888-441-4204 ~

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 8 of 2020 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works Department, to avoid service fees.

### COVID-19 measures still in effect

The St. Clair Township Works Department will be continuing to observe COVID-19 guidelines regarding social distancing for the well-being of employees and the public.

Residents will still be able to call for assistance or information. Public Works staff have resumed work that requires entry into a premise, however precautions will be taken such as pre-screening residents, masks will be worn by staff and 6 feet distance will be maintained between the employee and resident.

Please be patient during this emergency. The health and safety of the community will be the priority for all St. Clair Township staff.

### Bridge closure - 2020 November

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

### Sewer main flushing

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
May 2020 - Fall 2020

For current areas affected, refer to:

[stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca)

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

If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.



### Crossing Guard wanted - November 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 \$60.00 per day.

Please send applications to:  
[stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca) with  
'crossing guard' in the subject line or  
drop off application in secure drop box  
at St. Clair Township Civic Centre.



### Clear the road!

All homeowners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (e.g. basketball nets, goalie nets, etc.) off and away from roads and streets. This includes sports nets that are located on the street surface and near the back of the curb. A verbal and/or written warning will be issued to homeowners with sports nets on or near the road.

#### TAKE NOTICE

If sports nets are not removed, all equipment will be collected by the Public Works Department and stored at the Public Works Operational Centres

**EMERGENCIES HAPPEN!** Are you ready for them? Don't wait to find out what you **SHOULD** have done to get through one. Go online to: [www.getprepared.ca](http://www.getprepared.ca) and get all the information you need. Do you have an adequate supply of daily medications, water, flashlights, food, pet supplies, baby supplies...etc.?



## Public Works Department

### Fall Yard Waste/Brush Collection

In order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to landfill, St. Clair Township provides yard waste collection (directed to the compost site) in the spring and fall (see calendar for dates). During this collection period, paper bags or containers clearly marked with a large X must be used. During time periods outside of yard waste collection dates, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection, subject to the 6-item limit. During this period of time, compost will be directed to landfill, not the compost site.

Residents will no longer be able to take yard waste directly to Sarnia Compost.

Fall Yard Waste Collection will begin the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### Collection Days:

##### MONDAY

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

##### THURSDAY

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



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## Small business relief fund now available



On Oct. 21, the federal government announced an investment of \$12 million in support of the Canada United Small Business Relief Fund.

Small businesses comprise the heart of any community. Their success is critical to helping Canada recover from COVID-19 and it is essential to the nation's economic strength.

Canada United is a national movement created and launched by RBC to support local businesses in communities across the country. This fund grants up to \$5,000 to small businesses so they can cover the costs of personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as physical modifications and digital enhancements to their businesses to meet local health and safety requirements. The grant can also be used to help firms with the cost of PPE and enhance their e-commerce capabilities so they can do more business online.

The fund is a response to the uncertainty small business owners have endured in the wake of the pandemic.

Facing losses, the increased cost of reopening, and hesitant consumer confidence, many small businesses face significant challenges in the struggle to stay open. Applications for the relief fund are now available to local businesses of all types, from hair care shops to retailers to farmers.

Perrin Beatty, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, commented, "The Canada United Small Business Relief Fund is helping our small businesses offset the cost required to reopen safely or adopt digital technologies to move more of their business online at a time when they need it most. Chambers of commerce and boards of trade from coast to coast have come together to start the Canada United movement, to show local businesses all the support they deserve."

Canadian small businesses can learn more and apply for the grant online.

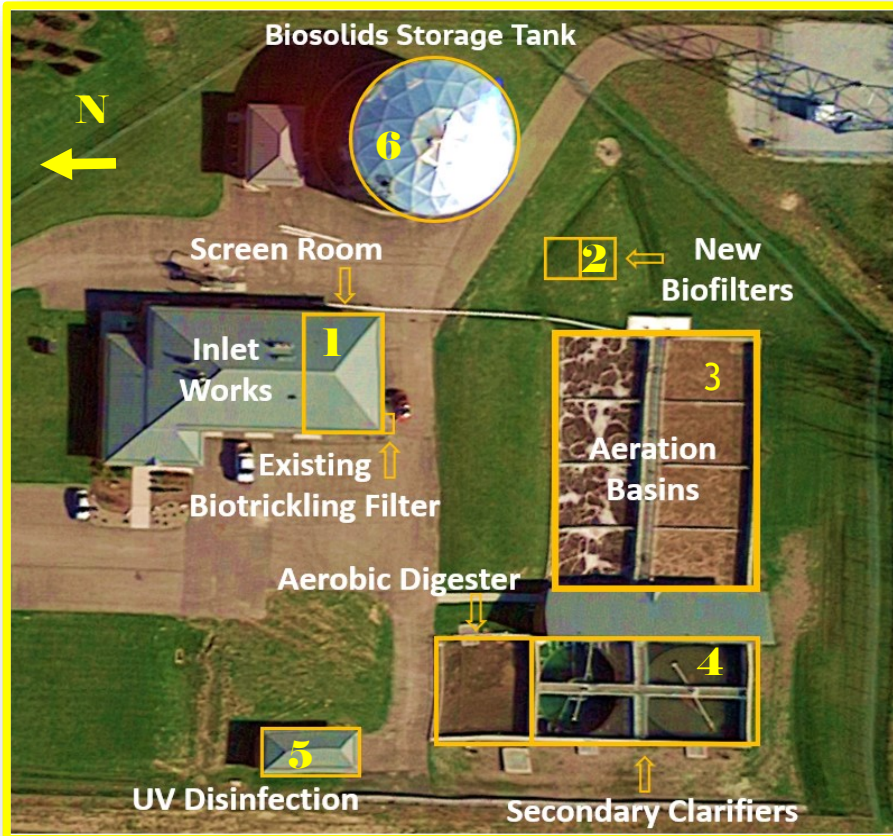
**To get started, go to:**

<https://occ.ca/canada-united-small-business-relief-fund/>

***SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES - PLEASE SHOP LOCAL***



## Open house at Courtright Waste Treatment Plant (WWTP) a sweet revelation



Screen room (inside inlet works building) is where effluent enters the plant.



New biofilters treat odorous air from the inlet channel at the front-end of the aeration basins, the aerobic digester, biosolids storage tank vent, and truck loading station.

Aerial view of the Courtright Waste Water Treatment plant



The biosolids storage tank stores the treated sludge until it can be transferred to trucks for disposal via land application during a short period of time each year. The guide for this tour was Brian Black, Director of Public Works.



Brian Black describes the function of the aeration basins where effluent is treated by bacteria that feeds on it.



The secondary clarifier tanks, (4) foreground, further treat effluent, which is then separated, and the cleaned water sent to the UV disinfection building (5) for use in the plant. Sludge from these tanks is sent to the biosolids storage tank (6).

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# CWWTP open house marks welcome end to odour

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Grateful neighbours and curious visitors attended the open house and tour event at the Courtright Waste Water Treatment Plant (CWWTP) on Oct. 14. The air was sweet, a pleasant change from the way it was a few months ago.

Major modifications and additions have been carried out at the plant to mitigate the noxious odors that once made life difficult for nearby homeowners.

The event, where care was taken to observe all COVID-19 safety measures, was co-hosted by St. Clair Township and Jacobs, the company that undertook the project and will continue to look after it. Visitors were greeted with hand sanitizer and contact information was taken in case someone at the event later tested positive for the coronavirus. Tour-takers were treated to a barbecue lunch, courtesy of Works Department staff, at the end of their informative trip around the facility.

St. Clair Township Director of Works Brian Black described the scope of the work. "The big source of odor we have here is hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), so in order to get rid of it, we put in a much larger bio-air unit. It creates a vacuum unit (in the screen room) where sewage comes into the plant, and draws all that H<sub>2</sub>S up into a system that takes it over and uses natural sources to eat away at the H<sub>2</sub>S, essentially getting rid of it," he said.

Another added feature is the recycling of sludge from the final stage of the process. "Activated sludge comes off the last cell and is recycled into the screen room. That's got all the nutrients in it that eat away at the H<sub>2</sub>S and essentially helps reduce the odour in the air," said Mr. Black.

The upgraded system also includes the UV disinfection building, where the treated effluent is sent to the bio-air unit, where it's sprinkled over the unit's system, and also sent to hydrants around the facility to be used for cleaning purposes instead of potable water.

The success of the project is measured by the clean air it has yielded. Mr.

Black says Jacobs will be onsite to keep the system running well. "Overall, with the system in place, we're able to know that the H<sub>2</sub>S is down to almost zero. We're happy with the way it worked out. It has to be maintained and managed, but with Jacobs here, they're taking care of it and it's all running smoothly," he said.

Mayor Steve Arnold spoke to the residents in attendance, saying, "It's been a long project for us to come to this spot. Staff has worked very hard, council has been very supportive, and the neighbours have been very patient. Those three things have worked out well for all of us, but we can't let our guard down," he said. "We have to make sure that we keep improving here."

The Courtright WWTP treats waste water from the village of Courtright and Corunna, accepting an average daily flow of 6,000 cubic metres per day (m<sup>3</sup>/d) and a peak flow of 15,000 (m<sup>3</sup>/d).

Photos/story by  
Bonnie Stevenson



St. Clair Township rep Nova Vanderslgt, second from right, and Jacobs representative Taryn Davis, greeted visitors and handed out swag. Below: Mayor Arnold congratulates project team for work well done.



Courtright residents Hannah Marnoch, baby Pauline, 6 months, and Micah, 3, enjoy their hot dogs.

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**EarlyON**  
Child and Family Centres

## 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).





## Brigden banners pay tribute to hometown heroes

The line of Veterans Memorial Banners that lines the main street of Brigden is the work of the Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635. The banners portray many of the young hometown men who have served their country during times of conflict to protect our peace and freedom.

The banners were funded by the families of the men whose photos appear on them, and they were produced by Dynagraphics of Corunna. "They did an awesome job," said Brigden Legion Vice-president Gostick.

The banners were installed by St. Clair Township workers on brackets paid for by St. Clair Township. Mr. Gostick expressed thanks to St. Clair Township Council and staff for its support and help with the project. "I want to thank Mayor Steve Arnold, David Neeley, and the whole council for their support. This project would not have happened without it," he said. He also acknowledged the work of Legion members who helped

with the project, including: Deanna Munday; Ron Hayward; and Eldon Krohn.

The banners will be put up from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 each year for the next three years, after which they will each be returned to the families who purchased them.

Mr. Gostick says the banners have evoked emotional responses from some of the people who have been out to see the display. He also noted there are two large banners on display at the front of the Brigden Legion Hall at 3021 Brigden Road.

Several other local communities, including Corunna and Wallaceburg, currently have memorial banners on display.

The Brigden Br. 635 Legion hall is currently open from Thursday through Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meat raffles are held every second Saturday.



## COVID-19 restrictions affect Remembrance Day services in Brigden and Corunna

Royal Canadian Legion Branches 447 Corunna and 635 Brigden have cancelled their annual public Remembrance Day services due to COVID-19 restrictions.

This year's Remembrance Day service in Brigden will have Legion members placing all wreaths at the cenotaph on November 11.

A brief non-public ceremony, with flag only, will be held.

Poppy boxes will be distributed as usual.

The Legion appreciates the public's patience and understanding as everyone tries to follow safety guidelines during this pandemic.

The Corunna Legion will hold ceremonies at the War Memorial beside the Corunna Clock Tower on Lyndoch Street on Nov. 11. Due to COVID-19, this year's Remembrance Day service will be scaled down.

There will be no parade and attendance will be limited to Legion members, veterans, the colour party, and dignitaries. The majority of wreaths will be pre-placed at the memorial prior to the ceremony.

Those wanting to place a wreath personally can do so at the conclusion of the ceremony. Pre-placed wreaths will be acknowledged during that part of the service. Dignitaries will be standing in front of and facing the Memorial.

Wreaths will be pre-positioned and will include federal, provincial, municipal, Legion, and Ladies Auxiliary only.

Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath, please call the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240.

Spectators are discouraged from attending due to the limit of space and the need to physically distance in accordance with Lambton Public Health requirements.

Those who choose to attend are asked to wear their mask and maintain social distancing.

The ceremony will be streamed live on the Corunna

Legion's Facebook page for those who wish to view it from home, school, or the workplace.

The Facebook page can be found at *Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna*. "Like" the page, then go to it at the appropriate date and time to see the entire ceremony.

Thank you for your understanding.

**Bob Chambers**

Branch 447 Poppy Chairman

### Poppy Boxes - Corunna

The Royal Canadian Legion's 2020 National Poppy Campaign begins on Oct. 30, following the tradition of launching it on the last Friday of October. Several changes will be implemented in response to the global pandemic.

In most locations, traditional poppy boxes will accept cash and donors will receive poppies as usual. Due to the challenges presented by COVID-19 restrictions, Legion members will not be canvassing at the usual locations and there will be no "lapel pinning" in public areas.

Poppy boxes will be on counters in stores and businesses, so we ask that you please make a donation so we can continue to serve our veterans and their dependants, and support youth.

If you have questions, please call the Legion branch hall at 519-862-1240.

**Bob Chambers**  
Branch 447  
Poppy Chairman



"As Santa's helpers, we elves know the importance of working together to make Christmas a happy time for girls and boys, but we get tired sometimes and we have to stay strong to get the job done. We understand that you're all getting pretty tired of wearing masks, keeping your hands really clean, and keeping your distance from people you love and friends you care for. We all need to be heroes right now - stay strong and safe until doctors and scientists around the world find the medicines and vaccines that will help make things normal again. A wise man once said: "There are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes." ~Mr. (Fred) Rogers.



## This Christmas support those who serve

This Christmas, don't forget the men and women serving far from home in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Find out what you can do to let them know you care.

Please go online to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-national-defence/services/contact-us/write-troops.html>



## Beat the silent killer: Prevent CO in your home

Ontario's Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week runs from November 1-7, and the St. Clair Township Fire Department reminds you that it's the law to install CO alarms in your home if you have a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage. Fuel-burning appliances can include furnaces, hot water heaters, gas or wood fireplaces, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators, barbecues, stoves and vehicles.

### What is CO?

CO is known as the silent killer because it is an invisible, tasteless and odourless gas that can be deadly. It is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood do not burn completely in fuel-burning appliances and devices such as furnaces, gas or wood fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves, barbecues, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators and vehicles.

### Prevent CO in your home

- Ensure fuel-burning appliances, chimneys and vents are cleaned and inspected annually. Visit [COSafety.ca](https://www.cosafety.ca) to find a registered contractor near you.
- Check that all outside appliance vents are not blocked.
- Gas and charcoal barbecues should only be used outside, away from all doors, windows, vents, and other building openings. Never use barbecues inside garages, even if the garage doors are open.

- Portable fuel-burning generators should only be used outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors, vents and other building openings.
- Ensure all portable fuel-burning heaters are vented properly, according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Never use the stove or oven to heat your home. Never run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor inside a garage, even if the garage doors are open. Always remove a vehicle from the garage immediately after starting it.

### Know the symptoms of CO

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death. **If your CO alarm sounds, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 from outside the building.**

### Know the sound of your CO alarm

Your CO alarm sounds different than your smoke alarm. Test both alarms monthly and make sure everyone in your home knows the difference between the two alarm sounds. Don't be confused by the sound of your CO alarm's low-battery warning. Follow your CO alarm manufacturer's instructions so you know the difference between the low-battery warning, the "end-of-life" warning, and the alarm that alerts you to the presence of CO in your home.



## Lambton Public Health COVID-19 updates

### COVID-19 school and child testing expansion

Lambton Public Health has recently investigated positive cases in three Lambton County schools. This recent increase in the community transmission of COVID-19 has prompted Lambton Public Health to encourage the testing of all symptomatic children.

Since mid-September, Lambton Public Health has offered COVID-19 testing to school-aged children residing and/or attending school in Lambton County, and COVID-19 testing is now available to child care-aged children at most locations.

#### This School Testing Centre option is currently available for:

- Children who are unable to attend school or child care due to illness, and require a test in order to **return to school or child care**.
- Children and staff from a school or child care who have been notified by Lambton Public Health that they are **close contacts** of a COVID-19 case.
- Symptomatic** child care/school staff, parents and household members of a child who was notified by Lambton Public Health that they are a close contact of a COVID-19 case.

#### Appointments are required and online options are now available.

- Book online** by going to [app.getcorigan.ca](http://app.getcorigan.ca). Choose from available times and book a test when it is convenient for you.
- Call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839.

**Please have the following details ready:** Child and parent/guardian information; OHIP number; primary care provider; current symptoms; history of contact with other known or suspected COVID-19 positive person.

#### Hours and locations of our testing centres are listed below:

##### Sarnia - School Testing Centre

260 Wellington St.  
(Former SCITS High School)  
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-3:00pm

##### Petrolia - School Testing Centre *(for school-aged children only)*

3823 Oil Heritage Rd. (Lambton Centennial School)  
Mon-Fri: 9:30am-3:00pm

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### New COVID-19 map available to the public

Lambton Public Health recently announced the expansion of the Lambton COVID-19 surveillance report. As of Oct. 19, Lambton Public Health is reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases in Lambton County across five "reporting regions," using the **COVID-19 Case Map**.

The development of a tool that maps addresses to reporting regions was supported by the County of Lambton's Information Technology department in consultation with a team from Lambton Public Health responsible for surveillance and epidemiology support.

"This new tool allows the public to access additional information about COVID-19 cases in their region while keeping the personal health information of those individuals private," says Siobhan Churchill, Epidemiologist with Lambton Public Health. "This is an important tool for Lambton County, as it allows the public to visualize how case rates vary across our urban and rural regions, accounting for the fact that some regions have more residents than others."

The COVID-19 case map shows where confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lambton County were living at the time of illness. It does not indicate where cases were exposed to COVID-19, and it cannot be used to draw conclusions about personal risk.

The report shows the number and rate per 100,000 of COVID-19 cases by reporting region. Users can choose to view case counts and rates based on the total number of cases since the start of the pandemic, or the number of cases in the past month.

If users are unsure which reporting region they live in, they can look for their municipality in the table below the map or follow the written directions to look up their dissemination area and corresponding reporting region.

Lambton residents are reminded to continue to practice good public health safety measures. Limit social interactions, practice physical distancing, wear a mask when you cannot or are required to do so, wash your hands frequently, and please stay home if you are sick. We all have a role to play at reducing COVID-19 in our community. We can get through this together, because we are stronger, together.

To learn more about how Lambton Public Health manages COVID-19 reporting or about the new surveillance tool visit [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca), or call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839.

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## HERITAGE CORNER

### Wartime rationing issued to ensure Canadians received fair share of limited resources

Information courtesy Moore Museum

Seeing empty shelves in grocery stores and limits on the purchase of certain items was a new experience for most of us during the early part of the COVID-19 pandemic, but these sights would have been commonplace to those who experienced the hard times during World War II. Rationing was implemented in Canada in April, 1942 by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

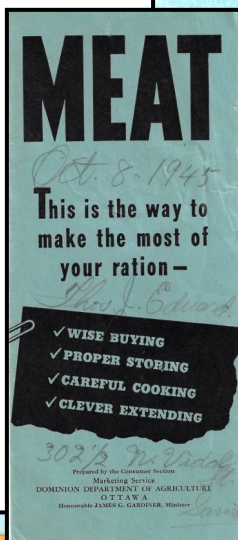
With food items and materials, such as metals and gasoline, needed for the war effort, many products were rationed for home use. The purchase of sugar, tea, butter, coffee, meat, beer and wine at the store required not only money, but the appropriate ration coupon or token. (examples of these in Moore Museum's collection are shown below)

At times, even ration coupons and money would not be enough to obtain these items, as supplies were not available.

Limits on such staples as meat and sugar required people to make changes in how they would normally prepare meals. Booklets, such as the one pictured here, left, offered suggestions on making the most of your rations. The accompanying recipe, above right, shows how a wide variety of meats could be used since various meats were in different ration groups.

Wartime shortages and restrictions were seen in other ways as well. Stories are told of underwear with buttons due to shortage of the rubber needed to make elastic, and women painting a line up the back of their calves to make it look like they were wear-

ing nylon stockings. Since canned goods were hard to obtain, "victory gardens" became popular as people planted vegetables wherever they could.



#### BROWN OR LIGHT STEW

(Beef: chuck, flank, neck, round, shank, stewing beef)

(Lamb: flank, front)

(Veal: breast, flank, neck, stewing veal)

1½ to 2½ pounds meat	Hot water to cover
Fat	6 medium onions
Flour	6 medium carrots
1 onion, finely chopped	6 medium potatoes
Salt, pepper, seasonings* to taste	

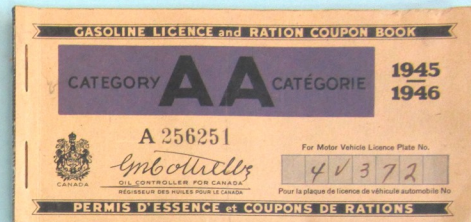
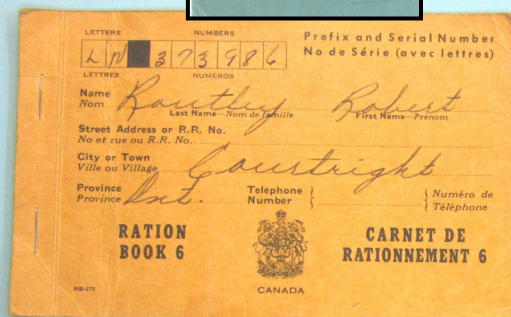
Trim meat and cut into pieces. Cook onion in a little hot fat till slightly browned.

Brown stew: dredge meat with flour, brown in hot fat.

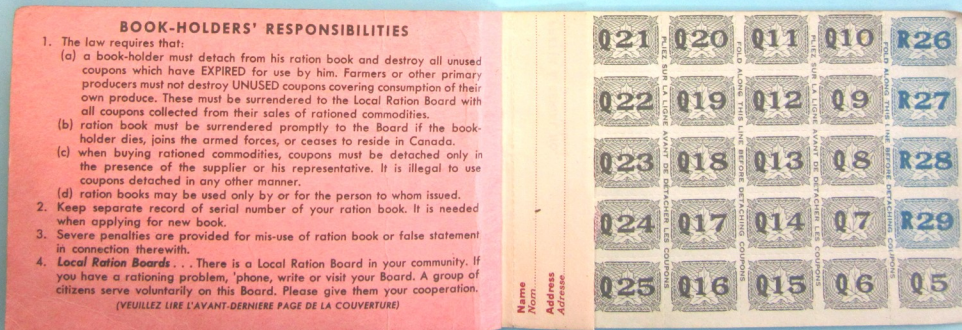
Light stew: omit flouring and browning.

Put meat and onion in pot, add water, cover tightly and simmer,—about 1 hour for lamb, 1½ hours for veal, 2 hours for beef. Add vegetables and seasonings\* and continue cooking until meat and vegetables are tender. Thicken stew with a little flour, mixed with cold water. Cook 10 minutes after thickening.

(\*See "See Seasonings" Page 9)



Examples of the all-important wartime ration cards.



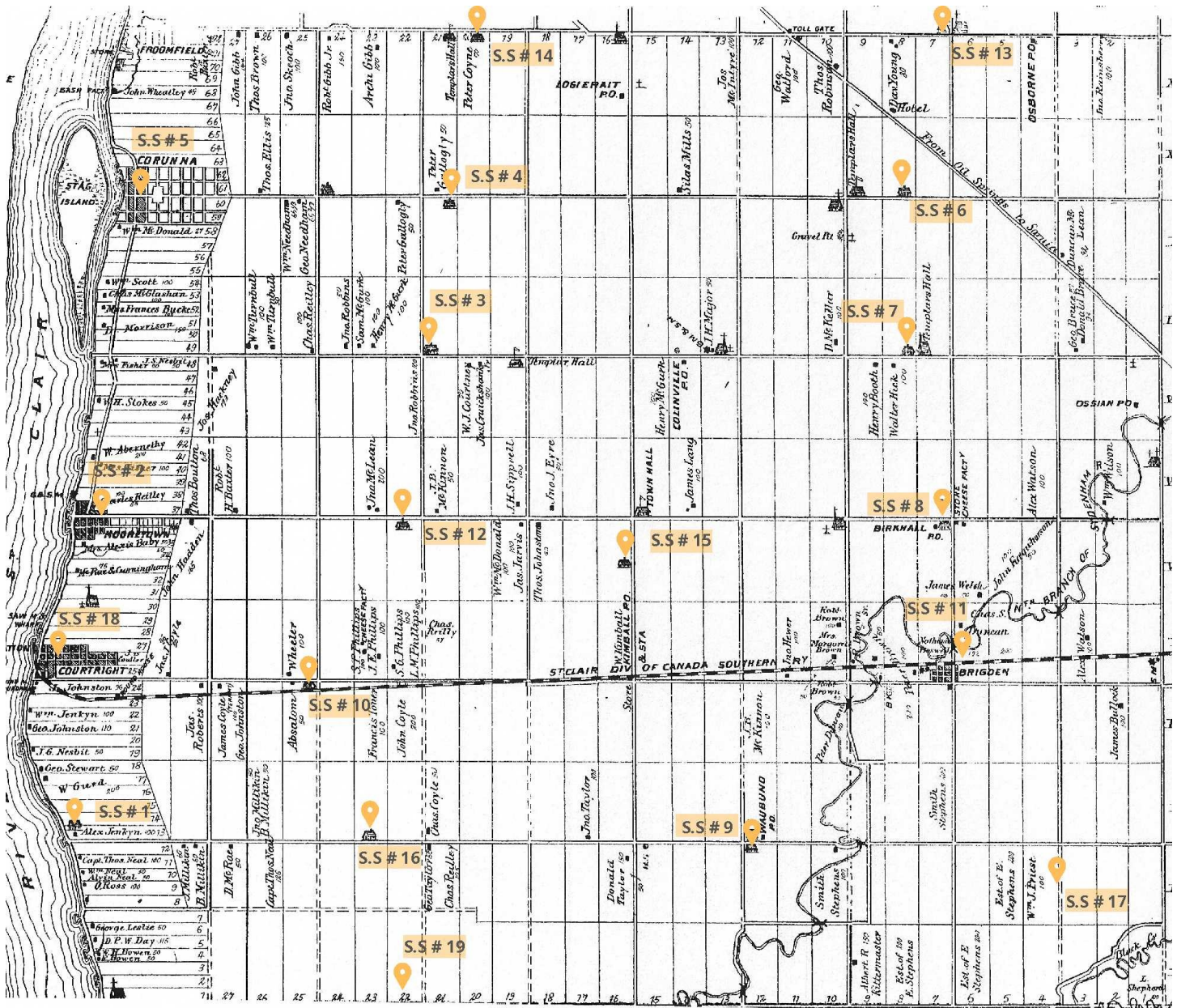
### Bear Creek Cemetery Company

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.



## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

### Moore Museum seeks information about history of former Moore Twp. schools



#### Did you attend a school in the former Moore Township prior to 1963?

Moore Museum is developing another virtual exhibit for our website, this one featuring brief histories and photos of the schools in the former Moore Township prior to centralization in 1963. There were 19 school sections in Moore, four of which were union schools - two shared with Sombra Township and two with Sarnia Township. The map, shown above, indicates the location of these schools.

If you have information on the history of any of these schools, or photos (or scans of photos) that you would be willing to share with us, we'd love to hear from you. We would appreciate details about any school in the township, but especially School Sections #6, #13 and #19 Moore, as our research files contain some information for most of the school sections in the township, but we have no information at all for those three. Information can be sent to [lmason@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:lmason@stclairtownship.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!

#### Connect with Moore Museum

We want to hear from you. Please follow the link on the home page of [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca) to our online survey. We very much appreciate input from our community and, as a thanks for your assistance, survey respondents will be entered in a draw (to be held on November 13, 2020) to win a 2021 family membership and \$25 gift shop gift certificate. In addition to our website and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mooremuseum](https://www.facebook.com/mooremuseum), we are now also on Instagram @mooremuseum so you can watch for news from Moore Museum.

~Laurie Mason, curator, Moore Museum

## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

# WANTED

## PORT LAMBTON

FAMILY

VISITORS

CHURCHES

SCHOOLS

MILITARY

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BUILDINGS

NATURE

• PHOTOS

• DOCUMENTS

• STORIES

• MEMORIES

• HISTORICAL  
INFORMATION• HISTORICAL  
ITEMS

ORGANIZATIONS

TRANSPORTATION

AGRICULTURE

BUSINESSES

NATURE

SCOUTING  
GUIDINGSOCIAL  
ACTIVITIES

## Photos still being sought

The Port Lambton 200th Committee is seeking photographs and information that will help illuminate the area's heritage. To donate, please email the Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Historical Committee at [portlambtonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:portlambtonhistory@gmail.com) or contact Kailyn at the Sombra Museum, [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)

## Sombra Museum seeks information to document COVID-19 era

Working in a museum, we tend to be concerned about documenting and preserving the past, but right now we are living through an event that is unlike any we have experienced in the last century, if ever before, so the focus is very much on the present. So often, when looking through the archives we get very excited to find the shortest photo caption, post card, note, or on rare occasions, a diary recording daily life.

Looking for local accounts of the 1919 Spanish Flu pandemic and finding very little from the local perspective, we realized that we need our St. Clair Township residents to help us record and preserve memories of the present time for future generations. What is going on day-to-day in Sombra, Wilkesport, Port Lambton, Mooretown, Lambton County, Canada, and elsewhere in the world?

**Information we hope you will share includes:**

- \* Shopping conditions and how they changed over time.
- \* Adapting to working at home, and any challenges or creative solutions that were needed.
- \* Financial challenges.
- \* Feelings caused by the outbreak and thoughts about social distancing.
- \* Keeping children occupied during self-isolation.
- \* Keeping adults occupied during self-isolation.
- \* What new or newly rediscovered hobbies or crafts were taken up.

- \* Stories from workers on the front lines and staffing essential services.
- \* Struggles of family members or friends infected with the virus.
- \* Stories of everyday heroes, i.e. people helping neighbours during self-isolation or people accepting inconveniences for the greater good.
- \* How daily life and routines have changed.
- \* For those who lived through the Great Depression, World War II, etc., are there similarities to those experiences?
- \* How social media and technology is impacting life in social isolation (using technology for the first time, using it differently).

Photos, videos, drawings, anecdotes, a few jotted thoughts - we want all the family-friendly material you feel comfortable sharing (no explicit material).

**Submissions can be sent by email to:**  
[sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com) with the subject line "COVID-19 History Snapshot".

Please share this request for community life memories with as many people as possible. We encourage everyone to document this time, if not to share publicly, then for yourself and your family to look back and reflect on in years to come.

Take care and be well.

~Kailyn Shepley, curator, Sombra Museum



The annual Creative County Grant Program has been modified in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will support cultural organizations and events that demonstrate innovation in adapting programs and activities to pandemic restrictions and public health guidelines.

The grant application criteria for 2020-2021 will be adjusted to allow reimbursement of expenses to meet safety requirements that allow cultural events to pro-

## Creative County offers support for innovation in response to pandemic

ceed, or support innovative approaches to ensuring the safe re-opening of cultural destinations.

Program Committee Chair Jackie Rombouts explained, "Many cultural sector organizations in Lambton County are facing unanticipated costs as they quickly adapt in order to safely continue operations and retain patrons and audiences. This grant will help to support those expenses and keep culture thriving in Lambton."

The deadline for this program is Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. Applications will be accepted online through [lambtononline.ca](http://lambtononline.ca)



## Southwest Regional Credit Union donates to St. Andrew's foodbank



Restrictions required to battle the COVID-19 pandemic have made necessary fundraising difficult for many community groups and organizations. Barbecues, dinners, and many other special events and festivals had to be cancelled for fear they would promote the spread of the coronavirus. Yet this year has taken a brutal toll on many individuals and families, making fundraising for groups like our food banks more important than ever.

Southwest Regional Credit Union understands the critical need in the community. Each year, its four local branches support community events. This year, it was decided that four local foodbanks should be chosen to receive a donation of \$5,000 each. St. Andrew's foodbank in Corunna was recently presented with the donation during a COVID-friendly ceremony. Above: On hand for the presentation were, from left: Sarnia/Lambton County Councillors Brian White and Mike Stark; St. Andrew's foodbank representative Charles Mortley-Wood; St. Andrew's foodbank representative Susan Mathany; CEO Southwest RCU Glenn Wilson; and St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.

*Kelly Ash photo*

## 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.

### **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 next series is slated for Wednesdays Nov. 18, 25, Dec 2 & 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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**LAB OPEN**  
Just a reminder that our lab  
is open weekdays for  
all residents  
Monday to Friday -  
7:30a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



## Children's Aid Society ensures that "Kids Matter"

The Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society has launched the Kids Matter campaign. Its purpose is to ensure there are enough homes "so all children and young people can remain in their communities and with families. The campaign goal is to find 20 new foster homes in 2020 - 10 for teens and 10 for tots. The CAS will welcome people and homes that represent the diversity of their communities all around Lambton County and Sarnia and the children/young people served by the Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society.

Anyone interested in providing a foster home for children and young people can contact the CAS at 519-

336-0623. For more information about the Kids Matter campaign, please contact Executive Director Dawn Flegel at 519-336-0623, ext. 255, or text 519-384-3984, or email [dflegel@slcas.on.ca](mailto:dflegel@slcas.on.ca)



**SARNIA-LAMBTON**  
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY



## Brigden Fair missing in action, but fair business goes on

### Harvest of Gold 50/50 draw

The annual Harvest of Gold raffle is a great way to help support Moore Agricultural Society - Home of the Brigden Fair and it's NOW ONLINE! This is a great way to ensure that the fair can come back stronger in 2021. Tickets can be purchased by going to: <https://brigdenfair.thelottofactory.com> OR the Brigden Fair Facebook page. Just follow the directions. Tickets are available: 1/\$5; 10/\$40; 25/\$75 or 50/\$100. Draw date will be December 1, 2020 at 9 p.m. This is a one-draw raffle so don't delay! Buy your tickets now and watch the jackpot grow. Just think how nice it would be to win 50% of the jackpot before Christmas?

### Quilt raffle extended

Tickets for the beautiful Brigden Fair Quilt raffle will continue to be sold until the 2021 Brigden Fair. However, sales will now be made with a new twist! Tickets will be sold by any member of the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division as usual, but they can now be purchased through e-transfer. For e-transfer - Email [quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca) to say how many tickets you want to purchase, including names and contact information for the tickets. The cost is \$2 per ticket or three for \$5, and can also be purchased in larger quantities. This gorgeous, hand-made quilt was lovingly created by members of the Homecraft Division.

Draw Date is now

Thanksgiving Monday, October 11, 2021.

### Brigden Fair facts

Established in 1850, Moore Agricultural Society - Home of the Brigden Fair, has grown from a one-day agricultural event, where farmers presented the fruits of their labours through exhibition of their crops or their livestock for bragging rights, to a four-day community event held on Thanksgiving Weekend.

The Brigden Fair brings over 50,000 people to Brigden (Brigden normal pop. approx. 520) annually. During the rest of the year, volunteers host celebrations of life (weddings, banquets, funerals), and provide a venue for camping associations and fundraisers. Being a good friend, a good neighbour, and a good citizen is important to Moore Agricultural Society. As a community hub, we provide supports to local 4-H clubs, Cooking Buddies, seniors activities, local churches, St. Joseph's Hospice, pediatrics program, women's shelters, HIV/Aids awareness, and local food banks, and we provide an evacuation/heating/cooling centre for the area during times of emergency.

The coronavirus (COVID 19) has forced the cancellation of all events that would have supported the maintenance and upkeep of our property and buildings. Each year during Thanksgiving Weekend, the "Harvest of Gold" 50/50 draw is held, and this year we are taking the draw online. We hope you will take this opportunity to assist Moore Agricultural Society - Home of the Brigden Fair, so we can continue to support our community.



**Above:** Displays full of humour and whimsy have become an annual sight along Brigden Road in the front yard of the Ford family. The sign expresses the feelings of thousands of fair fans.

**Right:** In mourning for the loss of the 2020 fair, sisters Clara and Emma Spooner appeared at the fairgrounds on opening day dressed in their updated take on "widows weeds". The fair has been an annual highlight of the sisters' year and their opinion of this unhappy cancellation is that it's "No fair!"

**Below:** Even though COVID-19 has thrown our lives off-kilter, members of the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division "bubble" found a way to get the work done at a distance COVID-style, as this line of happy pie makers clearly demonstrates.

The pies were sold during a pre-paid pie fundraiser over Thanksgiving weekend. This "well-oiled baking machine" made over 600 pie crusts for their single and double-crust pies.

MAS photos





*The wait is over. Presenting...*  
***Answers to the Brigden Fair Trivia Quiz***

What was the name of the Tavern where Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) started in 1850?

- a. Balmoral      **b. Reilly's**      c. Basswood

Moore Agricultural Society once owned a Breeding Stallion. What was his name?

- a. Lucky Boy      b. Big Ben      **c. Golden Gift**

What breed of Heavy Horse was he?

- a. Belgian      **b. Clydesdale**      c. Percheron

In 1889, 15 acres were purchased in Brigden by some businessmen for the fair to have a permanent location. What was the purchase price?

- a. \$1,000      b. **\$2,500**      c. \$5,000

What date did the women volunteers organize and become a division of MAS with their own executive?

- a. 1958 (February 19)**      b. 1960      c. 1965

**The First Homecraft Division President was Ina McKellar.**

When was the first Queen of the Fair contest held at Brigden Fair? And who won?

**1972 – Patsi Vansickle**

Which year was the title Queen of the Fair changed to Ambassador of the Fair to include males?

**1994-Erin Courtney**

When was the exhibition hall built?

- a. 1978      **b. 1979 (Graydon Munday was President)**      c. 1984

An addition including new washrooms was completed on the Exhibition Hall in what year?

- a. 1986      b. 1990      **c. 1996 (Muriel McCallum was President)**

What is the official name of the Statue that is nicknamed the "Ploughman"?

- Farmer Bob      **b. Early Morning Down on the Farm**      c. Harvest in the Country

What is another nickname given to the Ploughman statue that Muriel McCallum hated?

- a. Big Bill**      b. Farmer Jack      c. Brigden Bob

The Ploughman became the property of MAS in 1987, who was the artist?

- A. John David      b. Bill Smith      **c. Bill David**

**Dennis Robinson was President at the time.**

Brigden Fair became a three day fair in which year?

- a. 1960      b. 1970      **c. 1973 (President Peter Clubb)**

Who was the first woman President of the Moore Agricultural Society?

**Lorene Sharp in 1985**

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In what year did Brigden Fair become a four day fair?

- a. 1980      **b. 1985**      c. 1990

What was the name of the official Brigden Fair office cat?

- a. Puddles b. Bridget      **c. Queenie**

In what year did MAS purchase its first computer?

- a. 1980      **b. 1987 Muriel McCallum was Secretary**      c. 1992

When was the first Tractor Pull held at the Brigden Fairgrounds?

- a. 1980      b. 1984      **c. 1987**

When did the pilot project "Agriculture in the Classroom" start?

- a. 1985      **b. 1987**      c. 1990

What structure was built n 1988-89, from a legacy left by Bill Moore?

- a. Junior Building      **b. Main Entry gates**      c. Coliseum

How did John Ford Trucking spread the word across Ontario about Brigden Fair? **In 1989, John had the Ploughman and the Brigden Fair logo put on the sides of his transport trailer.**

Which building lost its roof /covering during a wind storm in the late 70's early 80's?

- a. Administration Building**      b. Cattle Barn      c. Poultry Barn

How much was the fair secretary paid in 1913?

- a. \$20/year      b. \$30/year      **c. \$50/year**

How much was the Fair Secretary paid in 1949?

- a. \$100/year      b. \$200/year      **c. \$300/year Violet Manley was Secretary**

Which Brigden Fair Ambassador was chosen as part of a Canadian National Exhibition Ambassador Court? And in which year?

- a. Jessica Robinson Riedl (in 2001)**      b. Katie O'Brien      c. Jory Fulcher

Four individuals have been President of both the Homecraft and Main Board Divisions. Can you name at least 2 of them? **Lorene Sharp, Mona May Thompson, Orrie Wigle and Michelle Evanitski**

What is the name of the Clown that has been part of over 100 parades at Brigden Fair?

- a. Howdy Dowdy      **b. Windy**      c. Brigden Billy

Who is the Midway Provider at Brigden Fair? **World's Finest Shows**

What is Mayor Steve Arnold's favourite piece of pie from the Ladies Fair Kitchen on Fair Weekend?

- a. Pecan      **b. Lemon**      c. Pumpkin



From page 17 **Brigden fairgrounds active as livestock barns fill with horse-power**



A solid line-up of recreational vehicles, boats, classic cars and various vehicular oddities flocked to the Brigden fairgrounds on Oct. 24 to be placed in winter storage. Volunteers at the scene commented the volume of traffic entering the fairgrounds was a bit daunting given the finite amount of space available.



Clockwise from top photo: 1. The line-up extended out the fairground's main gates and along Courtright line. 2. Volunteers guide drivers as they back their vehicles into storage position. 3. This mammoth Freightliner RV rumbled through the fairgrounds on its way to its winter 'garage'.

**Brigden Fair / Moore Agricultural Society fundraiser supports fair and offers jackpot**

The gloomy prospect of having no community fall fairs this year has prompted the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions to launch an online 50/50 draw to raise funds that will benefit the organizations that operate these events. The Moore Agricultural Society (Brigden Fair) is one of the organizations participating in the CAFE Online 50/50 draw.

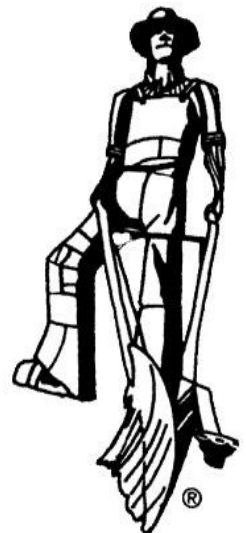
Those wishing to support the fair can simply buy a numbered ticket good for a whole year. At the time of purchase, you will be able to tell the purchase agent that you would like to support the Moore Agricultural Society (Brigden Fair).

With the ticket, you can play your number every week and if you win, the "pot" for that week will be split between you and the Brigden Fair. If you do not want to play your number on any given week and your number is drawn,

the money from that draw will be added to the next week's 'pot' and for every \$2 ticket purchased in support of the Brigden Fair, the fair will receive 80 cents whether the purchaser wins the pot or not.

This is the first of the ideas the MAS board of directors is working on. MAS Home Craft President Michelle Evanitski says other ideas are being considered. "The board of directors has some ideas in the works for activities and events both online and in-person, and we hope we can count on community support when we announce these plans," she said.

For more information or to get tickets, go online to:  
<https://cafe.thelottofactory.com/>





# Moore Optimists at work in community despite virus

October 24 was a busy day for the Moore Optimist and Junior Optimist Clubs, with one important new community program and a lot of happy kids better off for their efforts. The day began with a \$500 donation to the new Bluewater Health ACCESS Open Mind program, a mental health and addictions program for youth and young adults ages 11 to 25. In thanking the clubs for their donation, Bluewater Health Foundation Executive Director Kathy Alexander said, "We are so grateful to the Moore Optimists and Junior Optimists for this donation. Community support is essential to the success of ACCESS Open Minds for the benefit of the youth of Lambton County."

The program provides a "go-to destination for youth and their families who are seeking fast access to education, assessments, counselling, and treatment. Combining crisis counselling, housing, case management, and psychiatry, the new co-ordinated approach employed with this program will remove barriers to care, transform the way service providers conduct their daily work, and improve care. The Sarnia-Lambton ACCESS Open Minds initiative forms part of Ontario's Youth Wellness Hub Initiative, joining 14 other existing sites.

Over 75 per cent of mental health issues develop before a person turns 15, yet many traditional services aren't equipped to address the unique barriers young people face when trying to access mental health support.

The Optimist Club's pumpkin giveaways at the Corunna Foodland and Rob's No Frills were a hit with local families who dropped by to find their perfect pumpkin. Both Foodland and No Frills management ordered the Optimist's pumpkins along with their own pumpkin supply to save the Optimists money. The also allowed the clubs to set up their pumpkin distribution areas at the front of the stores.

Moore Optimist Club President Michelle Gerry said the club appreciated the help extended to the clubs by the Foodland and



Giving away a pumpkin per family at Rob's No Frill's are, from left: Optimist Michelle Abrams; No Frills Cashier Catie Grover; Jr. Optimist Savana Palominos; Jr. Optimist Bryce Abrams; Mary Lou Abrams, Southwestern Ontario District J.O.I. Chair and International Jr. Optimist Committee member; Optimist and Pumpkin Chair Gord Dawson; and Jayce Abrams, District Governor and International Optimist board member.



Right: On free pumpkin distribution duty at Foodland are, from left: Moore Optimist President Michelle Gerry; Jr. Optimist Emily Adams; Foodland Produce Manager Leon Vandenburg; Jr. Optimist MacKenzie Bourdage; and Foodland produce staff member Alexis Worsley.



The Moore Optimist Club and its Junior Optimist Club recently donated \$500 to the new Bluewater Health youth mental health initiative, ACCESS Open Mind program. Seen during the presentation are, clockwise from rear left: Optimists Steve Inglis and Ken Nimmo; Jr. Optimist MacKenzie Bourdage; Moore Optimist President Michelle Gerry; Bluewater Health Foundation Executive Director Kathy Alexander; and Jr. Optimist Emily Adams.

Stevenson photos



Please support your community by shopping local whenever possible.





# COMMUNITY CONTACT

**NOTE: THESE EVENTS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE DEPENDENT ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME**

## **Sacred Heart food bank - Autumn food drive planned**

The community side effects of the coronavirus have resulted in constant need for supplies at our community food banks. In an effort to keep the shelves adequately stocked in the challenging autumn season, the Sacred Heart food bank is currently in the middle of an early food drive that will continue to run through November. The collection area is divided into five zones, two of which were completed in September. Collection will continue in the remaining three zones, Zones 3, 4, and 5, every two weeks through the fall covering the area bordered by Kimball Road at Holt Line south to Whitebread Line.

All volunteers will be observing the required precautions to keep them and our donors safe. **More information about dates and times, see page .**

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## **St. Andrew's foodbank remains open**

Although St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is closed for worship services due to the COVID-19 emergency closure, the food bank at St. Andrew's Church on Colborne Street in Corunna every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. It operates in association with the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia.

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. Gift cards to Foodland and No Frills are also welcome.

*Donations of non-perishable items are always welcome. These include not only food, but household supplies like laundry soap, household cleaners, and toilet tissue, and personal hygiene items like toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, deodorant, and shaving items.*

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## **Well water safety remains a concern during high water levels**

Lambton Public Health (LPH) is encouraging residents with private water wells to test their water supply about

three to four times per year, and also in the event of the well being flooded by excessive rainfall or high water levels. Harmful bacteria may enter the drinking water supply making it unsafe for consumption.

If your well is flooded, it should be disinfected and tested as soon as the water recedes and at one-week intervals for three weeks afterwards to ensure the water is safe 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. (Please note there may have been changes to the way samples are received.** For a full schedule of access times for these locations, as well as resources on how to take a water sample, visit [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, access restrictions are in place. Please call before visiting the office. Learn more about testing options at [LambtonPublicHealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/service-changes/](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/service-changes/)

## **Volunteers needed for telephone support**

Now more than ever, 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. 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.

## **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

**See More Community Contact, page 21**

## **Virtual Public Legal Education Workshops for Front Line Workers**

The Community Law School (Sarnia-Lambton) Inc. will offer free ZOOM online workshops will update front line workers on recent changes in the laws affecting their clients. The following workshops will be held, one per month, from 11 a.m. to noon: **Nov. 17**, Occupational health and safety act: Unsafe Work in the COVID-19 Era (register by Nov. 13 at noon); **Dec. 8**, Pay Day Loan Act: New Protections For Your Clients (register by Dec. 4 at noon).

Those who register will receive a ZOOM link by email before each workshop, with electronic handouts on each topic. To register, email: [virtualcommunitylawschool@gmail.com](mailto:virtualcommunitylawschool@gmail.com)

*Celebrating over 23 years of public legal education.*

## MORE COMMUNITY CONTACT

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Courtright Community Centre (closed during COVID). 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.

### **Local TOPS weight control group meetings**

Local TOPS weight control groups can be contacted for information as follows: **Brigden**—519-864-1865; **Corunna**—519-381-5584. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

### **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.

### **MAS event to be rescheduled as restrictions ease**

The Moore Agricultural Society's popular beef dinner, which was cancelled in March, is one of the events that may be rescheduled to later this year if/when the appropriate "gathering restrictions" are approved. Everyone who purchased tickets for the March beef dinner is asked to hold their tickets for a future date, even if it is in 2021. When the date is set, MAS is looking at refunding the ticket price for those who cannot attend.

For more information as the situation changes, watch the Brigden Fair website at: [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or the Brigden Fair Facebook page.



The St. Clair River Trail Facebook page and website has added a new promotional video to its photo archive. The natural beauty of the trail 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.

Check out Trail Facebook page,  
video, & website

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.

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

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. More information regarding the Brigden United Church schedule is available on Facebook. (Dependent upon provincial COVID-19 requirements for places of worship.)

### **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 about support options during the COVID-19 emergency, contact Rita at 519-867-2932. **More mental health resources include:** Lambton Mental Health Distress Line, 519-336-3445 or 1-800-307-4319; Lambton Public Health mental health and addiction line, 519-464-4400, ext. 5370.

### **Navigating Your Blood Pressure**

This virtual session, offered by the North and West Lambton Community Health Centres, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 26 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Topics to be discussed will include: hypertension and how to manage it through lifestyle modifications, including a healthy diet and physical activity. To register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 235 or email: [kteman@nlhc.com](mailto:kteman@nlhc.com).

### **Me, My Mask & I**

This virtual session, sponsored by the North and West Lambton Community Health Centres, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to address questions, frustrations, and/or personal challenges surrounding the need to wear a mask. To register for this session, call 519-786-4545, ext. 235 or email: [ktie-man@nlhc.com](mailto:ktie-man@nlhc.com).



### **Overdose advisory issued**

Lambton Public Health (LPH) reports an increase in street drug overdoses and urges that the antidote, \*Naloxone, be carried at all times by those who use drugs and their caregivers. Anyone who reports an overdose by calling 911 should stay with the victim. All involved individuals are protected under the Good Samaritan's Act. \*Naloxone is available at LPH, local pharmacies, community health centres and several partner agencies.

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Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will. -Mahatma Gandhi

## **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)



## Special early food bank collection in Ward 2

# Sacred Heart Food Bank Annual Food Drive

### ***Non-Perishable items needed:***

- canned goods • non-perishable food items
- personal hygiene items



### ***“Home Pick-up”***

Volunteers will safely accept donations of food items and personal hygiene items each of the five dates listed on this flyer.

**1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

on the date indicated for your Zone

*\*Please check expiry dates.*

*Please leave donated items on your porch or at the end of your driveway before 1 p.m.*

### ***“Drop Off Opportunity”***

Drop donated items on any of the five dates listed below at **Port Lambton Anglican Church** at the corner of Lambton Line and Merritt Street (tent will be set up)

Cheques can be mailed to  
**Sacred Heart Food Bank, c/o Claudette Johnston**  
243 Lambton Line, Port Lambton, ON N0P 2B0

#### **ZONE 1 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH – 1PM TO 3PM**

1. Kimball Road - Bickford Line
2. St. Clair Parkway - White Line
3. Holt Line
4. White Line

**COLLECTION COMPLETED IN  
ZONE 1 & 2**

#### **ZONE 2 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH – 1PM TO 3PM**

1. Kimball Road - Bentpath Line to Holt Line
2. St. Clair Parkway - Smith Line to Holt Line
3. All Sombra Village

#### **ZONE 3 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH – 1PM TO 3PM**

1. Kimball Road - Bentpath Line to Holt Line
2. St. Clair Parkway - Smith Line to Holt Line
3. French Line
4. Ward Line
5. Lambton Line to Salisbury Street

**COLLECTION COMPLETED IN ZONE 3**

#### **ZONE 4 – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH – 1PM TO 3PM**

1. Kimball Road - Pointe Line to Whitebread Line
2. St. Clair Parkway - Ward Line to Pointe Line
3. Village of Port Lambton (North of Brander Park)
4. Ward Line
5. Pointe Line
6. Whitebread Line

#### **ZONE 5 – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND – 1PM TO 3PM**

1. Village of Port Lambton (South of Brander Park)
2. Chenal Ecarte Area
3. St. Clair Parkway - Pointe Line to Whitebread Line



**COLLECTION COMPLETED IN  
ZONE 1 & 2**

**COLLECTION COMPLETED IN ZONE**



Sacred Heart  
**FOOD BANK**

### **For information contact:**

Frank Johnston - 519-677-5328

Claudette Johnston - 519-677-5609

Financial Donations will receive charitable receipt.



## Lambton Public Health urges flu shots for people ages six months and up

Lambton Public Health is urging everyone to get a flu shot this year - the sooner, the better. Flu vaccines are now available from various locations across Lambton County, including local pharmacies, health care providers, and community clinics.

For those who have difficulty accessing the flu shot at their pharmacy or health care provider's office, Lambton Public Health will be offering several community clinics by appointment only. Flu shot appointments can now be booked by phone at 519-383-8331 or online by visiting [LambtonPublicHealth.ca/flu-shot](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca/flu-shot).

The flu shot is recommended for individuals 6 months of age and older. Please note that pharmacists can provide vaccines to those 5 years of age and older. For those who are 65 years and older, there are two different flu shots available - standard-dose and high-dose. Both vaccines protect against the flu and the most important thing is for older adults to be vaccinated. Discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

"The flu vaccine is proven to reduce the number of doctor visits, hospitalizations, and deaths related to the flu. During a pandemic, it's important to reduce the strain on the health care system from other infections, so we have the capacity to respond to COVID-19," said Crystal Palleschi, supervisor with Lambton Public Health. Protect yourself and your circle by getting a seasonal flu shot; it's the safest and most effective way to prevent the spread of the flu.

Influenza spreads in a similar way to COVID-19:

through coughing, sneezing, or touching infected surfaces. The flu usually lasts 2-7 days; sometimes longer in the elderly and those with health problems.

*The flu is a respiratory disease, which is not to be confused with a stomach illness that involves vomiting or diarrhea.*

During this time of uncertainty, it is important to do everything we can to keep our community safe and protect our loved ones. Those who are more vulnerable to flu and COVID-related complications are: 65 years of age or older; under 5 years of age; have a chronic health condition; are pregnant; or are living in a care facility.

It is crucial for you to get your flu shot if you are in close contact with any of the groups listed above.

Flu season typically increases when temperatures fall and people are in closer contact indoors. After getting the flu shot, it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to take effect and provide protection. The earlier you get vaccinated, the sooner you are protected.

**To prevent the spread of both the flu and COVID-19:**

- Clean your hands with soap and water, or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough - use a tissue or sleeve
- Keep surfaces clean
- If you're sick, stay home

For information about influenza and where to access the free flu shot, visit [LambtonPublicHealth.ca/flu-shot](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca/flu-shot), or call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839.

## Provincial mask mandate in effect

For those who are not yet aware of Ontario's mandatory mask policy, here's a reminder that masks are to be worn in indoor public spaces and in locations where social distancing cannot be assured. This policy is in force in all municipalities throughout the province. The policy was enacted in response to a resurgence of COVID-19 virus cases within the province.

This second wave of the coronavirus was expected as the cold weather forces people to spend more time indoors, where the virus spreads more easily. Protective measures are being observed, not only for the health of the individual, but for the health of others, and to limit the burden on our health care providers and infrastructure. Please limit indoor gatherings to 10 or less.

**St. Andrew's Corunna food bank is located at 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna**

**Regular hours of operation are:**

Wednesday evenings 6-7 p.m.

Thursday mornings 9 a.m. to noon

## COVID-19 requirements affect Operation Christmas Tree donations

As in past years, businesses and residents of our community generously supported Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) during the 2019 campaign. We will be asking for that same support for the 2020 OCT campaign as the need will be even greater due to the negative effects the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on the community.

**To comply with COVID-19 protocol, we are currently asking for donations of money or gift cards from Foodland or No Frills.** For those who are unfamiliar with our charity, Operation Christmas Tree serves those in need who live in an area bordered by LaSalle Road East to Mandaumin Road, south on Bickford Line, and west to the river, which is known as Ward 1. All donations stay within this area helping our local food bank, providing special hampers to the area's less fortunate families and individuals at Christmas, and providing monetary support to house fire victims.

Canned goods may be dropped off **only** at the Emergency Services Building, corner of Hill Street and Lyndoch Street in



Corunna, (please use the Hill Street entrance). Registration dates have been set as Nov. 2-7 and Nov. 9-14 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each week. Our delivery date to qualifying recipients will Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. COVID-19 protocol will be observed for the protection of our volunteers and the public. After these registration dates, donation times may change and will be posted at the Hill Street entrance. The tentative final date for donations will be Dec. 18 but updates may be made through The Beacon or the new Operation Christmas Tree site - St Clair Township Facebook page!

On a sad note, the annual Poor Boy Lunch kickoff fund raiser, provided by the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

**Donations can be mailed to: Operation Christmas Tree, Box 32, Corunna, Ont., N0N 1G0.**

*Stan Marsh  
President, Operation Christmas Tree*



## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Remembrance Day service information

Please see page 8 for information regarding COVID-19 protocols involving Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 and Corunna Branch 447 Remembrance Day services.

### O.C.T. Poor Boy lunch cancelled

The annual Operation Christmas Tree Poor Boy Lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 hall is cancelled due to COVID-19.

### Mooretown Shibashi program

North and West Lambton Community Health Centres' will offer Shibashi classes on the grounds of the Mooretown Sports Complex on Thursdays at 11 a.m. The lawn on the Emily Street side of the building will be used to offer this tai chi/qigong 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. Register at your first class or online at:

[www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/](http://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/)

Be sure to specify which program you are registering for at the top of the form.

### Low impact classes in Mooretown

North and West Lambton Community Health Centres' will also offer low impact exercise classes on the grounds of the Mooretown Sports Complex on Thursdays at 10 a.m. The lawn on the Emily Street side of the building will be used. All fitness levels will be welcomed to participate. Register at your first class or online at:

[www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/](http://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/)

Be sure to specify which program you are registering for at the top of the form.

In lieu of food donations while the COVID-19 virus is in the area, donations to Operation Christmas Tree can be made with gift cards to Foodland and No Frills.

The Beacon is now online only until the COVID-19 threat ends, but our readers are important to us.

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If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or an event that will benefit the residents of the township, put your event in the spotlight free of charge here in The Beacon.

**Please note:** Photos submitted close to the deadline may be held until the following issue due to lack of space.

### Online lecture series planned

An online ZOOM lecture series called *Capturing the Moment: Photography in Lambton County*, is being presented by the Lambton Heritage Museum this winter. The series began in October, but three presentations are still to come.

The digital series is being held in conjunction with an exhibit of the same name currently on display at the museum, located at 10035 Museum Road (off Hwy. 21) south of Grand Bend. The exhibit explores the art and science of photography over the past 200 years. To register for one or all of the presentations, use each of the links given with the corresponding titles below.

The ZOOM series includes: *Preserving Your Family Photos*, presented by Nicole Aszalos on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register go to: [Register for Preserving Your Family Photos](#).

*Iconic Photographers*, presented by the Port Franks Camera Club on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register go to: [Register for Iconic Photographers](#).

*History of Photography*, presented by Eugene Pruski, on Thursday, Jan. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register, go to: [Register for History of Photography](#).

For more information, visit the Lambton Heritage Museum website or like it on Facebook. The museum is now open with COVID-19 restrictions. Please call 519-243-2600 to reserve a time to visit.



AUTUMN BLISS: A swan family takes in the vivid colours of autumn along the St. Clair River.

