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Theodore Too visits Mooretown



One of the more unusual sights to tie up at the Mooretown dock this summer was Theodore Too. For those who aren't familiar with Theodore Tugboat, he was the title character on a CBC children's show, which aired from July, 1993 to October, 2001 after a run of 130 shows. The show also played on PBS in the U.S., using its cast of characters to teach simple life lessons to young viewers.

In June, Theodore Too, a life-sized, working replica of the original character, left its home port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and now calls Hamilton, Ontario home. Although it looks like a cartoon boat, the vessel beneath the happy, wide-eyed face that caps it is a no-nonsense sea worthy 80.60 gross ton ship that has braved the Atlantic Ocean and even been photographed with other nautical celebrities like the Queen Mary II.

After being an unofficial ambassador for the Maritimes since he was launched in 2000, Theodore Too was sold early this year and is now touring to promote safe water conservation and protection on behalf of the *Swim Drink Fish* movement. Theodore will also be promoting employment in Canada's marine and shipbuilding industry, which is being negatively affected by a severe labour shortage.

While in the Lambton County, Theodore Too also visited Grand Bend and Sarnia.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Provincial regulations now require Proof of Vaccination & I.D. to enter many public areas - details on page 2

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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Provincial regulations require proof of vaccination in public spaces

The new Ontario government proof of vaccination regulation requires patrons of most businesses and in most public spaces to show proof of vaccination and a valid I.D. (i.e. driver's licence) before entering the premises.

At the Sept. 20 meeting of St. Clair Council, a report from Community Services Director Kendall Lindsay regarding the new regulation was discussed. The report outlined recommendations that are to be used at township facilities to comply with the new regulation, which came into effect on Sept. 22.

Although council must fully comply with the government's new regulation (see *Council compliance saves taxpayer dollars* below), Mr. Kendall was concerned that some patrons entering the Moore Sports Complex (MSC) on Sept. 22 may not react well to the request for proof of vaccination. His first recommendation was that any patron being belligerent to township staff, volunteers, or other patrons when asked for their proof of vaccination and I.D. would be asked to leave the premises, and a Notice of Trespass would immediately be issued and given to the OPP for enforcement.

Organizations are responsible for ensuring they meet requirements regarding proof of vaccination and proof of identity for anyone over age 18; severe penalties for failure to do so are in effect. *The only exception to the requirements applies to youth under 18 who enter the MSC to participate in an organized sport.*

The second recommendation put forth by Mr. Kendall was that golf course patrons who wished to dine inside the golf course clubhouse would have to fully comply with the regulation.

The third recommendation was that all community halls, with the exception of the Brigden hall, would be closed until 2022. The organizations that will use the Brigden hall will be required to comply with all COVID-19 safety requirements.

Council approved Mr. Lindsay's report in full and urged him to call in any assistance required to maintain safety should strong objections to the new regulation arise.

In summary, Mr. Lindsay said, "We want to be prepared and we want to keep everybody safe."

Proof of vaccination regulations are in effect at public spaces including: restaurants and bars; sports and fitness facilities; entertainment venues and events; theatres; convention centres; indoor and outdoor areas where dance facilities are provided, including nightclubs; casinos.

Council compliance saves taxpayer dollars

The Corporation of St. Clair Township is compelled to comply with the provincial proof of vaccination regulation. Failing to comply would result in charges under the Provincial Offences Act. As a corporation, the township would face a fine of up to \$10 million and the taxpayer would be on the hook for it.

Compliance is the right thing to do for two reasons. Council is mindful that the consequences to ratepayers would be substantial. Council is also complying because every St. Clair Township citizen should be able to enjoy their community safely and this regulation will strengthen

Council Meeting Schedule

All regular public council meetings are being held online until the COVID-19 threat has subsided enough to allow public gatherings. The public may view these meetings online by going onto the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca. On the St. Clair Township home page, look for a link to the meeting at the top of the page. The Facebook link is added just before the meeting is slated to begin.

Upcoming meetings include: Monday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m.

St. Clair Township offices at the Civic Centre in Mooretown will remain closed to the public during council meetings. 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.

Township office closed to walk-in access

While we continue to see increasingly positive trends of low case counts and high vaccination rates related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to protect the health and safety of both our staff and members of the public, the Township of St. Clair Civic Centre will remain closed to the public at this time.

While our office remains closed to walk-in access, staff are available during normal business hours by phone or via email. Should phone and email access not meet the specific needs of a ratepayer, staff are available to meet on a by-appointment basis during our normal hours of operation. Please see contact information below.

The Township of St. Clair thanks you for your patience as we navigate a safe reopening. In the meantime, we continue to encourage everyone to stay safe and follow the public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic as set out by Lambton Public Health. We are all in this together and look forward to welcoming you back to the Civic Centre soon.

-Clerk Jeff Baranek

that objective.

For those who doubt this dire consequence, go online and search the Province of Ontario website under: Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act. Turn to page 10 - Penalties.

Corunna gets new air monitoring station

The air is a precious resource that can't be taken for granted. With this in mind, Corunna is getting a new air quality monitor through an organization called BASES. Three already-operational local environment

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groups have joined forces to form BASES. The group has set up a network of 10 air monitoring stations that include: Moore Line, LaSalle Line, Sombra Line, Scott Road, Rokeby Line, River Bend, Aamjiwnaang, Front Street and Christine Street, and now, Corunna.

At the Sept. 20 council meeting, BASES General Manager Vince Gagner explained the new Corunna station will be prominently positioned in the community to raise awareness that this monitoring is being done. BASES organizations include: CASA (Clean Air Sarnia & Area); SLEA (Sarnia Lambton Environmental Association); and IEC (Industrial Educational Cooperative). For more information about BASES, go online to: <https://lambtonbases.ca>.

Employee/volunteer harassment by public addressed

Earlier this spring, township employees and volunteers who look after municipal properties reported cases of harassment by local residents. Harassment includes unwanted comments, threats, and public displays. To address this issue, council directed a legal opinion be obtained. The resulting opinion held that people can be banned from public property if it is done properly and with good reason. After being banned, if the offending person continues to access the property, a Notice of Trespass can be issued and enforced by the OPP.



Township welcomes new deputy treasurer

St. Clair Township has welcomed a new deputy treasurer/coordinator of finance. Erik Hicks, CPA, will take the place of George Lozon, who recently filled the treasurer's position after the retirement of Treasurer Charles Quenneville.

Library helps obtaining vaccination receipts

The provincial government issued a new vaccine passport policy on Sept. 1 requiring all residents to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status for accessing certain businesses and settings. It is hoped this proof will reduce the risk of viral transmission, limit the number of COVID cases to protect provincial hospital capacity, and provide the tools needed for businesses to remain open and minimize disruptions, while keeping customers and staff safe. A proof of identity will be required so that the proof of vaccination can be verified.

To ensure that all vaccine recipients are able to obtain a receipt proving their vaccination status, a new free Lambton County Library service at all 25 library branches will help residents to obtain their receipts. (This service recognizes that not all residents have access to a computer or printer.) This service will provide support to assist with any technical difficulties that may be encountered while trying to obtain the receipt.

Those who use the service must supply a photo health card (numbers from the front and back of the card, expired cards accepted); date of birth; postal code associated with your health card.

To make an appointment to obtain this service, call the library branch you wish to visit during their hours of operation, or call the central booking line toll free at 1-866-324-6912, ext. 5900.

NOTE: Those with a red and white health card or no health card should call Lambton Public Health's Vaccine Call Centre for assistance at 226-254-8222, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COVID/flu hoax debunked

Editor's Note: For those who still believe the COVID-19 pandemic is a hoax or vaccines are dangerous because the Internet says so, here is an example of how deceptive and dangerous it can be to believe these false stories and claims.

Anti-vaccers are putting themselves and everyone around them in peril because of lies they are too gullible or too lazy to verify with accredited medical sources such as family physicians or legitimate online sources such as: Lambton Public Health - LambtonPublicHealth.ca; The Government of Canada - canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines; or The World Health Organization (W.H.O.) - www.who.int/covid-19/vaccines

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The following is a letter from Lambton Public Health to the Sept. 15 Lambton County Council detailing a story that may have sounded credible to some people but, after investigation, was revealed to be completely false and potentially dangerous to those who chose to believe it.

Lambton County Councillors:

In follow-up to the P.M. Committee meeting Wednesday morning, during the Board of Health (Lambton Public Health) update on COVID-19, staff were requested to send information to all County Councillors as follows:

Dr. Greensmith was questioned at the A.M. Committee meeting about a reported study or article from Cornell University in which 1,500 COVID-19 positive tests results were analyzed and determined to not be COVID-19, but influenza. Scanning PubMed and other medical research repositories, staff were unable to find any published article, or study by Cornell University or its' academic staff that matched this description.

Staff were able to locate a number of published news articles that debunked this story, as well as a statement on the Cornell University website.

- [*Study did not find 1,500 positive COVID tests were actually flu \(apnews.com\)](http://apnews.com)
- [*https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020-dec/29/facebook-posts/cornell-virologist-did-not-say-covid-19-was-hoax/](https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020-dec/29/facebook-posts/cornell-virologist-did-not-say-covid-19-was-hoax/)

On the Cornell University Website, Robert Oswald, the Professor to whom this research was falsely attributed, posted the following statement: "COVID-19 is real. Any Facebook post that suggests otherwise is a hoax and is not true. Wear a mask, practice social distancing, and get the vaccine when it becomes available."

[*https://www.vet.cornell.edu/research/faculty/robert-oswald-phd](https://www.vet.cornell.edu/research/faculty/robert-oswald-phd)

Andrew P. Taylor
General Manager

Lambton County Public Health Services Division

Vaccinations readily available

The message is getting through to Lambton County residents. As of mid-September, 79.5% of individuals over the age of 12 have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 74% of that group are now fully vaccinated.

Community, pop-up, outreach, and school clinics are well-attended and upcoming clinics can be found at: getthevaccine.ca. Some pharmacies are also doing vaccinations. To find one in your area, visit the [Lambton Public Health website](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca) and click on its pharmacy page.



Public Works Department

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

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

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.ca

Water Utility.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

COVID-19 Measures 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.

Waste Collection - Bag and Tie Waste

A reminder to bag and tie all waste (garbage) to secure litter, especially napkins, paper towels and tissues. Also, napkins, paper towels and tissue are not recyclable!

Failure to do so could result in uncollected waste.

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 Public Works department, to avoid service fees.

Pointe Line Watermain Project

Pointe Line will be closed to through traffic (local traffic allowed) for approximately 4 weeks during the installation of a new PVC watermain and related ap-purtenances.

Sewer Main Flushing

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connect-ed to the St. Clair Township Sewer System, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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For current areas affected,
refer to stclairtownship.ca

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

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

Lambton Line bridge rehabilitation over Otter Creek

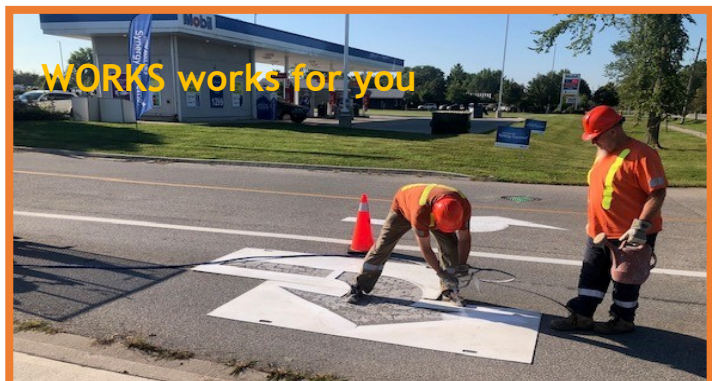
Construction on Pointe Line has now begun, reducing traffic at the East Otter Creek bridge to one lane. It will remain this way for approximately 8 weeks.

Waste & Recycling Placement

This is a reminder to all residents to place waste and recycling on the boulevard approximately one metre from the curb, or where no curb exists, one metre from the shoulder of the road.

**Waste should NOT be placed
on the road or over
any portion of the curb.**

It should not be placed any further than one metre to ensure it is collected. Waste that is placed on the road or curb can affect public works operations (street sweeping, snowplows, etc.)



The Public Works Department's annual Line Painting/Pavement Markings program is in full swing. Weather and traffic use wear away these markings, making it difficult for motorists to safely navigate township roads, so regular renewal is an important safety consideration. Here, Dan O'Neil, left, and Wayne Bradburn apply a new coat of paint on a directional turning lane marker at the intersection of Bunker Avenue and the St. Clair Parkway.

Public Works Dept. photo

Public Works Department

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Drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is standing at the curb waiting to cross.

When a pedestrian is crossing on the roadway within a pedestrian crosswalk, the driver of a vehicle approaching the crosswalk

- MUST stop before entering the crosswalk.
- MUST not pass another vehicle already stopped at the crosswalk
- MUST not proceed into the crosswalk until the pedestrian is no longer on the roadway.

When a vehicle is approaching a pedestrian crosswalk and is within 30 metres of it, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear must not allow the front of their vehicle to pass beyond the front of the other vehicle

Pedestrians must not leave the curb or other place of safety at a pedestrian crosswalk and walk, run, or move into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver of the vehicle to be able to safely stop.

Failure to do so can result in the following fines:

Offence	Fine*	Demerits
Failing to yield at pedestrian crosswalks, school crossings, and crossovers	Up to \$1000	Four demerit points

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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.

Please note: Residents will no longer be able to take yard waste directly to Sarnia Compost

Fall Yard Waste Collection will begin the week of October 18th, 2021.

Collection Days:



MONDAY

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



THURSDAY

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

Gotta' dig? Contact *OntarioOneCall* first!

Property owners who have to dig anywhere on their property are reminded to know what lies beneath their land BEFORE digging. Damaged or severed cable, power, water, and gas lines can be dangerous and cause major disruptions to service. The can also be costly to repair.

Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255 or visit [OntarioOneCall.ca](https://www.ontarioonecall.ca) 5 days before you dig.



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Emergency preparedness starts with you
be prepared



make a plan

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Fire prevention depends on working smoke and CO alarms

By Andrew McMillan, St. Clair Township Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 3rd - 9th this year and the St. Clair Fire Department is urging everyone to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety".

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family. When an alarm makes noise - a beeping sound or a chirping sound - you must take action.

St. Clair Fire Department wants to share safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety":

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A continuous set of four fast beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means that carbon monoxide has been detected in the area. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.

For more information on fire and life safety, please contact St. Clair Fire at 519-481-0111 or on Facebook @stclairfire.



SOME ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED

St. Clair Township complies with provincially-enacted COVID-19 protocols

The reopening of the municipal office may align with the Province's Phase 3 strategy

Up-to-dated details for municipal office operations can be found at the St. Clair Township website

Some of the Township of St. Clair's services may be suspended.

Those services still being offered can be expected to have a delay.

Several employees are working from home but will have access to their email.

Please email or leave a voicemail and the employee will get back to you as promptly as possible.

The following services have resumed but significant delays can be expected:

- Issuance of Marriage Licenses
- Issuance of Lottery Licenses
- Processing of all Planning Act Applications

The following Township buildings are closed until further notice:

- St. Clair Township Civic Centre
- Emergency Services Building (Fire Department)

The Township thanks you for your continued patience throughout these difficult times and it remains our priority to offer professional and courteous service when we're able.

All Planning Applications can be accepted at the Civic Centre by appointment.

Employees will continue to occupy these buildings and can be reached their email or by phone at:

- Moore Sports Complex 519-867-2651
- Public Works 519-867-2993
- Finance/Drains/Clerks/Building/Planning 519-867-2021
- Fire Department 519-481-0111



When fire trucks talk, will people listen?

Your St. Clair Township Fire Department hopes you will.

Every time you see a fire truck go by, whether you're at a parade or on the street watching a truck respond to an emergency, new message boards like the one shown here will be reminding you to keep fire safety in mind.

Andrew McMillan of the St. Clair Fire Department says, "Expect to see some new fire prevention messaging on St. Clair Township fire trucks. The messaging is to remind citizens about the importance of working smoke alarms and the dangers of unattended cooking." He added anyone with questions about fire safety can contact the fire department at 519-481-0111.

Fire happens fast - don't let it happen to you!

Virtual appointments offered at Lambton County Archives

The extensive archival resources at the Lambton County Archives can now be accessed via a virtual service. The service also allows patrons access to the researchers and genealogists who can facilitate family, property, and historical searches.

Virtual appointments must be booked in advance with the Archivist. They will include two 15-minute video or telephone meetings, and one hour of research time. The Archivist will also assist by reviewing research and answering questions. The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members, which includes 1.5 hours of research support. Additional research time can be purchased as required.

Those who wish to be introduced to the various online genealogical and local history resources can ask to be introduced to *AncestryLibrary*, *Onland*, and other programs.

To book appointments or make a reservation, visit the **Lambton County Archives website**.

RAPIDS FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

LABORATORY SITE OPEN

Lab services are offered from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday through Friday.

The **Rapids Family Health Team** clinic, located in the Shell Health Centre at **233 Cameron Street** in Corunna, is not yet offering in-person programs. However, the clinic can be contacted online at www.rapidsfhteam.ca or by calling 519-339-8949 to speak to reception.

The lab is a specimen collection site only. Patients with concerns regarding billing or their online profile for test results, may contact LifeLabs at 1-877-849-3637.

Vaccinations still available and still vitally important to COVID-19 eradication

Residents can register for their vaccination or attend a drop-in clinic. Full details are available online at getthevaccine.ca.

Several local pharmacies are also administering vaccinations. Information is available at the Lambton Public Health website where a new dedicated "*Pharmacy page*" can direct individuals to these options.

Transportation to vaccination sites are available for people age 50 and over who do not have any other transportation options to use. Contact Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) at 519-845-1353, ext. 360, or the Canadian Red Cross at 519-332-6380.

Will you be prepared if a Fourth Wave hits Lambton County this fall? Please get vaccinated.

2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

The County of Lambton and its partner Clean Harbors Canada Inc. will be holding the final **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program** on **Saturday, Oct. 30**, at the Clean Harbors Lambton Facility (4090 Telfer Road, St. Clair Township) from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. These popular events have offered Lambton County residents an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste at no cost.

Event attendees are asked to follow COVID-19 physical distancing and safety protocols, including the following:

- > Package materials in disposable containers (i.e. cardboard boxes) as they will not be returned;
- > Place materials in the trunk or back of their vehicle to maximize distancing for event staff when collecting items; and
- > Remain in their vehicle at all times, as event staff will be removing materials from the vehicle.

"Corrosive, toxic, reactive and flammable materials will be collected at these events," says Matt DeLine, Public Works Manager, County of Lambton. "These items should never be placed in a regular landfill because they have the potential to injure workers and damage the environment."

Examples of these types of accepted materials include:

Corrosive

Batteries
Drain Cleaners
Oven Cleaners

Toxic

Pesticides
Rat Poison
Cleaning Fluids
Pharmaceuticals

Reactive

Pool Chemicals
Ammonia
Bleach
Aerosols

Flammable

Gasoline
Paints
BBQ Starter
Oils
Solvents
Propane Cylinders

Items NOT accepted include: PCBs, commercial, industrial, radioactive wastes, electronics, and explosives (flares and ammunition).

For more information visit the County of Lambton's website at:
lambtononline.ca/hhw or call 519-845-0801.

Agriculture businesses to receive help as extension of economic development plan



An economic development program that has already helped support local businesses, manufacturers, and other economic growth contributors is now being used to help agricul-

be presented on these topics and local agricultural businesses will be featured on a video series and virtual farm tours.

The agricultural program is an acknowledgement that the economic health of Lambton County's agricultural sector is an important component of its overall economic landscape.

The program is free to participants and details are available by calling 519-332-1820.

tural businesses thrive in Lambton County.

The \$48,000 program, half funded by the Ontario Rural Economic Development (RED) program, is being presented in partnership with the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership and the Lambton Federation of Agriculture, which will contribute the remaining half of the funding.

A consultant has been hired by the program to provide 50 one-on-one meetings that will cover subjects like succession planning and marketing. A seminar series will

Lambton Agricultural Engagement and Support Program

This free program offers one-on-one consultations, seminars, workshops and virtual farm tours will be held September to December with the goal of stimulating investment and job creation in agricultural businesses throughout Lambton County. It will be held in collaboration with the Lambton Federation of Agriculture.



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Emergency Preparedness

FACT SHEET

for COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS



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How to Contact Hydro One

In the case of an emergency or power outage you can reach us by calling one of our emergency numbers below.

- **Hydro One Power Outage & Emergency Line:**

1-800-434-1235

Use this number to report a power outage, fallen tree hazard or emergency (24 hours, 7 days a week)

- **Hydro One Media Relations:**

416-345-6868 or 1-877-506-7584

After-hours, on weekends and holidays: 1-888-254-3992

- **Hydro One Community Relations**

Hydro One's Media and Community Relations staff members are available to answer questions and concerns from elected officials (e.g. MPP's, Mayors, Reeves)

Monday - Friday: 1-877-345-6799

For More Information

In the event of an emergency or power interruption we encourage you to take a moment to visit www.HydroOne.com, follow [Hydro One on Twitter](#) or check any one of the links below for more information:

- [Power Outages & Safety Information](#)
- [Interactive Power Outage Map Outlining Planned & Unplanned Power Outages](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

Hydro One transmits and distributes electricity in the province of Ontario however; there are other local distribution companies that may serve your community. Visit the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) website at www.ieso.ca to find your local utility.

Hydro One's Emergency Preparedness Team

- Emergency Preparedness
416-603-4308 / 1-844-791-1155

Hydro One's Business Continuity & Emergency Preparedness team plans for and assists with Hydro One's internal response to any significant disruptions to our electricity system. Please use the communication resources listed above for power outage and restoration information. In the event of an extraordinary situation, contact the team and special arrangements will be made to facilitate appropriate levels of support to you and your community.

Would you be ready to handle a minimum of 72 hours without outside aid?

Emergencies don't wait for us to be prepared.

Do you have an adequate supply of , water, flashlights, food, safe drinking water, daily medications, a First Aid kit, pet supplies, baby supplies, and a designated safe shelter location in your home? Do you have a fire escape plan in place? Make sure your emergency strategies are prepared and be ready for unexpected emergencies.

Go online to: www.getprepared.gc.ca for more information.

Applications being accepted for renovation and homeownership programs



The County of Lambton is accepting applications for the Lambton Renovates and Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance Programs.

The Lambton Renovates program provides one-time financial assistance for home repairs, and the Homeownership Down-Payment program offers one-time financial assistance in the form of a 20-year forgivable loan for a 10% down payment to be used towards the purchase of a new or resale home.

Applications can be downloaded at lambtononline.ca/lambtonrenovates and lambtononline.ca/homeownership. Interested applicants can also call the Housing Services Department at 519-344-2062 to request a paper application via mail.

The Lambton Renovates program offers financial assistance to eligible households in one of two ways:

One-time assistance in the form of a 10-year forgivable loan, secured by registration on title, for home repairs to a maximum of \$20,000 per household.

One-time assistance in the form of a grant, which does not require repayment, for accessibility improvements to a maximum of \$5,000 per household.

Eligible repairs under the Lambton Renovates program may include major repairs and rehabilitation required to make your home safe while improving energy

efficiency, or modifications to increase accessibility.

The Homeownership Down Payment Assistance program offers financial assistance to eligible households living in rental accommodations. The program offers one-time assistance in the form of a 20-year forgivable loan, secured by registration on title, for a 10% down payment to be used towards the purchase of a new or resale affordable home.

"Both the Lambton Renovates and Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance programs offer unique funding opportunities to eligible Lambton County residents," says Mackenzie Kada, Project Coordinator. "We encourage all residents to review the eligibility requirements and, if eligible, apply to the program that best suits their needs."

Applicants for these programs must meet a number of qualifications related to residency, income, asset level and home value, which can be found online at lambtononline.ca/lambtonrenovates and lambtononline.ca/homeownership.

Applicants are asked to review the [Lambton Renovates Information Sheet](#) and the [Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Information Sheet](#) prior to completing an application.



Brigden Fair Board of Directors thank Moore Community & Rec Foundation



Funding from the Moore Community and Recreation Foundation allowed the Brigden Fair Board of Directors buy a new event sign to help publicize events and activities. The directors, including the executive, recently used the new sign to publicly show their appreciation. From left: Jason Vanesse; Eric Van Dommelen; Ken Taylor; Jerika Shepley; Malcolm Rogers; Donna DeGurse; Eldon Krohn; Lori Ouelette; and Michelle Evanitski. (The Executive consists of: President Malcolm Rogers; First V.P. Kathy Myers (not present); Second V.P. Jason VanEsse; Homecraft President Michelle Evanitski.)

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Smooth first day for Proof of Vaccination at MSC



The Sept. 22 introduction of the Proof of Vaccination requirement at Moore Sports Complex went as smooth as sharp skates on ice. Above: When the Lady Flags U-9 Novice girls came to evaluation, their masked parents were prepared to show their proof of vaccination and a proof of identity (must include your name and date of birth i.e. driver's licence) to MSC staff Megan and Morgen, who were stationed near the front entrance.

Right: Showing her proof of vaccination by phone is Candida from First Nations, with 8 year-old daughter, Gena, who has been skating since she was 3 years old.



Stevenson photos

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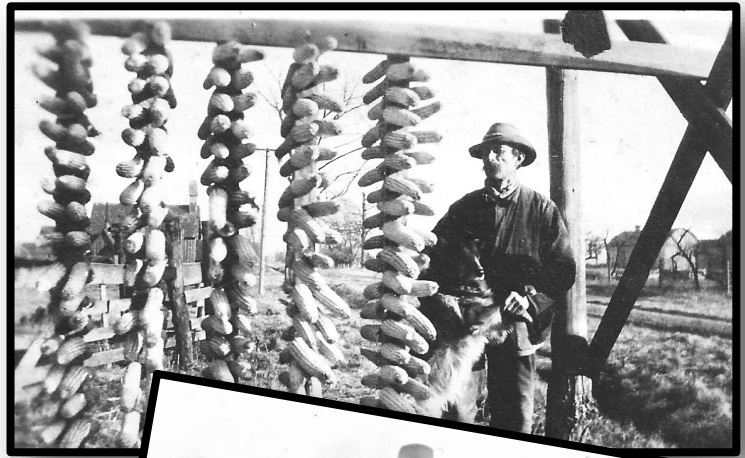
Fall harvest methods have changed, but the need for food does not

As a fall drive through St. Clair Township shows so clearly, our community is a wonderful agricultural area. An account of the former Township of Moore in 1861 indicates that farm production was important to this area for the settlers from the time of their arrival onward. This record indicates that while only 1,901 acres were under cultivation in the township in 1846, by 1861, this had increased to 10,998 acres.

A wide variety of crops were listed in 1861 -- fall wheat, spring wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, beans, clover, and many others, including a less familiar name - mangel-wurzel. This crop, related to the sugar beet, was grown for livestock feed.

Above: Corn being dried for storage.

Right: Grain being bagged. ~Moore Museum Archives
~Laurie Mason, Curator, Moore Museum



Modern re-enactments of the way the harvest used to be in the early days of St. Clair Township can still be seen at agricultural shows and fairs. Fortunately, the Moore and Sombra Museums have preserved photographs taken during the township's early days to help us understand how much our agricultural industry has changed. It also makes us appreciate how lucky we are that farming has progressed so much over the years. Without modern machines and advancements in agricultural practices and machinery, we would not have access to the abundance of food we enjoy today.

~ Editor



This post card from the Sombra Museum Archives, which shows a Sombra farmer and his son at harvest time, was labeled "Milo and Nach with a load of beets".

Newly updated Heritage St. Clair page features map showing historic plaques and storyboards situated throughout the township

Heritage St. Clair has updated its page on the St. Clair Township website, and one of the features now on view St. Clair Township's Historic Points of Interest map. This interactive map points out the locations of these colourful and educational installations and includes photographs of them so you'll be sure not to miss them. Here's a link you can use to go directly to St. Clair Township's Historical Points of Interest page:

<http://stclairtownship.ca/st-clair-townships-historical-points-of-interest/>

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Spooky family fun awaits visitors in Sombra Museum's Halloween house



HALLOWEEN HOUSE
SOMBRA MUSEUM

October 27th-30th 6 pm-9 pm

Admission:  Adults \$5
Kids \$3

Reserve your time slot at:
<https://sombrauseumshop.square.site>

Get in the Halloween spirit with a guided tour through the Sombra Museum's 140 year old Victorian House. Your tour will take you past creepy artifacts. You'll cringe as the spirits play with the lights and you'll be chilled when you encounter tales of witchcraft, funerals, Victorian medical practices, and more...

Note: This creepy guided tour has an eerie atmosphere but it is family friendly. There are no sudden jump scares and, for young children, we will be turning on the lights and focusing the tour on less scary topics.

The Sombra Fair was held in Wilkesport every autumn. Thousands of people from the township and beyond, dressed in their Sunday best, attended the fair to enjoy the food and games, and to take in the livestock, vegetable, and preserves competitions.

-From Sombra Museum archives



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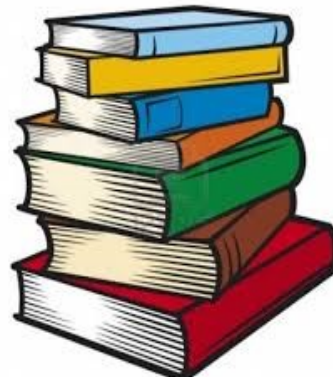
All Lambton County Library locations open; hours of operation adjusted

All 25 Lambton County Library locations are now open to the public. They all offer in-person browsing according to each site's provincially designated capacity limit, and scheduled computer use, wi-fi use, and academic research. Curbside pickup will continue.

Library COVID-19 protocols require visitors over the age of two must wear masks or face coverings and no food or beverage is permitted. Computer appointments are limited to 45 minutes once per day, patrons browsing may spend no more than 45 minutes in the library, and capacity limits are in effect at all sites.

To book an appointment for public computer use, wi-fi use and academic research, cardholders can call the location they wish to visit, book online at www.lclibrary.ca/appointments or call the central booking line at 519-337-3291 ext. 5900, toll free at 1-866-324-6912 ext. 5900. Walk-in appointments will be accommodated as space and time allows.

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Library hours of operation have been adjusted to better align with individual community and operational needs. St. Clair



Township locations and public hours of operation are as follows:

**Brigden** (519-864-1142): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Corunna** (519-862-1132): Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Courtright** (519-867-2712): Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Mooretown** (519-867-2823): Monday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Sombra** (519-892-3711): Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Port Lambton** (519-677-5217): Monday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

\* To become a Lambton County Library cardholder, call or visit your local library during open hours.

For more information on locations, services and hours of operation visit [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca)

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### Copies dwindling as *Piratical Doings* fascinates readers

*Piratical Doings on the River St. Clair*, our book about the 1838 raids across the St. Clair River, is selling across the oceans.

This new and exciting account of the history of armed attacks from the United States coming across the river, to what is now St. Clair Township, is being well received, even to the far corners of the world.

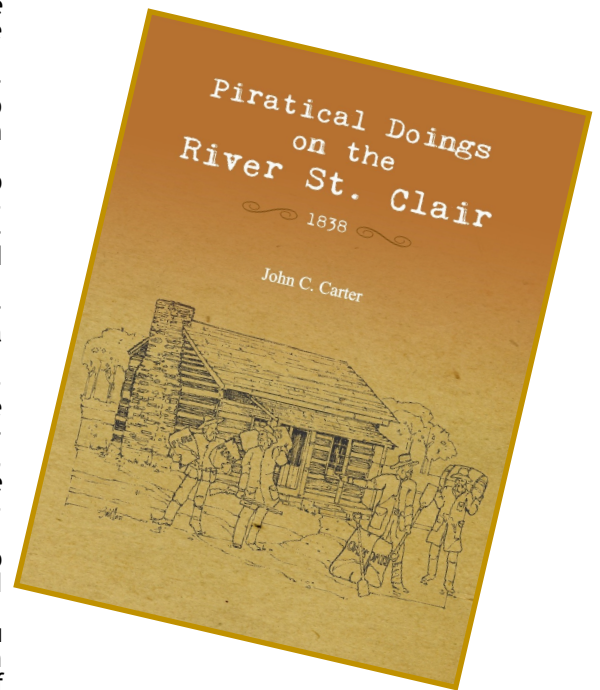
Heritage St. Clair members have sent out book orders to England and Australia. Curious readers from British Columbia and all parts of Ontario are also now enjoying this account, authored by Dr. John Carter. We have also filled many local orders for *Piratical Doings on the River St. Clair*.

The Heritage Committee, as part of our outreach, has donated copies of the book to many organizations. To list a few: Moore and Sombra Museums, Lambton Country Archives, Lambton County Library, Library and Archives Canada, Toronto Reference Library and Ontario Historical Society. We also have planned, but are yet to deliver copies to our various sponsors, Corunna Legion's Leslie Sutherland Branch 447, Sombra Optimist and Creative County Committee. We are also donating copies to all the local St. Clair Township Elementary Schools.

Of course, a copy will go to St. Clair Township Council to show our appreciation for their continued support in this and all our projects.

The sad news is that we have only 40 books left. If you are interested in local history, do not wait; order your own copy now. Then sit back and relive the exciting "doings" of 1838 when our Township lands were under attack by armed invaders from the United States.

Order your own copy by e-mailing the St. Clair Township's Heritage Committee at [secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com). You will receive information on payment and delivery or pick up.



~Dave Pattenden, Heritage St. Clair Committee  
*Discovering and preserving our heritage.*

### Moore Museum seeks information about history of old Moore Township schools

Moore Museum continues to accept information for a virtual exhibit for the museum's website. It will feature 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. To see the map that indicates where the schools were located, see the March or April 2021 Beacon (can be found on the St. Clair Township website- click on *The Beacon*). It can be accessed, along with further information, by going online the St. Clair Township website home page. Click on *The Beacon*, top right of the page.

~Laurie Mason, curator, Moore Museum

### Riverside Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Dennis Robinson at: 519-892-3316 for information or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 3164 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, 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.

### 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.

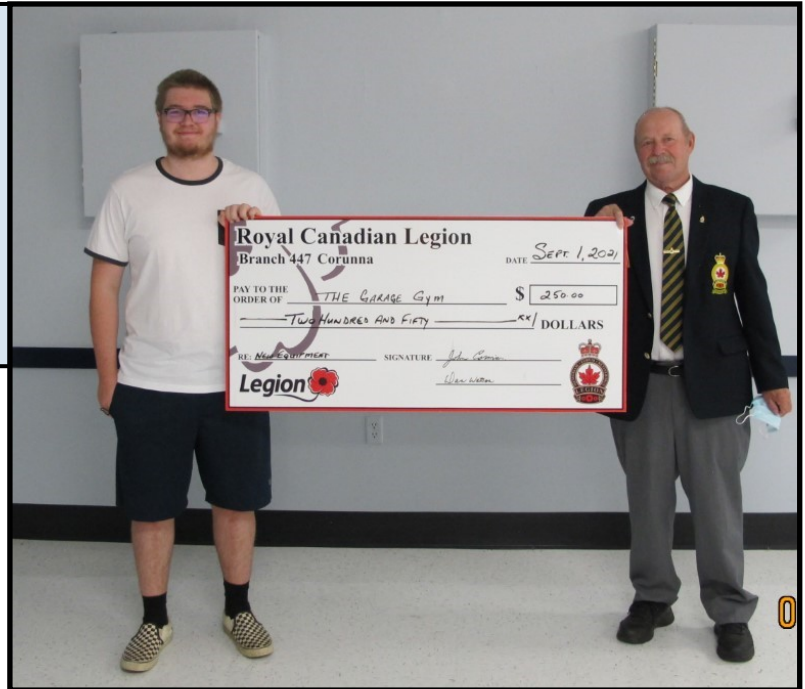


### Young weight lifters receive Legion support

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 recently donated to The Garage Gym to help purchase an accurate digital weigh scale. The gym provides a place for young local athletes to prepare for weight lifting competitions at the Provincial, National, and International level.

Right: Legion President John Cormier presents a \$250 donation to weight lifter Rowdy Fisher. The digital scale will allow the young competitors to do accurate weigh-ins.

*Submitted photo*



### SCRCA urges caution near waterways

The St. Clair Region Conservation Area (SCRCA) reminds those who live near watercourses to be cautious during heavy rain events such as the one this area experienced in late September.

Ponding, erosion and flooding can occur quickly, making familiar watercourses unpredictable when walking, working, or playing near them.

By midnight on Sept. 23, some locations within the SCRCA watershed were reporting that upwards of 115 mm of rain had fallen in 48 hours.

## Corunna Legion to hold Remembrance Day service at Clock Tower

*~ Lest we forget ~*

On Monday, November 11, 2021 at 11 a.m., the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will hold a Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial by the Corunna Clock Tower Park on Lyndoch Street.

Due to COVID 19, this year's Remembrance Day Service will again be scaled down. There will be no parade, and attendance will be limited to Legion Members, Veteran's, Colour Party and Dignitaries. The majority of wreaths will be placed at the memorial prior to the ceremony.

Those wanting to place a wreath personally can do so when the ceremony concludes, and preplaced wreaths will be acknowledged during that part of the service. Dignitaries will be standing in front of and facing the Memorial.

Wreaths will be prepositioned. These wreaths will include Federal, Provincial, Municipal, Legion and Ladies Auxiliary only.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a wreath, please contact the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240.

Spectators are discouraged from attending due to the limited space and the requirement to physically distance as per local health unit safety requirements. For those who choose to attend, please wear masks and observe social distancing.

We are happy to advise that we will stream the ceremonies live on the Corunna Legion Facebook page so the ceremony can be watched from home, school or work. To watch, find the Legion Facebook page (Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna) on Monday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. and like the page to see the entire ceremony.

Thank you for your understanding.  
Marg Emery, Corunna Legion, Branch 447

Please note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Poppy Banquet has been cancelled.



## Lambton County Library passes for Ontario parks still available

The Lambton County Library still has seasonal day-use permits valid library cardholders can borrow to take in the natural beauty of provincial parks like Pinery Provincial Park near Grand Bend. The permit will allow unlimited daily entry for one vehicle plus all of its passengers. The permit will come with a \$5 day-use coupon for future regular day-use, as well as a park guide.

Ontario parks passes and other library materials can be reserved for contactless curbside pickup using the online catalogue at [lclibrary.ca](http://lclibrary.ca) or the Iguana Library mobile app, or by calling a participating curbside loca-

tion during hours of operation.

If you haven't got a library card, call 519-845-3324, ext. 5266 or 1-866-324-6912, ext. 5266, or email: [librarytech-help@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:librarytech-help@county-lambton.on.ca). For more information on locations, services, and hours of operation, go online to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca).

Right: The Ontario Parks pass, park guide and \$5 coupon.





## Overview of Moore Habitat Management Area invites exploration this autumn

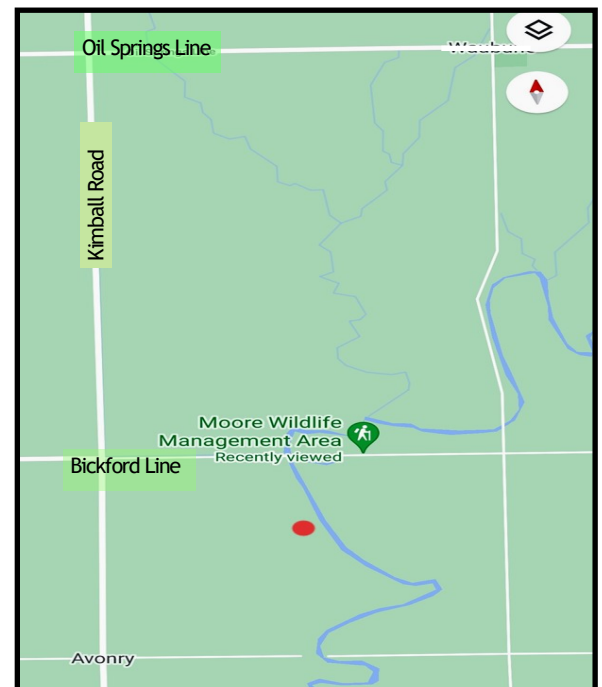


The Moore Habitat Management Area along the Sydenham River, above, is part of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority watershed and is located along Bickford Line east of Kimball Road. It's the perfect place to have an autumn adventure, offering 4 kilometres of trails, an upland bird habitat that features grass prairie, floodplain forest, and open areas.

The stunning aerial photo above is one of several such photos The Beacon has published in recent months. They are the work of Corunna resident Mike Coene, an experienced photographer and certified drone pilot, shown below left holding the four-propellor drone he uses to take these dramatic shots. "I took up photography as a hobby and I've always been interested in drones, so when the prices on them were reduced over time, I bought one and got my Transport Canada drone certificate. Safety is my first priority," he said, noting the dangers, such as utility lines and strong winds, that can present challenges during flights. "A license is not required but it's good to have because you need approval for use in some areas." To reduce the chances of mishap, Mike uses a special phone app to determine the locations of aircraft and threatening weather before flying the drone in a specific area.



*The Beacon appreciates Mike's contributions which help our readers view their community from a different perspective.*



## Wanted: Motivated youth seeking adventure

The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia is welcoming boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn join the ranks and learn valuable skills they can use for a lifetime. Cadets are not required to join the military. For more information, call 519 -332-6555 or visit: [www.petroliacadets.com](http://www.petroliacadets.com)





## COMMUNITY CONTACT

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE

It's been a difficult year for many people in St. Clair Township and it's easy to forget that others are suffering as well. Christmas is the time when we have an opportunity to look around us and offer help to those in need. The Optimist Club of Moore spearheads Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) each year to brighten the lives of our less fortunate neighbours.

Last Christmas, the lives of 92 families, including 102 children, were brightened by Operation Christmas Tree because the community came through with generous donations. This year, non-perishable food, new unwrapped toys, and gift cards to local food stores and WalMart are needed to ensure this miracle will happen again.

Donations to the 2021 OCT program can be mailed to: Operation Christmas Tree, P.O. Box 32, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0. When a collection and sorting location has been confirmed, donations can be dropped off there as well.

Operation Christmas Tree can also be accessed on Facebook and on the website: [operationchristmastree.ca](http://operationchristmastree.ca)

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.

### Moore Agricultural Society membership

Interested in becoming a member of the Moore Agricultural Society or need to renew your membership? Memberships can be paid either by dropping off payment and member information (name, telephone number, email address, home address) at the Brigden Fair office or through e-transfer at [Finance@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Finance@brigdenfair.ca). Memberships are \$10 per person until further notice. For more information on the membership role, contact [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca).

### 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 226-402-3870.



*Please note: The Down River Jr. Optimist group (Sombra) has been disbanded.*

### 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 (closed during COVID-19 shutdown). For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

### 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. 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 shut

### Sacred Heart food bank - Christmas hamper program coming



The constant need for supplies at local food banks still exists and with the Christmas season on the way, the need will increase. While recovery is still in progress, our neighbourhood food banks continue to come to the aid of the community. Nourishing food and daily supplies like toiletries, baby needs, and household cleaning supplies are still needed. In Ward 2, the Sacred Heart Food Bank has shelves that need to be replenished on a regular basis.

**Details of this year's program not yet been clarified but The Beacon will carry them when they become available.**

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### St. Andrew's foodbank sustains those in need

The food bank at St. Andrew's Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is open 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 serves those in need, offering a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including milk, eggs, bread, and meat, as well as daily requirements like household cleaning supplies, toiletries and baby needs. 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.

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### 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

## Autumn weather perfect for making the most of your golf season at St. Clair Parkway Golf Course



Don't let the last good golf days of the season pass you by.

The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course is still open for golfers to take advantage of those pleasant autumn days yet to come. And after the game, don't forget to relax at our welcoming Hawthorne's Restaurant.

**Visit us soon.  
It's Lambton County's  
best golf value!**

For more information or to book your next game, call 519-867-2160, email:

[kgrant@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:kgrant@stclairtownship.ca);  
follow us on Facebook  
[@stclairparkwaygolfclub.com/](https://www.facebook.com/stclairparkwaygolfclub.com/)  
or see our Website at:  
[www.stclairparkwaygolf.com/](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com/)

## St. Clair River TRAIL

*actively connecting communities*

Photos taken along the trail continue to be in demand, so use your camera or phone when you see a photo-worthy scene while enjoying the trail and message your photos to us.

Don't forget to check out the St. Clair River Trail Facebook page, video, & website

**THE MOORETOWN SPORTS COMPLEX**  
1166 Emily Street | Mooretown, ON | NON 1MO  
Ph: 519-867-2651

**2021** HAPPY NEW YEAR

Follow us on Facebook, or watch our website for further updates including programming.  
Contact us by email or phone if you have any questions.

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[www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca) / E-mail: [info@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:info@stclairtownship.ca)

**Beacon Bit** *Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness.*  
~Seneca, philosopher

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down 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. 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.



## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

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

### **Best Start Hub - Riverview**

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

**Hours of Operation:**  
Tuesday, & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Best Start Hub - St. Joseph's School, Corunna**  
535 Birchbank Drive, Corun-

na, 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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### West Lambton Community Health Centre classes

Visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/> to register for programs online.

**Opening Doors:** Healthy lifestyle program for individuals living with mental illness or seeking mental health support. For information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

**Virtual Glass Half Full:** Slated for Monday, Oct. 18 at 2:30 p.m. to teach tips to increase optimism in your daily life. To register call Rebecca at 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

**Virtual Low Sodium Basics:** On Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m., chat about a healthy lifestyle that will support you with eating the low sodium way. To register, call Rebecca at 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

**Virtual Baby Food Making:** On Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., learn up-to-date guidelines, how to progress with textures, baby-led weaning, and how to make healthy meals and snacks. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive Zoom link.

**Virtual Night Light:** Scheduled for Thursdays, Oct. 21 to Dec. 9 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., find hope and wellness while managing mental illness. To register call 519-344-3017, ext. 223.

**Virtual Pulmonary Rehabilitation (for existing clients):** Held Monday and Thursday for people living with lung disease. Learn to self-manage through education and exercise. To register or for more information, call Brenda at 519-786-4545, ext. 265 or Lorie at 519-491-2123, ext. 227.

**Virtual Pulmonary Rehabilitation (for new clients):** Held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. New client sessions begin Tuesday, Oct. 5 for 6 weeks. People living with lung disease will learn to self-manage through education and exercise. To register or for more information, call Brenda at 519-786-4545, ext. 265 or Lorie at 519-491-2123, ext. 227.

**Virtual Manage Your Chronic Pain:** Scheduled for Wednesdays from Oct. 27 to Dec. 8 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., this program aims to increase self-confidence and ability to manage your chronic conditions and stress, positive thinking, guided imagery, relaxation techniques, better breathing, manage pain, fatigue, difficult emotions, symptoms and daily activities. Also covered are healthy eating, exercising safely and feeling better, communicating with your healthcare team, and making new friends.

**Breastfeeding Support:** To learn more about our free virtual breastfeeding support, please contact April at 519-786-4545 or email [ageorge@nlchc.com](mailto:ageorge@nlchc.com) for more information.

**Virtual Shibashi:** Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps, is easy to learn, and is perfect for beginners. It is held Mondays at 11 a.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive Zoom link.

**Shibashi - In Person:** \*New time\* 1 p.m. on Fridays at Canatara Park. Meet at the pavilion with the blue roof (beside the bandshell at the west end of the parking lot).

**Virtual Yoga:** Held Thursdays at 11 a.m. until November 2. For more information call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email

**Virtual Seated Yoga:** Held on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. until November 2. For more information call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive a Zoom link.

**Virtual Chair Exercise:** Held Monday at 1:30 p.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**In Person Low Impact Exercise:** Held at Thursdays at 9 a.m. on the Moore Sports Complex front lawn off Emma Street. **\*Please note: Classes begin after Thanksgiving.**

**Virtual Low Impact Exercise:** Held Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive the Zoom link.

## Brigden Fair quilt draw tickets on sale

Tickets for the Brigden Fair Quilt Draw are on sale now from any member of the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division, at Always Quilting (Kathy Scott), Mainstreet Credit Union (Barb Steadman) or they can be purchased through e-transfer to: [quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca). Let the draw organizers know how many tickets you want to purchase, and include names and contact information for the tickets. The cost is \$2 per ticket or three for \$5. They can also be purchased in larger quantities.

The draw will be held on Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 11, 2021.



Keep your community strong. Please support your local businesses.

## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Corunna Legion hosts weekly activities

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host four weekly activities. They are: Cribbage, Thursdays at 1 p.m.; Bridge, Fridays at 1 p.m.; Meat darts, Fridays, 7 p.m.; Meat draw, Saturdays, 4 p.m. All COVID-19 protocols will be in effect. An open jam session will be held on Oct. 30. The theme will be announced at a later date.

Meals will also resume. A drive-by rib (instead of beef) dinner served with scalloped potatoes, veggies, a bun and dessert will be offered for \$15 on Oct. 26. Please pre-order by Monday, Sept. 28.

A drive-by chicken dinner served with roast potatoes, peas, coleslaw, and dessert will be offered on Nov. 23 at a cost of \$15.

### October fun! Sombra Museum to host Crafter-noon activities

Sombra Museum will once again be offering Craft-ernoon activities this fall in an at-home format. Follow @SombraMuseum on Facebook and Instagram for updates on fall DIY craft kits for children, teens, and adults. They will be available through the month of October. Order yours at: [sombmuseum.square.site](http://sombmuseum.square.site) or in person during museum hours of operation on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### Pickleball played at C.A.P.

Pickleball is now being played at the Corunna Athletic Park courts in Corunna every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The pickleball/tennis courts have recently been upgraded by the St. Clair Township Parks and Rec crew. All adults are invited to visit the courts to see the game in action. Newcomers are always welcome to

join the group and anyone new to the game is invited to learn how to play.

### St. Clair Township campgrounds

Clients are now able to book online at any St. Clair Township camp ground for up to six consecutive nights for the remainder of the 2021 season and for the 2022 season. (Mooretown-519-867-2951; Cathcart-519-892-3342; or Branton-Cundick-519-892-3968) Seven or more nights can be reserved if you prebook and state the campground where you wish to stay. The usual camping season runs from May 1 through Oct. 20 each year. For more information, go online to: [stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca), click on 'camping'.

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### Know the truth about vaccination

**"Normal" will not happen without vaccination!**

**There are still many eligible individuals in Lambton County who are unvaccinated.**

**Ignorance of the science and the truth surrounding COVID-19 is no excuse to avoid vaccination. This virus and its variants will only be defeated if there are no more vulnerable hosts in which they can thrive. Discover the truth by talking to your doctor or a pharmacist, or going online to:**

>Lambton Public Health information is online at: [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca)

>The Government of Canada has an extensive COVID-19 site at: [canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines](http://canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines)

<The World Health Organization (WHO) site can be found at:

<https://www.who.int/covid-19/vaccines>

### Proof of Vaccination Now Required

**When you're out and about, carry your Proof of Vaccination receipt or have an image of it on our phone.**

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**and type Subscription in Subject line**  
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**The DEADLINE for Beacon submissions is the third Monday of each month by noon.**

**E-mail:**

**[beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca)**

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

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

