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Pie Ladies multi-tasking: On occasion, the Brigden Fair Pie Ladies are called upon to use their considerable baking skills to make more than delicious pies. Before Thanksgiving, organizers of a horse show being held at the fairgrounds asked the ladies create some magnificent munchies to feed those who attended the event. **Above:** Busy preparing food for the event in the Brigden Fairgrounds kitchen, Cheryl McGuire turned her hand to making pies for the event while other members of the group worked on delicious projects like the muffins in the foreground. At the refrigerator gathering ingredients for another project is Carol Robinson.

Note: Brigden Pie Ladies pies can usually be purchased in Brigden at Parallel Junction. The pies are sold to raise funds to sustain Brigden Fair operations.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Please support the Christmas hamper program in your area. Information on page 17.

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MUNICIPAL NOTES



Notice of 2022 Capital Budget meeting

St. Clair Township 2022 Capital Budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday, November 25, 2021, starting at 5:00 p.m. The budget meeting is open to the public and all ratepayers are welcome to attend. Links will be made available on the main page of the website if it is to be held remotely.

George Lozon, Treasurer

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, we strive to protect the health and safety of both our staff and members of the public. To ensure safety, 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 members 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 all public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic as set out by Lambton Public Health. We are all in this together and we look forward to welcoming you back to the St. Clair Township Civic Centre soon.

~Clerk Jeff Baranek



Pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses on sale

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses are on sale now until Feb. 28, 2022. 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 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, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.

Anyone wishing to contact the municipality or to find out more about making a presentation or report to council during the Zoom meetings listed above, call 519-867-2021 for further information.

Winter Parking by-law

The St. Clair Township winter parking by-law will be in effect as of Dec. 1, 2020 and continuing until April 1, 2022. 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.

Keep laneways clear

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, 2022.

Watch where you shovel your snow

Property owners are reminded to dispose of shoveled snow safely. According to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, it is against the law to shovel snow onto a public street, highway, or roadway, and anyone caught doing it can be fined under that law. Roads are cleared for your safety and snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless vehicle collisions and mishaps.



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

New corporate resident for township

The latest new corporate resident to set up shop in St. Clair Township is CANDO Rail and Terminals. Tim Yamashita, CANDO VP Infrastructure Development, made an introductory presentation to council and fielded their questions at the regular Oct. 18 meeting.

He said the CANDO operation at 403 LaSalle Line will be one of a network of eight hubs located throughout Canada. The existing site is appropriately zoned and currently has space for 85 rail cars. It also includes a repair shop, a two-car rail car wash, and supporting storage and arrival/departure tracks that were built by the previous owner.

Mr. Yamashita noted the site has space for a much larger storage facility and, when the new facility is complete, it will hold an additional 400-500 railcar spots.

New environmental features to be developed will involve the introduction of a storm pond, control valves, and an oil-grit separator.

To summarize the presentation, Mr. Yamashita said, "We look at the industry; we look at solving industry issues and problems. We are a design, build, maintain, operate company, so we not only look at their issues, we try to problem-solve them and we incorporate that into our design and build for our customers."

Council raised concerns about the nature of the work to be done at the facility and the contents of the rail cars that will be stored there. Mr. Yamashita assured them, "...there will not be any unloading of hazardous waste." He added, "Repairs will not play a large part in the facility's daily operation...the majority of the cars will be empty. It is a staging yard for the customer. We don't plan on doing a lot of rail car repair. It was minimal when we took the site over and, apart from the large footprint of the shop, we really don't have plans to take that on. It's primarily a car storage facility."

Concerns were raised that the increased movement of rail traffic to and from the facility along the CN tracks in Corunna would cause delays at the level crossing on Hill Street. However, Mr. Yamashita explained the nature of the facility will limit delays. "The yard is structured such that we will be able to accommodate shorter cuts of cars. The frequency of rail cars will go up but they will be shorter so we should be able to deal with them in our yard a lot more efficiently."

Mr. Yamashita noted the *Track Smart* safety protocols observed by CANDO is acknowledged industry-wide. He noted the company was recognized by the industry when it received the Railway Association of Canada Safety Awards in 2018 and 2020.

The presentation stated CANDO's benefits to the community are numerous. Along with the additional jobs it will bring, the company's community involvement includes staff-led charity initiatives, a high school scholarship program, and a corporate sponsorship program. The employment of local support services will create additional jobs and the operation of the new facility will lead to property tax benefits for the township. (For map of the CANDO site, see page 16).

Arena Phase 1 approvals given

Approvals for the first phase of the Rink 1 and Rink 2 upgrades at the Moore Sports Complex were considered at the Oct. 18 council meeting. Phase 1 will involve the following work and materials: slab demolition and excavation; structural steel and metal fabrication; mechanical work; hollow metal doors, frames and hardware; rigid insulation; masonry; reinforcing steel and

wire mesh; and concrete forming. Eight tenders were reviewed and all came in below the set budget. Council approved the recommendations of the Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay and work is now well underway at the site.

Underaged drivers complaint

Complaints from some residents regarding underaged drivers in their community were reviewed by council at the Oct. 18 meeting. It was agreed that any complaints of this kind are the domain of law enforcement and must be reported to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Lambton County receives AA rating

S & P Global, the world's foremost provider of transparent and independent ratings, has given Lambton County a 'AA' rating. Contributing factors to the positive report included the county's prudent financial management and recovering economy, the stability of key industries that have supported recovery from COVID-19; and a well-balanced relationship between the county and the Province of Ontario. With these factors in mind, S & P expects budgetary performance to remain stable, with debt low; the generation of stable operating balances; and a strong liquidity position that will support its creditworthiness.

Enbridge receives support for project

Enbridge Senior Advisor Brian Lennie presented an update to council regarding the company's proposed 2023 Dawn Corunna project. The project will require the decommissioning of seven of the eleven natural gas compressors at the Corunna station, which are reaching the end of their useful lifecycle. A new 36-inch diameter steel natural gas pipeline will be constructed between the Corunna and Dawn stations.

The project is dependent on approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) which, if given, will allow the project to get underway in 2023. The projected date of completion will be late 2024. It is estimated the project will inject between \$200 to \$250 million into the local community, using local trades and locally-produced materials.

Mr. Lennie confirmed local First Nations have been consulted and he requested a letter of support from council to accompany the Enbridge application to the OEB. A council motion to support the project with a letter was based on the company's assurance the project will maintain the safe and reliable operation of the Enbridge Gas system in the local area, create temporary construction jobs within the township, and source construction materials from local suppliers when possible.

Brigden Community Hall not open

In the October 2021 issue of *The Beacon*, the third recommendation for public buildings was that all community halls would be closed until 2022, with the exception of the Brigden hall which, at the request of the hall's operators, would be kept open for the use of specific groups, using all COVID-19 safety protocols. Hall operators subsequently withdrew the request and the hall is closed until 2022.

County Council to resume in-person meetings

Lambton County Council has agreed to resume in-person meetings in 2022. However, members may attend remotely in accordance with Council's policy of remote participation. This decision will be revisited if the provincial reopening plan changes, or if there are concerns about health, safety, or public transparency.

Changes in council meeting protocol to be discussed at Nov. 1 meeting

At Beacon publication time, the November 1 council meeting has not yet been held, so protocol decisions are unavailable. Council's decision will be available at the township website: www.stclairtownship.ca



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.

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.

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.

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 appurtenances.

Friendly Waste Reminders

Just a few friendly reminders in regards to waste collection days and some winter tips that will make this winter's waste collection seamless.

Rapid at home Covid tests are considered "**medical waste**" and can't be put in regular garbage. These must be disposed of in same way as all medical waste.

Bulk items are picked up weekly with your regular waste collection. You can place **2 items** at the curb as long as the items do not exceed more than "**100 lbs**" per item.

Please tie all garbage bags. Contractors will not collect "**loose garbage**" so remember to tie them up.

As we are approaching winter weather garbage pails are being weighed down by rain and snow. This makes waste collection hard. We suggest drilling holes in the bottom of your garbage pails so that excess water can drain out or placing a lid on top of your garbage pail.

Clear The Road November

All home owners 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.

Please take notice

Failure to remove sports nets and other equipment from roads and streets will result in this equipment being collected by the Public Works Department and stored at the Public Works Operational Centres (Mooretown and Wilkesport).

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 2021 - Fall 2021

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.

Public Works working for you



Public Works Dept. crew in Brigden preparing the site for the new water service. Backhoe operator Lenny Wagner is assisted by Aaron Jardine.

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

Public Works Department

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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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Follow or like our page for all the latest updates and notifications. Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/stclairtwppw>

Emergency preparedness starts with you
be prepared



make a plan

ontario.ca/beprepared



build a kit



stay informed

 Ontario

SOME ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SERVICES STILL SUSPENDED

St. Clair Township Council will discuss potential lifting of some protocols at the Monday, November 1 meeting. (Until in-person meetings are approved, they can be viewed on Facebook or through the St. Clair Township website below.

*Up-to-dated details for municipal office operations will be posted at:
www.stclairtownship.ca*

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:

- a) Issuance of Marriage Licenses
- b) Issuance of Lottery Licenses
- c) Processing of all Planning Act Applications

The following Township buildings are closed until further notice:

- a) St. Clair Township Civic Centre
- b) 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:

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

Creative County Grant Program 2022 application now being accepted



Lambton County's Creative County Grant Program is now receiving

funding applications for cultural, heritage, and arts initiatives occurring in Lambton County in 2022.

The program invests in new and innovative projects that build cultural capacity, strengthen the creative community, define the County's unique identity and enrich the quality of life of all residents. Organizers of new or expanding initiatives are encouraged to apply online for funding to cover up to 50 per cent of project costs.

The program, normally reserved for operational expenses, has expanded its application criteria due to ongoing public health restrictions preventing many cultural events and programs from taking place. For 2022, the committee will consider applications for minor capital purchases to support such projects as the purchase of specialized equipment, public art installations, murals, monuments, heritage markers/plaques, signage etc. Expenses related to capital renovation or construction projects are not eligible.

The committee will prioritize projects led by, or in partnership with, Indigenous communities that foster awareness of Indigenous heritage and culture, or support local organizations with the implementation of the Calls to Action outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report.

"The expansion of program criteria is designed to support cultural organizations in Lambton County with the needs they have identified, and celebrate the diversity of our community," said Brian White, Creative County Committee Chair. "There is also an intentional effort to advance reconciliation with our neighbouring First Nations communities with the support of this funding. The public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process, and the new criteria the committee has added helps to advance reconciliation as a priority in Lambton County."

Applications for the Creative County Grant Program will be accepted online only at lambtononline.ca/creativecounty. The application period will close on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. A budget of \$75,000 in available funding for the 2022 program year.

Since its inception in 2013, the Creative County Grant Program has supported over 150 cultural initiatives across Lambton County.

Beacon Bits

Have you had a kindness show? Pass it on. 'Twas not given for thee alone. Pass it on. Let it travel down the years; let it wipe another's tears, 'til in heaven the deed appears. Pass it on.

~Henry Burton, author, composer

Emergency Preparedness

FACT SHEET

for COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS



March 2020

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.

Beat the Silent Killer: Prevent CO in Your Home

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week, November 1-7



By Andrew McMillan
St. Clair Township Deputy Fire Chief

Ontario's Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week runs from November 1-7, and the St. Clair Township Fire Department reminds you to prevent carbon monoxide (CO) in your home by getting all fuel-burning appliances inspected annually.

Carbon Monoxide 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, barbeques, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators and vehicles.

In Ontario, more than 65% of injuries and deaths from CO occur in the home. We want to make sure everyone is safe from CO. Get all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a registered contractor." Visit COSafety.ca to find a registered contractor near you.

The St. Clair Township Fire Department also reminds you 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, barbeques, stoves, and vehicles.

You must have a working CO alarm adjacent to each sleeping area of the home if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of the home according to manufacturer's instructions.

Prevent CO in your home:

- Ensure fuel-burning appliances, chimneys and vents are cleaned and inspected annually. Visit COSafety.ca to find a registered contractor near you.
- Check that all outside appliance vents are not blocked.
- Gas and charcoal barbeques should only be used outside, away from all doors, windows, vents, and other building openings. Never use barbeques 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.
- Open the flu before using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- 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, and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 or your local emergency services number from outside the building.
- If your CO alarm sounds and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end-of-life" before calling 9-1-1.

Know the sound of your CO alarm:

- Your CO alarm sounds different than your smoke alarm even if it's a combination alarm. Generally, in a CO emergency, a continuous set of four loud beeps - beep, beep, beep, beep means CO is present in your home. A smoke or fire emergency is a continuous set of three loud beeps.
- 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 alerting you to the presence of CO in your home.

For more CO safety tips,
visit COSafety.ca.

For more information, contact:
Andrew McMillan - 519-481-0111



SLEP Apprenticeship Network provides employer/apprentice connection

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership has launched the Apprenticeship Network in an effort to help keep recent graduates in Sarnia and Lambton County and grow the local economy.

The goal of the project will be to help employers navigate apprenticeship resources and processes, access training incentives, and connect directly with apprentices. Activities will include: one-on-one consultations; information sessions; employer recognition; and a new online platform to streamline the recruitment of suitable apprentices.

"As we continue growing our population, this program is aligned to the longer-term economic strategy

of retaining and attracting in-demand skills to our area," said Stephen Thompson, CEO of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership. "A strong talent pool, including apprentices, is also important in attracting future investments and growing our existing businesses."

Employers interested in knowing more about the project or how to participate can contact Cari Meloche at SLEP by email: cari@sarnialambton.on.ca or by calling 519-332-1820.

The Employment Ontario Project is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Public information session set regarding Lambton G.S. blast plan

A public information session regarding the blast plan for the Lambton Generating Station site will be held at the Courtright Fire Station on Thursday, Dec. 2. The session will be dependent on the COVID-19 restrictions in effect on that date.

However, Ontario Power Generation and Delsan-AIM representatives will present the blast plan to St. Clair Township Council during its regular Nov. 15 meeting,

which convenes at 6 p.m.

Steve Repergel, OPG Sr. Communications Advisor, Stakeholder Relations, says the demolition effort at the Lambton G.S. site is on schedule. In his report to St. Clair Township Council, Mr. Repergel noted OPG and Delsan-AIM will present the blast plan to Walpole Island First Nation, Aamjiwnaang First Nation, and Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in early November.

Hydro One to carry out improvement project in township



Hydro One crews will be carrying out an improvement project on the transmission line between Hydro One's Chatham Switching Station, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and the Lambton Transformer Station located in St. Clair Township. The work is being done to accommodate future electricity growth, improve reliability to homes and businesses, and support local industries in Southwestern

Ontario.

The project will include some locations within St. Clair Township. It will include the replacement of end-of-life poles, the lowering of distribution lines, and the burial of overhead distribution lines. There are also a few locations where trees need to be trimmed to ensure adequate clearance with Hydro One's distribution and transmission lines. The project is now in progress and is expected to be completed by December, 2021.

Lambton nursing homes receive funding for long-term care

Provincial funding of \$3,401.867 will be divided between eight long-term nursing homes in Lambton.

The funding is intended to help increase staffing levels, providing more direct care for residents and increasing their direct care to an average of four hours per day by 2024/25.

Nursing homes that will benefit from this funding include: Lambton Meadowview Villa, Fiddick's Nursing

Home; Marshall Gowland Manor; Twin Lakes Terrace; Af-ton Park Place; Vision Nursing Home; Trillium Villa Nursing Home; and Sumac Lodge.

The government will invest a total of \$4.9 billion over a four-year period to help hire qualified care staff by more than 27,000 people. Guidance on staffing models will also be issued to long-term care facilities.



THE MOORETOWN SPORTS COMPLEX

1166 Emily Street | Mooretown, ON | N0N 1M0

Ph: 519-867-2651

Check out what's new for

21/22



Arena project

PHASE 1 now underway!

@mooretownsportscomplex

Follow us on Facebook, or watch our website for further updates including programming.

Contact us by email or phone if you have any questions.

www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca / E-mail: info@stclairtownship.ca

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



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 according to 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.



Businesses benefit from Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) programs

Grant received for Digital Service Squad

Small businesses have experienced challenges during the pandemic that have made it difficult to thrive. Traditional methods of conducting business have given way to new ones through the use of digital technologies.

The Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) recently announced the formation of a Digital Service Squad (DSS) thanks to a \$60,000 grant from Digital Main Street's Ontario Grants Program (OGP). Small businesses now have access to the assistance of trained DSS digital specialists who can help them cope with online technologies and digitally transform their sales, marketing and back-office operations, all at no cost. The squad is already visiting businesses in Sarnia and Lambton County.

This is the third year SLEP has been able to offer OGP, which is administered by the Ontario BIA Association in partnership with

the Toronto Association of BIAs. Locally, the program will provide 3,000 Digital Transformation Grants to qualified brick-and-mortar small businesses. It will include support for basic website setup, Google My Business profiles, 360° photos, social media presence, and more. Where COVID-19 restrictions are in place, DSS members can provide support through phone and video tools such as Zoom.

Apprentice required?

The SLEP Apprentice Job Match tool can connect Sarnia-Lambton employers with apprentices seeking available opportunities. Registration is free and can be found at www.sarnialambtonapprentice.ca.

More information about the Job Match Program can be found by calling 519-332-1820, ext. 225 or online at: apprentice@sarnialambton.on.ca

RAPIDS FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

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.

LABORATORY SITE OPEN

Lab services are offered from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Monday through Friday.

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.

COVID and its Delta variant threatens you and all those you love. Please get vaccinated.

HERITAGE CORNER

The Kitchen Crusade

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Soup

Jack Sprat eats no more fat,
His wife eats no more lean,
But twist the two a bowl of soup
Of vegetables and cream

HAMBURG SOUP

1 pound hamburger ½ cup rice
1 quart water 2 potatoes
2 onions 2 carrots
1 can tomato soup (Campbell's)

Method — Combine hamburger, rice and water. Prepare the vegetables, add, and boil 1 hour. Add 1 can soup.

Mrs. James Miller

TOMATO SOUP

½ bushel tomatoes 14 stalks celery
14 sprigs parsley 12 even teaspoons salt
3 cups white sugar 7 onions
14 bay leaves 21 cloves
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper 1½ teaspoons pepper
½ pound butter 2 cups flour

Method — Boil and strain. Add butter and flour which has been mixed with a little of the tomato juice, and boil. Seal in well-sterilized jars! When ready to use heat equal quantities of milk and tomatoes separately, adding a little soda to each. Mix and serve.

Mrs. Fred Marsh

OYSTER SOUP

4 cups milk ½ cup rolled cracker crumbs
1 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons butter
24 oysters and liquid ¼ teaspoon white pepper

Method — Heat milk, add butter and salt and pepper. When hot add oysters and liquid and boil slowly until edges of oysters begin to curl. Remove from fire and thicken with cracker crumbs. Serve at once.

Mrs. Elvin Eyre

CORN SOUP

1 quart milk 2 tablespoons butter
salt and pepper 1 can corn

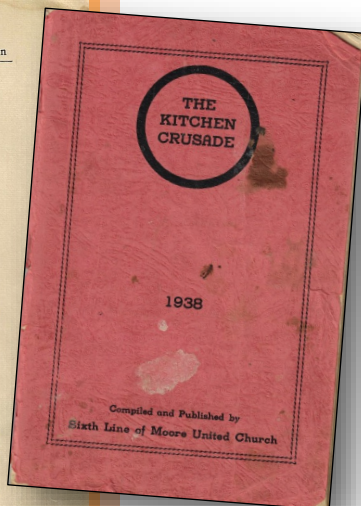
Method — Combine and heat ready to serve.

Mrs. J. Miller

DR. H. J. IRVINE
PHYSICIAN

BRIGDEN, ONTARIO

PHONE 86



The 1938 Kitchen Crusade cook book from the Sixth Line of Moore United Church offered soups to warm a family chilled by the cold November wind.

~From Moore Museum archives



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.

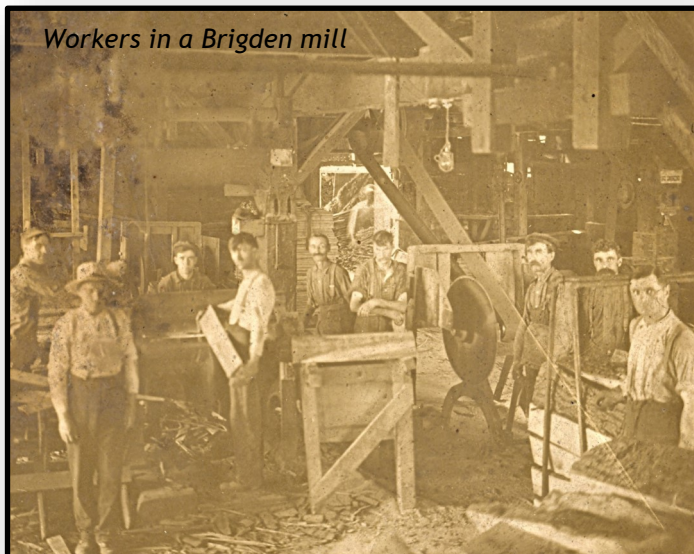
Virtual appointments must be booked in advance with the Archivist. They will include two 15-minute video or telephone meetings, and one hour of research time. The Archivist will also assist by reviewing research and answering questions. The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members, which includes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

Below: Are any of these people related to you?

Workers in a Brigden mill



The Ark, Corunna, Canada. It's got old Noah beat a mile.



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/>

See More Heritage, page 13

MORE HERITAGE CORNER

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STAG ISLAND WAS A HOLIDAY DESTINATION FOR CITY DWELLERS



STAG ISLAND AS IT IS TODAY.

Stag Island, now a cozy summer cottage retreat, was once a summer holiday destination for city dwellers like Windsor and Detroit who reached the island via steam ships like the *Tashmoo* and the *Greyhound*. Local residents could ride from Corunna to the island on a steam yacht owned by the David family. This turn-of-the-20th century resort island boasted a 103-room hotel, up to 23 cottages, beaches, and sports and amusement areas that included tennis, croquet, boating and fishing. A second 100-room hotel was soon built, and all park buildings were illuminated with electric lighting. But after WWI, the island's popularity began to wane and not even the

lure of lower accommodation rates could save it from falling on hard times, even when a roller coaster was built in the 1920s.

Cottages and land were soon on sale and through the years, the island's landscape was transformed into the idyllic scene we see in the aerial photo above. Stag Island, named for the deer that once lived there, is a Canadian island that has many American seasonal residents and is overseen by the Stag Island Fraternal Fellowship Association.

~Background information courtesy Moore Museum

Mike Coene photo, Bluewater Drone Pix

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.

Jr. Flags U13 Tier 1 win championship in Collingwood!



CONGRATULATIONS to the Mooretown Jr. Flags U13 Tier 1's for bringing home the championship from the 46th annual Huronia Invitational in Collingwood on Oct. 24! Mooretown went 5 to 0, winning the sudden death shootout 2-1 over the Collingwood Jr. Blues in the championship game.

The championship team included:

Back row, left: Coaches Mike McLaughlin, Aaron Ticknor, Adam Teschke, Ian Snedden, Ben Hazzard, Shawn Lajoie. Front standing, left: Josh Carpenter, Drew Mullen, Ewan Snedden, Graeme Hazzard, Cole Grant, Klarke McLaughlin, Cohen Melville, Tucker Ysebaert, Kale Melville. Kneeling left: Chase Ticknor, Oden Lajoie, Ryan Teschke. Front: Goalie Liam Lahey.

Submitted photo

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 opera-

tional 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)



## St. Clair Township from the air - guess the location



This aerial view of a St. Clair Township community should be easy to identify. Hint for history buffs: in 1869, it was selected to be the western terminus for the Canada Southern Railway and it was named in honour of the company president. A hint for anyone who knows their community: it is home to a public building nicknamed *Silverdome*.

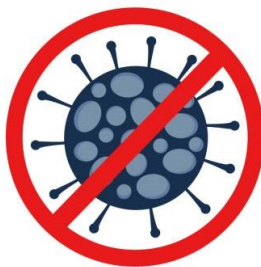
*Courtesy*

*Mike Coene, Bluewater Drone Pix*

### Lambton County Library branches help obtain proof of vaccination receipts

A vaccine passport policy requiring all residents to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status and proof of identity is now required to enter 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 ac-



cess 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.

### Find The Beacon online during the pandemic

Email: [beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca) to subscribe—FREE!

Just type the word 'Subscription' in the Subject line

Find the St. Clair Township home page at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca), then click on The Beacon on the black, top right corner information bar.



## Equipment bound for Shell Corunna facility lands at gov't dock



Above: A mammoth regen vessel bound for the Shell Corunna facility stands on its wheeled Mammoet transport trailer at the Sarnia government dock. Compare its size to the tiny worker in red, bottom right.

The *Coastal Titan*, a Toronto-based 91.5 metre-long multi-functional barge, delivered a weighty regen vessel in time for it to take its 30 kilometre journey to a Shell Corunna construction site on Sept. 25. Powered by the muscular tug *Salvage Monarch* to make the trip to Sarnia, the megabarge moored at the government docks and unloaded itself, using onboard twin booms capable of lifting a total of 432 tonnes. The slow transportation of the regen vessel to the Shell site took place at night, using the oversized-load corridor through Sarnia and south into St. Clair Township. The sheer size of the load, and the partial closure of LaSalle Line due to bridge construction, made it necessary to bring the massive load down Hill Street in Corunna and north along the St. Clair Parkway to its destination. The logistics of the move required a partnership between St. Clair Township, Lambton County, the City of Sarnia, and the Ministry of Transportation, and took 21 months to finalize.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

### CANDO

The new resident at 403 LaSalle Line will be part of a Canadian/U.S. network of rail car facilities. Read more at "New corporate resident" in the Municipal Notes column, page 3.

### BEACON BIT

"Why do brain cells, hair cells and skin cells all die constantly, but fat cells seem to be immortal?"







## 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. Donations can be dropped off at the Corunna Emergency Service building (Hill Street/Lyndoch Street intersection) as well when hours of operation are posted.

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



### ST. ANDREW'S FOOD BANK CONTINUES TO SUSTAIN 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.

### 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.

### 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).

### 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)

### 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.

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

See More Community Contact, page 18



### SACRED HEART FOOD BANK - CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

The 2021 Sacred Heart Christmas Hamper Program will begin on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with the annual Canned Food Drive across St. Clair Township. The boundaries for the food drive will be: west to east from St. Clair Parkway to Highway

40; north to south from White Line to Whitebread Line. Wilkesport Volunteer fire fighters will collect items in the Village of Wilkesport on the same day. The entire area will be covered during that day with a no-contact pick up. Residents are asked to please place donated food on their porch, sidewalk, or driveway where it will be visible to canvassers BEFORE 1 P.M. No one will knock on the door. Residents who prefer to drop off non-perishable items can take them to the Port Lambton Anglican Church on Saturday, Nov. 20 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The food will be sorted and packed for the food bank's Christmas Hamper Campaign, which is expected to assist between 55 and 60 families.

In addition to canned goods collected, gift cards to purchase perishable food and gifts for the children under the age of 16 will also be included.

Please look for a flyer in your mailbox within the next few weeks, and THANK YOU in advance for your generosity. This Christmas program could not be done without your help.

*The constant need for supplies at local food banks is ongoing and, with the Christmas season on the way, the need will increase. 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.*

See poster, page 18

# Sacred Heart Food Bank Annual Food Drive



## Non-Perishable items needed:

- canned goods
- non-perishable food items

*\*Please check expiry dates.*

### "Home Pick-up"

Sunday, November 21, 2021  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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

### "Drop Off Opportunity"

Saturday, November 20, 2021  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Port Lambton Anglican Church  
basement - rear door  
Corner of Lambton Line & Merritt St.

## "Financial Donations"



Cheques can be mailed to:

**Sacred Heart Food Bank  
c/o Claudette Johnston**

243 Lambton Line  
Port Lambton, ON N0P 2B0

*Financial donations of \$20 or more will receive an income tax receipt.*

## MORE COMMUNITY CONTACT

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### **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 shut-down). 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 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.



Sacred Heart  
FOOD BANK



### **For information contact:**

Frank Johnston - 519-677-5328  
Claudette Johnston - 519-677-5609



## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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(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.

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

Pickleball has been playing at the Corunna Athletic Park courts in Corunna every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The pickleball/tennis courts were upgraded by the St. Clair Township Parks and Rec crew early last spring.

(At the time of publication, there was no information regarding how long the pickleball group would be playing into the autumn.)

### Up-to-date bulletins available on SCRCa website/Facebook page



The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has been kept busy this year monitoring water levels throughout the SCRCa watershed.

Spring and fall have both presented challenges.

The latest in October brought several incidents of heavy rain and the threat of increased runoff and flash flooding, as well as flooding in both urban and rural areas because of exceeded storm drain capacities and saturated soil.

When threatening conditions persist, it is wise to be aware of any that pose a risk in your community. Go online to [www.scrca.on.ca](http://www.scrca.on.ca) or The SCRCa Facebook page to get the latest bulletins about such conditions as unusually high water levels, flood warnings, when flooding is imminent, and flood watches, when there is a potential for flooding.

### SCRCa welcomes new general manager

The SCRCa welcomed a new general manager to the team on Nov. 1. Ken Phillips will replace Brian McDougall, who is retiring from the SCRCa after a 30 year career.

### Community Law School (Sarnia-Lambton) Inc. workshops planned

*In cooperation with the Deerpark Centre for Social Justice  
Virtual Community Law School*

#### Social Justice Advocacy

Effective social justice advocacy involves a multifaceted approach. This series provides the opportunity to discuss successful efforts from around the world. Participants will be encouraged to think about change needed in their communities and how these techniques can be used to achieve those ends.

Workshops convene via Zoom on the following dates: November 2, 2021: Effective Public Awareness Campaigns; November 9, 2021: Informed Voting and Effective Voting Campaigns; November 16, 2021: Effective Protests, Boycotts and Petitions; November 23, 2021: Effective Lobbying/Law Reform Initiatives; November 30, 2021: Effective Public Interest Litigation.

The workshops will be facilitated by Margaret Capes, Legal Education Coordinator of the Community Law School and Kelly Chappell of the Lambton College Circles program. Those registered will receive a Zoom link by email before the workshops and electronic handouts.

To register, please email: [virtualcommunitylaw-school@gmail.com](mailto:virtualcommunitylaw-school@gmail.com) no later than October 25, 2021 at 12 noon. Please send any questions to: [virtualcommunitylaw-school@gmail.com](mailto:virtualcommunitylaw-school@gmail.com)



AN AMAZING LADY

Helen Vandevienne of Wilkesport admires two flashy balloons that proudly herald her 98th birthday. The Thompson Gardens resident is said to be an active "amazing lady" who participates in chair exercises, social times, quilting, all card games, bingo, and rock painting.

*Photo submitted*

**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.

A drive-by chicken dinner served with roast potatoes, peas, coleslaw, and dessert will be offered on Nov. 23 at a cost of \$15. Please call ahead to reserve a time to pick up your dinner. Call 519-862-1240.

### Join the Corn Hole League!

**Don't give in to the Winter Blahs - Join the Corn Hole League!** The Corunna Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 447, is starting up a Corn Hole League in January, 2022. A youth league for ages 8 to 16 will play from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and a couples adult league will play from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. The league will run for 13 weeks plus closing tournament. Registration for youth is limited to the first 32 individuals and the adult teams is limited to 16. Please contact the branch at 519-862-1240 for further information or to register.

### 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 Night Light:** Scheduled for Thursdays, until 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 Manage Your Chronic Pain:** Scheduled for Wednesdays until 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

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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>

**The Beacon is issued online only due to COVID-19.**

**For your convenience, your free digital copy can be emailed to you.**

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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.

**Proof of full vaccination, proof of identity, and a mask are still required for entry into public places.**

**Children 12+ will also require proof of vaccination to enter some venues. Safety protocols have COVID-19 on the run, but the virus is still among us.**

**We must continue to use all measures at our disposal to deny it a place to breed and to generate new, more powerful variants.**



# Santa Claus returns to Corunna!



**CORUNNA**

*Santa Claus  
Parade*

**SAT. NOVEMBER 27**

**6:30 PM**

***Corunna's Christmas Kickoff!***

**Route: Lyndock St. from  
Chris' No Frills, north to Beckwith St.**

**[www.corunnasantaclausparade.com](http://www.corunnasantaclausparade.com)**

**For Infomation:**

Call or text Tracy 519-312-3747 or

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