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Merry Christmas May 2022 come as a friend to you and to all of us



On a snowy night in Corunna...

...the Corunna Santa Claus Parade lit up Lyndoch Street to the delight of a large, appreciative crowd. A snowy evening set the stage for the event and the people along the parade route, especially the children, were in high spirits at the presence of snow and the seemingly endless procession of brilliantly lit floats and vehicles. Some of the families in attendance had travelled from Sarnia to enjoy the traditional parade, one of the few

taking place in Lambton County.

The Optimist Club of Moore, organizers of the parade, and all of the businesses, organizations, and individuals who took part in the parade helped to kick off the holiday season in grand style.

To all who participated in the parade, thank you for your efforts and your community spirit!

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OPG/DELSAN A.I.M. lay out demolition plan

What's left of OPG's Lambton Generating Station is scheduled to meet a swift demise in February. Council received a detailed report from Ontario Power Generation and DELSAN-AIM representatives at the Nov. 15 meeting which outlined the demolition blast plan for the main station structure and its three stacks.

Mr. Ralph Curitti, manager for OPG Southwest Operations, noted the focus of the demolition was to return the property to a clean brownfield site, removing all debris

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Township office to open Jan. 4, 2022

The Township of St. Clair office, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown, is slated go open to the public on January 4, 2022.

While our office will be open, staff will also be available during normal business hours by phone or via email and appointments are suggested, as social distancing, masking, and screening will be required. Contact the office at 519-867-2021 or see website www.stclairtownship.ca for individual department phone and email information.

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 as set out by Lambton Public Health related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all in this together and look forward to welcoming you back to the Civic Centre soon.

~Jeff Baranek

Director of Administration/Clerk



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

Council Meeting Schedule

All regular public council meetings are slated to open to the public in January, (depending on provincial COVID-19 policies at that time) but the public can still 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, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m.; and Monday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to contact the municipality or to find out more about making a presentation or report to council during open or Zoom meetings, can call 519-867-2021 for further information.

Winter Parking by-law

The St. Clair Township winter parking by-law is now in effect and will continue 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.



**Be safe this holiday season.
Don't drive impaired by alcohol or marijuana
and please observe COVID-19 protocols.**

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and scrap metal, and removing everything else to arrive at that goal. The report covers areas of concern that must be considered for any demolition project. For example, a northwest wind must be blowing to prevent any dust clouds from crossing the St. Clair River.

Strategies have been developed to address such concerns as: dust clouds and their potential for harm; vibration from the blast and blast target impacts; negative effect on nearby land and water; noise; vibration; and safety measures to protect those who turn out to observe the blast.

In order to accumulate useful data regarding optimum weather conditions, control-drop directions, and other crucial information, Mr. El-Khatib, general manager for DELSAN-AIM Environmental Services Inc., the company responsible for overseeing the demolition, says an American company was hired to do dynamic modelling of possible scenarios that could be used during the demolition. "We've dynamically modeled the stack drops to make sure that the stacks will behave exactly as we want them to and that there won't be any surprises," he said.

To execute the demolition itself, he noted the team hired for the job, Rakowski Cartage and Wrecking, has had decades of experience with similar projects. Its highly experienced, qualified, and licensed engineers and personnel have planned the project and will execute the work. "The team onsite is the same team that performed and demolished Lakeview thermal generating station (an eight-boiler plant) as well as the interior demolition of the Hearn (G.S. in Toronto), and a number of other power plants across Canada (including Nanticoke G.S.)," said Mr. El-Khatib.

He explained why the exact date of the February demolition cannot be determined until the environmental and meteorological conditions are favourable. "We chose February because it is outside of the migratory bird nesting season and also outside of the fish spawning season..." he said, and he later noted that the blast plan had been developed with regard to wind direction and strength to ensure any dust clouds created by the blast would blow in the right direction in regard to local residential properties and infrastructure.

To date, on-site debris has been cleaned up and the abatement of any remaining asbestos and mercury has been undertaken. Mr. Curitti assured council that asbestos is no longer an issue. "We've got all the asbestos because we knew exactly where it was," he said. "After the previous contractor left, OPG made a designated report of what was remaining within the building and we followed that to the letter. We had inspectors inspecting our work to make sure we were following the proper regulations."

In addition to the main building, the three stacks were also investigated. "The stacks have been tested to make sure there is no asbestos, but there was asbestos in the floor (asbestos was used to protect the floors from frost heave). "We removed the floors, removed the asbestos, and we removed the fill below the floor right down to the foundation," said Mr. Curitti.

Returning to the issue of airborne dust and debris that is generated by the use of explosives, Mr. El Khatib described how the diligent cleaning process specific to the Lambton G.S. project is being used to greatly reduce the dust clouds that may arise. "We decided we were going to deal with the dust at the source, so we washed the structure and the boilers completely from top to bottom," he said. "On top of that, we glued the structures down so if there is any dust left, it will be glued to the structure itself...On the structures themselves, we



Mayor's Christmas Message



*A*s we enter into our Christmas and holiday season, we watch 2021 quickly passing us by. It has been another challenging year for all of us, especially for our younger and older residents. The advent of new vaccines and the continuing COVID-19 restrictions have left us with important responsibilities to consider and decisions to be made.

If all goes well, the Premier has said that the government is targeting the end of March for a major societal shift back to our pre-pandemic lifestyle. It gives us hope that 2022 will be much better.

My prayer for all of us is that we will enjoy peace and generously give gentle kindness to all we meet during and beyond this 2021 Holiday Season.

On behalf of all St. Clair Township Council and Staff, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and prosperous 2022.

~Mayor Steve Arnold

hired a rappelling company to go up and clean the tops of the beams and all the actual structures." He added, "After removing all the cladding on the building we make sure we get a clearance from a third-party consultant, as well as OPG's engineer and OPG themselves, to make sure it's clean."

Another dust control measure used on the site involved the creation of a cover over the forebay, which was made out of aluminum beams, wood and textile. The intent of the cover is to capture any material that would normally become airborne during a blast so it can be safely destroyed in place.

For the three stacks, a dust capture perimeter of sand-filled shipping containers and a protection wall will be used to further mitigate the proliferation of any dust clouds that arise.

The scope of the demolition project will entail the "controlled drop" of the station's four boilers, three stacks, and two structures that have contained fly ash. "The whole event, in total, takes about 20 to 25 minutes," said Mr. El-Khatib.

The blast site will be equipped with several misting cannons that can be used to douse dust clouds with a fine mist that will dissipate the cloud to prevent its spread.

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The effects of vibrations and noise emanating from the site have also been researched and tested. "We're going to be doing sound testing as well to make sure we're not exceeding certain decibel levels," he said.

It was explained that setting off all the dynamite and shaped charges at once would result in the damage to every window within a huge area. To avoid this, there will be a succession of blasts over a period of about 20 to 25 seconds.

For 24 hours after the demolition, air and water monitoring will be done around adjacent water courses as well as the switch yard behind the main structure, which is being protected due to its importance to the Hydro One southwestern Ontario power transmission infrastructure. All roads that run near the blast site, including Oil Springs Line and the St. Clair Parkway, will be closed to traffic for up to an hour before, during and after the event.

For the safety of those who want to witness this rare event, plans have been made to secure the blast zone, and the public is asked to respect the perimeter that will be set up. Police officers and security personnel will be stationed strategically around the perimeter of the blast site to prevent trespassers from endangering themselves.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Steve Arnold reiterated council's position on the use of explosives to clear the Lambton G.S. site as first stated during an

OPG deputation in May, 2019. "You're in an area that is very vulnerable. There are some major infrastructure works there that could be affected," he said. "I've never been in favour of the blast. I think there are other ways this could have been done and I think it could have been done a lot better than just a large blast."

The question of damage compensation for local residents that may be affected by the demolition, in spite of the precautions and preparations being employed, was also raised by council. Mr. Curitti assured council OPG will meet with any property owners who are adversely affected by the blast.

As stated in the November issue of the St. Clair Township Beacon, a public meeting is slated for Dec. 2 at the Courtright fire hall to deliver this information to the public and answer any questions they might have. This is a summary of the report heard by council for those who were not aware of the meeting or could not attend.

County Council delays in-person meetings

Lambton County Council has agreed to delay in-person meetings until it meets on April 6, 2022 to align with the scheduled lifting of some provincial public health measures. This decision will be re-evaluated if there is a change in the Provincial Reopening Plan or if the Warden and/or Council decides to continue with virtual meetings due to health, safety and/or public transparency considerations.

Lambton County Online Survey

See page 19 for information re: Lambton County online survey regarding government funding for housing/homelessness/mental health/addiction services.



ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SERVICES TO RESUME

St. Clair Township Council will resume in-person meetings as of Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 if it is safe to do so.

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 are able.

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

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

- 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

**Beacon
Bit for
2022**

"Look to this day...Yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is but a vision; today well-lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow, a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day."

-Excerpt from the Sanskrit translation, "Salutation to the Dawn"



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/Recycling Calendar

Look for your Waste/Recycling 2022 Calendar the first week in January!!!

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.

Overnight Parking

The St. Clair Township winter parking by-law will be in effect as of Dec.1,2021 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.

Clear The Road Season

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

TAKE NOTICE

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

Friendly Waste Reminders

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

All waste collection days remain the same for the holidays



Dan O'Neill from our Public Works dept. is running the street sweeper, and in this photo he is sweeping the paved shoulder of St. Clair Parkway between Mooretown and Corunna.

Public Works Department

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FROZEN WATER METER AND PIPES

Preventative:

It's that time of year again! With the winter weather around the corner, your home is at risk of frozen water meters and pipes. This can stop your flow of water and may be costly to repair. Property owners are responsible for protecting water pipes and meters from damage. Here are a few tips to help prevent frozen water meters and pipes:

- Eliminate cold drafts near water pipes
- Turn off service to external water taps
- Insulate your pipes that are most prone to freezing
- Make frequent use of your water supply
- Know where your shut off valve is inside, in case a pipe bursts

If you suspect your pipes are frozen check the following:

- Most likely the pipes near an outside wall, or where the water service enters the house through a foundation wall are frozen. Start by opening a faucet near the frozen pipe to avoid a burst line, when water starts flowing
- NEVER use a blowtorch or open flame to thaw a line
- Begin by warming the pipes using a blow dryer, heating pad or portable heater (Do not leave electrical devices unattended or place near flammable materials)
- Once water starts flowing, allow a small stream of water to continue until heating is restored
- Eliminate drafts and allow heat to circulate to avoid refreezing

Water Department Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

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

519-867-2128

After Hours Emergency: 1-888-441-4204

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**ontario.ca/beprepared**build a kit****stay informed**

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.

BRIGDEN OPTIMIST CLUB PRESENTS

A Little Country Christmas



**DECEMBER 4TH
4PM to 9PM
OUTDOORS**

**DOWNTOWN BRIGDEN, ONT
3016-1 BRIGDEN RD**

Jane St to Courtright line on Brigden Rd will be closed

Please follow Covid restrictions & guidelines

Kids will be required to wear masks while at the craft stations

SHOP 20 LOCAL VENDORS

KIDS CRAFT STATIONS 4PM TO 6:30PM

SANTA'S ARRIVAL 6:45PM

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS 7PM

PICTURES AT THE TRAIN WITH SANTA

GOODIE BAGS FOR THE FIRST 150 KIDS

DONATIONS TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE

NON PERISH FOOD & CAN GOODS

NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS

NEW HATS & MITTS

Keep your community strong. Please support your local businesses.

Lush green of the Bickford Oak Woods ends with a burst of colour



Mike Coene photo

NOVA parking lot/pathways paved with recycled garbage bags

NOVA's new facility along Rokeby Line was the test sight for a new paving compound in 2020, when two 1,700 foot-long pathways were paved with a new material that contained the equivalent of 118,000 plastic bags.

This pilot project tested the new material for its ability to withstand the Canadian climate and the environmental impact of freeze-thaw cycles, UV rays, and moisture, as well as the wear and tear of heavy construction equipment. The project was undertaken by Greenmantra, a company that pro-

duces specialty polymers that are certified 100 per cent recycled content. These products can replace virgin polymers in industrial products, reducing the carbon footprint and enhancing the stability and performance of final products.

NOVA recently had the new site's parking lot paved with the same material, using the total equivalent of 700,000 plastic bags in the process. This is hailed as a win-win situation, with new, better paved surfaces and less plastic waste going into landfills.

County offers one-time licensed child care fee relief



The County of Lambton Homelessness Prevention & Children's Services Department will be covering the fees for Lambton County families utilizing licensed child care within the County of Lambton for the month of December 2021.

When announcing this measure, it was stated that supporting the licensed child care sector and assisting families is vitally important for economic recovery, particularly at this time as many families continue to face increased

pressures and financial burdens resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Providing onetime coverage of licensed child care fees in December will help alleviate some financial pressure for families and aid in overall economic recovery in the County of Lambton.

This expense will be covered by the annualized funding received from the Ministry of Education as a one-time grant to licensed child care operators. There is no action required from Lambton County families accessing licensed child care within the County of Lambton.

Child care providers will directly bill the Homelessness Prevention & Children's Services Department for December fees and eligible families will not be billed for the month of December 2021.



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 planned 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. Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and Delsan-AIM representatives will be present to explain the blast plan and answer questions.

Steve Repergel, OPG Sr. Communications Advisor,

Stakeholder Relations, says the demolition effort at the Lambton G.S. site is on schedule. In his written 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.

[If you were unable to attend this session, see pages 1-4, Municipal Notes, for a summary of the information.](#)

Annual Remembrance Day service takes place under sunny skies



Sun shone on the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day service as the colour party from the Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 paraded to the Corunna Clock Tower Park cenotaph. **Above: Heads bow as two minutes of silence pays respect to the fallen. Inset above right: Bugler Greg Robbins sounded the Last Post.**

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the service was sparsely attended, but online viewing for those who wished to see the service was made possible via the Legion's Facebook page.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

Enbridge Gas donation helps St. Clair Fire Dept. improve home safety

Enbridge Gas, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and St. Clair Township Fire announced they are working to improve home safety, and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

St. Clair Township Fire Department has received 180 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign that will provide over 16,600 alarms to residents in 70 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas has invested \$500,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 13 years, the program has provided more than 68,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms provide the early warning needed to help residents safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless, and potentially lethal gas, the by-product of the incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels used in stoves, fireplaces, furnaces, etc.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives! Partnerships like this help to improve the safety of our community.

—SCFD Deputy Chief Andrew McMillan



Shown here with examples of the new smoke/CO detectors are, left to right: Deputy Chief Andrew McMillan, Fire Chief Richard Boyes, Enbridge Representative Kevin Pomeroy, Office of Fire Marshal Nelly Green, Mayor Steve Arnold.

SCFD photo

COVID-19 vaccine registration now for children ages 5 to 12

Registration for vaccination is now open to children ages 5 to 12. It has been approved by Health Canada and is recommended by the Government of Ontario.

A number of family-friendly community and school-based clinics, primary care providers and pharmacies throughout Lambton County will be administering the vaccine.

To see a list of vaccine options and book your child's appointment, go online to the Lambton Public Health [youth vaccination webpage](#).

Parents who have concerns should go online to the [SickKids vaccine consultation line](#), the [Canadian Pediatric Society](#), or the [Lambton Public Health website](#).

Student nutrition program supplies healthy snack

Students in five St. Clair Township elementary schools are among the 8,100 students in the region who receive a healthy snack every day through the Ontario Students Nutrition program. Representatives from Noelle's Gift recently donated \$23,511 to the program to support the cost of acquiring the food.

Township schools that participate in the program include: River-view Central School, Mooretown-Courtright Public School, St. Joseph's Catholic School, Col. Cameron Public School, and Brigden Public School.

"This funding helps us give the gift of nutrition to our kids, which in turn makes them better learners," said Resource Teacher Heather Robson of the Lambton Kent District School Board. "Nutrition program support healthy nutritional environments in schools and increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables by children and youth to better prepare kids for a full day of learning."

For more information or to donate to this program, call Leslie Palimaka, Health Promotion Assistant for Lambton Public Health at: 519-383-8331, ext. 3011, or toll free at 1-800-667-1839.

Jean Collective to host session four of its virtual workshop series

Raising Your Profile with Voters & the Media

Session four of the Jean Collective workshop series is slated for Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This workshop will teach participants how to engage with voters through various communication channels and tactics which are essential to a successful campaign. Developing consistent messaging and presenting well in public is also an important part of connecting with the community. In this session, participants will learn how to develop a communications plan to increase their visibility with voters both online and in person. They will also learn how to navigate media interviews. This session will be facilitated by Marika Sylvain Groendyk, owner of Bluepoint Public Relations.

For more information, email: thejeancollective@gmail.com

Run.Win.Lead

Session 4

Raising your profile with voters & the media

When: December 8, 2021
7:00-8:30 PM

Presented by:
Marika Sylvain Groendyk
Founder & Principal,

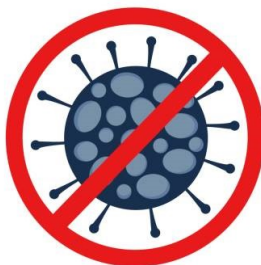
Bluepoint
Public Relations



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

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

St. Clair Township from the air - the answer lies within



Information about this corporate township resident can be found somewhere in this issue of the St. Clair Township Beacon.
Hint: It may take a bit of *energy* to find.

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 available: third 'booster' also available to some

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.

Third 'booster' doses are also recommended for individuals over age 70, health workers, designated essential caregivers in congregate settings, retirement home staff, and designated caregivers, and anyone who received two doses of AstraZeneca or one dose of Janssen. They must be at least months (168 days) past their second dose.

**COVID and its every-increasing number of variants threaten you and those you love.
Please get vaccinated.**

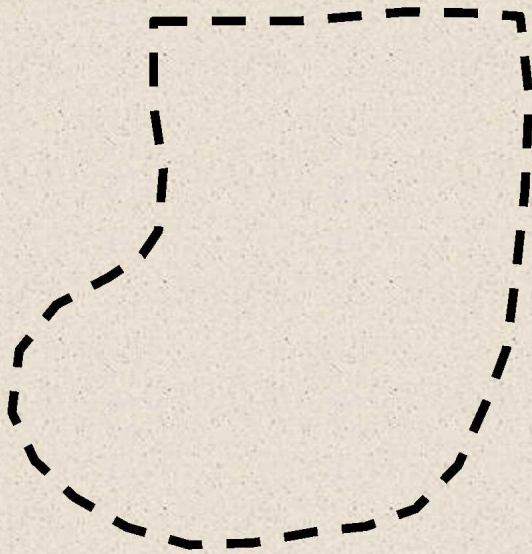
HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum's

Christmas Craft

1

Cut out the pattern below. Use the pattern to cut out two stocking shaped pieces of felt. Save the pattern for Step #3.

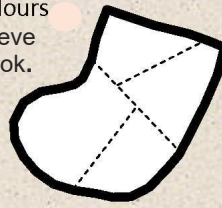


2

Sew or glue the two pieces together along three edges, and stuff with cotton batting. Then sew or glue the remaining edge... or for a quilted look...

3

Cut your paper pattern into three or four pieces. Use those pieces to cut out smaller pieces of felt, in different colours to achieve a quilted look.



4

Glue or sew those pieces onto your stocking.

5

Decorate your stocking with odd buttons, scraps of ribbon, or any other materials you have!



What you need:

- Large pieces and scraps of felt, in different colours
- Embroidery floss and needle OR craft glue (e.g. Weldbond)
- Cotton batting
- Buttons/ribbon or any other scrap decorative materials

"This lovely little Christmas stocking can also be used without stuffing to hold a gift card or a tiny treasure. Just leave the top of the stocking open and sew or glue the rest of it as instructed.

Whatever you put in it will be all the more special to the person you give it to because you took the time to create an original Christmas keepsake for them."



Sara St. Clair

----- THIS PAGE CAN BE PRINTED OFF TO ACCESS THE PATTERN ABOVE -----

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/>

MORE HERITAGE CORNER

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Long-time member retires from Moore Museum Advisory

The Moore Museum Advisory Committee recently bid farewell to long-time museum volunteer and dedicated committee chairman since 2006 James (Jim) Townsend, who has retired after 21 years of service.

During that time, he provided tours for groups, assisted with special events, and with school programs, interpreting the role of railroad conductor for the *Exploring Early Careers* program. Jim helped to promote the museum while staffing off-site exhibits, the distribution of brochures, and much more. He was also part of the *Tuesday Boys* volunteer maintenance and project group, specializing in gardening.

Jim's valuable contributions and leadership of the museum was noted by Mayor Steve Arnold during the Nov. 15 meeting of council. "Jim has served this municipality very well and I'd like to thank him for his dedication and service. It's much appreciated and the museum has really thrived under his leadership," he said.

The names of the members who



Victorian greeting card from the Moore Museum archives

will comprise the 2022 committee was recently announced. Re-appointed for next year will be: Joyce Brock, Leo Griffiths, Marg Griffiths, Susanne Hodgins, Marilyn Johnson, David Pattenden, Dave Taylor, and Shirley Warner. New appointees include: John Richardson of Mooretown and Louis Townsend of Corunna.

The Moore Museum also acknowledges the loss of a valued long-time Advisory Committee member, [Arnold Pole](#),

[who served as chairperson for three years and for many years as vice-chair. In total, Arnold volunteered his time and his talents for over 23 years. He also served his community on Moore Township and St. Clair Township Councils.](#)

Note: The museum was pleased to receive a grant for \$17,200 under the provincial Community Museum Operating Grant program for 2021-2022.

Artifact searches on at Moore Museum

Two separate artifact searches are on to create new collections and displays at the Moore Museum.

All current and retired St. Clair Township firefighters are invited to contribute past and current patches from each of the fire stations in St. Clair Township. They will be used to create a feature in the fire hall exhibit building on the museum site. Anyone with one or more patches to donate can call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020.

When creating a display of fashions or lifestyles, small decorative pieces can put the finishing touch on an exhibit. With this in mind, Moore Museum would like to create a small collection of ladies' compacts. These fashion accessories were popular from the Roaring 1920s to the 1970s, so they represent an era especially interesting to this generation of museum visitors. Anyone with a decorative compact they would be interested in donating can contact Moore Museum at 519-867-2020. While all offers are appreciated, only a limited number of compacts can be accepted into the collection to provide a small representative sampling of styles.

Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the financial support of its community

Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the community-minded industries and individuals who have supported the ongoing heritage preservation and programming activities of the Museum in 2021:

- Ruby Bailey - in memory of Paul Bailey
- Eleanor Vargo
- ARLANXEO Canada Inc.
- Earle & Joanne Clysdale
- Jack & Catharine McKenna
- Scott, Susan and Laurie Shaw
- Sally Townsend
- Wilhemine Mason

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.

Watchin' in a winter wonderland at the Corunna Santa Claus parade



Winter came just in time with the first snowfall of the season to set the scene for the Corunna Santa Claus parade. *Stevenson photo*

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.

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.

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.

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

M.A.S. ANNOUNCES WINNER OF FAIRSHARE 50/50 - NEW DRAW UNDERWAY

The second Fairshare 50/50 draw is underway and the lucky first draw winner, Corrine Brander, is \$6,565 richer!

Check out our second online 50/50 just in time for the Season of Giving! Tickets are 200 for \$100; 60 for \$50; 10 for \$20; 3 for \$10.

Here's the site to go to:

[https://ca01.l.antigena.com/l/rPN7hI02s0E-](https://ca01.l.antigena.com/l/rPN7hI02s0E-a5L6yl1uhaln-A5L7ojAQprz_M1X7zPz8VpFXj3vQYeNR4infCysQuA0ZzJnkyg0CZs1NmQta6lt5fe3CrqgL38zhCPuN-NqrU4)

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Supporting our local agricultural societies through the Fairshare 50/50 draw in these unpredictable times has never been more important than they are today.

By purchasing 50/50 tickets, you are helping Petrolia & Enniskillen Agricultural Society, along with Brooke-Alvinston, and Moore (Brigden) Agricultural Societies with fairground improvements.

Our grounds are not only used at fair time; many organizations in our respective communities use them as well for activities and events.

Don't miss out on the Early Bird Draws....

Early Bird Prize #1 was drawn on November 22.

Early Bird Prize #2: Two tickets to the Victoria Playhouse 2021 Christmas Jamboree, Petrolia, Ontario.

Draw Date: Sunday, December 5 at 7:00 pm

Early Bird Prize #3: \$50 gift certificate to the BIG FISH Steak & Lounge, Sarnia, Ontario.

Draw Date: Thursday, December 23 at 7:00 pm
It is possible for the same number to win both the early bird prizes and the final prize; the early bird draw tickets are included in the draw for the final prize.

fairshare5050.com



The Brigden Fair's iconic metal statue, *The Plowman*, towers over the latest Fairshare 50/50 winner, Corrine Brander, second from right, during the cheque presentation made by local agricultural society members Burt McKinley (Alvinston Fair), Judy Krall (Petrolia Fair), and Michelle Evanitski (Brigden Fair).

Photo submitted

During the draw periods, we will be posting on our webpages/Facebook pages the dates and locations where you can purchase tickets in person if you would prefer.



Greetings from Moore Agricultural Society

The Moore Agricultural Society, Home of the Brigden Fair, would like to wish everyone a wonderful and prosperous 2022. We hope everyone was able to make special memories with family and friends during 2021 (despite COVID) and we hope we were able to play a small part.

We've appreciated your patronage over the past years at the Brigden Fair, during the jamborees/campout weekends, tractor pulls, demolition derby, brunches, beef dinner, pie fundraisers, quilt draw and many other special events.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and we look forward to life getting back to normal and seeing you again throughout 2022.

Thank you,
Moore Agricultural Society

Moo-ey
Christmas
everyone!



Brigden Fair quilt winner announced



The beautiful quilt, handmade by quilters from the Brigden Fair Homecraft division, was won by Mary Rose Annett, who is seen here with her prize.

Tickets for the 2022 quilt will go on sale in December and will be drawn at the next Brigden Fair, Thanksgiving Weekend, 2022.

Santa suggests tickets for the quilt draw would make a great stocking stuffer for the hard-to-buy-for person on your Christmas list, and when it comes to gifts, Santa always knows best, right?



COMMUNITY CONTACT

OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE

Operation Christmas Tree is now in progress and taking donations at the Emergency Services building (Hill Street/Lyndoch Street intersection in Corunna) up until Dec. 10, **Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The **OPP drive-through donation event is set for Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets.** Canned goods, non-perishable food, unwrapped new toys, cash or cheques will be gratefully accepted at this time and **COVID-19 safety precautions will be in effect.**

Last Christmas, the lives of 92 families, including 102 children, were brightened by Operation Christmas Tree because the community came through with generous donations.

Operation Christmas Tree can be followed on Facebook and on the website: operationchristmastree.ca



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 Bridgen Fair office or through e-transfer at Finance@brigdenfair.ca. Memberships are \$10 per person until further notice. For more information on the membership role, contact 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

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.

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 fund-raise 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

The Family Counselling Centre needs good

See More Community Contact, page 18



SACRED HEART FOOD BANK- CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

This year's Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas Hamper Campaign 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 are always appreciated.

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.

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,

MORE COMMUNITY CONTACT

From page 17 listeners 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.



High speed allowed on parkway?

NO! But it will be welcomed under the parkway. Fibre optic cable installation, indicated above ground with orange fencing and huge spools of orange cable, is now happening along the parkway and into rural areas. COGECO is taking care of areas that have not yet received high-speed service.

The project is part of the overall SWIFT county plan (Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology), which is aimed at giving rural residents, agricultural producers, and small businesses access to the kind of internet service they require to access online educational and business opportunities, and be competitive in an ever-changing marketplace.



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

@mooretownsportscomplex

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

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

MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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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 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 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 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 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 to receive the Zoom link.



SCRCA has new G.M.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority welcomed a new general manager to the team on Nov. 1. Ken Phillips, left, will replace Brian McDougall, who is retiring from the SCRCA after a 30 year career.

SCRCA photo

Up-to-date bulletins available on SCRCA website/Facebook



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 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.

County Council to gather public info re: homelessness/housing

Lambton County Council has endorsed a Huron County resolution requesting the Provincial and Federal governments to provide financial support for housing and homelessness programs, and mental health/addiction services.

County staff have been asked to gather public input through an online survey. Information gathered in this way will be discussed at its Feb. 2, 2022 meeting.

50-/50 draw benefits S-L United Way



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Sarnia-Lambton

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www.united5050.ca

Energy company near Mooretown— see St. Clair Township from the air, pg. 11

The Enbridge Gas Storage facility on Tecumseh Road near Mooretown is part of a multinational pipeline company with headquarters in Calgary. The facility, a natural gas distribution operation known as the Dawn Hub, accommodates most of the 281 billion cubic feet of net working storage. Enbridge is a frequent donor to community groups such as: the St. Clair Township Fire Department; St. Clair Region Conservation for environmental efforts; the funding of the mass COVID-19 vaccination hub earlier this year; and various special community fundraisers.



AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



A Little Country Christmas in Brigden

Early bird readers of The Beacon will be able to enjoy A Little Country Christmas in Brigden on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event, organized by the Brigden Optimist Club, will feature the tree-lighting event in the village park at the corner of Courtright Line and Brigden Road. Draw tickets for the Brigden Fair quilt raffle and delectable frozen pies created by the Brigden Fair Pie Ladies will be available. Local businesses will be participating and all are welcome.



Pay It Forward family event at Corunna Legion

An evening of fun and food will be on the agenda as the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hosts its Pay It Forward event on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will feature free horse-drawn wagon rides, free hot chocolate, hot cider, and hot dogs. Masks will be mandatory and donations for the local food bank will be collected as well. The event has been donated by Nicole Smith of Exit Realty.

If the weather does not cooperate, it won't spoil the fun. The event will move inside where proof of vaccination will be required in accordance with COVID-19 protocol.

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.

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.nlhc.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.

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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](https://lambtonpublichealth.ca)

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

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

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

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The holiday DEADLINE for January Beacon submissions will be Friday, Dec. 17.

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