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now has a bright, spacious
location open to those who
need help in these trying
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MUNICIPAL NOTES



NOTICE 2025 Capital Budget Meeting

St. Clair Township 2025 Capital Budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday November 28, 2024, starting at 5 p.m. The budget meeting is open to the public and all ratepayers are welcome to attend.



Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, and can also be seen online by going onto the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca.

The regular Council schedule of two monthly council meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month.

(Schedule may be altered to accommodate holidays.)

Upcoming council meetings will be:
Monday, December 2 at 3 p.m.
December 16 at 6 p.m.

To make a presentation to council or for more information, call the St. Clair Township municipal office at 519-867-2021 (1-800-809-0301).

NOTE: This information is accurate at publication time but may be subject to change.



Winter Parking By-law

In accordance with St. Clair Township By-Law 5 of 2022, as of Dec. 1, it is against the law to leave vehicles of any kind, whether licensed or unlicensed, parked overnight from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. on public roads or streets.

They must be kept clear to allow the unimpeded passage of snow or any winter control operation conducted by municipal forces or contractors. The by-law will be in effect until April 1, 2025. It includes: camping trailers, commercial trailers, derelict vehicles, marine vehicles, and recreational trailers. All obstructions, including basketball nets and garbage cans, must also be kept off the streets.

Residents are reminded it is against the law (Highway Traffic Act) to shovel snow from driveways and sidewalks out onto public streets. These snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless automobile collisions and the loss of control of a vehicle.

Problem intersection to receive secondary stop signs

The rural intersection of Courtright Line (Hwy. 80) and Mandaumin Road (County Road 26) in St. Clair Township, recently the site of a multiple-fatality triple-vehicle crash, will soon receive more stop signs.

At the Nov. 6 meeting of Lambton County Council, it was decided secondary stop signs would be installed on Mandaumin Road and Courtright Line, as well as Petrolia Line (County Road 4).

County staff was also asked to consider the installation of flashing beacons at locations like that.

The horrific October 13 crash took the life of a 19-year-



Hunting licences NO LONGER available at St. Clair Township office

Township of St. Clair will **NO LONGER** issue municipal hunting licenses.

Government of Ontario hunting requirements still apply.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ontario.ca/page/hunting-licence-ontario-residents>

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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES

Operation of any motor vehicle on St. Clair River Trail is illegal



Recent complaints to the St. Clair Township office indicate there are still some people operating their motor vehicles on the St. Clair River Trail.

It is not only a Provincial offence to operate a motor vehicle on the trail, but it violates [St. Clair Township By-Law #45 of 2018](#), in which motor vehicles are defined as any type of vehicle drawn, propelled, or driven by any kind of power except muscular power. This includes automobiles, motor scooters,

mini-bikes, motorized snow vehicles, golf carts and ATVs.

The St. Clair River Trail exists to provide pedestrians of all ages with a safe place to walk and enjoy the natural beauty the St. Clair River Trail affords.

Every person who contravenes any provision of the by-law is guilty of an offence and if convicted, faces a set fine of \$200.



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old St. Clair Township resident and another person sustained life-threatening injuries.

RV fee increase sparks objections

Deputations of RV campers from Branton-Cundick Park and Cathcart Park attended the Nov. 4 meeting of Council to question the need for fee increases recently proposed for St. Clair Township parks.

Laurie Duffield, spokesperson for the Branton-Cundick Park attendees, offered a well-researched argument during her presentation. Referring to a report issued by Kendall Lindsay, Director of Community Services, Mrs. Duffield cited Mr. Lindsay's use of many recent articles that have been written about what has been called the *RV culture crisis* that is taking place across North America. Mr. Lindsay used these articles to illustrate that St. Clair Township has not been spared from the negative effects that are plaguing the RV culture in general.

For instance, the cost of everything increased substantially after COVID, including municipal utilities like electricity and water. This, coupled with the ensuing effects of inflation, has caused the same inevitable increase in the cost of operating a township RV campground as it does for a permanent household. Since RV residents enjoy access to the same municipal utilities during their stay in municipal campgrounds, Mr. Lindsay reasoned it is only fair RV owners pay the same rate for the utilities they use.

In addition, he explained that because of the reduced campground staffing caused by the departure of some staff and rising cost of wages for others, it was not possible to deliver the level of services RV residents have come to expect during past visits. Mr. Lindsay explained fewer staff are being called upon to handle the same burden of jobs in an effort to keep costs to the campers down as much as possible.

"We have a lot to take care of...There are well over 100 staff... There are just the three managers now and we take care of it all," said Mr. Lindsay, adding staff take care of 85 facilities with fewer staff than in past years. These facilities include the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course and the Mooretown Sports Complex. "We have staff shortages; we have a lot of challenges with people leaving," he said.

Although young, inexperienced staff members were hired to replace some of the older experienced staff that left the department, Mr. Lindsay says the new hires did relatively well. "We've done a great job with the young people who are working here," he said. "We know they're green, but we are trying to work with them to help them get better and they are getting better."

With the burden being faced by the Community Services Department, Mr. Lindsay has an acute awareness of the financial difficulties his department is facing. When the

annual budget has to be considered, he has to advise Council with real-world information. "I have to make suggestions that are relevant," he said.

In response to criticism voiced by Mrs. Duffield and Cathcart Park representative Kevin Button, Mr. Lindsay said, I have to look at the bottom line, I can't come back to council every time and say Branton-Cundick's in the hole...Cathcart's in the hole... I have to make suggestions that are relevant to what is happening."

He added, "I don't think it's fair to anybody...it takes more for me to run my household right now because everything's gone up in price. Recreation is one of those things that's getting hit right now."

The Nov. 4 discussion about municipal campground matters led to an enlightening explanation of challenges being faced by St. Clair Township Council. Mayor Agar reminded the delegations that some of the campgrounds in St. Clair Township had originally been the property of the St. Clair Parkway Commission and were downloaded to the township when the Commission folded.

"When we were given them...downloaded from the province, we were told we had to run them off the revenue we made off them," said Mayor Agar. "The golf course is paying (for the work being done there) with the revenues they take in." To illustrate the financial responsibilities the township would have faced to update the existing facilities at Cathcart Park, including the new reception building, washrooms, store, etc, the cost of doing the project would have been \$500,000. "That's why it wasn't done at that time," said Mayor Agar. "It has to be feasible...maybe the municipality shouldn't be owning campgrounds."

Councillor Bill Myers expressed his admiration for Mr. Lindsay and his staff. "I'd like to give credit to our staff because they have looked forward and tried to project some revenue into the budget so that things can be done in the future. The money has to come from somewhere. These campgrounds have to generate their own revenues."

Mrs. Duffield clarified the purpose of her presentation, saying that her issue was not with the staff at Branton-Cundick Park. She praised the young staff for their conduct and their service.

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Sidebar to RV fee increase

From the The Hamilton Spectator to the Financial Post, there have been feature stories about the economy's strong negative effect on RV culture this year.

In the online July 22, 2024 Financial Post story, There is Trouble Brewing in RV Country, it was revealed that the RV camping industry is teetering on the brink of a full-blown existential crisis. In Canada, the problem is being seen throughout the nation. The Post writes, "...there has never been more demand among Canadians for RV campsites, nor more interest among institutional investors to buy up RV parks from weary owners."

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MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES**Responsible Pet Ownership by-law
By-Law 40 of 2024**

New draft By-Law 40 of 2024 provides for the regulation, restriction, and prohibition of the control and keeping of Dogs and other animals within the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair.

The by-law has been developed to protect township residents and their dogs. It includes subjects such as: Prohibiting dogs from running at large or trespassing; Control of animals;

Dog kennels and runs; Pound keeping and penalties for such infractions as abandoning a dog or litter; Leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle if weather conditions are not reasonably suitable for that containment; **Not having a current license for the dog and the fine for failing to do so.**

While discussing the new by-law, council also discussed the inclusion of cats that run loose unlicensed and unrestrained. This subject has been discussed at other council meetings in the past and issues such as enforcement have rendered such a by-law impractical. But should current circumstances change, amendments can be considered.

Please be courteous to Township staff

Township office staff and personnel conduct the business of the township as it is written in the by-laws and in the decisions made for the smooth operation of the municipality. When interacting with these people, remember they must adhere to these by-laws and decisions when trying to assist you. **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO STAFF.** Remember they are doing their job. Even if the answers you receive in the course of your interaction are not satisfactory to you, ask them politely who would be able to help you and how to contact them.

Please treat our staff the way you want to be treated.

Emergency notification system recommended for township

The deterioration of the emergency notification system poses a threat to the community and the environment, so St. Clair Fire has been exploring solutions to the problem.

The most viable solution is the *SARNIA-Lambton ALERTS* system, which boasts partners like Lambton County, City of Sarnia, BASES, everbridge, and now, St. Clair Township. It is a regional public alerting system used by other Sarnia-Lambton municipalities and other community partners to send emergency alerts and other important community notices to subscribers in a timely manner.

Users can subscribe FREE OF CHARGE and customize which types of notifications they would like to receive, indicating how they would like to receive them. The available notifications include: shelter-in-place advisories; drinking water emergencies; evacuation advisories; extreme temperatures; Lambton Public Health notices; and industrial updates.

Stay informed when minutes matter!

To subscribe to this
emergency notification system,
go online to: sarnialambtonalerts.ca

**Stay active with new sports kits from Lambton County Library**

To promote health and wellness by encouraging physical activity and learning through play, Lambton County Library is expanding its collection to include new Sports Kits.

There are four separate Sports Kits, each one focused on a particular sport, containing basic equipment needed to play the sport.

The four Sports Kits include:

- Basketball: Includes a basketball and pump.
- Pickleball: Includes two paddles and balls.
- Baseball: Includes four bases, a pitcher's marker, bat, and ball.

- Soccer: Includes a ball, cones, and pump.

Patrons can enjoy a seven-day lending period for each Sports Kit. This timeframe allows them to explore a new sport at their own pace, practice their skills, or enjoy a friendly game.

Sports kits can be borrowed with a valid Lambton County Library card. Library cards are free for anyone who lives, works, studies, owns property in Lambton County, or is a resident of a First Nations community in Ontario. For more information on how to become a Lambton County Library cardholder visit: www.lclibrary.ca/apply

Trail Talk - Gift Ideas for people 'On The Move'



Gifts for walkers:

- Safety light - i.e lighted hat, flash light, shoe lights
- Reflective vest, reflective body sash
- Reflective or bright-coloured clothing
- Arm band to hold ID, key, cards/cash
- Walking sticks - to assist with balance
- A pedometer
- Water bottle
- Hand warmers

Cyclists Gifts:

- Reflective vest, reflective body sash
- Reflective or bright-coloured clothing

- Bike bell, horn
- Bike lights - front and rear
- An odometer
- Carrier for front or rear of the bike
- Water bottle holder
- Bicycle rack - transport bikes to discover new trails
- Straps to secure pant legs



Thank you 'Trail Neighbours' for kindly giving the gift of sweeping and edging the River Trails.

Happy Trails, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

HARVEST HOME BEYOND THE BUFFET



Once again this year, the Wilkesport Community Centre hosted the Harvest Home community dinner, featuring a home-cooked dinner followed by homemade pies, a 50/50 draw and entertainment by the duo of Cheryl McFarlane, left, and Cathy Landeryou, collectively known as *Girls Night Out*. The ladies covered a variety of music, from ballads to up-tempo contemporary tunes.

Right: As a large crowd of diners finished their scrumptious Harvest Home dinners, the kitchen came alive with the rattle of dishes and cutlery as volunteers Jeff Shepherd and Mary Lou Denning began the chore of cleaning up.



Weekly St. Clair Township libraries hours of operation

- *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, 10a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- *Wilkesport** (519-864-4000): Tuesday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Public Works Department

PW General - Roads/Drainage - Water/Sewer - Utility Billing - Engineering

St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily St. Mooretown, ON N0N 1M0

After Hours Emergency 1-888-441-4204

(519) 867-2993 (T)

(519) 867-3886 (F)

stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca

www.stclairtownship.ca

<http://fb.com/stclairtppw>

**Water utility appointments
require 48 hours notice**

St. Clair Township By-Law 11 of 2024 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

Clear the Road

All homeowners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (e.g. basketball nets, goalie nets, etc.) off and away from roads and streets. This includes sports nets that are located on the street surface 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 Departments and stored at the Public Works Operational Centers.

Hydrant Flushing

Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township Water Distribution system, during the hours of:

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

April 2024 to December 2024

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some water discolouration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry etc., as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears.

Contact information for recycling provider

- Residents wishing to report any recycling collection issues are to contact the Contractor (Emterra Environmental) directly at 1-888-597-1541.
- Alternatively, visit their website at: emterra.ca, and click on "Customer Service" section.
- For further recycling issues / concerns residents may also contact "Circular Materials" by email

New Where to Recycle website

There is a new "Where to Recycle" website that has launched that offers residents the ability to look up items they are unsure of where to recycle:

<https://rpra.ca/where-to-recycle/>

RPR (Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority) - RPR's "Where to Recycle" map displays locations across Ontario where you can drop off used

materials to be recycled, such as batteries, electronics, household hazardous waste, lighting and tires, for free. Materials collected at these locations are reused, refurbished, recycled, or properly disposed of to help keep them out of landfill, recover valuable resources and protect our environment.



**A SHORT RINSE
GOES A LONG WAY**

Rinsing food residue from containers prepares them to be recycled.

Learn more: circularmaterials.ca/



For more updates on information related to Public Works, including Waste and Recycling collection, follow up on Facebook @stclairwppw.



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Public Works Department

Prevent your Water Meter and Pipes from Freezing!

Its that time of year again!

With the winter weather around the corner your home is at risk of frozen 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
- * NEVER use a blow torch 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 freezing

Yard Waste

Yard Waste Collection:

Yard waste collection (leaves, grass, etc.) will be collected for the fall season until Nov. 20. *Christmas tree collection will remain the same for Jan. 6, 2025.

Brush collection (bundles of sticks) is no longer provided. See below chart for suggested disposal sites.

Suggested locations to take brush:

(All locations require a fee)

Transco Recycling, 387 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia; Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon; 519-332-4045

Curran Recycling, 526 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia; Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon; 519-332-0849

Waste Depot, 456 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia; Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat. 7

a.m. to 3 p.m.

519-333-08252

Wallaceburg Leaf and Yard Depot, 505 Water St., Wallaceburg Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon

519-627-8101

NOTE: Call ahead to confirm hours and fees which are all are subject to change.



PUBLIC WORKS IS NOW LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

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

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Public Works Department

More Foodcycler® units NOW AVAILABLE!

The Foodcycler® Waste Diversion Pilot composter trial, in which St. Clair Township participated in 2023/2024, resulted in the township selling 277 Foodcycler® units and having a waiting list of 19. The success of that trial has prompted Council to approve another order of Foodcycler® units; the original FC-30 and the larger capacity ECO 5 Maestro.

To learn more about the program, please contact Public Works at:
stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca
519-867-2993



FC-30



ECO 5 Maestro

Lambton Public Health warns—TEST YOUR WELL WATER SUPPLY

Lambton Public Health (LPH) urges residents with private wells to regularly test their well water to ensure the water is safe to drink. High-water levels, flood conditions, and saturated grounds could allow harmful bacteria to enter the drinking water, making it unsafe to consume. Test wells routinely several times a year or after flood conditions to test for harmful bacteria such as E.coli. Bacteria testing and water sampling kits are available **FREE OF CHARGE** at: **Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia**, Monday—Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30p.m. **OR Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street in Point Edward**, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

DIG SAFE! Contact OntarioOneCall first!

Property owners who dig without knowing where buried utility, pipelines, and cables are located are looking for trouble, expensive repairs, and maybe even tragedy.
Contact on1call.com or call 1-800-400-2255 to be sure you know where the buried hazards are and what they are.



Power Outage/Emergency Line

1-800-434-1235 (operates 24/7)

Residents can call this number to report power outage, fallen trees or power lines.

Emergency preparedness starts with you
be prepared



make a plan



build a kit



stay informed

ontario.ca/beprepared





Keep fire safety in mind this holiday season!

By Andrew McMilanm, CFEI
Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Prevention

The holiday season is a time of joy and celebration, but it also brings an increased risk of fire hazards. To ensure a safe and festive holiday, it's essential to follow these fire safety tips:

- ♦ Always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove top.
 - ♦ Place lit candles away from anything that can burn and out of the reach of children and pets where they can't be knocked over. Remember to extinguish the candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles.
 - ♦ Drink responsibly. Attempting to cook while under the influence of alcohol is too often a contributing factor in fatal fires.
 - ♦ Make sure the base of real Christmas trees is immersed in water at all times, to prevent them from getting too dry.
 - ♦ Check all sets of decorative lights before putting them up and discard any sets that are damaged;
 - ♦ Lithium-ion batteries may pose a fire risk. Stay fire safe and don't overcharge, don't use mismatched chargers, don't use home-made batteries, or aftermarket replacements.
- Test your smoke and CO alarms every month and install new batteries if needed.
- ♦ Develop and practice a home fire escape plan so that everyone in your home knows

what to do if the smoke or CO alarms sound.

By following these fire safety tips, you can enjoy a safer holiday season. For more updates and tips on fire safety throughout the year, follow us on our social media channels! Stay informed and help spread awareness in your community about keeping the holidays safe for everyone.



*Have a safe
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy, Healthy
New Year!*

~From St. Clair Fire

West Lambton Community Health Centre Programs for November

Coffee Time

Join us for free coffee and conversation every Friday at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Every Friday, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. at West Lambton Community Health Centre (#100-429 Exmouth St., Sarnia)

Coping with Stress & Preparing for the Holidays Online Workshop

Learn how to navigate holiday obligations and manage seasonal stress. November 18th, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Cooking Buddies in Corunna

Join our children's cooking classes for ages 6-12! Kids will learn to read recipe cards, measure ingredients, try new foods, and have fun! Classes will run once a month. November 28th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Corunna (346 Beresford St., Corunna)

Meditation Class

Join our seated meditation class designed to boost self-esteem, improve focus, lower blood pressure, and reduce stress. Every Monday, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at

West Lambton Community Health Centre (#100-429 Exmouth St., Sarnia)

Mooretown Low Impact Exercise Class

Enjoy low-impact cardio, bodyweight, and resistance band exercises on Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Mooretown Sports Complex (1166 Emily St., Mooretown)

Sit or Stand Exercise Class (Zoom)

This class offers exercises with resistance bands, with options to stand or sit. All fitness levels are welcome! Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. & Wednesdays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

****To register for any programs, please call Rebecca at (519) 344-3017 ext. 237. For our virtual programs, don't forget to email rever-aerert@nlhc.com to receive the Zoom link!**



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Thank You to everyone who helped make this project happen!

UPDATED BRIGDEN CENOTAPH DEDICATED

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The moving laments played by solitary piper Ed Babcock and the sorrowful summons to remember played by bugler Bill Nelson, command those present to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by the fallen and the survivors they left behind to mourn.



Left: 50 year Legion member Bob Churchill receives his 50 year pin from Br. 447 President Shawn MacNeil. Mr. MacNeil thanked Bob for his many years of service to the Legion. Mr. Churchill says he followed in the footsteps of his father, a WWII veteran, by joining the Petrolia Legion as an associate in 1974.



Right: Trying out one of two new steel art benches on the property of the updated Brigden Legion Br. 635 cenotaph are, left: Legion members Terry MacDonald and Debbie Crown.

Below Left: The Corunna Legion Br. 447 honour guard at the Remembrance Day service on Nov. 11 listen as Br. 447 Padre Paul Woolley delivers a moving message about the mistaken philosophy that there is glory in war. He noted glory is found in compassion.



St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar approaches the cenotaph to place a wreath in the name of the people of St. Clair Township.
Bonnie Stevenson photos



Recalling the fallen and offering comfort to survivors

Wounded Warriors dogs are life-changers

Our Legions have been busy this year, as they are every year, making sure those who have died for their country will be remembered. But their efforts extend far beyond remembrance when they provide help for those who have survived with crippling wounds that cannot be seen. They spread the message that all battles do not happen on the battle field and that there is help for those who struggle every day to cope with invisible enemies inside.

Two of these courageous soldiers, Tammy, left, and Britney, right, battle severe psychological issues from their deeply traumatic pasts. With the help of Laura, who operates the Wounded Warrior Service Dog organization and is a trauma victim herself, Tammy and Britney now have specially trained dogs who can help those with severe trauma issues not only cope, but find their way back into the world.



Tammy, her dog, Bruno, Laura, Britney

At Tammy's feet is her super smart Ligo-breed service companion, Bruno. He attended the recent Corunna Legion Remembrance and Awards Banquet and kept watch over his good friend to see she remained comfortable and able to cope. He's so

smart he can sense when Tammy is agitated and he knows how to comfort her. Britney also has a service dog. During her presentation at the Legion event, she confided that the day before she received her dog, she had contemplated taking her own life, but the arrival of her new companion opened up a better life for her. "My life absolutely changed when I got my first service dog," she said.

The dogs don't become attuned to their owners immediately. Wounded Warriors operator Laura says it takes two years of training with a dog and its handler before the dog is ready to work, and before that, the puppy that is chosen to be trained must be assessed to be sure it is compatible with the person it will serve.

Another road block is the cost of each service dog. Keeping in mind the years of conditioning and training the dog and its handler must go through, the cost of acquiring a dog works out to \$50,000.

The Corunna Legion Br. 447 is now conducting a "break-down draw" to raise the funds to obtain a service dog for someone in need. The Corunna Br. 447 Legion Ladies Auxiliary donated \$12,000 early in the draw and recently donated another \$8,000 during the Nov.9 Remembrance/Awards banquet.

The Wounded Warrior service dog program has shown itself to be effective in liberating victims from overwhelming thoughts, feelings and behaviours that manifest due to horrors they have encountered at some time in their lives.

The victims of PTSD, severe anxiety disorder, severe depression and other psychiatric disorders are waiting to receive a service dog that will protect them from their invisible tormentor.

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Updated Brigden Cenotaph Dedicated

The original cenotaph monument in Brigden was erected and dedicated in 1968 by a group of local veterans of World War I, World War II, and Korea. The group, known as "The Brigden Veterans Association", in cooperation with the Township of Moore, raised the funds necessary to construct and install this first cenotaph and flagpole.

In the subsequent years, Canadian Armed forces members have continued to serve throughout the world, with many making the supreme sacrifice.

Sadly, their sacrifice has often been overlooked in the collective national consciousness. It was with this in mind that a committee of volunteers within Branch 635 of the Royal Canadian Legion, proposed and worked on memorializing those brave men and women who have given their lives in service to Canada's participation in numerous North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Operations, and over 30 United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping missions.

The new memorial markers, and the addition of the inscription remembering Canada's involvement in the war in Afghanistan, are our community's tribute to those who have served and continue to serve in the defense of this nation.

Upgrades/additions to Brigden Cenotaph made possible by:The Arnold family; Brigden United Church; Tom Chlebowski; Tom Hawkins; Pete & Ang McRae; Moore Agricultural Society; Darlene

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 - Corunna

ELIMINATION DRAW

GRAND PRIZE \$2,400!

\$50 prizes for tickets: 1, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275

Draw to be held Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 7:30pm
at Branch 447 - Corunna, ON

ONLY 300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

Proceeds to: Wounded Warriors - Service Dog Program

Tickets \$20 each
License #M814637

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Tickets for the elimination draw can be purchased at the Corunna Legion Br. 447 club house, 350 Albert St. in Corunna. For more information please call 519-862-1240.

Nottley; Darlene Pepper memorial donations; Linda Sangster; Sean Maas-Stevens; Township of St. Clair; Vandenheuvel Auto Sales; Brigden Optimist Club; Colin Brooks; FCPCJC Limited; Knights of Columbus Council 9447; Percy Metcalf; Deanna Mundy; Bill Newman; Steadman Brothers Funeral Home; Charles Stevens; Kathi Vandenheuvel.

Project Partners: Township of St. Clair; St. Croix Memorials Inc.; BKR Home Services; Br. 635 Royal Canadian Legion; Feddes Fabrications Inc.; MorLo Yardscapes Ltd.

Theatre logo carving marks 100th anniversary

The Triple C Carvers, a club of wildly talented artists who see a block of wood and can't help but make it into something beautiful, or whimsical, or a testament to Mother Nature, recently received a challenging request.

The carvers were approached by the Theatre Sarnia group to render a wooden image of its logo to mark the Sarnia acting troupe's 100th anniversary. The finished product is intended to be mounted on the Imperial Theatre foyer wall.

The project was a difficult project that drew on the talents of many of the Triple C members. The two-faced mask image, which represents the two faces of acting, *Tragedy & Comedy*, required many small parts to be carved to adequately convey these emotions.

The 2 ft. x 2 ft. basswood image was done by a collaboration of Triple C members and helpers, each abiding by the strict measurements of each piece needed to create the image.

Beacon correspondent Patricia More reports the Theatre Sarnia contingent were very pleased with the carving. The final finishing work is being done and will be ready for delivery to the group before the New Year.

Right: On Oct. 30, three representatives of Theatre Sarnia, including Executive Director Brian Austin Jr., Paul Richardson, and Mary Anne Richardson, visited the Carvers at their Wednesday meeting place to view the almost finished product before a final finish was applied. Triple C club past-president Dennis Insley, left, explained how the logo was made.



Above: *Tragedy & Comedy*, the Triple C Carver's masterful creation in basswood, will soon hang in the foyer of the Imperial Theatre.



YOTO players available at Lambton County Library

Lambton County Library now offers YOTO players to cardholders. The YOTO player can be borrowed for children ages three to 13 for up to 21 days with a valid Lambton County library card as part of a kit that includes the portable device, a charging cable, and a selection of plastic cards that play stories and music when inserted into the player.

Kevin Coates, Public Services Coordinator for Collections, says, "This a great tool for literacy development for early learners and children with print disabilities including dyslexia."

Library cards are free and available to anyone who lives, works, studies, and owns property in Lambton County, or is a resident of a First Nations community in Ontario.

For more information to acquire a library card visit: <http://www.lclibrary.ca/apply>.

COMMUNITY CONTACT

Remember your food bank when you shop Help Sacred Heart food bank help others

The Sacred Heart Food Bank continues to aid the community addressing food insecurity all year long. Nourishing food items and daily supplies like personal hygiene items, baby needs, and household cleaning supplies, as well as grocery store gift cards and monetary donations, are always gratefully accepted. Food bank shelves need to be replenished on a regular basis. The Sacred Heart food bank appreciates all donations and the basics are always in high demand. **Drop off bins are located for your convenience at: DG Grains Becher location; Mainstreet Credit Union in Port Lambton; Port Lambton Food Market; Port Lambton United Church; Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Port Lambton.**

St. Andrew's food bank helps those in need Please help St. Andrew's with your donation

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. The food bank serves those in need, offering a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including dairy products, bread, and meat, as well as daily requirements like household cleaning supplies, hygiene products, 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.**

Sombra Optimist Clubs welcome new members

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.

Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites new members to get involved

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites youth from age 10 through 18 to join and discover the fantastic feeling of volunteering in the community. Hours spent volunteering with the club count toward the volunteer hours needed at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. Meetings are now held at the Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the intersection of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

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.

Courtright Friendship Club activities

The Courtright Friendship Club meets every first Thursday of every month next to the Courtright Library, 1533 Fourth Street. Annual membership is \$10, but non-members are welcome to come out to weekly card games. Euchre is played on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., and Pepper is played on Fridays at 1 p.m. The cost per game is \$3 per person.

Mental health group and resources

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, 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. For those who face the mental health or addiction challenges, the Samia-Lambton Ontario Health Team can help. To talk to someone about local resources, call Connex Ontario, 1-866-531-2600, or the Family Counselling Centre Care Pathways, 519-336-3600.

In crisis? Call CMHA Lambton-Kent and talk to a mental health professional 24/7 at 1-800-307-4319.

Libraries in rural and underserved areas to offer Wi-Fi hotspots

People in rural and underserved areas will be able to find a Wi-Fi hotspot at their local library thanks to a new initiative by Lambton County Library. Paired with a library cardholder's own device, such as a smartphone, tablet, or computer, a Wi-Fi hotspot will provide reliable internet service. Wi-Fi hotspots are available for a 14-day lending period for adult and teen borrowers.

The hotspots offer unlimited data access, but *content restrictions are in place to comply with vendor policies. These restrictions include streaming services like Netflix, Prime, and Disney+, as well as gambling and adult content sites.*

Hotspots must be reserved and can be delivered to any Lambton County Library location for pickup.

(Library cards are free for anyone who lives, works, or studies in Lambton County, owns property in Lambton County, or lives in a First Nations community in Ontario. Identification, including proof of address, must be presented.)

Visit lclibrary.ca for more information on Lambton County Library's locations and collections.



Wilkesport United Church selling seasonal message signs



Christmas sign sends seasonal message

Wilkesport United Church is selling lawn signs to celebrate the season. They come with a stand for the lawn and cost \$20 per sign.

For more information or to purchase a sign of the season, call Karen at 519-350-3198.

WILKESPORT UNITED CHURCH COMING EVENTS

The Wilkesport United Church women will offer some tasty events in the coming months, right through until April.



The first event is already here! Ready-to-bake frozen pies are now available in these flavours: pumpkin, apple, cherry, and blueberry. At \$20 each, you can treat your family and guests to delicious freshly cooked pies during the holiday season. To purchase, contact Betty at 519-381-9874.

Next Easter, the Wilkesport United Church will host a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday. On Tuesday, March 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church, 3214 Mill Street in Wilkesport. A free will offering will be the cost of enjoying this delicious holiday meal and take-out will be available. The meal includes: pancakes, sausage, tea and coffee.

And when spring rolls around, the Wilkesport United Church will host a stew supper on Thursday, April 10 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church, 3214 Mill Street, Wilkesport. The meal includes: biscuits, coffee/tea and dessert. The cost is a free will offering and take-out meals will be available. Address inquiries or large orders to Betty at 519-381-9874.

Mooretown Sports Complex-What's happening?

Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651

Check out our schedule at:

stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

MOORETOWN SPORTS COMPLEX-DECEMBER 2024

FALL Sunday Public Skate 1:00pm - 2:15pm \$3.00/child, \$4.25/adult, \$10.00 / family.

Fall Weekday Public Skate Wednesday - 10:30am - 12:00pm Monday and Friday - 12:30pm - 2:00pm \$2.50/person, \$10.00/family **Shinny Hockey (18+)** Tuesdays 9-10AM - \$5/person.

Family Shinny Nov 15th, Dec 27th, Jan 3rd, Jan 31st, Feb 17th, Mar 14th, April 4th, June 27th. 11AM-12PM - \$5/person.

Get Fit at the Moore Sports Complex! Join us for a variety of energizing fitness classes, including Mat Pilates, Guns and Buns, Spin, and Yoga! Whether you prefer to pay as you go, purchase a punch pass, or commit to a membership, we have options that suit your needs. Check out our full fitness schedule at: www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca and take the first step towards a healthier you!

Winter Swim Lessons Registration opens Dec 11th, 2024, at 9am. Login to your account or call 519-867-2651 for more information!

Looking to become a Lifeguard/Swim Instructor? Registration for Winter Advance Courses such as Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, National Lifeguard, Swim Instructor and Lifesaving Swim Instructor will open on Dec. 11, 2024.

Check our website for our Fall Pool and Fitness Schedule For more information or to register for any of the programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.



Moore Sports Complex Holiday Closures

Dec. 24 & Dec. 31 - CLOSED @
12 p.m. (Noon) Dec. 25, 26 &
Jan. 1 - CLOSED all day.



West Lambton Community Health Centre We Now Offer Online Program Registration!!

Please visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/>



West Lambton
Community Health Centre

Coffee Time Social Drop-in Brigden: New Location!

Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. (@ Brigden United Church—2420 Jane Street, Brigden). We will be meeting in the lower hall. The church has an elevator, so is accessible for all.

Garden Fresh Box: The Garden Fresh Box is an inexpensive monthly food buying program for anyone who wants fresh vegetables and fruit all year round. For info, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email reveraert@nlchc.com Orders are accepted in person with payment. Cash ONLY

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Heart Healthy Living: Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss about types of cholesterol, heart smart diet and healthy heart lifestyle habits. For more information about dates/time and to register, call 519-786- 4545 ext. 307.

Sit or Stand: Tuesdays @ 10:15 a.m.—60 min. class. This exercise is performed with the options of either standing or seated in a chair. Resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email reveraert@nlchc.com

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New home for Sacred Heart food bank blessed and operational



Food bank Committee all smiles

Members of the Sacred Heart Food Bank Committee gathered for the blessing of the new building. They included, from left: Mike Hendrycks; Christine Reedy; Phil Johnston; Rose Atkins; Pete Bogaert; Frank Johnston; Mike O'Neil; (St.) Anne Stratton... Rose made me do it...

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Sacred Heart Food Bank event planned in December

COMING EVENT: Monday, Dec. 2

The Sacred Heart Food Bank Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Community Centre at 7 p.m.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM SACRED HEART FOOD BANK

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Food Bank, Frank Johnston thanked the St. Clair Catholic School Board for donating a surplus portable school room to be used as the permanent home of the Sacred Heart Food Bank. He also thanked Father Dariusz Lewandowski and the parish family for their support. Father Lewandowski delivered a beautiful blessing.

Mr. Johnston also thanked St. Clair Township Council for contributing a donation and for offering guidance when the location of the portable was being determined and accomplished on land belonging to the London Dioceses of the Catholic Church.

Before a permanent home was found for the food bank, St. James Anglican Church in Port Lambton opened their basement rent-free for use as the Sacred Heart Food Bank. Mr. Johnston expressed his gratitude for the 15 years the food bank was able to serve those in need. He also praised the Sacred Heart Food Bank Committee and those who served on the Building Fund Committee over the years.

The portable was moved to its new site by Warne Construction of Blenheim, and Mr. Johnston praised the company for its great work on the move and for the substantial cost reduction the company gave. Mr. Johnston says the company only charged \$8,000 when \$14,000 had been quoted. Volunteers Marshall and Colin Miller, who generously donated many hours of their time to the building of the accessible deck and wheelchair ramp, were also acknowledged for their fantastic work. Mr. Johnston thanked those who donated financially and those who donated their volunteer labour and expertise in all matters, from engineering to general contractors. In closing, Mr. Johnston said, "Without the Grace of God and community involvement, this would never have happened."



The Sacred Heart Food Bank opened its doors to those in need on Nov. 1

Lambton Public Health says it's vaccination time

Lambton Public Health (LPH) reminds everyone that fall immunization is now available for everyone in the general public. This year there are expanded access points for COVID-19 and flu shots. Pharmacies and health care providers should now have these vaccines, allowing public health units to reach people with limited vaccine access options.

These high-risk individuals are urged to

be vaccinated: children ages 6 months to 4 years; people in or from First Nations communities; pregnant individuals; People 65 and over; and first responders.

Regarding vaccination for RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), which is currently being recommended on TV ads: LPH Supervisor of Health Promotion Matthew Butler says this vaccine should be discussed with your health care provider to see if you should receive it.

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**Notice of Annual General Meeting
Thursday, Dec 12, 2024**

Wyoming Fair Building at 7:30 pm

Memberships will be available throughout the meeting. Memberships are required for voting.

Agenda

Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Approval of the Minutes

Business arising from the Minutes

Financial Report for the Fiscal Year of Oct 1, 2023 – Sept 30, 2024

Reviewed by Dave Ferguson & John Young

Guest Speakers: “Lambton County Celebrating 175 Years, 1849 – 2024”

Andrew Meyer, Deputy CAO/General Manager, Cultural Services, Division County of Lambton

Laurie Webb, Manager, Museums, Gallery & Archives, County of Lambton

Election



For more information; lambtonaghallfame@gmail.com

Joanne Sanderson

Irene Jardine,

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

519-695-3980

519-331-2662

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear”

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus

invite you, your family, & friends to a fun filled free will event

Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at 1 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church Hall, John Street, Port Lambton

Christmas caroling while enjoying a hayride through the village

followed by

Hot chocolate, popcorn, a visit from Santa, and a kids Christmas movie in the Parish Centre

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A book is a gift you can open again and again: Give-a-Book for Christmas

For decades, babies to teens have been matched with the gift of a new book through the Literacy Lambton Give-a-Book campaign. It allows children the joy of a new book for the holidays thanks to a generous community.

This year's campaign runs Nov. 1 through Dec. 15. Donations of new, unwrapped books may be dropped off:

The Book Keeper in Northgate plaza (20% of the books purchased are donated to Give-a-Book); **Coles** bookstore in Lambton Mall; and **Literacy Lambton's headquarters**, Room 103 in the Lochiel Kiwanis Community Centre at College Ave. N and George St. downtown Sarnia.

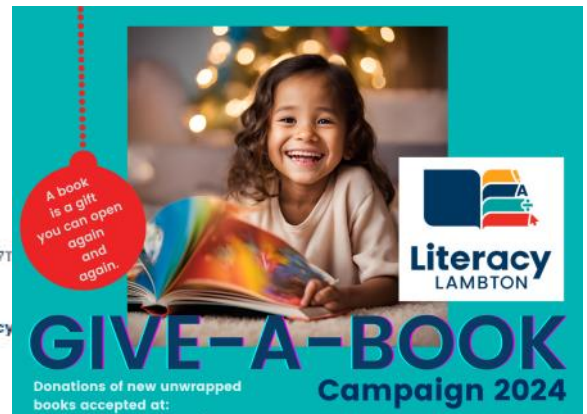
OR consider making an online donation to: literacylambton.org/donate to help purchase books and fill needed age gaps (tax receipt issued for donations of \$20+).

In 2023, 3,786 new books were gifted through 34 frontline agency partners that ranged from county-wide holiday hampers and client parties to new Habitat homeowner children and used by Sarnia-Lambton Victim Services volunteers.

Every donation helps make the holidays brighter for our community's most vulnerable families. Whether you are an individual, a book club, a business, a group of employees, or a family that wants to get involved, when you give a book, you not only spread the love of literacy, but you help a child build empathy, inspire curiosity, unlock imagination, and expand their world view.



Tracy Pound (she/her)
Executive Director
519-332-4878
tracy.pound@literacylambton.org
103, 180 College Ave. N Sarnia, ON N7T
www.literacylambton.org
LET'S CONNECT! @literacy



Trust special events to Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary
For your special event, check out the banquet facility at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 hall, 350 Albert Street in Corunna. From weddings and sports banquets to corporate/business meetings and trade shows, Branch 447 Ladies Auxiliary Banquet Hall can comfortably accommodate up to 289 people; it's fully accessible with plenty of parking. The more intimate atmosphere of the Club Room offers space for 143.
Each of the recently renovated facilities offers its own L.C.B.O. licensed bar. The large industrial sized kitchen boasts an experienced staff that can handle food offerings for any occasions. To find out more regarding food and table information, please call Ladies Auxiliary President Denise Taylor at 519-491-5627. For banquet hall bookings and prices, please call 519-862-1240.

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Moore Optimists Christmas underway

The Optimist Club of Moore is once again making sure those in need throughout our community will have a reason to be merry this Christmas. Walk-in donations will start on Dec. 2 until Dec. 20. The Christmas hamper delivery date will be Dec. 21 starting at 8 a.m.

The Optimist commitment to their community can be seen all year long. Last Christmas, the Moore Club looked after 120 families, including 120 children and 179 adults, as well as three emergency donations for house fires, and one house that was hit by a car.

Please greet the holiday season with kindness and generosity, and please help the Optimist Club of Moore make the season bright for those in need.

Thompson Gardens Cruickshank Centre

Join the morning coffee group at Thompson Gardens Cruickshank Centre from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for just a dollar. It's open to everyone who enjoys good conversation and good coffee (or tea).

GAMES ANYONE? Monday and Wednesday evenings are Games Nights. Monday is Wi virtual bowling and Wednesday is euchre at a cost of \$3 per person, to be awarded as prize money.

EarlyON website informs parents

A EarlyON website highlights drop-in centres for young children and their families across Lambton County. It showcases the many resources offered through EarlyON Centres. These centres offer free programs and provide a place where parents, caregivers, and children from birth to age six can play and learn together. VISIT: Earlyonlambton.ca to explore the new website and to find your local EarlyON Centre.

While you are out shopping, please remember to shop locally whenever possible.



STARS ON ICE

Holiday show in Sarnia Dec. 7



STARS ON ICE is coming to the Progressive Auto Sales Arena on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Sarnia Sting box office or via www.starsonice.ca Ticket prices start at \$39.99 for children 12 and under, and \$59.99 for adults. Visit www.starsonice.ca to unwrap your show tickets and find out more about the tour. Limited on-ice seating will be announced as an upgrade opportunity. Skaters include: Elvis Stojko, Kaetlyn Osmond, Kaitlyn Weaver & Andrew Poje, El-ladj Balde, Jeremy Abbott, and Keegan Messing.

Are you looking for work?



In Corunna, help is as close as the Corunna Library, 417 Lyndoch Street on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Lambton Works employment team can connect you with employers and local community service providers to help you reach your goals and support your well-being. Job seekers and employers can access resources and support to navigate the job market or check out Facebook:

www.facebook.com/lambtonworkcentre
No appointment is needed

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Corunna Legion Br.447
350 Albert St., Corunna
519-862-1240

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES For December/January Schedule DECEMBER

Pepper - Monday - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Starts 1p.m.
Cribbage - Thursday 5, 12, 19 -Starts 1 p.m.
Bridge - Friday 6, 13, 20, 27 -Starts 1 p.m.
Fun Meat Darts - Friday 6, 13, 20, 27 -Starts 7 p.m.
Meat Draws - Saturday 7, 14, 21, 28 - Starts 4 p.m.
Turkey Bingo - Dec. 5th, Doors. Open at 6:30 p.m.

Play at 7 p.m.
Friday Night Fun Meat Darts -Dec - 6, 13, 20, 27
- start 7 p.m.

Pay It Forward, Free Wagon Rides

Saturday - Dec. 14 - 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
With a food or cash donation to St. Andrews Church
Food Bank
This is an outdoor event, please dress accordingly.
Free Hot Chocolate, Cider and Hotdogs - *Donated by
Nicole Smith of Exit Realty*
Santa pictures with cash donation to the Food Bank
-Donated by Studio in the Attic.

Open Jam - Dec. 28 - Starts 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Come on in and play, sing or dance along

New Years Eve "Neon" Party - Dec. 31
Entertainment by *The Travis Laur Blues Band*
-Tickets \$35 each
Doors Open 7 p.m. - Starts at 8 p.m.
Light Lunch & "Bubbly" at Midnight
Only 150 tickets available - **No Reserve Seating**

JANUARY

New Years Day Levee - Jan. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Elimination Draw Saturday Jan. 18 - at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets \$20 each, on sale now. Available from an
Executive Member or at the Legion Br. 447 in Corunna
Only 300 tickets to be sold
Cash Prizes Total of \$2950 - Grand Prize \$2400
Proceeds to Wounded Warriors, Service Dog Program
This is an Age of Majority Event

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO CORUNNA LEGION BR. 447 - YOU
DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ENJOY THE EVENTS,
BUT IT DOES HAVE MANY PERKS!**

Our hall is wheelchair accessible
Contact: arodgers89@hotmail.com

FB: Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Br 447
More information on the above events
is available by calling (519) 862-1240
or on Facebook: The Royal Canadian Legion,
Leslie Sutherland Br.447



Brigden Legion Br. 635
3021 Brigden Road, Brigden
519-864-1395

December- 5, 12, 19 - Catch the Ace

December - 6 - Trivia - 7 p.m.

December - 14 -Pot Luck Meat Raffle

December - 21 - Euchre

Everyone is always welcome at Br. 635!

Sombra Museum seeks info - Sombra Rangers

*Sombra Rangers, St. Clair River League: Do you re-
member the Sombra Rangers hockey team and/or the St. Clair
River League? The Sombra Museum wants to hear your stories
about the team and the league. Contact us by phone (519-892-
3982), email:

(www.sombramuseum.ca), or Facebook or Instagram

Moore Agricultural Society

STUDENTS, DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Students who need volunteer hours are invited to
collect them by helping the Moore Agricultural So-
ciety (Brigden Fair). To discuss opportunities call
519-864-1197 or email: info@brigdenfair.ca OR
michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca

Moore Presbyterian Charge Christmas Eve Service

Join the congregation at St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church, 94 James St.,
Mooretown, on December 24 at 7:30
p.m. Rev. John Cruickshank will pre-
side and special music will be provid-
ed by the joint choirs of St. Andrew's
and Knox Moore.

**JANUARY 2025 BEACON DEADLINE
WILL BE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024.**

Early information/photo submissions will be welcome.