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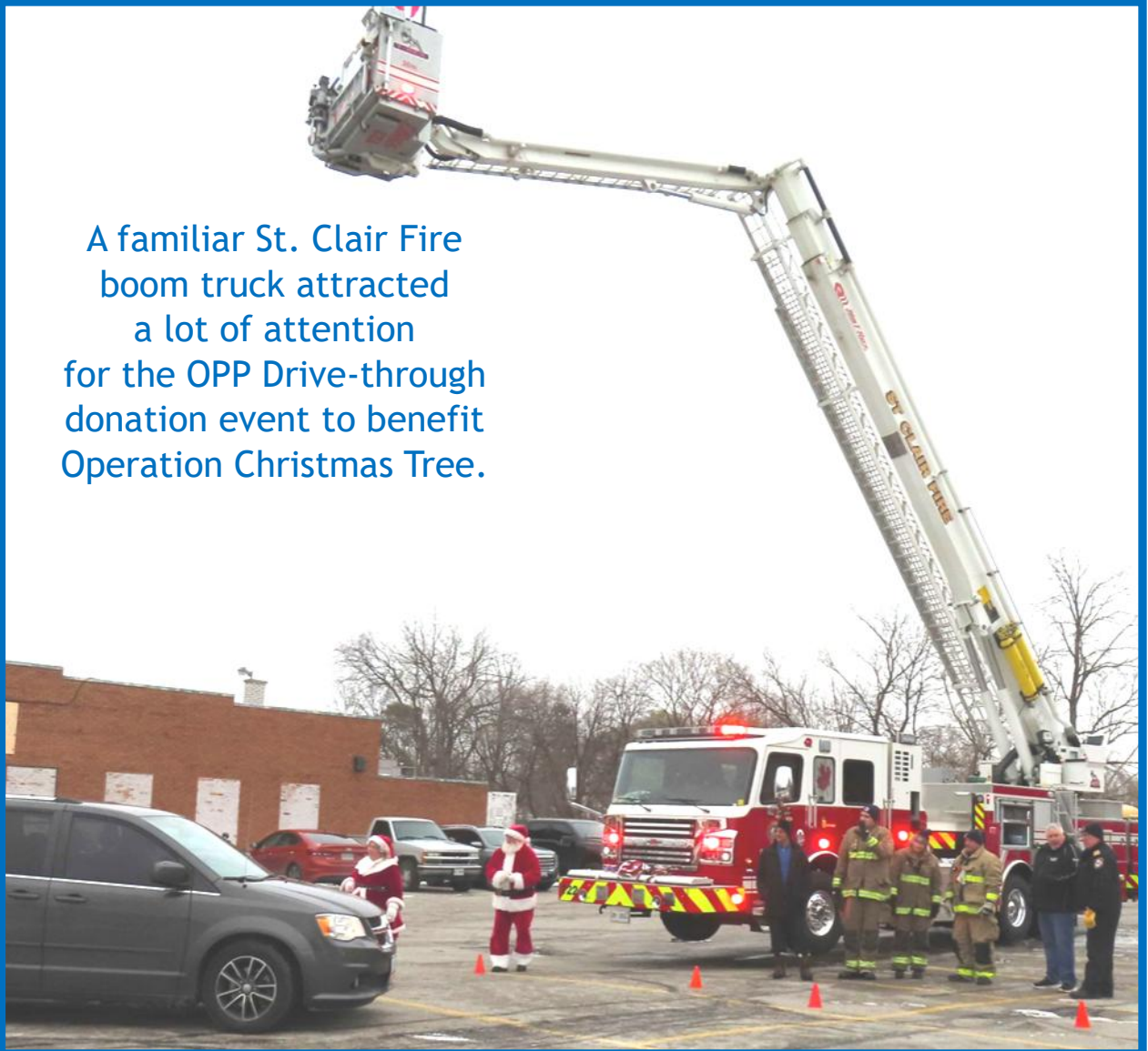
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A familiar St. Clair Fire
boom truck attracted
a lot of attention
for the OPP Drive-through
donation event to benefit
Operation Christmas Tree.

The Ontario Provincial Police Corunna detachment, St. Clair Fire, and the Optimist Club of Moore welcomed Mayor Jeff Agar, Fire Chief Richard Boyes, members of St. Clair Fire, Moore Optimist O.C.T. President Stan Marsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Santa to Corunna on Dec. 7. As a team, this intrepid force for good collected food, toys, and donations to benefit the annual OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE hamper program. **Above: The Santas greet a drive-through donor, one of the many who attended the event and let their holiday spirit manifest itself in a generous donation to O.C.T. For a glimpse of the donations taken in during the event, see page 17.**



St. Clair Fire Recruitment Information Night will be held on Jan. 15, 2025 at Courtright Fire Station, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, see page 17



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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.



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.

New Official Plan ready for review

The updated version of the St. Clair Township Official Plan was presented to council at the Dec. 2 meeting by Mary Lou Tanner, President of NPG Planning Solutions. She reiterated issues that had been discussed with council earlier in 2024 which had been referenced to develop the updated plan.

The first issue at the time was the rapid population growth being seen in the township. "In a one-year period, it grew by three-and-a-half per cent, which is high across Ontario municipalities," said Ms. Tanner. She explained addressing the importance of both housing and jobs in the township would position the municipality for the growth it

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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, January 13 at 3 p.m.
Monday, February 3 at 6 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18 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.



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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Mayor Jeff Agar elected to be Lambton County Deputy Warden



On Wednesday, Dec. 4, Enniskillen Township Mayor Kevin Marriott was acclaimed to his third term as Warden of Lambton County by his peers on Lambton County Council. The County Warden is the Head of Council for The Corporation of the County of Lambton.

Warden Marriott (centre) will not only be the 161 Warden of the County of Lambton: he will be the longest-serving Warden, having served the County for six consecutive years.

The election was also a first for St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar (right), who was elected Deputy Warden. First elected to St. Clair Township Council in 2006, Mayor Agar served three terms as a St. Clair Township Councillor and ran successfully for Mayor in 2022. A man of few words, Deputy Warden Agar said, "I am pretty pleased!"

Deputy Warden Agar was put to work almost immediately. He represented Warden Marriott on Dec. 9 to make a presentation in Petrolia which recognized the town's 150 anniversary.

On the left side of the photo is Brian White, who also ran for Deputy Mayor on Dec. 4.

Photo courtesy of Lambton County



Lambton County area municipalities recognize Petrolia's 150 anniversary

Petrolia's momentous 150th anniversary was celebrated at the Petrolia Council's December 9 meeting with three delegations from Lambton County's area municipalities. Lambton County Deputy Warden Jeff Agar was also in attendance representing Warden Kevin Marriott who was not available to attend.

Bringing commemorative plaques to mark the occasion were: Plympton-Wyoming representatives Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen and Chief Administrative Officer Adam Sobanski; Warwick Township Mayor Todd Case; and Lambton County Representative (and St. Clair Township Mayor) Jeff Agar.

During the delegate presentations, Petrolia was recognized for the legacy the town had created during its celebration, the way the town cooperated with other communities over the years, and the way the community had joined together to appreciate and preserve the town's history over the past 150 years.

During his closing remarks, Mayor R. Brad Loosley said, "...This Council and staff are so proud to have been a part of the history books as Petrolia turned 150," He acknowledged the dedication of the town volunteers in their effort to make the anniversary one for the ages. "Our community spirit, which shone with celebrating this milestone with hosting many 150 anniversary events, was made possible through the dedication of the five-year commitment of our 150-anniversary committee." (The volunteer Petrolia 150 Committee, which was responsible for planning the anniversary celebration events over a period of 5 years under the leadership of Chairperson Denise Thibeault.



During the presentations, Deputy Warden Jeff Agar presented a plaque to congratulate and honour the legacy that has been created for Petrolia during its 150-year history. Receiving the plaque was Petrolia 150 Committee Chairperson Denise Thibeault and Petrolia Mayor Brad Loosley.

B. Stevenson photo

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I cannot believe 2024 is over already and 2025 is underway. Although, the much anticipated Diagio Crown Royal project has taken a pause, the coming year will still be a very prosperous one.

I remain determined to keep pressure on our senior government for financial assistance. Determination truly paid off to the tune of \$33,800,000 toward our new addition to the township's wastewater treatment plant. I have never seen St. Clair Township receive such a substantial amount.

This year we have \$73,000,000 in Capital work to be done, which includes \$46,500,000 for the wastewater addition. We managed to bring all of this in with a 0% increase for our Capital budget.

This year, the construction of a new hydro plant on the old OPG property is being discussed, as well as other exciting projects. The outlook for St. Clair Township is a cause for optimism we can all share.

The construction project on the new clubhouse at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course should be completed in early 2025. It looks stupendous and it will be a versatile and beneficial venue for all residents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and salute the hundreds of volunteers in our Township. Without them, our many organizations could not operate.

As the new year begins, I and my family have great reason to greet 2025 with positivity and hope. In July, we welcomed a new member to our family with the birth of baby Fallon. She has made our family complete.

On behalf of St. Clair Township Council and Staff, we wish all St. Clair Township residents good health, happiness and prosperity for 2025.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



~Mayor Jeff Agar

FYI: Once again the excitement of hockey starts early with the U21 Mooretown International Silverstick finals taking place from January 9th to the 12th 2025. See you there!

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was experiencing. Aside from housing and jobs, she pointed out an increase in services needed to support the rapid growth would be required.

Another issue that required attention was the township's natural heritage policies. Ms. Tanner noted work was needed to bring the township's policies into line with the County of Lambton's Official Plan, in which there had been updates to its natural heritage system.

Transportation and the development of good transportation servicing policies, as well as good agricultural policies were also identified.

Not only had the County of Lambton made changes to its Official Plan, but the Province of Ontario had also made changes by replacing the Provincial Policy Statement with its new Provincial Plan Statement. Ms. Tanner said the new document required further consideration regarding its effect on the St. Clair Township Official Plan. "There were a number of key changes (in the Provincial Plan Statement)...we had a bit more work to do before we brought it (the updated Official Plan) forward for you to adopt," she told Council. The NPG group realized substantial changes would be required to bring the township's official plan into compliance with both levels of government. "It would be a brand new Official Plan you were adopting...(but) the changes from the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement would give you the tools in terms of how you look at growth and give you new opportunities

for both housing and jobs, which are important to every community," explained Ms. Tanner. "Also, the changes fundamentally change how you plan for growth. In many ways, we thought it was important to adopt it as a new Official Plan. It gives you the ability to get this plan in place to do a 10-year review as opposed to a five-year review. That is a better place for the township to be in because you can move forward with implementing the growth that is coming to you."

Key changes cited in the Provincial Planning Statement apply to every municipality in Ontario. For instance, applicants can come forward if they have property they want you to consider for inclusion for future development in an urban area or a settlement area...Potential opportunities can now be realized by a private application; they couldn't before.

Employment areas are now defined; they now exclude residential, offices, and retail areas. They protect areas where you want to see jobs and protect a full range of job opportunities. "This gives you the ability to ensure those people who want to grow their business or develop a new business in St. Clair Township have full protection.

AGRICULTURE

Ms. Tanner says the Provincial Planning Statement still allows a number of the previous provisions that allowed investment into on-farm diversified uses such as farm

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markets, or bed and breakfasts, but now it also allows for additional residential units on farms. Although this is not a new concept for farms, it is new to the Provincial Planning Statement. Ms. Tanner says it is similar to what's going on in urban areas where second dwelling units can be made or garages converted to a second dwelling. "It's similar but not the same in agricultural areas, but it does provide the opportunity for additional housing in agricultural areas," she said.

The impact Green Energy might have on the community has been a subject of concern in discussions Ms. Tanner has had with both members of council and residents of the community. Ms. Tanner says Green Energy policies were also included in the new Provincial Planning Statement. "There will be requirements for a detailed study should anyone come forward with a Green Energy policy. This will require a rezoning," she said. "It takes a decision of council and that decision cannot be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal."

In closing, Ms. Tanner summed up the objectives of the "New Official Plan". "The plan positions St. Clair Town-

ship for the coming years and works in collaboration with the County of Lambton to plan for growth, housing and jobs, but continues to develop communities in a way that reflects St. Clair Township and the growth that has occurred", she said.

Sign By-Law Discussed

At the Dec. 2 meeting of Council, a by-law to amend By-Law No. 13 of 2017 to prohibit offensive or potentially offensive language on any sign, was discussed.

Under the by-law, any language that is, or could be considered to be offensive, including but not limited to the use of foul, derogatory, insulting, rude, or abusive language, as determined by a Township official, would be subject to removal and a fine.

Councillor Brown asked if there was anything mentioned about flags and was informed there was no mention of it.

Councillor Langstaff suggested the discussion might be cutting a fine line toward 'freedom of speech'.

The inclusion of flags in the sign by-law can be revisited if there is a will to do so at a later time.



Are you ready to embark on an exciting summer adventure while building your future?

Look no further because St. Clair Township is excited to announce our 2025 Summer Student Employment Opportunities!

Get ready to soak up the sun, gain valuable skills and make a real impact on your community!

2025 STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer student postings will be active on the Employment Opportunities page of our website come January 2025. Please keep an eye out for these opportunities!

Positions are available in the following areas:

- ✓ Parks and Sportsfields,
- ✓ Campgrounds,
- ✓ Golf Course,
- ✓ Public Works,
- ✓ Lifeguards,
- ✓ Engineering and
- ✓ Museums



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE POSITIONS AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT OUR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES SPACE ONLINE

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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

**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.



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/stclairwppw>

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.

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.

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 at: customerservice@circularmaterials.ca

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

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; Call: 519-332-4045

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

Waste Depot, 456 McGregor Side Rd., Sarnia; Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call: 519-337-7668

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

Yield Right-of-Way at Pedestrian Crossings

Drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is standing at the curb waiting to cross. When a pedestrian is crossing on the roadway within a pedestrian crosswalk, the driver of a vehicle approaching the crosswalk:

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

When a vehicle is approaching a pedestrian crosswalk and is within 30 meters of it, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear must not allow the front of their vehicle to pass beyond the front of the other vehicle. Pedestrians must not leave the curb or other place of safety at a pedestrian crosswalk and walk, run, or move into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver of the vehicle to be able to safely stop.

Failing to yield at a pedestrian crosswalk, school crossings, and crossovers is an offense that can lead to a fine of up to \$1,000 and four demerit points.



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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.

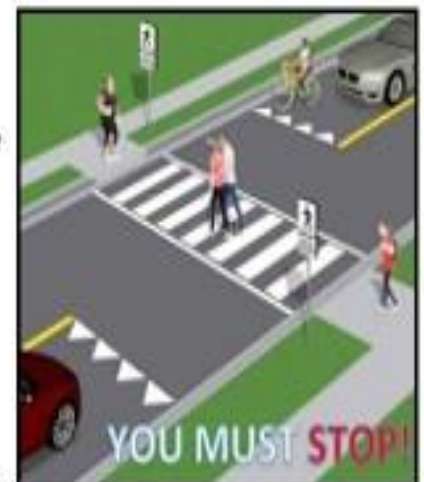
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CHRISTMAS 2024 AT MOORE MUSEUM



Christmas 2024 was spread throughout the Moore Museum to the delight of the young visitors who came to look and learn. Everywhere they went there was a lot to take in and enjoy.

Top left: In the one-room school house, JK/SK students from Mooretown Courtright Public School receive a lesson from museum staff member and “schoolmarm” Melissa Westbrook. Her lesson was about how what a school room would look like in pioneer times.

Top right: Another part of the student’s visit was conducted by museum staff member Kari Boone in the main museum building. Surrounded by Victorian Era Christmas decorations, Kari Boone taught the students about Christmas around the world and the different traditions each of the countries observed. In this picture, Kari holds a wooden shoe filled with small gifts in the tradition of the Netherlands. Instead of hanging stockings to collect their gifts, children leave their wooden shoes out for St. Nicholas to fill with trinkets and sweets.

Left: In the marine room, a brilliantly executed model of the *Imperial Sarnia* provides the backdrop for one of the international Christmas trees that could be seen in every display room. Each tree was adorned with decorations that represented the traditions of a different country.

Photo credits: JK/SK teacher Tanya King Niehuis and Fiona Doherty.



Brigden Optimist Club and volunteers meet to light up the Brigden Park



The Brigden Park at the corner of Courtright Line and Brigden Road received some bright, colourful Christmas decorations on Nov. 23 as members of the Brigden Optimist Club and much appreciated volunteers joined forces to light up the night.

LEFT: The work force consisted of: Calvin Nesbitt, Brandon Lester, Rick Mitchell, Dylan Mitchell, Logan Mitchell, Walt Farr, Bob Mitchell and Joe Thompson. *Helpers who are absent from the photo are:* Andrew Doran and Ross Hiller from the St. Clair Fire Department; as well as Councillor Holly Foster, Larry Mitchell, and Tracy Kingston. The team met at the park to prepare it for what Councillor Foster calls, "A little county Christmas."

Councillor Foster says Brigden Optimist is very much in need of more local volunteers to keep the community events going. "Even if you're not interested in joining the Optimist Club, many hands make less work for all," she said. She added the community is fortunate to have some young volunteers who will help keep the park lighting tradition going when the older volunteers are unable to continue their community service.

Holly Foster photo

SLEP Launches Career Accelerator Program to strengthen local workforce

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership has launched the Career Accelerator program which provides tailored services designed to boost the career readiness of graduating international students. The aim is to retain skilled talent through resulting connections with local employers. The program outcome will support local employers in accessing top-quality talent and foster a competitive economy.

"The Career Accelerator program is designed to enrich our local talent pool, ensuring businesses have access to expertise they require," said Matthew Slotwinski, CEO of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership.

For more information about the Career Accelerator Program, visit: sarnia-lambton.on.ca/careeraccelerator.

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Trees planted through Re/Max Reforestation program celebrated



ABOVE: On hand for the “inspection” of the newly planted trees, from left: St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar; Re/Max representatives Andrew Howell; April Barnard; Jane Baker; Madelyn Best; Councillor Holly Foster; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Re/Max rep Pat Derochers; Councillor Pat Brown; Nursery Owner Brian Sipkens; Councillor Cathy Langis. (Newly planted tree, right side of photo with Brian Sipkens).

Renewing the lush green forest that once covered Lambton County is not an easy goal, but the RE/MAX Reforestation Project, started in 2021, is helping some municipalities take on that challenge.

“Our goal is to combat the impacts of climate change, increase tree canopy coverage, and beautify local community green spaces to enhance our citizens’ enjoyment of them,” said RE/MAX spokesperson Andrew Howell.

The Reforestation Project is primarily funded by donations from the RE/MAX Sarnia Realty Inc. team.

“For the last two years, we have partnered with Sipkens Nurseries, which has generously supplied and planted the trees at their cost,” said Mr. Howell. He

noted in past years the project has employed a partnership with Sarnia to plant trees in Germain Park, and a partnership with the Township of Plympton-Wyoming and Sipkens Nurseries to plant over 90 trees in the Errol Woods Park area.”

The 2024 effort fortunately included St. Clair Township, when a partnership with the township and Sipkens Nurseries led to the planting of 34 Ornamental Pear trees throughout Guthrie Park and Brander Parks, as well as other parks along the St. Clair River. (Those who are not familiar with this species of flowering tree, have probably seen the lovely white-bloomed trees that already line Lyndoch Street in the Corunna business area.)

Brian Sipkens, owner of Sipkens Nurseries, explained the repeated use of the Ornamental Pear along the St. Clair Parkway unites its varying features into a cohesive landscape.

St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar expressed thanks and gratitude for the generous tree donations on behalf of township’s residents. “I would like to thank Andrew and RE/MAX for their donation of these trees. They provide shade and beautify our parks for everyone to enjoy,” he said.



Grain Farmers of Ontario 2025 March Classic set for March

Grain Farmers of Ontario, the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean, and wheat farmers will open registration for the 2025 March Classic, *Leading The Way* on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025.

Grain Farmers of Ontario's March Classic will take place on March 18, 2025, at RBC Place in London, Ontario.

The 2025 March Classic: *Leading the Way* celebrates 15 years of strength, leadership, and a legacy of making a difference for grain farmers. This event will look at what the future may hold for the agriculture industry and find new opportunities for grain farmers in Ontario to continue leading the way.

Speakers for the 2025 March Classic include:

- *The U.S. Farm Report with host Tyne Morgan
- *Vance Crowe, Communications Specialist
- *Linda Nazareth, Economist, Futurist, and Author
- *Innovation in Agriculture panel with moderator Joe Dales, RHA Ventures

"The speaker line-up for the 2025 March Classic will offer attendees a unique perspective of Ontario's agriculture industry," says Victoria Berry, Director of Communications of Grain Farmers of Ontario. "The sold-out trade show, fantastic hospitality of RBC Place, and exceptional banquet entertainment means that this is an event you won't want to miss."

"Fifteen years is a big milestone, and we expect that this year's March Classic will be the best one yet," says Crosby Devitt, CEO, Grain Farmers of Ontario. "I'm looking forward to connecting with farmer-members and industry and hearing from top-notch speakers as we look ahead to the future."

Save the date – registration for the 2025 March Classic opens on January 6, 2025. For more information, please visit www.gfo.ca/MarchClassic. Attendees who register early will be entered into an early-bird draw, with two chances to win before February 28.

Interested in Sponsorship? Contact Joanne Tichborne, advertising/sponsorship consultant, 226-332-3637



Members of the new Nominating Committee pause for a group portrait.

Back row left: Gary Atkinson, Blair Williamson, Dave Ferguson, John Young, Kyle Maw. **Seated left:** Bryan Boyle, Irene Jardine, Joanne Sanderson, Debbie Coke.

Photo right: Guest speakers for the evening were Andrew Meyer, Deputy CAO/General Manager, Cultural Services, County of Lambton AND Laurie Webb, Manager, Museums, Gallery and Archives, County of Lambton.

LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE MEETS

The annual general meeting of the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame met Dec. 12 in Wyoming. The small attendance did not hamper committee business and a new board was elected.

Below: SUBJECT FOR THE EVENING: *Lambton County, Celebrating 175 Years, 1849-2024.*



Bonnie Stevenson photos



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Your information can be submitted by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or going online to: www.p3tips.com

Callers are guaranteed 100% anonymity. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to any call display services. If your tip leads to an arrest or charges being laid, you may receive a cash reward.



Lambton County Library becomes *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library

Lambton County Library is now a designated *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library. As an affiliate library, library patrons now have expanded access to 400 million exclusive digital images and records not available to standard *FamilySearch* users.

To access these exclusive resources, patrons must connect through Lambton County Library networks by either: 1. Using a public computer at any of the 25 Lambton County Library locations. 2. Connecting to the library's public wi-fi with a personal device.

"This new partnership will expand the research material that is available to library patrons who are conducting family history research," said Darlene Coke, Manager, Library Services. "Whether you're just beginning to explore your family history or are an experienced genealogist, these additional records may help people build their family tree or help provide new leads to solve some longstanding gaps in their research."

FamilySearch, the world's largest genealogy organization, provides access to over 6 billion searchable names and 2 billion images of historical records. *FamilySearch* users have access to birth, marriage, death, census, land and court records from over 130 countries, and 2 billion historical images.



"Libraries are cornerstone institutions for local learning," said Paul Nauta, *FamilySearch* Public Relations Manager. "We are thrilled to welcome Lambton County Library as a *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library. This partnership expands opportunities for local communities to make personal discoveries and connect with their family histories."



Oil Museum of Canada -
Bonnie Stevenson photo

[To learn more or to access FamilySearch visit lclibrary.ca/genealogy](http://www.lclibrary.ca/genealogy)



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.





Mooretown Sports Complex-What's happening?

Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651

Check out our schedule at:

stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

MOORETOWN SPORTS COMPLEX-JANUARY, 2025

Moore Sports Complex Holiday Closures January 1 - CLOSED all day

- ***WINTER Sunday Public Skate:** 1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., \$3.25/child, \$4.50/adult, \$10.50/ family.
- ***WINTER Weekday Public Skate:** Wednesday - 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday and Friday - 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. \$2.50/person, \$10.50/family
- ***Family Shiny:** Jan. 3, Jan. 31, Feb. 17, March 14, April 4, June 27 from 11 p.m.-12 p.m. - \$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 10 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:** Lessons begin the week of Jan. 6. Log in to your account and 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.
- ***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.
- ***Babysitting Course:** April 4, 2025, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. *For ages 11 to 15.
- ***Stay Safe Course:** Course Information: Jan. 31 (PD Day), 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. *For ages 9 to 13.
Before Care (8:30 a.m.) and After Care (4:30 p.m.) available for an additional fee.
Check our website for our Winter Pool and Fitness Schedule! For more information or to register for any of the programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651

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

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



Coffee Time

Fridays, 10:45 a.m. at West Lambton Community Health Centre

Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m. at Brigden United Church.

Low Impact Exercise

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Brigden Fair Grounds.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Mooretown Sports Complex.

Understanding Grief Workshop

Virtual Workshop: January 27th, 2:00 p.m. (Zoom/ Telephone).

Eat Well, Live Well Workshop

Virtual Workshop: Discuss nutrition with a Registered Dietitian (Zoom). Call for more details.

Heart Healthy Living Workshop

Virtual Workshop: Explore cholesterol and heart-smart diets (Zoom). Call for more details.

Other Highlights:

Garden Fresh Box Program

Order by the first Friday monthly for fresh produce (West Lambton Community Health Centre)

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

**BEACON
BIT**

You can always give something, even if it is just kindness.



St. Clair Fire recruitment open house set for Jan. 15

St. Clair Fire will be recruiting paid-on-call firefighters and paid-by-event fire safety educators. A recruitment open house is planned for the Courtright Fire Station on January 15, 2025 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Recruitment of both firefighters and Fire Safety Educators will close January 31 at 4 p.m.

Only WORKING smoke alarms can save lives!

~Here's how to maintain your smoke alarm~

Smoke alarms are crucial for home safety, but false alarms can be a nuisance. One common cause of false alarms is the accumulation of dust and debris in the device. **Regular cleaning of smoke alarms is essential to ensure proper functioning and reduce false alarms.**

Here are some tips from St. Clair Fire:

- Clean the smoke alarm at least once a month. Gently vacuum the outside of the alarm using your household vacuum's soft brush attachment. Alternatively, you can blow out dust and debris using compressed air. Always remember to follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Avoid using water, cleaning sprays or solvents, as these can damage the alarm.
- Once you have cleaned your alarm, test it.
- In addition to regular cleaning, it's crucial to:
 - Test monthly: Press the test button on each smoke alarm to ensure it's working properly
 - Replace batteries: Change batteries at least once a year or immediately when you hear the low battery warning chirp
 - Replace old alarms: Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace them every 10 years, even if they seem to be working.

By keeping your smoke alarms clean, regularly tested, and up to date, you're taking a crucial step in protecting your home and loved ones from the dangers of fire. Don't underestimate the importance of this simple maintenance task - it could save lives.

OPP drive-thru donors drop off the makings of a Merry Christmas



Operation Christmas Tree donations for children pile up ready to be loaded into Christmas food hampers according to the age of each young recipient.

During the OPP Drive-thru donation event on Dec. 7, Moore Optimist Club members and volunteers were kept busy gathering and sorting donated items for Operation Christmas Tree. From non-perishable food and grocery gift cards to teddy bears to LEGO sets and warm whimsical quilts, this year's Christmas hampers were sure to be stocked with the makings of a bright, happy holiday. On the job during the event were, from left: Optimist members Ken Nimmo; Brad Coté; Davida Nimmo; Moore Optimist Pres. Tracy Kingston; Mary Lou Abram; O.C.T., Pres, Stan Marsh; Optimist member Gord Dawson.

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MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

**Lambton
4-H
Chili
Cook-Off**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025
DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM
LIVE AUCTION: 7:30 PM
SILENT AUCTION: ALL NIGHT
WYOMING FAIR BUILDING

ADMISSION

**Adults (12+) \$10, Children (6-11) \$5,
5 & Under Free**

1 x 5-qt crock pot of Chili is good for 1 free admission.

*** Chili entries must be fully cooked in a 5qt crock pot or another warming device with your name on the pot.**

Chili judging begins at 4:30 pm.

**Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50,
People's Choice \$50.**

Deadline to enter Chili is Jan 2/25.

For more information contact:

Sarah Syer - sarahsyer@icloud.com

Tami Langstaff - lambton4h@hotmail.com

Township staff transforms lobby into 3D Christmas card



ABOVE: The onset of cold, holiday season weather at the beginning of December inspired township staff to create a stunning Christmas tree and a lobby adorned with lush garlands and bows at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. After digging out dusty boxes of decorations from a storage room deep in the building's basement, the ladies held a brief meeting before their work began to arrive at the most effective way to use the decorations. The resulting overall effect resembled a lovely 3D Christmas card. The decorating triumph was celebrated with hot chocolate and congratulations all around.

Shown with the fruits of their labours are, from left: Theresa Catonio; Jessica O'Neil; Teriann Weeke; and Carlie McClemens. Thanks to the staff members who pitched in to take care of business while the transformation was being made. The Christmas atmosphere created by this joint effort was something everyone, including visitors to the Civic Centre, could enjoy.

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.

**LEO
Diners
Club**

The Lambton Elderly Outreach monthly Diners Club luncheons are BACK AGAIN!

CORUNNA: Lunch will be held at the Corunna Legion hall on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

SOMBRA: On Tuesday, Jan. 14. Call Della for more information.

To register for either lunch, please contact: Della Croxford, 519-845-1353, ext. 301 or email: dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org

FOREVER FIT: Corunna classes: Mondays - Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Wednesdays - Jan. 8, 22 29; Fridays - Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31. Held at Thompson Gardens. Facility fee \$40 Jan-Dec. Call Della for info.

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MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



Santa Parade brings winter chill

LEFT: The Corunna Optimist Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 30 attracted hundreds of onlookers in spite of -3° temperatures and bitter cold winter breezes. This Corunna family came prepared with extra blankets and

arctic-worthy clothes.

Dad, *Jason*, originally from Kapuskasing in northern Ontario, was wise to the weather and he knew how to prepare for an outdoor winter event. The family, shown waiting for the next float to arrive, includes mom, *Melissa*; and daughters *Jersie*, left, and *Jovie*.

NEW YEARS BEACON BIT

You know you're too old for wild New Year's Eve parties when you meet the Old Year on his way out and he looks younger than you do.

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.

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.



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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and click on The Beacon icon.

THE BEACON is open at no charge to not-for-profits in St. Clair Township (i.e. service clubs, etc.) and groups, events, or activities that will benefit and/or interest residents of St. Clair Township.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES For December/January Schedule

JANUARY-2025

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

Everyone is always welcome at Br. 635!

Moore Agricultural Society For January 2025 MAS Annual General Meeting Set

The Moore Agricultural Society Annual **General Meeting** is set for Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 2 p.m. in the Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. Registration and Membership renewal will take place from 12:30p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

2025 is an exciting year as Moore Agricultural Society celebrates "175 years of Home Grown, Home Made, Farm Fresh." Please stay tuned to our Facebook page and website to take part in all the fun events we have planned for this year.

We hope that everyone was able to make special memories with family and friends during 2024 and we are glad we were able to be a part of it. We appreciate your patronage over the past year at the Brigden Fair, the jamborees/ campout weekends, tractor pulls, demolition derby, brunches, beef dinner, and many other special events.

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



Happy New Year from the
Moore Agricultural Society -
Home of the Brigden Fair
We look forward to seeing you
again throughout 2025!

WILKESPORT UNITED CHURCH COMING EVENTS-2025

At **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.

SPRING STEW SUPPER: 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.

Sombra Museum seeks info - Sombra Rangers

***Sombra Rangers, St. Clair River League:** Do you remember 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



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 month to 4 years; people in or from First Nations communities; pregnant individuals; People 65 and over; and first responders.