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## Make 2025 safe for all who use the roads



During the final meeting of 2024, SCRTC member Les McDermott (above right) displayed an example of the magnetic sign that urges motorists to share the road with cyclists. Shown, left, are some of the SCRTC members including: Holly Foster (St. Clair Township Councillor); Bob McPhee; Jill Williams (Treasurer); Margaret Capes; Rose Atkins (Chair); Tracy Kingston (Vice Chair). Out of photo: Susan Vollmar (Recorder).

**DO YOU SHARE THE ROAD?** It's just a small yellow poster but it means a lot to those who use the road, both motorists and especially, those who ride bicycles. At the most recent meeting of the volunteer St. Clair River Trail Committee (SCRTC) in November, the "I Share the Road" vehicle signage was discussed to make township roads safe for all who use it. (See inset at top of page.) This sign is already being displayed on some private vehicles in the county, but the committee is hopeful that, since Lambton County has obtained a significant number of the signs for distribution through the Lambton County Regional Trails Committee, private vehicle owners in St. Clair Township, as well as township service vehicles, will display them. "Their objective is to remind following drivers how important it is to abide by the law to move over and provide at least one metre of space for cyclists," explained SCRTC. Presenting the sign during an SCRTA meeting, member Les McDermott spoke to the idea of putting a *Share the Road* sign on all Township service vehicles as well. "Since there are so many County work vehicles on

the road each day, our St. Clair Trail Committee thought it might prove quite useful to obtain, if possible, Township approval to use them," he said. He has since received notice from the township that the magnetic posters will be displayed on township vehicles.

This latest St. Clair River Trail Committee initiative is just one of many the all-volunteer committee has undertaken through the years. From the time the committee was formed in 1997, the volunteer citizen committee has been keeping St. Clair Township Council aware of the needs and issues that concern the trail and trail user safety.

With the support of municipal council, the St. Clair River Trail Committee played an important role in the construction of the trail. Now an incredible 35 kilometre pedestrian structure spanning the length of St. Clair Township, it is now part of the Lambton County Trail and an important link in the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail and the Lambton County Trail system.

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# MUNICIPAL NOTES



## Notice of 2025 Budget meeting

St. Clair Township's 2025 draft budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday March 6, 2025, in the Council Chambers starting at 5:00 p.m. The budget meeting is open to the public and all ratepayers are welcome to attend.

*George Lozon*  
Treasurer



## 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](http://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, 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.**

### ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

#### 2025 INTERIM PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

**Thursday February 27**  
**Thursday April 24**

Payment Options available are as follows:

- Monthly Pre-Authorized
- Pay online or by telephone with your bank
- In person at your bank branch
- Drop a cheque into the secure drop box at the Civic Center front door
- Mail a cheque
- Debit, Cash, or Cheque at Civic Center
- Credit card, debit available for a fee on [www.paysimply.ca](http://www.paysimply.ca)

**If you do not receive your tax bill (s) in the mail by January 27, please email: [taxes@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:taxes@stclairtownship.ca)**



## 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.



**Hunting licences NO LONGER available at St. Clair Township office**

**Go Online to: <http://www.ontario.ca/page/hunting-licence-ontario-residents>**



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## *Mayor's Honours List for 2024*

- ◆ *Malcolm Rogers~ Brigden Fair Board, Sombra Days*
- ◆ *Bill Myers~ Brigden Fair Board, Brigden Fair Grounds  
and several Jamborees and Campouts*
- ◆ *Tracey Kingston~ Optimist Club and many  
Township Committees, Corunna 200th*
- ◆ *Melissa Freer-Atyeo~ Optimist Club, Captain Kidds Day*
- ◆ *Marianne Gignac- Captain Kidds Day,  
Moore Figure Skating Club*
- ◆ *Deb Cooper~ Gala Days*
- ◆ *Paula Haley McKinlay~ Corunna Minor Baseball*
- ◆ *Gord Grieve~ Mooretown Flags, Knight's of Columbus*
- ◆ *Mary Jane Marsh~ Moore Foundation, and many years  
involved with the St. Clair River Trail*
- ◆ *Chris Reedy~ volunteer at the Sacred Heart Food Bank*
- ◆ *Todd Sharpless~ Sombra Sports and Recreation*
- ◆ *Sue Mathany~ St. Andrew's Corunna Food Bank*
- ◆ *Carol Whitson~ St. Andrew's Corunna Food Bank*
- ◆ *Dennis Robinson~ Brigden Fair*
- ◆ *Stephanie DeGurse~ many years associated with  
Brigden Fair*

*On behalf of the people of St. Clair Township, who benefit from the efforts of the devoted volunteers acknowledged here, Mayor Jeff Agar and Council are proud to make their names and endeavours known that they might encourage others to follow their examples.*

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## MORE MUNICIPAL NOTES



**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

# Emergency preparedness starts with you be prepared



make a plan



build a kit



stay informed

[ontario.ca/beprepared](http://ontario.ca/beprepared)



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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](https://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](https://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](mailto:stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca)

[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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.**



#### 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](mailto: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.

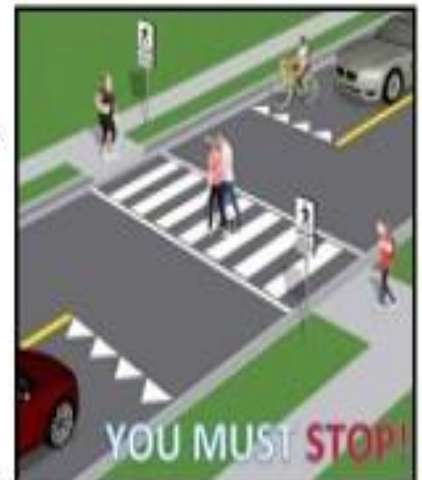
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## St. Andrews food bank volunteers work hard to feed those in need

Bonnie Stevenson

Food banks are a necessary fixture in most communities these days. We may not give much thought to them or to the factors that help them thrive, but when you give them some thought, you may find that kindness keeps the heart of any food bank beating.

I recently visited the St. Andrew's food bank to check out the operation in action and the place was awash in kindness; from the overwhelming amount of Christmas season donations that had been donated by the many individuals, schools, and businesses that had contributed, and most importantly, to the volunteers who were on hand to look after the facility, organize the donations, keep the doors open for the clients who visited each week, and took care of the paperwork each food bank has to manage.

My tour was conducted by long-time food bank volunteers Carol Whitson and Sue Mathany, two women who are currently on the *Mayor's Honour List 2024 (see page 3)*.

Carol says the food bank was well supported over the Christmas holidays and it will take some time to process all of the donations. She added that Christmas 2023 brought a tremendous amount of donations. Processing them kept the volunteers busy until the beginning of March.

This year, the volunteers' task has been reduced because some of the donated items received by the schools had already been sorted before Shell employees picked them up to deliver to the food bank. One of the schools had a unique way to simplify the process. "We had a box come in marked Boys Room. The box contained all the donated mens' items. They did that for the womens' hygiene products as well. They did a lot of pre-sorting," she said.

The women also complimented local churches that found another way to contribute to the food bank. "All the churches really participate," she said. "If they have a lunch or soup day, they give us tickets to give out."

The sorting process is always crucial to the food bank's effort to eliminate waste. "The big thing for us is here, we want to get rid of all the waste," said Carol. The careful sorting of products for use by their due dates ensures that all products are used within their due dates. Products that have later due dates are carefully shelved and accessed in time to use at the appropriate time.

If there is a product they cannot use, "We make sure it gets to the right place to be used," said Carol.

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St. Andrew's food bank volunteers, from left: Janet Taylor, Sue Mathany, Carol Whitson, and Nancy Menezes in one of the food bank rooms checking due dates to ensure they are current.

find another way to contribute to the food bank. "All the churches really participate," she said. "If they have a lunch or soup day, they give us tickets to give out."

Local industries and businesses have also been good to the food bank and the volunteers voiced their appreciation for the help they provide. "We are so fortunate to in this community...Foodland, No Frills, the Dollar Store, they can't do enough," said Carol. They are always asking us, 'what do you need, what can we help you with.' Even the pre-filled donation bags at the stores are filled according to input from the food bank to address what is needed at the time.

The four volunteers I spoke to agreed their work was rewarding. Sue Mathany explained, "I get out of it probably just as much as they (clients) get...They're like family to us...When a volunteer leaves here, they feel like they've done something good...you feel like you've helped and you're going to make a difference in their lives this week. We might be their only contact."

A relatively new volunteer, Nancy Menezes, moved to Corunna three years ago. "I wanted to get to know people and get a feel for what the community was like," she said. After searching for a place where she could do something meaningful, she found it volunteering at the St. Andrews food bank. "This came up on my radar, so I said 'yes', this is worthwhile.





## St. Clair Fire says Fire Blankets not tested

The St. Clair Fire Department advises residents to exercise caution when considering fire blankets as a fire safety tool. While often marketed as a quick and effective solution for small fires, fire blankets pose significant risks and are not endorsed by St. Clair Fire or the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM). What are fire blankets?

A fire blanket is made from fire-resistant materials, typically woven fibreglass. They work by smothering a fire, cutting off its oxygen supply, however, no Canadian safety standards regulate fire blankets, meaning they are not tested for effectiveness or safety.

Using a fire blanket requires getting dangerously close to a fire, which significantly increases the risk of burns or worsening the situation if not used correctly. These risks, combined with the lack of regulation, make fire blankets a less reliable fire safety tool. To better protect your home, St. Clair Fire recommends focusing on proven fire safety practices:

**\*\* Cooking fires \*\*** Always stay in the kitchen while cooking! Keep a properly fitting lid nearby. If a pot catches fire and it is safe to do so, slide the lid over the pot, turn off the stove, and do not move it. **Always call 9-1-1 in the event of a fire.**

**\*\* Smoke alarms \*\*** Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas. It is the law! For added safety, consider installing a smoke alarm in every bedroom. Remember to test smoke alarms monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year. Alarms have a lifespan and need to be replaced every 10 years.

**\*\* Escape plans \*\*** Create a fire escape plan for your home with everyone in the household. Discuss how each person will exit the home in the event of a fire, and don't forget to include a plan for your pets.

By prioritizing these fire safety measures, you can significantly reduce the risk of fire in your home while ensuring the safety of your family and property. For more fire safety tips and information, follow us on social media

able fire safety tool. This may also create a false sense of security.

## St. Clair River Trail - from asphalt path to scenic spectacle

The natural beauty of the St. Clair River has always captured the eyes of those who traveled the St. Clair Parkway, but pedestrian and self-propelled travelers had to rough-it to get from one end of the parkway to the other. There was no safe way to avoid dodging parkway traffic, making the enjoyment of the scenic St. Clair virtually impossible.

In 1997, planning began on a safe, designated trail for pedestrian and self-propelled users. The trail would connect communities along the parkway and provide a pleasant way for them to absorb the scenic beauty of the river on their journey.

In 2002, after consultations with St. Clair Township, and numerous discussions and fundraising efforts, construction on the trail began.

Today, the St. Clair River Trail is a premium waterfront trail stretching 35 kilometers from Corunna, south along the scenic St. Clair River to Port Lambton. The on road and off road sections of the trail connect small towns and villages, waterfront parks, historical areas of interest, and numerous picnic areas featuring parking and wash-room facilities

The trail allows its users to linger, enjoy a picnic lunch, and explore areas of natural beauty; marvel as they catch sight of waterfowl as they take to the air to begin their seasonal pilgrimages; and hear the excited voices of fishermen doing battle with their latest catch. And then, there is always the unparalleled sight of majestic cargo ships from around the world as they do their part to support the global economy.

When you walk or cycle along the St. Clair River Trail, you have the volunteers of the St. Clair River Trail committee and those who supported their cause to thank for the remarkable experience you are enjoying.

Why not be part of the team? The committee is always looking for new members.



Bonnie Stevenson photo

This could be the early morning boardwalk at some maritime resort or a place to enjoy a picnic lunch on the way to a new Lake Huron campsite, but it's not. It's the imposing result of the fantastic landscape and shoreline upgrades that have been made to the Courtright Waterfront Park. The boardwalk is also available to those who tread the St. Clair River Trail, which runs through the park.



## Registration now open for 2025 March Classic

Grain Farmers of Ontario, the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean, and wheat farmers, has opened registration for its 2025 March Classic: Leading the Way.

The 2025 March Classic will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at RBC Place in London, Ontario. This year's event celebrates 15 years and will look at what the future might hold for agriculture and find new opportunities for grain farmers in Ontario to continue leading the way.

The 2025 keynote speakers include:

The U.S. Farm Report with host Tyne Morgan  
 Vance Crowe, Communications Strategist  
 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."

Registration is now open! Please visit [www.gfo.ca/MarchClassic](http://www.gfo.ca/MarchClassic) to register for the 2025 March Classic, and view the agenda, speaker lineup, and hotel details.

Attendees who register early will be entered into an early-bird draw, with two chances to win before February 28.

### *About Grain Farmers of Ontario*

Grain Farmers of Ontario is the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean, and wheat farmers. The crops they grow cover over 6 million acres of farm land across the province, generate over \$4.1 billion in production value, result in over \$27 billion in economic output and are responsible for over 90,000 jobs in the province.

## Lambton County Library partners with Service Canada

Lambton County Library has partnered with Service Canada to bring vital government services closer to residents in rural areas. The partnership will allow Service Canada representatives to deliver information and services in select rural libraries. A Citizen Services Specialist from Service Canada will visit Lambton County locations to help people with their applications for Service Canada programs and benefits, including Employment Insurance, Social Insurance Numbers, Personal Access Codes for My Service Canada Accounts, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, Canadian Dental Care Plan, and other Government of Canada Programs and services. The program is first-come, first served basis and no registration is required. Clients need valid Social Insurance Number (SIN). To acquire an S.I.N. a valid birth certificate or citizenship document, a government issued ID, and name linking document such as a marriage certificate.



The program will be offered: in Corunna on Thursday, February 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



## Crime STOPPERS SARNIA-LAMBTON

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

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

## 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.

## COMMUNITY CONTACT

### 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](http://lclibrary.ca) for more information on Lambton County Library's locations and collections.





**MOORETOWN SPORTS COMPLEX**  
**Schedule for FEBRUARY, 2025**  
 Check out our schedule at:  
[stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)

**\*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

**\*Shinny hockey (+18)** Tuesdays 9 a.m. –10 a.m., \$5/person

**\*Family Shinny:** 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](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca) and take the first step towards a healthier you!

**\*Spring Swim Lessons:** Registration opens March 19 at 9 a.m. Register online or call 519-867-2651.

**Looking to become a Lifeguard/Swim Instructor?:** Register for Winter Advance Courses such as Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, National Lifeguard, Swim Instructor and Lifesaving Swim Instructor.

**Babysitting Course:** April 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For ages 11 to 15.

**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.**

### March Break Camp

March 10 to March 14, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 5 - 12 years of age (children must be 5 years of age before they may attend the program)

Day Camp Daily Rate: \$48.50 / Day Camp Weekly Rate: \$206.13

Early Drop Off OR Late Pickup available for an extra fee - registration is required for this service

\*Spaces are limited\*

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

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

**FOR CURRENT INFORMATION on West Lambton Community Health Centre Programs, see above website.**



# Waiting for the lights to come on at Clock Tower Park

Everyone who passed by the Corunna Clock Tower in the evening during the Christmas holidays would have noticed a brand-new Seasons Greetings sign along with the beautiful lights that kept the tower park bright.

The lights were the inspiration of Gerry Gillis, who obtained community support to bring a festive gleam to the previously dark Clock Tower park. Big thanks go to sign sponsors Nicole Smith-Pauling/Remax Realty and the Moore Community & Recreational Foundation, with help from the Optimist Club of Moore, and installation by Sue Knight and staff at the St. Clair Township.

Gerry is looking forward to building new partnerships next year to help make the park even brighter.



*Above: Waiting for the lights to come on are the people responsible for those lights. From left: Gerry Gill; Nicole Smith, Remax Realty; Sue Knight, St. Clair Township Coordinator of Facilities and Parks; and Stan Marsh, representing Moore Optimist Club of Moore.*

Bonnie Stevenson photos

## Two new apartments ready



The Housing Services Department has built two new apartments within existing County-owned buildings, and these units are now move-in ready. Several other housing projects are in progress within Lambton County, including a 24 unit addition under construction at Maxwell Park Place. A 50 unit build on Kathleen Avenue in Sarnia is in pre-development and is expected for completion in late 2026. Above: Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu, Lambton County Councillor Brian White, and Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott tour one of the new units on Jan. 15.

## 2025 Br. 447 Levee begins 2025



RCL Corunna Br. 447 began the new year with a lively crowded clubhouse of comrades and visitors, and the swirl of the Sarnia Legion Pipe Band. Inset right: Leading the solemn tune, *Amazing Grace*, the youngest piper, 9-year-old Lucy Boychuck, was joined by her grandmother, Louise Kinchular, and the rest of the band to bring the hymn to an stirring crescendo.



## RIVER RUN 2025 SLATED FOR JUNE 1

### THE 2025 RIVER RUN IS ON THE WAY!

Sponsors and volunteers now have the opportunity to directly support our initiatives and projects that benefit the residents of St. Clair township. Your contribution will help us make a lasting impact and create a stronger, more vibrant community for everyone. Contact us today to learn more about sponsorship opportunities and how you can get involved.



### Volunteers are being sought for River Run day.

If you're looking for a more hands-on way to make a difference, we welcome you to join us as a volunteer. By dedicating your time and skills, you can actively contribute to our community-building efforts. Whether it's organizing events, assisting with programs, or lending a helping hand, your involvement as a volunteer will be invaluable. Reach out to us to find out how you can become a volunteer and be a part of the positive change in St. Clair township.

Together, we can make a real difference and create a brighter future for our community. Let us know if you're interested in being a sponsor or volunteer, and together, let's make a lasting impact!

### Running programs will start in the spring.

Participants can register and volunteers can sign up at:

<https://www.stclairriverrun.org/>

Instagram at: [stclair.riverrun.2025](https://www.instagram.com/stclair.riverrun.2025)

Facebook: St. Clair River Run

## LET THERE BE LIGHT...at the Brigden Fairgrounds!

### MPP receives thanks for recent Trillium Grant

At the recent Moore Agricultural Annual Meeting, guest MPP Bob Bailey congratulated the MAS for the new upgrades and improvements that have been made to the Brigden Fairgrounds. The extensive project, funded by the \$58,000 Capital grant, has allowed the outdated lighting at the site to be switched to LED lighting, which will conserve energy and make it less expensive to use, keeping costs down. Buildings will be better lit and more accessible for all members, as well as extend outdoor programming longer into the evening.

The LED lighting will not only increase the venue's longevity and keep costs down, and by doing so, it will help the MAS offer reasonable pricing for the groups and organizations that use the site to hold gated events. It is hoped the new lighting and reasonable prices will attract greater use of the area, and as a tourist attraction, bring revenue to the town.

MPP Bob Bailey noted: "For generations, the Moore Agricultural Society has been a community staple, providing important agricultural education to tens of thousands of visitors to the Brigden Fair Grounds; this



MAS board members gather for a photo at the Annual MAS General Meeting: From left: Michelle Evanitski; MPP Bob Bailey; Lori Ouellette; John Scott; Donna DeGurse; Eric Vandommelen; Dean Teft; Malcolm Rogers; Mait Noyl; Brenda Maw; Tammy Warner; Kathy Myers. Missing from the photo are: Alvin Scott and Kathy Scott.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

investment will help to ensure the Moore Agricultural Society can continue this important work for generations to come."

"Whether it's helping people learn new things, connect with their community, or simply have fun, organizations like the Moore Agricultural Fair deliver experiences that make a difference," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.



## HERITAGE CORNER

The Moore Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and everyone is invited to the party! Here is how the museum began. Every month, more of the story will unfold here in the pages of The Beacon.

### *The History of Moore Museum*

Moore Museum first opened its doors in 1975 which makes it just on the cusp of turning 50 years old. The Museum started off as a project by local residents to preserve the history of Moore Township. In 1972 a committee was formed to begin the process of founding the Museum. It was thanks to the hard work of Roy Murray (the committee's first chairman) as well as the many other volunteers and committee members that the Moore Museum was founded. The residents of the area responded very positively to the initiative and began donating items to be displayed for the community. Eventually the committee had received so much stuff that it needed a better place to display it all. That was when the committee acquired the old Mooretown school and the lot next to it that contained the Reilly cottage. Very soon the Courtney cabin was also acquired and the Museum officially opened with those as its first two exhibits. Over the last 50 years Moore Museum has acquired another 10 buildings in its mission to showcase and preserve local history.

### Optimist Clubs from Zone 6 gather in Brigden to conduct the first meeting of the year - young 4-H speaker attends

Optimist Clubs from Zone 6 gathered in Wilkesport recently to hold their first general meeting of the new year. The theme for this year has been dubbed "Celebrate the Magic of Optimism".

Guest speakers for the evening, seven-year-old Rosemary Syer, along with her mom, Sarah, a 4-H leader, represented the Lambton County 4-H Association.



**4-H Cloverbud Rosemary Syer speaks about her club experiences as mom Sarah, looks on.**

4-HH is a non-profit youth development organization that spans 10 provinces across Canada and 70 countries across the world.

A common misconception is that 4-H is only for rural youth, but Sarah explained the club also offers life skills like baking, sewing and leadership. Youth ages 6-21 learn about selected topics through fun, hands-on activities and mentorship. Children ages 6 to 8 are called Cloverbuds have an age appropriate program. There are provincial camps, conferences, competitions, national and international opportunities available. It's a place youth can be involved, accepted, valued, and heard while developing valuable life skills in leadership, business, self-confidence and more.

The 4-H club is currently recruiting leaders to run clubs in all communities. The time commitment is a few hours per month and your leadership will help 4-H realize its vision: *In 4-H youth become contributing citizens who impact positive change in our communities.* Youth, families, volunteers, and the community benefit from 4-H involvement.

**The 4-H Pledge:** I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking; my HEART to greater loyalty; my HANDS to larger service; my HEALTH to better living; my country and my world.

**The 4-H Motto:** LEARN TO DO BY DOING



**Zone 6 Optimist Club representatives included, left at event banner, Nicki Bolton, Governor, Southwestern Ontario District, Optimist International; front clockwise from left: Tracy Kingston, President, Moore & Lt. Governor Southwestern Ontario District; Johanne Leach, President, Sombra Township; Nadine Mitchell, Sombra; Nadine Mitchell, President, Brigden; Harold Harris, member, Oil Springs; Bruce Cox, member, Lambton Central-Petrolia; Steve Inglis, member, Moore and Treasurer of the Conductive Education Optimist Club.**  
*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

Find out more about 4-H by calling 519-864-4503 or email: [lambton-4h-membership@hotmail.com](mailto:lambton-4h-membership@hotmail.com)

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**MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP**

**Local industries, contractors and unions hold TakeInn of Good Shepherd**

**BASES**, along with its members and partners, celebrated the spirit of Christmas in December with "Industry Takeover Day" at the Inn of the Good Shepherd. The effort brought together local industries, contracting companies, and trade unions for a day of volunteer efforts and holiday food drive contributions.

This initiative succeeded in supporting the Inn and making a meaningful impact in our community.

Tracy Krull, Senior Communications Advisor for BASES, says the group hopes this will be the first of many Industry Takeover Days. "It was a truly an honour to be able to support such a wonderful cause and see the impact the Inn has on the community in so many different facets.

Ms. Krull noted the volunteers took on specific roles to see that all duties were covered. "We had volunteers at the Inn from 10:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. helping to receive and sort food donations and act as gift runners for the Inn's Adopt-a-Family program. Imperial also provided, prepared and served lunch at the soup kitchen," she said.

Here are the companies that showed generous Christmas spirit: BASES, Imperial, Suncor, Arlanxeo,



The busy volunteers take time to commemorate the inaugural *Industry Takeover Day* with a group photo. Photo submitted by BASES

**LEO  
Diners  
Club &  
Forever  
Fit**

**CORUNNA:** Lunch will be held at the Corunna Legion hall on Wednesday, February 19. Speaker will be a representative from *Habitat for Humanity*.

**SOMBRA:** On Tuesday, February 11. Call Della for more information. Speaker will talk about *Sleep Therapy*.

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

**FOREVER FIT:** Corunna classes: Mondays - Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Wednesdays - Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; Fridays - Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28. Held at Thompson Gardens. Facility fee \$40 Jan-Dec. Call Della for further information. Contact information above.

***Knight Funeral Home celebrates  
30 years of service***



*The Knight Funeral Home celebrated 30 years in business on Dec. 11, 2024. Mayor Jeff Agar stopped by to deliver good wishes and a Certificate of Congratulations to owners Kevin Knight and Brenda Feenstra.*

**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.



**Remember your  
Valentine on  
February 14.**

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MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

**HOLA! It's taco time in Brigden**

The Brigden Optimist Club is holding a taco evening on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. to spread the good news about the satisfying feeling you can get when you join their club. Come to the Brigden Community Hall, 3016 Brigden Side-road and enjoy a taco, learn about the Optimist Club and put a smile on your face.



**OPTIMIST DAY—FEBRUARY 6**

If you reside in St. Clair Township, you are familiar with the good work our Optimist Clubs do for our youth. From events like Pumpkinfest and Easter egg hunts to youth dances, scholarships, Operation Christmas Tree, Junior Optimist clubs, and many other activities through the year, club members volunteer for the benefit of our youth. February 6 is celebrated by Optimist Clubs throughout the world on the first Thursday of February to promote their efforts and bring awareness to the community for all they do. These dedicated volunteers pour their hearts and souls into creating unforgettable experiences for our communities. When you join in on one of their spectacular events, don't forget show your gratitude.

**United Way exceeds campaign goal!**



United Way Sarnia-Lambton

The United Way of Sarnia - Lambton recently announced the 2024 donation goal of \$1,487,000 came in higher than expected. This unexpected success has calmed the doubts of United-Way Campaign Chair Mike Edgar. "I want to thank all United Way supporters, everyone who responded either online, in the mail, or came by the office. It truly took all of us to make sure United Way agencies remain funded, so THANK YOU!" he said.

our media partners that helped us get the message out that we were falling behind!"

With the 2024 campaign in the rear view mirror, the road ahead is already being mapped out. Preparations have begun for the 2025 campaign. A number of events are already planned for spring and details will soon be released.

Supporters interested in helping the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton serve the community with vital programs and events can contact: [ryan@theunitedway.on.ca](mailto:ryan@theunitedway.on.ca) to help. Work place volunteers are always welcome to help run United Way cam-

**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. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN.**

**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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/lambtonworkcentre)**  
No appointment is needed

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visit the township website homepage at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

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

### FEBRUARY-2025

- 1st Twisted Sisters Ladies Doubles/Teams Dart Tournament - 11am 1st Meat Draw - 4pm 3rd, 10th, 24th Pepper - 1pm
- 4th General Meeting - 7pm
- 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Whacky Wednesday - All Day
- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Cribbage - 1pm
- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Bridge - 1pm
- 8th Meat Draw - 4pm 11th Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 6:30pm
- 15th Meat Draw - 4pm
- 17th Family Day - Closed
- 18th Executive Meeting - 7pm
- 22nd Open Jam - All Welcome- 3pm - 6pm 22nd Meat Draw - 4pm
- 23rd Ladies Auxiliary Members Team Darts

**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](mailto: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



**Brigiden Legion Br. 635**  
3021 Brigiden Road, Brigiden  
519-864-1395

### February schedule Saturday Events

- Feb. 2: Meat raffle starting at 4:30 p.m.
  - Feb. 8: Trivia starts at 7 p.m.
  - Feb. 15: Meat raffle starting at 4:30 p.m.
  - Feb. 22: Euchre starting at 7 p.m. - \$5 to play
- Everyone is always welcome at Br. 635!**

## Moore Agricultural Society

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 Brigiden 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 Society (Brigiden Fair). To discuss opportunities call 519-864-1197 or email: [info@brigidenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigidenfair.ca) OR [michelle.evanitski@brigidenfair.ca](mailto:michelle.evanitski@brigidenfair.ca)

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### Brigiden Fair 175th Anniversary Elimination Draw/Dance

Tickets now available for Saturday, March 22. \$75/ticket (also admits 2 for dance). Early bird Draw February 14. Tickets available at: Fair office; Brigiden Fair Directors; Always Quilting; Brigiden Feed Mill; Dynamic Graffix (Corunna); Stafford Brothers Meats (Petrolia)

### Brigiden Fair 2025 quilt raffle

Tickets are now available for the 2025 Brigiden Fair Quilt raffle. Tickets are available from MAS fair office, Always Quilting, and at MAS events, or by e-transfer at [quiltraffle@brigidenfair.ca](mailto:quiltraffle@brigidenfair.ca) for \$5 each or 3/\$10.



## WILKESPORT UNITED CHURCH COMING EVENTS-2025

### Brigiden Fair Coming events

- \*Sunday, March 30: Moore Agricultural Annual Beef Dinner
  - \*Sunday, April 20: Easter Brunch
  - \*Sunday, May 11: Mother's Day Brunch
- More events in the planning phase - stay tuned!

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. It 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.

### 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](http://www.sombramuseum.ca), or Facebook or Instagram