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*Merry Christmas and Happy 2023 to all
from St. Clair Township Council and Staff*



Organ concerts a common treat at Moore Museum

Moore Museum volunteer and Heritage St. Clair historian Dave Pattenden has the pleasant task of keeping the museum's pump organ in good working condition, a job that requires him to play the exquisite instrument often through the year.

An accomplished keyboard player, Dave recently treated the other workers in the main museum building with an impromptu concert that included the *Finlandia Hymn* (also known as *Be Still, My Soul*) and *Ancient Words*.

The organ, powered by internal bellows that are activated by the player's feet, is a beautiful example of craftsmanship and design from the late 1880s.

The old beauty is treated much better now that it has a home at the museum. Dave says when it was a church organ, it was only played on Sundays and was subject to damage caused by the chill of an unheated church the rest of the week - not a good situation for such a finely-tuned instrument.

Santa's list is full of kind people who shop locally for their Christmas treats and treasures, and support their local food banks throughout the year. Be sure you're on Santa's "NICE LIST". Please shop local and support your local food bank.



EARLY JANUARY, 2023 BEACON DEADLINE

If you have any items to be published in the January 2023 issue of the St. Clair Township Beacon, they **must be sent in by Monday, Dec. 9 at noon**. This early deadline is necessary to meet printer and municipal staff holiday schedules, allowing us to have the publication online, and the printed version distributed by January 1, 2023.



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Out-going council meets final time

The final meeting of the 2018-2022 St. Clair Township Council began with a warm "Welcome back" to Councillor Jim DeGurse, who has "Zoomed" into the council chambers for most of his 4-year term.

Both rinks at MSC now in use

Projects involving the pool, and Rinks 1 and 2 at the Moore Sports Complex have all been completed just in time for you to explore the many ways you can stay in shape despite your urge to hibernate this winter. The public is invited to try fitness classes free of charge or enjoy a family skate or swim. Aqua fitness classes are offered as well as yoga, kids craft sessions, and much more. For information about how you can win the battle of the bulge this winter, call the MSC at 519-867-2651.

Notes from St. Clair Township Community Services

*Much of the roof at the MSC has undergone improvements. All township facilities will be subject of a roof audit, and a report on the findings will be presented during the 2023 budget deliberations.

*The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course has been operating during the good autumn weather, but the simulator is now open for the winter as well and bookings are being taken.

*Upgrades have been done at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, including the conversion of the committee room to increase office space.

*The project to solve the issue of floor moisture at the Sombra Community Hall is expected to be completed before the end of November.

*River park washrooms are now closed for the season.

Enbridge public meeting explains proposed battery power storage projects

Enbridge's Renewable Power group held a virtual public meeting on Nov. 17 to provide information on three battery power storage projects proposed for St. Clair Township.

In a letter to St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey, the company cited the growing demand for electrical energy in southwestern Ontario as the reason the projects are being undertaken. The letter explains, "Battery power storage is an excellent means of adding reliable capacity to Ontario's electricity grid while making efficient use of the resources already producing clean power throughout the province." The stored energy capacity will be fed into the grid during periods of high demand, making the grid more reliable.

Enbridge intends to submit proposals for the projects to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) for consideration under its expedited Request for Proposals which will be consid-

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Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, but will continue to be available online by going onto the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca. On the St. Clair Township home page, look for a link to the meeting near the top of the page. The Facebook link is activated shortly before each meeting is slated to begin.

Tentative dates for up-coming council meetings are set for Monday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 19 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).

Winter curbside parking by-law aids snow removal efforts

As of Dec. 1, vehicles, whether licensed or unlicensed, must NOT be parked on a highway, road, or street in such a manner that it interferes with the clearing of snow or any winter control operation conducted by municipal forces or contractors between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. The by-law, which will be in effect until April 1, 2023, includes: camping trailers, commercial trailers, derelict vehicles, marine vehicles, and recreational trailers.

All obstructions including basketball nets and garbage cans must also kept off the streets during this period.

Property owners are also reminded it is against the law to shovel snow off driveways and sidewalks onto public streets. These snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless automobile collisions and the loss of control of a vehicle.



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ered in December. Proposals that are accepted will be announced in February, 2023 with the provision that the new projects begin operation by May 2025.

The three proposed project locations are: 4534 Ladysmith Road, Corunna; 3132 Tecumseh Road, Courtright; and 1129 Petrolia Line, Corunna.

The presentation from the virtual meeting will be posted on the following three websites:

www.enbridge.com/dowmoore;

www.enbridge.com/tecumsehfarm;

www.enbridge.com/petrolia.

These websites will be updated as the IESO's process proceeds. **See page 9 for story.**

Antenna replacement planned for Emergency Services building

The current antenna at the Ontario Provincial Police Corunna office in the Emergency Services building in Corunna needs to be replaced. A new one will be erected to ensure vital communication will continue unimpeded.

Renovated Lambton Shared Services Center now open

The newly-renovated Lambton Shared Services Centre in the former Bayside Mall building in Sarnia has been reopened for business. The new facility houses several county departments. For more information about services provided by Lambton County, visit www.lambtononline.ca



Mayor's Christmas Greetings



As we approach the end of another challenging year and look forward to the holiday season, we reflect on what we have accomplished in each of our lives this past year.

The holiday season comes with mixed emotions for some people. For my family, it is all about tradition - spending time with family and friends, putting up the decorations, and attending the Christmas Eve church service. It is also a time to remember the less fortunate, the elderly, and the shut-ins; may we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

As 2022 has progressed, our lives have slowly returned to normal. I am looking forward to 2023 and what the year has to offer.

My family and I wish each and every St. Clair Township resident good health, happiness, and prosperity this holiday season.

*On behalf of St. Clair Township Council and Staff,
I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

-Mayor Jeff Agar

The Lambton Shared Services Centre was relocated to the basement of the mall building in March, 2021 to allow for the complete renovation of the upper floor.



OFFICIAL PLAN ONLINE SURVEY AND FEEDBACK OPTIONS

St. Clair's Official Plan is our community's vision for our future. The Official Plan includes policies that address important parts of building our community that affect everyone who lives and works in St. Clair, including agriculture, housing, jobs, the environment, and the economy.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

There are several ways for you to submit your feedback on the Official Plan:

- **Online Survey:** Participate in the Township's Survey and provide your valuable feedback at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZRVYHHV>
- **Mail:** Official Plan Review, Township of St. Clair, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown N0N 1M0
- **E-mail:** Official Plan Review at officialplanreview@stclairtownship.ca

More information:

The Township's current Official Plan may be reviewed on the Township website at <http://stclairtownship.ca>

2022-2026 ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SWORN IN



Above: The new St. Clair Township Council has been sworn in and will take charge of a municipality that will both satisfy and challenge them. The first order of business on November 21 required everyone to swear an Oath of Elected Office and an Oath of Allegiance. Members of the new council are, from left: Cathy Langis; Bill Myers; Brad Langstaff; St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey; Mayor Jeff Agar; Clerk Jeff Baranek; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Holly Foster; and Pat Brown.

Below Left: Piper Tom Rankin heralded the new council's entrance into the council chambers.

Centre: Family and friends gathered to witness a new beginning for their community.

Below: Pastor Jon Fitter from Church On The River in Port Lambton, left, gave the blessing for the new council.



Council of 2018-2022 holds final meeting & honours three departing members



Before the new council began its term in office, the former St. Clair Township Council held their final meeting. They took care of some pending matters and honoured those who were departing and had served so well during their years in municipal service.

Four council members who will not be returning for the next term received certificates and crystal mementos in recognition of their dedication to the important work of municipal government. Mayor Steve Arnold made the presentations to: Councillor Jim DeGurse, top right, who has served on several Moore and St. Clair Township Councils; Councillor Rose Atkins for one term; and Tracy Kingston, who had served for two terms.

Left: Mayor Steve Arnold, who has retired after 37 years of service, beginning with Sombra Township as a councillor and eventually rising to mayor of St. Clair Township, also received recognition for his service and leadership. The presentation was done by St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

Retirement event celebrates 37 years of service to Sombra & St. Clair Township

Retiring Mayor Steve Arnold's 37 years in municipal politics was celebrated with a reception at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Club on Nov. 8 with political figures from across Lambton County and beyond coming out to join the celebration.

Mayor Arnold says his many years of public service have been rewarding, with many opportunities to help the community he loves to grow and prosper. He commended his councils, and the exceptional knowledge and assistance of township staff, for their assistance and support through numerous challenging times, most notably, the pandemic years.

Right: Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott came by to present a certificate of congratulations from Lambton County Council.

Below left: MPP Bob Bailey and MP Marilyn Gladu were joined by Plympton-Wyoming Deputy Mayor Muriel Wright, standing, in offering their best wishes.

Below left: Mayor Arnold welcomes long-time colleague Brooke-Alvinston Mayor Don McGugan and his wife, Anne. Mayor McGugan has also retired after 20 years of municipal service.





Public Works Department

After hours emergency
~ 1-888-441-4204 ~

Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.ca

Water Utility.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

Water utility appointments require 48 hours notice

St. Clair Township By-Law 16 of 2022 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

Overnight Parking

The St. Clair Township winter parking by-law will be in effect as of Dec. 1, 2022 and continuing until April 1, 2023. Under this by-law (By-Law No. 5 of 2022) it is against the law to leave vehicles of any kind parked on public streets and roads overnight from 1:00 a.m to 7:00 a.m.

Frozen Water Meter and Pipes

Preventative:

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

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

If you suspect your pipes are frozen check the following:

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



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

Clear the Road November

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 his equipment being collected by the Public Works Departments and stored at the Public Works Operational Centers.

“Treecycle”

The holidays are quickly approaching! This year, take your Christmas tree to the curb by **7:00 a.m.** on **Jan. 9, 2023**, the special tree recycling day. Remove all decorations, lights, wire, tree skirts, stands, tinsel, fake snow, and make sure the tree is not in a plastic bag.

E-waste

Not sure where to drop off e-waste? See the chart below!

Business	Contact Information
Transco	387 McGregor Side Rd. Sarnia, ON N7T 7H3 519-332-4045
Staples	1379 London Rd. Sarnia, ON N7S 1P6 519-542-4461
Best Buy	1380 Exmouth St. Sarnia, ON N7S 3X9 1-866-237-8289
Digital Friends	1121 Evett St. Unit 1. Sarnia, ON N7S 5N3 519-344-3334
Premier Recycling	325 Gladwish Dr. Sarnia, ON N7W 1A7 519-337-8999
Goodwill	1307 Michigan Ave. Sarnia, ON N7S 4M6 519-541-9273 1121 Wellington Ave. Sarnia, ON N7S 6J7 519-332-0440
Habitat for Humanity	1787 London Line. Sarnia, ON N7T 7H2 519-339-7957
Trash Taxi	800 Roper St. Sarnia, ON N7S 6K8 519-384-9595
Trijan Industries	1279 Plank Rd. Sarnia, ON N7T 7H3 519-337-3779

When was the last time you checked your chimney?

Look for loose bricks, crumbling mortar, dark stains and white powder; they all indicate problems in a masonry chimney. Inside a chimney, buildups of black, tarry creosote can cause devastating house fires. Dark stains and white powder at the joints of a wood stove pipe chimney also spells trouble. **The SAFEST and most practical way to check and maintain your chimney, woodstove, and fireplace is to contact a WETT* certified Chimney Sweep.**

Emergency Preparedness

FACT SHEET



for COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS

How to Contact Hydro One

In the case of an emergency or power outage you can reach us by calling one of our emergency numbers below.

- **Hydro One Power Outage & Emergency Line:**

1-800-434-1235

Use this number to report a power outage, fallen tree hazard or emergency (24 hours, 7 days a week)

- **Hydro One Media Relations:**

416-345-6868 or 1-877-506-7584

After-hours, on weekends and holidays: 1-888-254-3992

- **Hydro One Community Relations**

Hydro One's Media and Community Relations staff members are available to answer questions and concerns from elected officials (e.g. MPP's, Mayors, Reeves)

Monday - Friday: 1-877-345-6799



Enjoy a fire safe holiday season by following these tips:

- Always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove.
- Place lit candles away from anything that can burn and out of the reach of children and pets where they can't be knocked over. Remember to snuff out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles.
- Drink responsibly. Attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol is too often a contributing factor in fatal fires.
- Make sure the base of real Christmas trees is always immersed in water to prevent them from getting too dry.
- Check all sets of decorative lights before putting them up and discard any sets that are damaged.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan so that everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke or CO alarms sound.

May your holidays be filled with safety!

*~YOUR St. Clair Township
Fire Dept.*



Would you be prepared to handle a minimum of 72 hours without outside aid?

Emergencies don't wait until we are prepared for them - do it now!

Make an emergency kit that includes: an adequate supply of warm blankets and clothing, flashlights, food, safe drinking water, necessary medications, a First Aid kit, pet supplies, baby supplies, etc., and have a designated safe shelter area. **Develop a fire escape plan** and designate an **outside** meeting place.

Make sure your emergency strategies are prepared and be ready for unexpected emergencies.



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

Contact *OntarioOneCall* before you dig!

Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255 or visit OntarioOneCall.ca
5 days before you dig.



Enbridge proposes three new battery power storage projects for St. Clair Township

Enbridge is a familiar name in St. Clair Township, from the company's pipelines and natural gas storage facilities, to its corporate presence as a community supporter, which includes donations to the township's fire department as part of its Enbridge Project Assist program.

Enbridge is not usually associated with renewable energy, yet it has been pursuing this technology since its first investment in a wind farm in 2002. Enbridge investments now include 23 wind farms, seven solar energy projects, five waste heat recovery facilities, 1 power transmission project, one hydroelectric facility, and one geothermal project.

The company's latest proposed venture for St. Clair Township is the construction of three battery energy storage facilities that will be able to store energy and make it available when electricity production is not enough to supply demand. In the past, there have been "brown outs" and "black outs" and "rolling blackouts" that have all caused problems for industries and residential customers alike. Although many were caused by transmission problems, equipment failures, or damage caused by storms, some were caused by inadequate energy availability (capacity).

If Enbridge's Request for Proposal (RFP) submission is approved by the IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator), the three Enbridge projects will be located at: **Corunna**, Dow Moore Power Storage project, 4534 Lady-smith Road; **Courtright**, Tecumseh Farm Battery Power Storage, 3132 Tecumseh Road; and **Corunna**, 1129 Petrolia Line. All will be developed on Enbridge-owned property.

Battery storage units like the ones shown in the photograph, **below right**, will be used to store excess electricity when it is available, creating capacity, and to supply that surplus capacity to maintain electrical service when the available supply of electricity is inadequate. The target online date will be in 2025.

The need for extra capacity is determined by the IESO based on forecasts it has developed.

During a virtual public meeting on Nov. 17, Enbridge Inc. presenter Denise Heckbert, Strategy and Markets Policy, Power, described why and how these forecasts are accomplished. She explained, "IESO generates forecasts that span up to 15 years into the future to determine what will be needed, then they use that information to inform annual acquisition reports ... (the reports) tell them what they actually need to buy or what RFPs they need and what options they need to have..."

From an actual planning outlook, Heckbert said the IESO expects significant increases in demand. "It keeps increasing more and more because electrification and electricity demands are outpacing expectations." She added the increase has many causes, such as more people driving electric vehicles or electrifying things that currently run on oil or gas.

Heckbert explained that, based on the forecasts the IESO has made, a major expansion in southwestern Ontario is happening now in the agricultural sector and the construction and operation of greenhouses. If that boom accelerates faster than anticipated, it could create a lot more electricity demands as well. "IESO had identified southwestern Ontario as a place where people will want to use that power, but there will not be capacity available to serve those needs. Chatham up to Sarnia and everything west of that down to Windsor is a key area to get new capacity built in the province," said Heckbert.

While nuclear power generation is thought to be "pretty steady" for now, Heckbert pointed out the *Pickering nuclear plant will eventually be retired, leaving hydro (water generated) power facilities as well as solar, wind, and gas generation to pick up the slack. But these renewable energy sources are under contract, and those contracts are going to start expiring. The IESO knows that if those contracts are not extended or new projects built in their place with new contracts signed, shortages will be inevitable. The supply available to serve the increasing demand will not be sufficient.

Without energy to make up the deficit the IESO is forecasting, Heckbert said replacement electricity supplies will have to be found. "IESO's analysis in the broader picture is they're going to have to buy new electricity. It may be extending contracts for some of this generation, it may be buying new power, but their most pressing need is capacity," she said. The battery energy storage solution proposed by Enbridge is part of the effort to create that capacity.

The IESO's first RFP requires four gigawatts of new capacity this year and next year. A second RFP will be issued next year to procure an additional 600 megawatts.

The Province of Ontario has directed the IESO to procure a minimum of 900 megawatts in battery power storage, with the first expedited RFP projects to be online in 2025. A second RFP for another 600 megawatts will be issued next year to be online by 2027.

Heckbert emphasized the current RFPs are only for the acquisition of capacity through battery energy storage to be used during times when the electricity supply requires support. They are not required to provide additional power generation.

NOTE: Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, originally due to cease operation in 2025, is now slated to continue operation until September 2026, pending approval of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. The station, commissioned in 1971, has a capacity of 3,100 megawatts.



Lambton County Library branches offer much more than books

For more information on locations, services and hours of operation visit www.lclibrary.ca

***Brigden** (519-864-1142): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

***Corunna** (519-862-1132): Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

***Courtright** (519-867-2712): Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***Mooretown** (519-867-2823): Monday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***Sombra** (519-892-3711): Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***Port Lambton** (519-677-5217): Monday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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



If computers are not your thing, get the latest paper version of *The Beacon* at your local St. Clair Township library!

HERITAGE CORNER

Winter can't stop the volunteers at Moore Museum



The summer tourist season may be over, but Moore Museum volunteers have plenty to do during the winter lull.

The two-year pandemic shutdown made it impossible to winterize the site, and many benches and other outdoor items had to be left out in the elements over two winters. The restoration and refurbishment effort to bring those items back to their former beauty is proving to be a big job. Every Tuesday, volunteers gather at the site to take on this massive task as well as other new projects.

Above: Three of the museum's dedicated volunteers were in the museum workshop on Nov. 15 sanding the wood items that could be saved and cutting new pieces for items that needed a more aggressive facelift. At the back of the workshop, left, Dan Hayward works on wooden louvers for the fire hall. In the middle of the shop, Dave Taylor looks for safety issues and keeps the workshop tidy and clear of hazards. In the foreground, Leo Griffith cuts wood planks to size as he builds a wheel chair ramp that will make the new *Lodge Room* accessible for everyone.

The Lodge Room is being created in one of the two large storage pods to the south of the Shaw Building, which houses large vintage vehicles and a number of displays that illustrate various facets of daily life as it was in early Moore Township. Items for the room will be used to

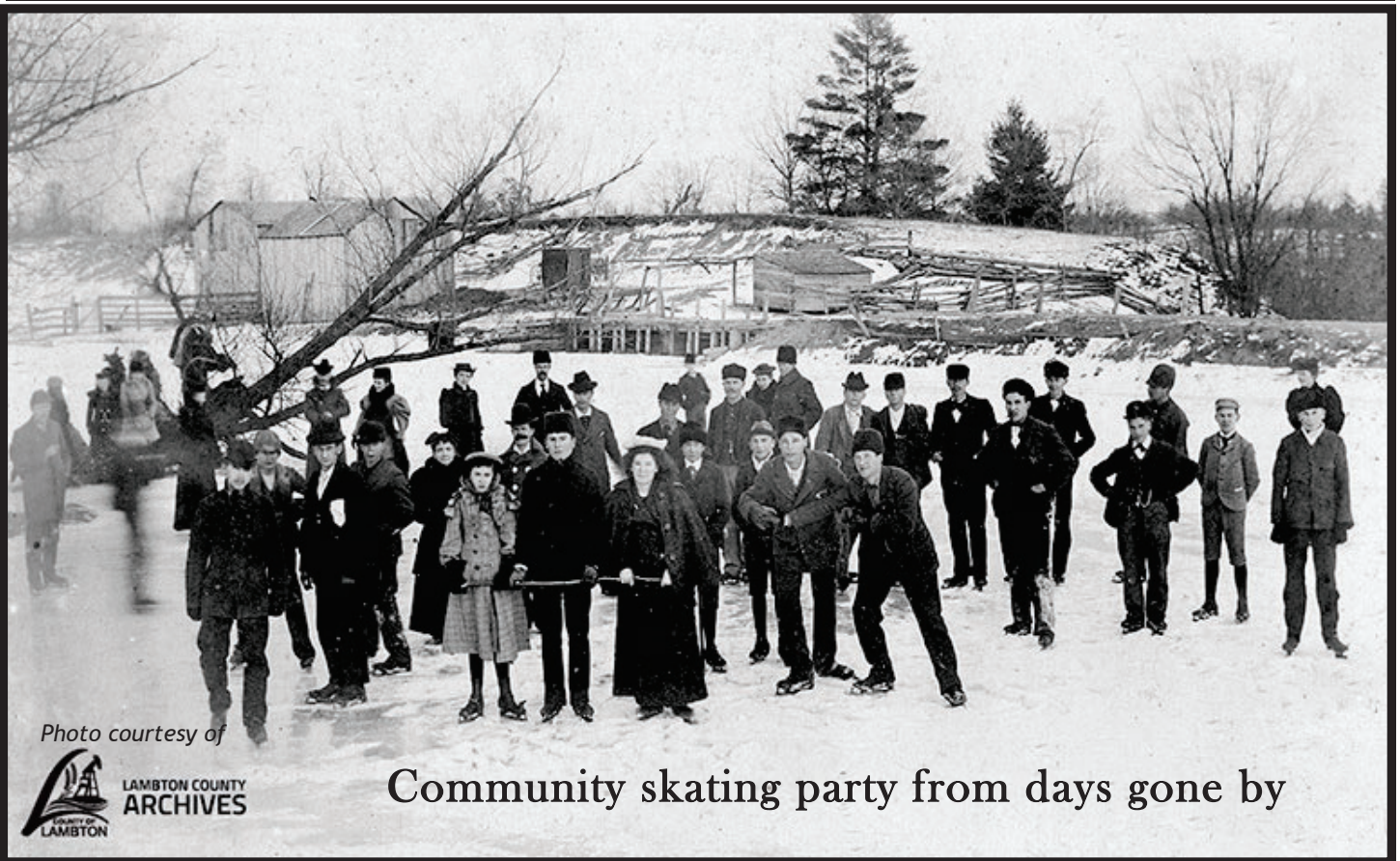
reconstruct what the inside of a typical lodge room would look like. Those items have been donated to the Moore Museum by several local lodges including: I.O.O.F. (Oddfellows); Masonic Lodge; Women's Institute; etc. The room is painted a striking shade of red to set the scene. When completed, the room will become part of the museum's tour offerings.

Right: Large projects aren't the only things on the agenda. Newly recruited volunteer Joe Doherty was busy with the restoration of some old oars in need of refinishing.

Bored this winter?

Handyman and handywomen volunteers are always welcome to join the Tuesday work bee. Call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 for more information.





Community skating party from days gone by

Thank you to our donors from Moore Museum

Moore Museum is appreciative of the continued support of the community. We would like to acknowledge the support of the following donors who have contributed to museum this year to ensure its growth and sustainability:

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|------------------------------------|---|
| ◆ Margaret MacPherson | ◆ Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 |
| ◆ Leopold Temple Association | ◆ Elanor Vargo |
| ◆ Lambton Mutual Insurance Company | ◆ Moore Optimist Club |
| ◆ J.D. Lawn Service | ◆ Moore Community and Recreational Foundation |
| ◆ Knights of Columbus 9447 | ◆ Arlanxco |
| ◆ Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 | |
| ◆ Watson TimberMart | |



School house hosts avid students

Students from the local Community Living group enjoyed some time in the one-room school house at Moore Museum. Using chalk on the blackboard was of particular interest to two of the students, who enjoyed trying out this early version of the iPad. At least there was no fear of the battery needing to be re-charged. Shelley enjoyed playing teacher as Jake watched her draw.

Group Christmas tours are now underway for school and adult groups. Call 519-867-2020 for more information or to book a visit.



Brigden's main street becomes Christmas market



The Brigden Country Christmas was off to a windy, chilly start on Nov. 19 but it didn't discourage shoppers from coming out to seek some ideal gifts for family and friends. **TOP LEFT:** At the Brigden Optimist Club raffle table, Marilyn Shaw, green parka, finished choosing the raffle items she wanted to win with the ballots she had bought. Behind her, Marie Gorton was still trying to decide. **CENTRE LEFT:** Inside the community hall, Brigden Public School students Ava, left, and Gemma, right, made Christmas decorations as volunteer Heather Krestick of Brigden watched the masterpieces take shape. **BELOW LEFT:** Wood crafter Keith Schikor of Brigden had a display filled with cleverly designed wood



decorations, including snowflakes and a spiral Christmas tree. Keith, an 18-wheeler truck driver by trade, says his wood crafting is a side job for now. **CENTRE:** Barb Steadman keeps watch on the hot dog stand being operated by the Brigden United Church.

(The hot dog tent was also a temporary warming sanctuary for a grateful Beacon photographer and her camera.)



Shopper Niki Nauta came all the way from Camlachie to shop in Brigden with her handsome canine buddy Kingston, a friendly four-year old golden shepherd.

Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Br. 447 celebrates 75th anniversary



Above: The head table of dignitaries from the community and Legion leaders from across the province, stands to receive a salute from Br. 447 Past President John Cormier. Below left: The colour party enters to begin the formal ceremony as Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Br. 447 Corunna celebrates its 75th anniversary. Below right: The Sarnia Legion Pipe Bands drummers perform some aerial drumstick moves while keeping the beat. Bottom left: Mayor Elect Jeff Agar and his wife, Sue, left, chat with friends and family at their table before dinner is served. Bottom right: Mayor Steve Arnold congratulates Br. 447 on its 75th anniversary and its work to ensure the memories of the fallen and the welfare of those who survive will be maintained. Bottom centre: MP Marilyn Gladu presents a certificate from the Federal government to Br. 447 President Eric Hancock in recognition of its 75 years of service to veterans and the community.



A time to remember the sacrifice of the fallen



As 11 a.m. approached on November 11, a large crowd gathered at Corunna Clock Tower Park to remember the loved ones, the friends, and the strangers who died fighting so that we might live in a better world. Remembrance Day also gave us time to pause and remember and appreciate those who still serve and defend our freedom.

Left: The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 Colour Guard comes to attention while Branch 447 Secretary Marg Emery reads the familiar fourth verse of *For the Fallen*.

Below: Padre Paul Woolley leads the assembly in prayer for the fallen and for those who continue to serve.



Above: Mayor Steve Arnold places a wreath for the residents of St. Clair Township who died in both World Wars. His Legion escort is Br. 447 Past President John Cormier.

For the Fallen

4th verse

*They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and
in the evening,
We will remember them.*

*~by Robert Laurence Binyon
1914*



COMMUNITY CONTACT



"Please support local foodbanks and share your love this Christmas"



Sacred Heart food bank - help your community thrive

The Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas hamper program will soon be underway. **Please see page 18 for more information about the upcoming effort to make the holidays brighter for those in need.** Our neighbourhood food banks continue to come to the aid

of the community all year 'round. Nourishing food 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. In Ward 2, The Sacred Heart Food Bank has shelves that need to be replenished on a regular basis, not just on special occasions. No matter what time of the year it is, please keep the Sacred Heart food bank in mind when you shop for your own groceries. See page 18.

St. Andrew's food bank continues to help those in need



The food bank at St. Andrew's Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is open every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. It operates in association with the Inn of

the Good Shepherd in Sarnia. **Operation Christmas Tree**, and the Optimist Club of Moore's effort to collect toys and food to make the holidays less difficult for neighbours in need. **For details, see page 18.**

The food bank serves those in need, offering a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including milk, eggs, bread, and meat, as well as daily requirements like household cleaning supplies, toiletries and baby needs. The fresh food supplied at the food bank costs approximately \$75 per week to purchase. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the food bank can do so through Food Bank, C/O St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0. Gift cards to Foodland and No Frills are also welcome.

St. Joseph-St. Charles Catholic Church Community to participate in food program

The St. Joseph-St. Charles' Catholic Community in Corunna, along with the Catholic churches in Petrolia, Forest, and Watford, has worked collaboratively with the Boys and Girls Club of Sarnia-Lambton to extend Project Backpack, a food assistance program, into Lambton County. The program provides a bag of nutritious food that can be easily distributed to people ages 14-24 who are in need of a healthy meal. Each bag also contains hygiene items and helpful information from community partners. People who qualify for this program can find these bags at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office at 346 Beresford Street in Corunna during regular office hours (Monday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Program organizers say the program will continue into the fall and they hope to continue it as long as there is a need for it.

The Optimist Club welcomes 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. Members put on their own programs and find creative ways to fundraise for other youth programs. 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.

Local TOPS weight control group meetings

Local TOPS weight control groups can be contacted for information as follows: **Brigden**—519-864-1865; **Corunna**—519-381-5584. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

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.

Recovery support group meets weekly

Recovery International, a self-help group for those who struggle with mental health issues, meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. **For more information about support options during the COVID-19 emergency, contact Rita at 519-867-2932. More mental health resources include:** Lambton Mental Health Distress Line, 519-336-3445 or 1-800-307-4319; Lambton Public Health mental health and addiction line, 519-464-4400, ext. 5370.

New website reveals Lambton's contributions to the global oil industry

The Oil Museum of Canada, National Historic Site, has launched a new website showcasing the important contributions to the world-wide oil industry by local International Oil Drillers. From the mid-1870s until the mid-1940s, more than 800 international drillers from Lambton County provided Canadian oil drilling expertise and equipment to nearly 90 countries.

The website is available in both in English and French. Visit: www.internationaloildrillers.ca to learn more.



Mental Health & Addictions Supports

For those who face the mental health or addiction challenges, the Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team has the information that can point the way to a happy, sober life. The place to start is with your primary care provider. 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. **These are just a few of the resources available to you. Don't hesitate to call.**

For full local listings, visit: agefriendlysarnialambton.ca



50 years of service celebrated

Three long-time members of the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Leslie G. Sutherland Br. 447 received their 50-year pin during the branch's recent 75th Anniversary Celebration Remembrance Banquet.

Left: Br. 447 2nd Vice-President Karyn Pennington presented 50-year pins to Leo Prout, James Haxton, and Eric Hancock. Leo and James are both war veterans.

The Royal Canadian Legion welcomes new members in their support of the nation's veterans and their families, and local community groups and causes. Military service is not a prerequisite for membership. For more information, please call 519-862-1240.

West Lambton Community Health Centre

We now offer online program registration!!

Please visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/> (Be sure to specify which program you are registering for on the top of the form.)

To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email adinell@nlchc.com to register and/or receive the Zoom link.

****Reminder: Exercises classes will end on Dec. 16 and resume Jan. 9**

In Person-Low Impact Exercise:

Mooretown Low Impact: Held Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily Street. Low-impact exercises are performed using body weight and resistance bands. All abilities welcome.

****If you would like to be notified for Brigiden classes, please call Amy at 519-344-3017 ext. 237.**

Virtual Exercise:

Virtual Chair Groovin' Class: Being held until Dec. 14 (Zoom) from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. *Chair Grooving* is a virtual seated chair exercise program designed to get you movin' and groovin' to the beat! To register call 519-344-3017 ext. 259.

Virtual Low Impact Exercise: Wednesdays and Fridays (Zoom) at 9 a.m. Low impact exercises performed using body weight and resistance bands. All abilities welcome. To register call 519-344-3017 ext. 237, or email adinell@nlchc.com to receive the Zoom link.

Virtual Shibashi: This activity is being held Tuesdays via Zoom at 11 a.m. Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps. It is easy to learn and perfect for beginners.

Virtual Sit or Stand Exercise: On Mondays at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom, enjoy Virtual Chair Exercise. No-impact exercise is performed standing or seated in

a chair, and resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome.

Cooking Buddies: Children's cooking classes are happening again for ages between 6-12 years old. The class will focus on learning to read recipe cards, measure ingredients, try new foods, and to have fun! Classes will run monthly. **CLASSES ARE FULL AT THIS TIME!** Locations: Forest, Dec. 15; Corunna and Brigiden, Dec 19.

Coffee Time: Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and conversation, free of charge, on Fridays from 11 to noon at the Cardiac Rehab site, 460 Christina St N. Parking is available at the back of the building, off Maxwell Street.

Garden Fresh Box: The Garden-Fresh Box is an inexpensive monthly food buying club for anyone who wants fresh vegetables and fruit all year round.

Meditation: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11a.m. at West Lambton CHC, increase self esteem, improve concentration, lower blood pressure, reduce stress and anxiety, and emotional balance.

Night Light: Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at WLCH, 429 Exmouth Street), find hope and wellness while managing anxiety and depression.

****Currently, this session is at maximum capacity. We are taking names for the next upcoming session.**

Opening Doors: Healthy lifestyle program for individuals living with mental illness or seeking mental health support. For information, please call 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

Virtual Ho Ho Ho Help Workshop: Monday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m. Identify your holiday stress habits and learn 10 tips and strategies to limit holiday stress. To register call 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

North Lambton Community Health Centre is proud to be accredited through the Canadian Centre for Accreditation, a third-party review based on accepted organizational practices that promote ongoing quality improvement and responsive, effective community services.

Sacred Heart Food Bank Annual Food Drive

- Non-Perishable items needed:**
- canned goods
 - non-perishable food items



"Financial Donations"



Cheques can be mailed to:
Sacred Heart Food Bank
c/o Claudette Johnston
243 Lambton Line
Port Lambton, ON N0P 2B0

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

Christmas Fowl



Wed., December 7, 2022

7:00 pm at the

Port Lambton
Community Centre

Proceeds to the
Sacred Heart Food Bank



Sacred Heart
FOOD BANK



For information contact:

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

Note of thanks for support of K of C Charity Night

On behalf of the Port Lambton Knights of Columbus, Council 10873, and the Sacred Heart Food Bank, we would like to thank all those who donated to the Charity Night auction table.

We want to thank those who sold meal tickets and raffle tickets, those who went to the businesses requesting donations, and the Port Lambton C.W.L. for cooking the fantastic meal. Also, thank you to the following people who donated the wine: Val and John Valle, Mike Smith, John and Catherine Wilmott, Wayne and Sue Kiser, and Mark and Patty Relouw.

This evening of fun raised \$6,273 for the Sacred Heart Food Bank. In eleven months, the food bank has spent over \$38,000 in food and gift cards, so we know in the old Sombra Township area (Ward 2). **Thank you to our community for supporting this worthwhile event.**

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Frank Johnston

Sacred Heart Food Bank



*Merry Christmas and
a Happy 2023 to all*



Each year, Operation Christmas Tree (O.C.T.) creates community excitement during our annual holiday food and toy collection program in St. Clair Township Ward 1 (Corunna, Courtright, Mooretown, Brigden, and surrounding areas). Coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore, Operation Christmas Tree assists over 125 local families each year by providing a non-perishable food hamper and toy vouchers.

Families also receive a toy hamper of new toys, books and clothing, all matched to the children's ages, and delivered by local firefighters. An additional initiative also provides financial support for local fire victims.

HOW TO REGISTER TO RECEIVE SUPPORT

Register at the Operation Christmas Tree headquarters at the Emergency Services building, 392 Lyndoch Street, Corunna, until Dec. 16, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit www.operationchristmastree.com for eligibility requirements.

FIVE WAYS TO DONATE

1. **Drop off** can goods, non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toy donations can be delivered to Emergency Services Building, 392 Lyndoch St. (Hill St. entrance at northeast corner of Hill & Lyndoch Streets), Corunna until Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2. **E-transfer** donations can be sent to:
operationchristmastree@outlook.com

3. **Cheque donations** can be mailed to Operation Christmas Tree, P.O. Box 32, Corunna, ON N0N 1G0.

4. OPP DONATION DRIVE-THROUGH

OPP (Corunna Detachment) Emergency Services Building, 392 Lyndoch St., Corunna

Saturday, December 3, 10:00am-2:00pm.

An easy, convenient way to donate cash/cheque donations, toys, can goods, and non-perishable food.

5. **Sunday K of C breakfast** on Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 346 Beresford, Corunna. Eat in or take out. To order, call 519-862-5785. Proceeds to O.C.T.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

'tis the season

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE MOORE AG SOCIETY'S

Brigden Winter Market

Saturday December
3rd 2022

4:00pm to 9:00pm
In the Ex-Hall at the Brigden Fairgrounds

TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

Register now!

FREE Registered Evening Program
for Grade 3 & 4 students



- Fall session runs one night/week for eight weeks
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- Register online: www.literacylambton.org

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Sombra Community Mural Contest

Sombra and surrounding areas, we have a creative challenge for you!

A large mural will be installed on the North side of the Klompstra Construction/Blue Willow building (formerly Riverview Restaurant) and your input is invited! We need your designs for our magnificent mural.

The mural must incorporate a blend of history, life in our community, our people, and our surroundings.

The mural must cover the entire wall. The wall is 43' wide by 20' high, with two windows on the second floor, and two large windows and a door on the main floor.

It will welcome everyone as they enter Sombra from the North.

THE PRIZE: \$1,000 to the winner who creates this mammoth mural. \$100 per submission will be awarded if several are chosen and the mural is built from a composite of these entries.

THE RULES: All submissions must be entered by February 28, 2023 by emailing to krista@klompstra.com or dropping off at 3465 St. Clair Parkway.

The winner(s) will be chosen by the contest sponsor, Klompstra Construction Ltd., with input from the Sombra Museum. The winner(s) name(s) will be acknowledged on the mural.

Contact Krista if you want exact dimensions for a grid template. Questions? Contact Krista Klompstra @ (519) 330-9807 or krista@klompstra.com.

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Facebook-@mooretownsportscomplex; E-mail: info@stclairtownship.ca;
Website- www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca; Phone: 519-867-2651

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fects, BMX bicycle stunts, acrobats and a mischievous elf are guaranteed to entertain. For more information, visit: <https://www.ontbluecoast.com/holidaydreams> or Tourism Sarnia-Lambton at 1455 Venetian Boulevard, Point Edward.

Moore Ag Society Jamborees set for December and January

Country Jamborees are back at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. The **Country Christmas Jamboree** is set for **Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022**. Doors open at 12 noon and music starts at 1 p.m. Cash bar. Ham and scalloped potato dinner will be offered at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets will be \$15 per person at the door. A \$5 cover charge will apply if you are just coming for the music and fellowship. Bring your partner, your dancing shoes and your love of music. Musicians are welcome.

Country Jamborees will continue into the new year at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. The **first Jamboree for 2023 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023**. Doors open at 12 noon and the music will start at 1 p.m. Cash bar. Ham and Scalloped potato dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets will be \$15 per person at the door. A \$5 cover charge will apply if you are just coming for the music and fellowship. Bring your partner, your dancing shoes and your love of music. Musicians are welcome.

Not sure what to get that special someone for Christmas? How about a gift certificate to the Brigden Fairgrounds Jamboree. They can be purchased at the fair office or at the December Jamboree.

MAS Annual General Meeting set

The Moore Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting is set for Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. in the Exhibition Hall. Registration and membership renewal will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Knox Moore Presbyterian Church Holiday services



Two special holiday services will be held at the Knox Moore Presbyterian Church, 1354 Rokeby Line. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, and on New Years Day, Jan. 1, services will be had at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and worship in celebration of the Birthday of Christ and the beginning of 2023.

Golf simulator returns to St. Clair Parkway Golf Course

\$50 per person gets 4 hours of play for 4 golfers, plus 4 lb. of wings and 1 pitcher of beer



Call to book your tee time.
519-867-2160 or 519-867-2810,
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"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear"

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus

invite you and all your family to a fun filled afternoon


Saturday, December 3rd, 2022, 1 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church Hall, John Street, Port Lambton

- Christmas caroling while enjoying a hayride through the village**

followed by

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



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Brigden Legion to hold raffles in December

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 635 will hold a raffle on Saturdays on Dec. 3, and Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Corunna Legion events set

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host the following events:

*Dec. 1: Christmas Turkey Bingo-doors open 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m.

*Dec. 3: Christmas Turkey Raffle-3 p.m. to 9 p.m. (or later)

*Dec. 10: Christmas Horse-drawn Wagon Rides-5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*Dec. 17: Open Jam-3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Dec. 31: New Years Dance -tickets on sale now at Legion hall- 519-862-1240 (entertainment by British Beat 66)-doors open at 7 p.m.

*Jan. 1, 2023: New Years Day Levee-1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
The hall is wheelchair accessible and all are welcome. Call the Corunna Legion for more information closer to event dates at 519-862-1240. The Beacon will also list information as it becomes available.

Operation Christmas Tree program

The annual Operation Christmas Tree Christmas hamper program is ready to go. Help Operation Christmas Tree spread Christmas cheer to those who are in need.

Enjoy breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Breakfast (eat-in or take-out) on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 346 Beresford Street in Corunna.

Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas food drive on the way

Information regarding the annual home pick-up,

drop-off opportunity and other ways you can brighten the holidays for the less fortunate families and individuals of south St. Clair Township can be found on page 17. To make a financial donation in support of the food bank, cheques can be mailed to Sacred Heart Food Bank c/o Claudette Johnston, 243 Lambton Line, Port Lambton, ON, N0P 2B). Financial donations of \$20 or more will receive an income tax receipt. Donations are needed to make economical bulk purchases and items to meet current needs. The Sacred Heart Food Bank is a non-denominational group of volunteers supported by several community organizations, local schools, and community churches.

Christmas Brigden Market set for Brigden fairgrounds

Spend some productive Christmas shopping time at the Christmas Brigden Market slated for Saturday, Dec. 3 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. Have a great shopping experience finding perfect gifts for those "hard-to-buy-for" people on your list from over 30 vendors. Check out the Brigden Market Facebook page for up to date listings.

Sacred Heart Food Bank to hold Christmas Fowl Bingo

The Sacred Heart Food Bank will host the Christmas Fowl Bingo on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Centre (Sombra Community Centre is closed for repairs). Admission will be \$2 with 15 rounds for chickens and 3 special rounds for turkeys. Draws will also be held for two turkey dinner baskets, with tickets \$2 each or \$5 for three. Everyone is invited to come out and support their local food bank.

K of C to host hay ride/caroling through Port Lambton

On Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m., the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus invites you and your family to a fun-filled afternoon of hay riding and caroling through Port Lambton, followed by hot chocolate, popcorn and a Christmas movie in the Parish Centre. The fun begins at Sacred Heart Church on John Street in Port Lambton.

Literacy Lambton offers Train Your Brain

The Train Your Brain program is offered at both the Mooretown Sports Complex and the Petrolia Lions Hall.

Train Your Brain is a FREE program for Grade 3 & 4 students and registration open. All programs run from 6 p.m. to 7:30pm. The Mooretown Sports Complex will host the program on Wednesday nights and the Petrolia Lions Hall will host it on Thursday nights. Registration can be done online At: <https://www.literacylambton.org/programs/family-literacy-program/train-your-brain/> (see poster page 18)

Holiday Dreams cirque show coming to Sarnia

A Las Vegas-style family-friendly holiday show is coming to the Progressive Auto Sales Arena in Sarnia on Friday, Dec. 16. Cirque performers, lasers, special ef-

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