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THE
TOWNSHIP
OF ST. CLAIR

Sky and ice fishing at sundown

SUN SETS ON THE BEACON

After 25 years of publication, The St. Clair Township Beacon will no longer continue to publish due to the retirement of editor/producer Bonnie Stevenson.

"It has been my honour to meet and get to know the people of this township. I now have the pleasure of calling them my friends."

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Bonnie Stevenson photo

A flaring sunset lights the last efforts of two ice fishermen trying their luck near the Darcy McKeough overpass along the St. Clair Parkway. After several winters of rainy drizzly weather, this rare winter showcase returned to remind us what a real Canadian winter was all about.

Toby Keith Tribute show for Operation Service Dog
coming to Corunna Br. 447 Legion - for details see page 20



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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

St. Clair Township 2025 Interim Property Tax

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

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



Council Meeting Schedule

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

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

(Schedule may be altered to accommodate holidays or as required by council.)

Upcoming council meetings will be:

***Monday, March 3 at 3 p.m.**

Operating Budget, Thursday, March 6
at 5 p.m.

***Monday, March 17 at 6 p.m.**

***Monday, April 7, 3 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 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. This will 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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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 AT:
www.stclairtownship.ca/residents/general-information/employment-opportunities/

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Responsible Pet Ownership by-law By-Law 40 of 2024

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

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

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

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

Please be courteous to Township staff

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

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

Emergency notification system recommended for township

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

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

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

Stay informed when minutes matter!

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



DIG SAFE! Contact OntarioOneCall first!

Property owners who dig without knowing where buried utility, pipelines, and cables are located are looking for trouble, expensive repairs, and maybe even tragedy.

Contact on1call.com or call 1-800-400-2255 to be sure you know where the buried hazards are and what they are.



Power Outage/Emergency Line

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

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



Public Works Department

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

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

After Hours Emergency 1-888-441-4204

(519) 867-2993 (T)

(519) 867-3886 (F)

stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca

www.stclairtownship.ca

<http://fb.com/stclairwppw>

Water utility appointments require 48 hours notice

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

Clear the Road

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

Please take notice - Failure to remove sports nets and other equipment from roads and streets will result in this equipment being collected by the Public Works Departments and stored at the Public Works Operational Centers.

Contact information for recycling provider

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

New Where to Recycle website

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

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

RPRA (Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority) - RPRA'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/ON



**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**Hydrant Flushing**

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

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 2025 – November 2025

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

Sewer Main Flushing

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township Sewer System, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 2025 – November 2025

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some gurgling noises in your drains. If conditions Persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993

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 January 6, 2026.

**PLEASE NOTE: Brush collection (bundles of sticks) is not longer provided.
For suggested locations to take brush see below:**

(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.

**FIND PUBLIC WORKS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!**

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

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Public Works Department

More Foodcycler® units

NOW AVAILABLE!

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

To learn more about the program, please contact Public Works at:

*stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca
519-867-2993*



FC-30



ECO 5 Maestro

Lambton Public Health warns—TEST YOUR WELL WATER SUPPLY

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

New salt/sand shed being built at Wilkesport Operations Centre

Below: Superstructure is completed. Roof will be replaced with a canvas roof surface. The new shed will replace an old metal one that was badly damaged beyond repair by gale forced winds.

This photo: Crews install the steel superstructure on top of concrete foundation walls.



Photos courtesy St. Clair Township Works DepT.

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership offers *Summer Company Program* for aspiring student entrepreneurs

Be your own boss this summer and gain hands-on experience, mentorship, and up to \$3,000 in grant funding to launch and run your own business. \$3,000 is available for up to six summer student business start-ups. The Summer Company Program has expanded in Sarnia.

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) is proud to announce the 2025 Summer Company program, an annual initiative designed to support aspiring student entrepreneurs. This program is a joint initiative between the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership and the Province of Ontario and has been providing students in Ontario with entrepreneurial experience for 26 consecutive years.

This year, up to six students will be selected to receive grants of up to \$3,000 each to launch and manage their own summer businesses. The program has expanded from the usual cohort of four students with additional funding from the Province, continuing its tradition of fostering youth development and entrepreneurship in the region. The Summer Company program, administered by SLEP's Business Enterprise Centre, provides students with the funding, training, and mentorship needed to successfully start and operate their businesses.

Approved participants are provided with financial support of up to \$1,500 to launch their business, and upon successful completion of the summer program, are eligible to receive another \$1,500. That's on top of any earnings they generate from their new businesses

making this an incredible opportunity to gain practical hands-on experience while earning income. Last year's participants demonstrated the program's ability to inspire and develop the next generation of entrepreneurs. Sami Moussa, a 2024 participant and founder of Forest Fungi, said, "The Summer Company program gave me the financial support and business training I needed to turn my love for foraging and growing mushrooms into a sustainable and successful business. The workshops, especially on pricing, were invaluable, and the connections I made were extraordinary."

Matthew Slowinski, CEO of SLEP, emphasized the program's impact, saying, "Summer Company is a cornerstone initiative that not only provides students with hands-on entrepreneurial experience but also contributes to the economic vibrancy of our community. We are thrilled to see this program continue to grow and support more young entrepreneurs, and future business leaders each year." Alison Minato, Manager of the Business Enterprise Centre, added, "This program is about more than just financial support. It's about equipping students with training, mentorship, and helping build the knowledge and confidence they need to succeed."

Students between the ages of 15 and 29 who are returning to school in the fall are encouraged to apply. Applications for the 2025 Summer Company program are now open. Interested students can learn more by visiting: sarnialambton.on.ca/summercompany.

U.S. Tariff; SLEP offers insight. What it means for Your Business

U.S. government threats of tariffs on Canadian goods, if implemented, will impact businesses engaged in cross-border trade. If your business imports or exports with the U.S., we want to hear from you. Understanding your challenges will help us explore strategies to mitigate the impact and identify opportunities to navigate these changes effectively. **Contact SLEP at: Arianne Garcia**, Marketing and Communications Manager, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, 519-332-1820 ext. 225

Tariff threats spark response from National Farmers Union

The threat of U.S. tariffs resulted in the National Farmers Union issuing a media release (Feb. 5, 2:39 p.m.) urging the development of a long-term food and agriculture strategy that reduces Canada's dependence on trade with the USA. In the media release, the NFU noted, "President Trump's disruptive strategy and lack of respect for rules means we can no longer consider trade agreements reliable. No matter what happens, Canadian farmers, workers, and consumers will be well served by initiatives that strengthen our food sovereignty and reduce our vulnerability to supply chain disruption, income loss, price increases and food shortages... As farmers, we produce for international markets and for domestic consumption. Both markets are critical. We also use imported equipment and inputs. Strengthening food sovereignty—the democratic control of important decisions about food and agriculture—is a key strategy to withstand President Trump's economic pressure tactics, which are brazenly aimed at annexing Canada." The media release went on to say, "The threat of punitive American tariffs and an ensuing trade war creates uncertainty harmful to our livelihoods and our communities," and urged the government to move swiftly to build a strong foundation of food sovereignty.

The media release was issued by NFU President Jenn Pfenning, NFU Ontario President Max



Brigden Optimist Club recruitment taco-fest attracts new members

The Optimist Club is one of the premier service clubs in the world. Each local Optimist Club is a charter member of Optimist International, however, each club sets its own agenda, operating independently according to the needs of its community and especially, its youth. St. Clair Township is fortunate to have several Optimist Clubs within easy access.

On Feb. 5, the Brigden Optimist Club held a successful taco-fest information event at the Brigden Community Centre to bring new members into the club. Brigden Optimist Club members welcomed about 20 non-members to the event, several of whom decided to join the club.

Club President Nadine Mitchell said she was very pleased with the turnout and noted that club activity information is constantly posted on Facebook.

Mrs. Mitchell explained new volunteers are a valuable resource because, "We don't lack for creative ideas."

Although club membership begins at 18 years of age, students are encouraged to be part of the club, too. They are able to acquire the volunteer hours required for graduation. From helping at childrens' programs and club fundraisers, to community projects and activities, there are plenty of club organized things that require extra volunteers. Optimist Rick Mitchell agreed. "In past years, young people have been our saving grace."

The stated mission of the Optimist Club is to provide hope and positive vision that brings out the best in youth, the community, and the club members themselves.



Welcoming Marissa Lester of Brigden to the recruitment event is Optimist Cindy Litchfield, middle photo, and Optimist Tracy Kingston.



Optimist Rick Mitchell (foreground) tries his luck at assembling the perfect taco while further down the table, Chris Anderson completes his plate of nachos. The bueno taco buffet was created by Brigden Optimist Club President Nadine Mitchell.



1 1/2 year old Addyson enjoys her juice box while dad, Jesse Bronson, and mom, Victoria, decide to become Optimist members.



During the information session, Tracy Kingston, Lt. Governor, Zone 6, Southwestern Ontario District 45 of Optimist International and Nadine Mitchell, President of Brigden Optimist Club answer questions from the attendees.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

OPTIMIST ORATORY COMING SOON!

Students ages 9 to 19 can enter the exciting Oratory and qualify for \$ prizes and scholarships. For details, see page 17

NFU SAYS: SUPPLY MANAGEMENT IS SOLID ANCHOR IN THE TARIFF STORM



The impending 25% American tariff on all Canadian exports is playing havoc with farmers incomes and consumers' food security. Key sectors - beef, pork, grain and oilseeds - depend on US markets, while much of our fresh fruit and vegetables as well as processed food is imported. You may not know that our dairy, poultry, and eggs are safe from tariff threats because they are raised, processed and consumed within Canada, in the right amounts at the right time to ensure we always have enough without wasteful surpluses.

Supply Management provides dairy, poultry, and egg farmers with a level of economic stability that is the envy of farmers in the US, and beyond. South of the border, when the market price of milk plummets, the economic hardship frequently causes farming families to lose their farms. This type of devastating price fluctuation for milk doesn't happen in Canada. The reason: Supply Management.

As the name suggests, Supply Management imposes management upon the total supply of dairy, poultry and eggs produced in Canada, and ensures that our farmers produce no more, and no less, than the market needs. Managing supply helps prevent large swings in prices. It also eliminates massive overproduction and the resulting waste of good food that occurs in a number of other countries, including the US. Managing supply, sometimes referred to as production discipline, is one of three key pillars of Canada's Supply Management system.

The other two key pillars of Supply Management are cost-of-production pricing, and import controls. Cost-of-production pricing ensures that farmers receive a fair income for their efforts. Import controls provide for predictable and adequate supply by preventing foreign products from flooding our markets and putting our farmers out of business. Under Canada's system Canadian consumers have the benefits of steady supply and steady prices. If a trade war happens, it will have minimal impact on our ability to buy milk, poultry and eggs, because we import and export very little of these foods. We produce domestically for a domestic market. Under supply management we have a certain level of food security with dairy, poultry and eggs that we don't necessarily enjoy with things like beef, pork and vegetables. With Supply Management farmers are at not at risk of losing their markets and having to sell the farm due to a trade war with the United States, because they do not produce for the US market. Stable farm income under Supply Management has

averted extreme farm consolidation and the mega-farm trend that has occurred with the US's get-big-or-get-out approach. Our smaller-scale farms mean that manure management is easier and the risk of environmental problems are lower. Also, more smaller-scale farms translates to more family farms on the landscape, with more people invested in being part of local communities. Supply Management keeps the economic value of dairy, poultry and eggs within Canada. Greedy multinational corporations would love to break apart our system and extract this value for themselves. Under CETA, the CPTPP and now CUSMA, trade agreements have chipped away at Supply Management, and today 18% of Canada's valuable dairy market has been grabbed by multinationals. The result is our consumers' food dollars flying out of our country. Preventing more erosion of Supply Management was the motivation for Bill C-282, which sought to remove Supply Management from future trade negotiations. Bill C-282 was supported overwhelmingly in the House of Commons, but died on the floor of the Senate when Parliament was prorogued in January. You have likely been hearing the narrative that protecting Supply Management puts Canada in a straight jacket at the trade negotiation table. This narrative plays well for multinational corporations that want to use our system as a bargaining chip. What you may not have been hearing is the long successful history of Supply Management in safeguarding farmers livelihoods, and the food security and food sovereignty of Canadians. I encourage you to learn as much of this history as possible and then challenge the corporate narrative at every opportunity. Defending our food sovereignty, the ability to democratically control what we produce and what we eat, is worth all the knowledge and passion we can harness. Let's defend and then strengthen Supply Management.



For more information contact: Matthew Wiens, NFU Region 5, Manitoba, Board Member, call: (204) 268-9627 or email: mattjwiens@yahoo.ca

Everyone must make an effort to support our country by shopping Canadian. Check the labels on the things you buy to be sure they are grown, produced or made in Canada and keep our Canadian dollars here at home.



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.

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

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.

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



HEY D.I.Y. FOLKS WHO HAVE NO TOOLS TO DIY! YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY NOW HAS TOOL KITS TO BORROW FOR HOME AND GARDEN PROJECTS

Lambton County Library is excited to announce the addition of new Tool Kits to its collection. The kits include: basic hand tools like screwdrivers, bits, hammers, pliers, and wrenches. Tool kits can be borrowed for up to seven days with a valid Lambton County Library card.

"By providing access to essential hand tools, we're making it easier for patrons to complete minor home repairs or garden projects," said Kevin Coates, Public Services Coordinator, Collections.

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

For more information, visit: www.lclibrary.ca/apply.

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Don't forget there are more than just books at your local library!

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, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MOORETOWN SPORTS COMPLEX SCHEDULE FOR MARCH, 2025

Check out our schedule online at: 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 Hockey:** March 14, April 4, June 27 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. - \$5/person.

***Get Fit at the Moore Sports Complex!** New on Monday nights featuring Having A Ball - Pilates at 5 p.m. and Movement & Mobility class at 6 p.m. Join us for a variety of energizing classes, including Mat Pilates, Guns and Buns, Spin, and Yoga! Whether you prefer to pay as you go, purchase a 10 pass, or commit to a membership, we have options that suit your needs. Check out our full fitness schedule at: www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca and take the first step towards a healthier you!

***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?** Advanced Leadership Courses are available in March. Life Saving Society SWIM instructor: March 21, 22, 23 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Life Saving Society Instructor; March 28, 29, 30 from 5 p.m.— 9 p.m.; National Lifeguard Service: March 10 to March 14- daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

***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.

Weekly Events:

Sit or Stand Exercise Class: Virtual Option: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Zoom).

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

Drum Fit: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Dunlop Central United Church.

Low Impact Exercise: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Brigden Fair Grounds AND Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Mooretown Sports Complex.

Meditation: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at West Lambton Community Health Centre.

Special Events:

Eat Well, Live Well Workshop (Virtual Workshop) Discuss nutrition with a Registered Dietitian (Zoom). Call for more details.

Heart Healthy Living Workshop (Virtual Workshop) Explore cholesterol and heart-smart diets (Zoom). Call for more details.
Boost Your Self-Confidence Workshop: March 24th, 2025, 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Zoom). This workshop is facilitated by the Women's Interval Home of Sarnia-Lambton.

Other Highlights:

Garden Fresh Box Program

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

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

Two local groups receive Corunna Legion Corunna Br. 4477 donations



\$500 donation to Mooretown Lady Flags

Back (L-R) Tom Boyd, Mike Germain, Catrice Westbrook, Ainsley Bennett, Hannah Parsons, Eastyn Potvin, Harlow Germain, Melissa Westbrook, Br. 447 President Shawn MacNeil.

Middle Row (L-R) Jaelyn Devine, Ruby Frew, Caroline St Pierre, Bay Vandenheuvel, Emma Salisbury, Kylie Slater, Mekah Dewhirst with cheque.

Br. 44 Legion photos

The kindness and generosity of the members of the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 was in full view as the Leslie Sutherland (On. No. 447) branch made donations to Mooretown Lady Flags and to all Corunna Guiding units.

Donation \$1,000 to all Corunna Guiding Units



Br. 447 President Shawn MacNeil, Jersey, Evera, Emily, Marley, Brooklyn, Bria, Yvonne, Jill, Jenn. **On the Stage:** (l-r) Charlee, Katie.



Plan Your Escape This March Break

While some people plan to get away for March Break, St. Clair Fire encourages everyone to prepare for a different kind of escape by prioritizing fire safety.

Here are some fire safety tips:

- ⇒ Create and practice a home escape plan with your family. Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two escape routes from each room. Choose a meeting place outside, like a street sign, mailbox or tree.
- ⇒ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. It's the law!! Test smoke alarms monthly to ensure they are working.
- ⇒ When cooking, stay in the kitchen, avoid distractions, and keep flammable items away from the stove.
- ⇒ If you are travelling and staying at a hotel, B & B, or seasonal rental, look for a fire escape route and check for working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Trail Talk

It's not quite spring yet, but have you ever found yourself thinking or saying, "I have lived in St. Clair Township for years and have never been to..."

Why not make 2025 the year to tour your own back yard?

Check out a map at: stclairrivertrail.com to help you plan your spring or summer tour of one or all of these wonderful features located along or near the 36 km St. Clair River Trail.

*Tour one or all three campgrounds; Mooretown, Cathcart and Branton-Cundick. You're sure to be amazed! *Visit our fantastic Moore and Sombra Museums. * Explore the Moore Sports Complex, even if you don't skate or swim, the atmosphere is welcoming. *Enjoy The Parkway Bar & Grill at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. * Check out the Lambton County Libraries in Corunna, Mooretown, Courtright, Wilkesport, Sombra, and Port Lambton. *Walk or bicycle through the ribbon of 12 waterfront parks from LaSalle Line south to Whitebread Line.

STCC Swim Team hosts March meet

The STCC Swim Team will host its annual swim meet on March 2. The warm up starts at 9 a.m. and the meet will run from 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Four SEAL League teams and approximately 90+ swimmers will be competing.



SLEP seeks candidate to fill one volunteer position on Board of Directors

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership is accepting applications to fill one volunteer position on its Board of Directors. The successful candidate will serve a three-year term and play a key role in guiding the organization's efforts to foster economic growth and investment in the Sarnia-Lambton region. More information and application form are available for download at: <https://sarnialambton.on.ca/slep-board-of-directors-recruitment-2025>. Completed applications must be submitted by Monday, April 7. Email it to cindy@sarnialambton.on.ca or mail to the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership office at 1086 Modeland Road, Bldg.1050, Suite 100, Sarnia, ON. N7S 2J2.

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 below...

No appointment is needed.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lambtonworkcentre



Operation Christmas Tree delivers even though donations were down

The Optimist Club of Moore and the 2024 Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) Organizing Committee would like to thank local individuals, schools, groups, corporations and businesses for the support received in the 2024 campaign.

Donations helped enable Operation Christmas Tree to deliver over 130 food and toy hampers to qualifying families including 366 local residents in need last December. Over 12 truckloads of food were provided to Corunna and Brigid foodbanks through local school and business donations. Emergency funding was also provided to local fire victims and foodbanks. Thanks to the support of this vital program, families with young children had food on the table and gifts under the tree on Christmas morning.

Stan Marsh, Operation Christmas Tree President stated, "This has proven to be a vital program since it's inception in 1989, and wouldn't be possible without our giving community. Hamper deliveries have helped to make a brighter holiday season for many, especially now, when many are financially struggling." Stan pointed out that OCT is on the job all year long.

Despite 2024's campaign's success, donations were down significantly due in part, to the postal strike. Help us bridge the donation gap and please give to Operation Christmas Tree today. For more information or to donate visit www.operationchristmastree.ca.

HERITAGE CORNER

THIS YEAR, TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOORE MUSEUM SOME DETAILED DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN ACCUMULATED TO TELL THE STORY OF THE MUSEUM FROM BEGINNING TO THE PRESENT DAY. DO SOME TIME-TRAVELLING WITH THIS TIMELINE AND STORY.

TIMELINE FROM COURTNEY TO CELEBRATION

Our journey through time begins with...

1800: John Courtney, Mooretown's first European settler arrives.

1829: Moore Township is founded and is home to 24 settlers.

1867: Canada is founded.

1972: Moore Township historical preservation committee is formed.

1975: Moore Museum opens with the Courtney Cabin and Riley Cottage as the first exhibits along with the main building.

1980: The Shaw building opens.

1982: Moore Museum acquires the one room schoolhouse.

1994: Moore Museum acquires the blacksmith shop.

1998: The Basswood block opens after being acquired and rebuilt over the previous years.

2000: The Trinity Anglican Church opens to the public after several years of renovations.

2001: St. Clair Township is established as an amalgamation of Sombra and Moore Townships.

2004: The Caboose opens to the public.

2005: The Fire Hall opens after being built from the ground up by volunteers.

2013: The Lionel Train Room and the General Store opens to the public after being worked on by the museum's handy volunteers.

2017: Canada celebrates 150 years as a country.

2025: Moore Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Researched and compiled by A. Rodey

THE HISTORY OF MOORETOWN...SO FAR

Mooretown was first settled just over 200 years ago by Europeans that traveled the St. Clair River to the land that now exists as part of St. Clair township. The St. Clair river gets its name from Saint Claire, a Roman Catholic Saint.

The river was given this name in 1679 by a Catholic priest who was part of the crew that first discovered the river on the feast day of Saint Claire. Although early explorers traveled through the area, Moore township would not be settled by Europeans until over a hundred years later with the arrival of John Courtney in 1800.

John Courtney was a British born settler who decided to settle in the area for the St. Clair River and because he liked the tall timbers. John and his wife Bertha had their son Michael in 1802, making their baby the first person of European descent to be born in Mooretown. Other early settlers were of French descent.

The earliest settlers built their homes near the river so they would have access to fresh water and fish. In fact, three quarters of the population lived along the river.

The arrival of settlers increased by the 1830s when the British government started giving land grants to soldiers, and by 1840 the municipal government of Moore Township was established. At this time there were 138 taxpayers listed in Moore township, with an additional 643 family members.

Fast forward to the year 2001 when Moore Township amalgamated with its southern neighbour Sombra Township to create St. Clair Township* Today, the township has a population of just under 15,000. Although this municipality may be small, this great community along the river has helped foster the likes of Rob Thomson, Derek Druin, and Chris Hadfield.

Researched and compiled by A. Rodey

*The amalgamation was done by many municipalities across the province based on claims that restructuring would be more efficient and less costly. Taxpayers were informed they would benefit from the lower costs and lower taxes.



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. 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



MOORE OPTIMIST CLUB TO HOST ORATORICAL

GET READY, YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 19 !

The Moore Optimist Club will host an ORATORICAL CONTEST for contestants under the age of 19 to 19 as of Sept. 30.

The 700-800 word ESSAY theme will be: HOW OPTIMISM HAS GUIDED ME THROUGH TRYING TIMES. The essay should be between 4-5 minutes in length.



The deadline to enter the contest will be: Thursday, March 20. Prizes to be awarded are: 1st - \$250; 2nd - \$200; and 3rd - \$150.

The winner will go to the District semi-final in April. The semi-final winner will go to will go to District contest for \$2,500 scholarship. The winner of District competes for a \$22,500 world championship scholarship in St. Louis, MO.

For information Or entry form contact: Andrea Lane andrea@live.ca

519-381-3556

www.mooreoptimist

FACEBOOK: moore optimist club



Pathways Health Centre celebrates 50 years with music

Pathways is proud to announce "Celebrate", a musical production to commemorate its 50th anniversary of providing essential supports for children and youth with physical, developmental and communication needs.

This extraordinary event will take place on Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at The Imperial Theatre. Sponsored by the County of Lambton Creative County Grant Program, Enbridge and Mellon Inc, "Celebrate" is a joint effort between Pathways Therapeutic Recreation Staff and creative director Jen Brown Nead with a unique performance featuring talented individuals from the Therapeutic Recreation program. The show aims to highlight the power of creativity and celebrate all abilities, inclusion and participation.

"Collaborating with the Pathways Therapeutic Recreation Team to bring an Expressive Arts program to clients is an incredibly joyful and rewarding experience," said Jen Brown Nead, Creative Director. "Our show beautifully captures that spirit, inviting audiences to sing, dance, and be inspired along with us."

Tickets for "Celebrate" are available now through The Imperial Theatre website. Join us for an unforgettable evening of music and celebration as we commemorate Pathways' legacy and look forward to many more years of service to Sarnia-Lambton.

We appreciate the media for supporting our continued efforts to make a difference in the lives of children and youth with communication, physical and developmental needs! Help us tell our story and to raise funds to support the mission. **For more information about Pathways' 50th anniversary events, please visit our website throughout the year or contact us at 519-542-3471 ext. 1243.** About Pathways As one of the 22 Children's Treatment Centre in the Province of Ontario.

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Branch 447
Corunna

ELIMINATION DRAW WINNERS

JAN. 18, 2025

\$2,400 Grand Prize

Roger Newby, Ticket #203

Draw #	Ticket Drawn	Name	Prize
1	186	Peg Cormier	\$50
25	166	Vanessa Barnes	\$50
50	133	Justin Hagan	\$50
75	100	Alex Ewing	\$50
100	3	Lorrie Yorke	\$50
125	6	Gary Kelly	\$50
175	21	Gay Robbins	\$50
200	251	Meghan Schench	\$50
225	88	Ruth Bechard	\$50
250	218	Marion Maki	\$50
275	35	Nora Dyck	\$50

Congratulations to all and Thank You for your support!

APRIL LEO Diners Club & Forever Fit

CORUNNA: Lunch will be held at the Corunna Legion on April 16. Subject: Caregivers Org. of Ontario.

SOMBRA: On April 8. Subject: Fraud Prevention. Call

To register for either lunch, please contact:
Belynda 519-845-1353, ext.211 OR
bwhitlock@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org.

FOREVER FIT: Corunna classes: Mondays: March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; And April 4, 11, 18, 25, March 2. Held at Thompson Gardens. Facility fee \$40 Jan-Dec.

FOREVER FIT: Low impact exercise program offered in Corunna from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Thompson Gardens with a facility fee of \$40 from January to December. Please contact Belynda for further information.



Trust special events to Corunna Br. 447 Ladies

For your special event, check out the banquet facility at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 hall, 350 Albert Street in Corunna. From weddings and sports banquets to corporate/business meetings and trade shows, Branch 447 Ladies Auxiliary Banquet Hall can comfortably accommodate up to 289 people; it's fully accessible with plenty of parking. The more intimate atmosphere of the Club Room offers space for 143.

Each of the recently renovated facilities offers its own L.C.B.O. licensed bar. The large industrial sized kitchen boasts an experienced staff that can handle food offerings for any occasions. To find out more regarding food and table information, please call Ladies Auxiliary President Denise Taylor at 519-491-5627. For banquet hall bookings and prices, please call 519-862-1240.

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BRIGDEN FAIR **175TH ANNIVERSARY ELIMINATION DRAW**
MARCH 22nd, 2025 7pm - Midnight
 Brigden Fairgrounds

Grand Prize: \$10,000

* random draws throughout the night
 SEE WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK FOR PRIZE DETAILS

Draw and Dance
 featuring **Borderline**

Age of majority event
 You do not need to be present to win
 Only 300 tickets sold
 License# M814652

No. 300

\$75⁰⁰ per couple
 1 elimination draw entry



175th Event Elimination Draw

Tickets are now available for the Brigden Fair 175th Anniversary Elimination Draw Dance being held on Saturday, March 22.

Tickets are \$75 per couple, which includes admission for two to the dance. The Early Bird Draw is set for **Feb. 14**. Tickets are available at: the Fair Office; Brigden Fair Directors; Always Quilting; Brigden Feed Mill; Dynamic Graphix in Co-runna; and Stafford Brothers Meats in Petrolia.

SOMBRA MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

The fabulous Sombra Museum Lecture Series is back again, bringing you information and inspirations you can ponder until the next presentation.

The first remarkable talk is: *The Magic of Stewart James* presented by Fiona Doherty of Moore Museum. Courtright was home to Stewart James, a talented magician and an important inventor in the world of magic. Though he lived a relatively quiet life, he leaves a fascinating legacy and is known to many as the "Einstein of Magicians". *Don't miss this story about a man who's love of magic made him a hero to magicians, both beginners and people who had already soared to the heights of prestidigitation.*

When: Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m.
Cost: \$10 at the door

...and now for something completely eclectic...

THE ECLECTIC RAVINGS of
 journalist/author Bonnie Stevenson

Join us at the Sombra Museum Community Centre for an evening of literary flapdoodle, congenial nonsense, and even a bit of history. After 30 years of journalism and storytelling, not to mention another 21 years as a woman in a man's world, Bonnie has a lot to rave about.

When: April 22 at 7 p.m.
Cost: \$10 at the door

The next presentation in a discussion of the OPEC oil crisis of the 1970s presented by Christina Sydorko of the Oil Museum of Canada.

When: Tuesday, May 13 at 3 p.m.
Cost: \$10 at the door

Sombra Museum's Annual Blueberry Social

When: Saturday, July 5 at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

What: Featuring delicious homemade blueberry desserts, refreshing hot and cold beverages, entertainment and special guests present to satisfy the entire family!

Cost: by donation




FREE

MARCH BREAK Skating

MOORETOWN SPORTS COMPLEX

Mon. March 10 12:30-2 pm
Wed. March 12 10:30 am-12 pm
Fri. March 14 12:30-2 pm

Bought to you by:



OPTIMIST CLUB OF MOORE
 Helping Kids Shine

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! COME HAVE FUN!

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES MARCH-2025

All Mondays - Pepper at 1pm
All Tuesday - Sew Crazy Girls (and boys) at 10:30am
All Wednesdays - Whacky Wednesdays - All Day
All Thursdays - Cribbage at 1pm
All Fridays - Bridge at 1pm
All Fridays - Fun Meat Darts at 7pm
All Saturdays - Meat Draw at 4pm
Tuesday March 4 - General Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday March 11 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. 6:30pm
Tuesday March 18 - Executive Meeting at 7pm
Saturday March 15 - Mel Wilkinson Mixed Darts
Tournament Starts at 11am
Saturday, March 29 - OPEN JAM from 3pm - 6pm



TOBY KEITH TRIBUTE FOR OPERATION SERVICE DOG

The *Toby Keith Tribute for Operation Service Dog* is coming to the Corunna Branch 447 Legion on Friday, April 4 with doors opening at 7 p.m and the show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$30 per person for you to enjoy good Toby Keith music for a good cause. Sales started on March 1 and are sure to sell quickly.

**More information on the above events
is available by calling (519) 862-1240**

or on Facebook: The Royal Canadian Legion,
Leslie Sutherland Br.447

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO CORUNNA LEGION BR. 447 -
MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED**

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



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

March schedule

Saturdays, March 1-15-29 — Legion opens at 3:30, Meat
Raffle starts at 4:30

Thursdays, March 6-13-20-27 — Catch the Ace, Legion
opens at 6:00, Tickets sold until 6:30 p.m. Draw at
7pm. Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.
Tickets are available during all open hours at the legion.

March 7 - Trivia starts at 7pm, \$5.00 to play
March 22 - Euchre starts at 7pm, \$5.00 to play

Everyone is always welcome at Br. 635!

WILKESPORT UNITED CHURCH COMING EVENTS-2025

At **EASTER**, the Wilkesport United Church will host a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday. On Tuesday, March 4 from 4:30 p.m. to

6:30 p.m. at the church, 3214 Mill Street in Wilkesport. al includes: pancakes, sausage, tea and coffee. A free will offering will be the cost of enjoying this delicious holiday meal and take-out will be available. The meal includes: pancakes, sausage, tea and coffee.

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

Moore Agricultural Society 175th Anniversary

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 (<http://www.brigdenfair.ca>) to take part in all the fun events we have planned to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Society.

STUDENTS, DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

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

Brigden Fair 2025 quilt raffle

Tickets are now available for the 2025 Brigden Fair Quilt raffle. Tickets are available from MAS fair office, Always Quilting, and at MAS events, or by e-transfer at quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca for \$5 each or 3/\$10.

Brigden 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 for details.

New MAS Executive Elected

The new Moore Agricultural Society executive for 2025 was recently chosen. They are: President Michelle Evanesce; 1st Vice President Tammy Warner; 2nd Vice President Brenda Maw; Past President Malcolm Rogers; Homecraft President Kathy Scott.

Moore Skating Club 52nd Annual Ice Show

April 5

1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

