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Golf course spruced up for new season

The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course has been spruced up to greet the new golf season. An open house in late March, which attracted an estimated 350 people, allowed avid golfers to sign up for the 2008 season and get a preview of the improvements that have been made. Gary Hackett, Director of Community Services, says the event was a tremendous success. "We had nothing but positive comments all day," he said.

The first improvements are immediately noticeable upon entering the clubhouse through the new doors. The corridor has been completely redone with ceramic tile flooring, a lower, tiled ceiling and elegantly-finished walls. In the dining room, the north wall has also received a make-over to brighten and modernize the space, and new carpet has been installed throughout the dining room and lounge. The pro shop has also been redone, with the snack bar relocated to the building's lower level.

Matt Lafontaine, the club's new general manager, says it is hoped the community will see the upgraded facility as a suitable place to hold events such as wedding receptions, reunions, retirements and showers. As proof that the changes are already paying off, he said, "Several non-golf events have already been booked (including one wedding.)"

Lafontaine says he hopes to make a substantial difference to the club. "I welcome the opportunity the township and the community has given me to come in and bring my years of experience and expertise, and to implement them in this fantastic facility. I also have to say a special thank you to the mayor and council for their commitment to the reinvestment in the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course.

Golf pro Dave Belling will also be on hand this year to



Gary Hackett, left, and Matt Lafontaine stand in the newly refurbished clubhouse entrance corridor.

help course patrons work on their game. "Dave will provide lessons seven days a week and will also be heading up our junior classes," said Lafontaine. "He will also host and organize events like the pro-ams and invitationals."

Belling is recognized by the World Golf Teachers Federation as one of the top 60 teachers in the world. He is a world and U.S. champion and a former Canadian and U.S. touring professional with over 20 years of instructional experience.

Even if you're just looking for a good place to eat, Hawthorne's will be open to tempt your taste buds with lots of terrific food and beverages.

For more information about what's happening at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course this year or to book lessons, call 519-867-2810. Information can also be obtained online at www.stclairparkwaygolf.com.

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TO CONTACT US

Individuals, schools or organizations that wish to publicize a non-profit event or suggest feature story subjects or topics can do so free of charge by e-mailing:

beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

or writing to: The Beacon, c/o St. Clair Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0.

The deadline for submissions is the third Monday of each month.



COUNCIL NOTES

Sanitary sewage system slated for Wilkesport

The township has received a one-time grant of \$2.55 million from the provincial government to fund the installation of the Wilkesport sanitary sewage system. The township was one of 462 municipalities that applied for this funding.

Public meeting draws crowd

It was standing room only on April 21 when council held a public meeting to garner input regarding the form or density of residential uses on Emily Street lots 38 and 39 just north of the St. Clair Civic Centre. Council recently approved an amendment to the township's official plan which would see the property reclassified from 'open space' to 'residential.' According to county planner Barry Uitylugt, at the time of the meeting, the amendment had not yet been approved at the county level.

Uitylugt reviewed several options available to council on this matter, pointing out that the proposed development of the property entailed only "a concept layout at this point." At the conclusion of his presentation, several members of the audience expressed their concerns to council. The general tone of the meeting indicated a preference that the property be retained as open space for the time being. The concept of developing the area as a recreational core was also put forward, as was the concept of retaining the property to be part of a town centre.

A concern was also raised as to the ability of the local infrastructure to support a development in that area. Engineer Terry Gray pointed

out that this information can only be determined once the development size is resolved, adding that the requirements of the Ministry of the Environment must be satisfied before any project can proceed.

The ability of the Courtright treatment plant to handle an additional residential load was also discussed. Mayor Arnold pointed out that, should the plant require expansion to accommodate a new development, the developer would contribute to the cost through fees paid to the township.

Mayor Arnold told the meeting that the initial intent of exploring a residential development on the subject property was to promote local growth and to potentially stop the closure of the Mooretown-Courtright Public School. However, in light of public input, he motioned that option four, deferral, be considered by council.

The motion to defer the matter was passed by council to allow time for clarification of the issue. A sign-in sheet was filled out by those in attendance and will be used to notify interested residents when the issue comes back before council.

Better signage required

The three-lane section of the St. Clair Parkway adjacent to the No Frills store south of Corunna is posing some problems for motorists who are unsure of which lane to drive in. Council has instructed staff to investigate a solution to this problem to head off potential traffic mishaps. Clearly-painted directions on the road surface may be used to help dispel the confusion.

Strategic plan to be developed

A strategic plan will be formulated for St. Clair Township based on input from community leaders and members of the general public. The plan will form a vision of how the township should progress for the next five years. See page 4 for more information.

Road closure

Council was reminded of the temporary closure of Highway 40 between Oil Springs Line and Bickford/Aberfeldy Line which began on April 22. It is expected this closure will be in effect for approximately five weeks to allow for roadway and drainage improvements.

Volunteer awards

Several Moore Museum volunteers recently received awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship. They included: Dan Mullen and Arnold Pole (10 years); Dwain Firth, Judy Rausa, Gary Smith (5 years); Allison Kingston and Nicole Kingston (Youth award.) Council extended its congratulations to these dedicated volunteers.

**St. Clair Township
council holds regular
meetings on the
first and third Monday
of each month at 7 p.m.
Anyone wishing to
Address council should
call the municipal office
at 519-867-2021.**

**Please note next meeting
will take place on
Tuesday, May 20.**

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Fire department now has pet respirators



Each St. Clair Township Fire Department station now has a pet respirator as part of its emergency response gear. The respirators, bought with donations gathered by Corunna resident Hazel Richards and her daughter, Adele, were recently presented to Deputy Chief Tom Boon. The campaign to raise money for the respirators was so successful that additional respirators were purchased for the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department using money received from donors in the Petrolia area. Shown at the presentation are: Deputy Chief Tom Boon, donor and sponsor Mike McKegney of Healthy Paws in Sarnia, and Adele Richards Vosbough and McKegney's cat, Moxie, demonstrating how the mask should be used.

Taxes due

The second installment of the interim property tax bill was due on **May 7**. Property owners who may have missed the due date should contact the St. Clair Township tax department at **519-867-2024 (toll-free 1-800-809-0301)**.

Cut out this schedule and keep it handy

Yard waste/brush collection schedule for 2008

A yard waste/brush collection program is offered in defined areas of St. Clair Township in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill. **Yard waste** is collected separately from regular waste on a weekly basis in urbanized areas of the township beginning at 7 a.m. In other areas, it is collected with the regular waste collection.

Collection Schedule

Collection will be on **Wednesday or Friday** each week, depending upon the service area.

Wednesday: * Corunna (including Froomfield area)
* St. Clair Parkway (north of Emily St. in Mooretown)

Friday: *Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton
*Sombra village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens
* St. Clair Parkway (south of Emily St. in Mooretown)



Spring yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, May 7 and Friday, May 9 and will continue until Wednesday, June 25 and Friday, June 27. During the months of July through September, yard waste will be collected with regular waste collection subject to the six (6) item limit.

Fall yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, October 15 and Friday, October 17 and will continue until Wednesday, November 19 and Friday, November 21.

What is yard waste?

Yard waste includes the following: grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings and twigs (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil.)

The following items are not permitted: kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached.

Packaging for waste disposal

Yard waste placed at the roadside for collection must be bagged in clear or transparent plastic bags, paper

bags, or open containers clearly marked with an "X" on both sides. It must also be free of all non-compostable material such as plastic, glass, metal, or other debris. **NOTE:** The open container classification **does not include blue boxes or cardboard boxes.**

Containers must not exceed 23kg/50lb.

Yard waste placed in regular garbage bags **will not be collected.**

Brush collection

Small brush bundles will also be collected on May 9, June 20, and November 28 with the following guidelines: 4 foot maximum length, 1 inch maximum diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled), with the bundles tied and placed neatly at the curb.

For further information call:

St. Clair Township Public Works at 519-867-2125
or go online to www.twp.stclair.on.ca

The Township of St. Clair has a limited number of composters available for sale at the township office, 1155 Emily St., Mooretown. The cost is \$25 with tax.

COUNCIL DIARY

2008 budget supports long-term growth

Mayor Steve Arnold is the author of this month's council column. Watch for this column each month for insights directly from your municipal council.

It has been a while since I had a chance to chat with all of you. A lot has occurred over the past few months - many exciting new projects have been started or are in the works and will be released soon to the media. One of the latest was the recent announcement of a Bio-fuels Grant Funding for Project Feasibility at the Highfield farm - a great project for a very well-respected, innovative agricultural family in our community.

I understand that we will see a listing of the capital budget items in a future issue of The Beacon and we have talked as a council about setting up a traveling capital budget review and open dialogue discussions in other areas of the township.

Yes, the budget has been adopted by council and it will represent a 3.74% overall increase from 2007. Council struggled with any increase for our ratepayers. We will continue with the same basic programs throughout the municipality. We have also increased

our capital spending an additional 6% and continue to aggressively complete projects to position ourselves for expanded growth and infrastructure integrity in all sectors - residential, commercial and industrial. Our capital budget will entail almost \$11.5 million in projects in all departments - a very aggressive undertaking for council and staff.

We ask for continued patience as the construction season begins. One five-month provincial project is the upgrading of Kings Highway 40 between Courtright Line and Rokeby Line. Council continues to meet with federal, provincial and county representatives to access more funds for our municipality and more projects for our continued sustainability. And we are aggressively pursuing the twinning of this township's water supply: the proposal is for a 42-inch line that will help provide additional security for all serviced areas of our township.

There are many more topics to chat about, but column space is limited. However, please feel free to call 519-867-2021 with any questions you may have.

Strategic plan to provide 'roadmap' for future of township

A strategic plan, dubbed *St. Clair Township Now to Wow*, is currently being formulated to guide the future growth and development of St. Clair Township.

The objective of this initiative, being spearheaded by CityMedia, is to gain a general consensus from the

residents of St. Clair Township. Through the use of public discussion groups and surveys, the township's strengths and weaknesses will be identified and current and future opportunities will be explored. CityMedia hopes to collect a minimum of 368 completed surveys from which to garner an accurate cross-section of opinion.

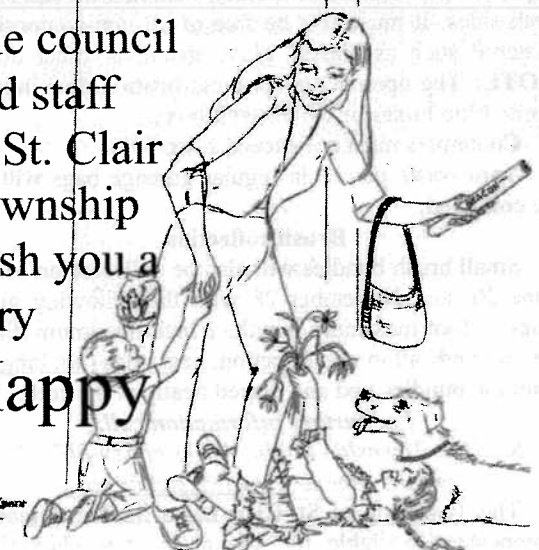
A training session for community leaders was held on April 22 at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre with about 35 people in attendance. It is hoped that each person will host discussion groups where opinions and ideas can be gathered for use in setting the future direction of township development.

However, for those who cannot attend a discussion group and still wish to participate, the survey can be found on the St. Clair Township Website at www.twp.stclair.on.ca (click on **Strategic Plan** to the right of the screen.)

CityMedia representatives Katherine Wiggett and Joe Swan say they will use the information gathered during the next few weeks to compile a final report, which they hope to issue by June 30.

Moms and Grandmas -

The council and staff of St. Clair Township wish you a very **Happy**



Original sketch by Karen Smith of Corunna

BEACON BIT It is not until you become a mother that your judgement slowly turns to compassion and understanding. *-Erma Bombeck*

COMMUNITY POLICING

Seat belt campaign nabs average of one offender per hour

The Spring Seatbelt Safety Campaign mounted by the Lambton OPP in April resulted in over 56 charges being laid. The majority of the offenders were drivers, but several were passengers and one offence was related to a child seat infraction.

Motorists are reminded the fine for not wearing a seatbelt is \$110 and two demerit points against your driver's license. Police are urging motorists to wear their seatbelts, not only because it is the law, but because seatbelts save lives!

Buyers beware!

The Lambton OPP are urging residents to beware of buying online. The problem was clearly demonstrated recently when a Wyoming couple posted an on-line classified ad on Sarnia On-Line looking for large wheeled garbage cans. They ended up paying \$90 for three bins that, upon closer inspection, turned out to be the property of the Wyoming Canada Post office.

"Burn out" results in collision

A 52-year-old Corunna man has been charged under

section 172 of the Highway Traffic Act for "stunt driving." Lambton OPP say witnesses reported the driver had attempted to "burn out," accelerating rapidly, losing control and rolling into the ditch along Rokeby Line west of Highway 40, where the vehicle ended up on its roof. The accused was driving a classic 1968 Plymouth Satellite, which received extensive damage during the collision. The driver received only minor injuries and was treated by Lambton EMS personnel at the scene.

The accused will appear in court on June 13 to answer to the charge.

Impaired driving still a problem

A 23-year-old Mooretown woman has been charged with alcohol-related offences following a recent collision on Rokeby Line near Plank Road. Police responded to a call and found a pick up truck in a shallow ditch. The female driver was found to be impaired and a subsequent breath test showed that she was one-and-a-half times the legal limit. She will appear in court on June 16 to answer charges of impaired driving and being over the legal limit.

Wetland restoration along Clay Creek receives a financial boost

Thanks to a donation of \$5,000 from Friends of the St. Clair River, a 2.4 acre wetland restoration project near the mouth of Clay Creek has just been completed by Ducks Unlimited. Spokesperson Darrell Randell says the project will improve water quality in the area and benefit wildlife species that are now at risk. He added the project was relatively inexpensive to accomplish and that Mallard ducks have already been spotted making use of the new wetland.

Rally benefits physician recruitment

The recent car rally held to benefit the Sarnia-Lambton Healthcare Worker Recruitment Taskforce raised \$15,000 with 29 teams participating. Among the participants were several teams from St. Clair Township, including one captained by Mayor Steve Arnold and crewed by Dr. Beth Hodgins, Theresa Hands and Bonni Stevenson.

Also St. Clair teams participating were *The Burn Outs* (the Bonds and the Shermans), *Team Brooks*, and the *240s Plus* (Miles and Dyke). Several individual St. Clair Township residents helped to crew other teams as well.

The taskforce uses the money to fund its recruitment of family doctors and other healthcare professionals for the Sarnia-Lambton area. For more information about this vital organization or to make a donation, call 519-383-7265 or go online to www.doctors4sarnialambton.com.

Clean Harbors launches new Website

Clean Harbors of Canada, Inc. has launched a new user-friendly Website aimed at expanding communication between the company and its employees, clients, neighbours and the media. Using the site, www.cleanharbors.com/lambton, visitors will be able to submit comments and ask questions directly to management using an online form.

Are you prepared for an emergency?

Don't be caught off-guard by an emergency. Summer in Lambton County brings with it the threat of severe weather that can threaten your property and your well-being. Industrial mishaps also occur and it's wise to know how to respond quickly and effectively. Find out how to prepare for these emergencies by going online to: www.emergencysarnia.com

Al Gore trains local clergyman to present climate change program

Paul Woolley, an Anglican priest at Courtright's St. Stephen's Anglican Church, recently completed *The Climate Project* training program led by Nobel Laureate Al Gore. Dr. David Suzuki was also on hand for this three-day session in Montreal. The training will equip Woolley to spread the message about the challenges and solutions to the climate crisis.

As one of 275 Canadian trainees, Woolley will be spending the next year making presentations in and around Sarnia-Lambton, discussing how individuals, in their homes, businesses, industries and communities, can take actions necessary to reduce their environmental impact and urge others to also take action.

Woolley, who has done in-depth study into the causes and solutions to climate change and its impact on the planet, says he wants to use his training to raise awareness and spur people into taking positive steps to help save the environment. "The time to do something was yesterday," he said. "People need to hear this because it's not going to be a problem for our grandchildren, it's going to be a problem in our lifetime - it's already happening! But it's not all doom and gloom. There are solutions."

As a certified presenter, Woolley has pledged to speak on at least 10 occasions and hopes to reach 10,000 people. "My two jobs are to save souls and save the planet."

St. Clair Twp. fares well at canoe race

The St. Clair Township contingent fared very well at the recent St. Clair Region Conservation Authority canoe races. The team of Councillor Jeff Agar and Mayor Steve Arnold took top honours in the VIP class, also raising the most money for the SCRCA children's programming. Councillor Darrell Randell and his wife, Nancy, came in third and Gary Depooter and his son, Lucas came in first in the staff category, with Ron Highfield and Bill Scholtens finishing first in their respective category.

Deadline for grant requests near

The Moore Community and Recreational Foundation was established to help those who wish to really make a difference in their community. The foundation is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to an ever improving quality of life in St. Clair Township and an ever increasing pride in their community by its citizens.

The deadline for the Moore Community and Recreation Foundation financial assistance is May 31, 2008. Please visit the St. Clair Township Website at www.twp.stclair.on.ca for detailed information about the foundation along with the grant request form.

For further information, please contact municipal treasurer Charles Quenneville or Mayor Steve Arnold at 519-867-2021 or 1-800-809-0301.

SPEAK YOUR MIND

Resident proposes an off-leash dog park

I recently approached council requesting permission to establish an all-season, off-leash dog park somewhere in the township, with preference given to the Corunna area mainly due to the high concentration of dogs and owners in the community. I also specifically requested the use of Duggan Field, the former Giants baseball diamond on Hill Street. This location has existing fencing and parking facilities, and the diamond is not currently in use.

Statistics show the number of dogs in St. Clair Township greatly outnumber those in Sarnia on a per capita basis, yet Sarnia already has an off-leash area. Trainers and researchers agree that many of the behaviour problems we see in dogs today can be

the result of too little exercise. An off-leash park would provide dogs with the opportunity to engage in natural behaviour and allow them to socialize with other dogs. And while the dogs are in the park, their owners will be able to meet other owners through their common interest in dogs and perhaps share training tips.

However, as with any other privilege, owners would face certain responsibilities. Regardless of the location, if a dog park were established, owners would be required to exercise etiquette as well as exercising their dogs. Rules would need to be implemented and all park users would be required to clean up after their animals.

I believe the benefits of an off-

leash park to our community outweighs the risks. At the present time, a petition is being circulated in support of such a park and it will be presented to council at a future meeting. So far, support for a park has been extremely positive. The petition can be signed at the Corunna Veterinary Clinic or by calling 519-862-1573.

What's on your mind?

E-mail:

beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

or snail mailing to:

**The Beacon,
c/o St. Clair Civic Centre,
1155 Emily St.,
Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0**

JOOI Club observes Earth Day

On April 26, members of the JOOI Club gathered at the Courtright waterfront park to clean it up as part of Earth Day. They chose this park to clean because they feel it is a showcase for tourists who drive through the town.

The children are planning to hold a garage sale at the Courtright Community Hall on June 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon rain or shine. That evening, they will host a youth dance at the hall from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission will be \$5. All proceeds from these events will be used to pay for the community work the children are planning.

The JOOI Club is associated with the Optimist Club of Moore.

Sombra splash pad receives donation

Matt Klompstra, left, owner of Klompstra Construction, presented Jamie Bogaert, centre, president of Sombra Field Board, and Steve Perry, president of Sombra Sports and Rec, a donation towards the Sombra splash pad which will be installed this spring at the Sombra Ball Park. Donations are still being sought and can be sent to P.O. Box 231, Sombra, Ont., N0P 2H0. For more information call 519-892-3604.



MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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barbecue on Sunday, May 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Special entertainment will be supplied by Magic & Music with Paul French, beginning at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$7.50 per child aged six to 10, and free for children five and under and admission is by advanced tickets only. Tickets are available until May 11 by calling Susan at 519-864-1756.

Demolition derby coming

The ever-popular demolition derby roars into the Brigen fairgrounds on Sunday, June 1 beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Participants can obtain registration forms and rules online at www.brigdenfair.ca.

Golf tournament to fight cancer

Ryan Wilson's Golf for Cancer tournament in memory of Tracy Burns will be held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown on Saturday, June 14. The cost is \$80 per person and includes a meal, prize, cart and 18 holes of golf. RBC Royal Bank is sponsoring a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize and other sponsors include Antonio's Pizza, HD Industrial Services Inc., Chemfab Industries Inc., and Magermans and Raes Insurance Brokers Limited. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Cancer Society. For tickets call 519-862-2704 or 519-677-1554.

Sombra Optimist car show and soap box races

The Fourth Annual Optimist Club of Sombra Car Show will take place in Brander Park in Port Lambton on Saturday, June 28. This year's event will feature soapbox races sanctioned by the HSRA (Home Built Soapbox Racing Association.) To find out more about the association, go online to

www.hsra.vze.com. Car show registration is open to antiques, classics, special interest, military, custom and late-model vehicles. There will be food, live entertainment, vendors, refreshment tent, penny table, prizes and trophies. The fun begins at 8 a.m. with breakfast and vehicle registration. Soapbox races begin at 10 a.m. and trophies and prizes will be awarded at 2 p.m. To pre-register, e-mail name and address to ed.sterling@sympatico.ca or call 519-677-5954 and a form containing information and maps will be mailed out. The cost of pre-registration is \$15 and gate registration is \$20, and it includes a mounted photo of your vehicle. For home-built soapbox race information, call 519-677-5912.

The club recently raised \$10,000 to help build a new children's wing at the London Children's Hospital.

CCPC meets monthly

The Corunna Community Policing Committee meets the first **Tuesday** of each month. Members of the community who share an interest in local law-enforcement issues are welcome to attend. For more information, go online to www.corunnapolicing.ca.

Friendship club plays cards weekly

The Courtright Friendship Seniors Club holds weekly card parties at 1534 Fourth Street. Euchre is played Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and pepper is played Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments and munchies are served and new members are always welcome.

Courtright church photos sought

Photos of the former Courtright United Church before the fire are being sought. Those who have such photos and are willing to donate them are asked to please call 519-867-5226.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Autism support group meets

The Autism Spectrum Disorder Parental Support group meets on the first Tuesday of every month (excluding July and August) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On-site specialized child care is provided on request at no cost when pre-arranged. The meetings are held at Pathway's Children's Health Centre, 1240 Murphy Road in Sarnia. For more information call Cheryl Dart at 519-332-3222 or e-mail cdart@sarniaautism.com.

Shred those unnecessary confidential documents

The next Community Shred will take place on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the St. Clair Township OPP office at the south end of Lyndoch Street in Corunna. Bring your unwanted personal confidential material to be processed by the SHRED-IT mobile truck. This service is free and there will be personnel on-site to offer tips on how to protect yourself against identity theft. This service is presented by the Corunna Community Policing Committee and SHRED-IT Document Destruction. Identity theft is the fastest growing form of consumer fraud in North America. Protect yourself against it by disposing of confidential documents the right way!

Mother's Day tea to be served

Christ Anglican Church in Corunna will be the scene of a Mother's Day tea on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$3 per person and will include tea, coffee and dessert. The event will feature door prizes, raffles, a bake table and pies. Everyone is welcome.

Friendship Club 40th anniversary

The Courtright Friendship Seniors Club will hold an open house to celebrate its 40th anniversary on Saturday, May 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1534 Fourth Street in Courtright. Everyone is invited to bring a friend and attend this celebration, tour the club rooms and enjoy fellowship and refreshments with club members. Visitors will receive a free gift and there will be displays of photos documenting the club's past 40 years. New members are always welcome.

Mother's Day brunch set

A Mother's Day brunch is set for Sunday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. The cost is: adults, \$7; children five to 10, \$3.50; and children under five eat free.

School presents *Oklahoma!*

Polish up your spurs, lasso your favourite gal or

guy and come on out to St. Joseph School in Corunna for a hearty dose of singin' and dancin' as the students and staff present the musical *Oklahoma!* The show will be presented from Tuesday, May 13 to Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets for adults and students ages 15 and older are \$10, and for students under 15, \$2.50. They are available by calling the school office at 519-862-1479. Y'all come now, ya' hear?

Perennial flower sale

The Brigden Horticultural Society will hold a perennial flower sale on Saturday, May 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at the park at the intersection of Brigden Road and Highway 80. The sale will take place rain or shine and all proceeds will be used for the maintenance of the park, plus the upkeep of street boxes and flower beds in the Brigden area. Those wishing to donate plants for the sale can call 519-864-1676. Community support for this event will be much appreciated.

Moore Museum spring events

Here's a chance to mark your calendars with two great upcoming events being held at the Moore Museum.

The popular annual **Victorian Tea** is slated for Sunday, May 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Delicious home-baked scones and refreshments will be offered, and the museum site will be open. The cost is \$6 per adult, \$2.50 for children and \$1.50 for pre-schoolers.

New for 2008 is the **Heritage Festival**, set for the afternoon of Sunday, June 15. This event will feature glimpses of pioneer life through demonstrations and enjoyable hands-on activities everyone can enjoy.

For more information about these events, call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020.

Turkey derby in progress

The first annual Four County Turkey Derby is now underway and will run until May 31. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at Gator's, Woods General Store, GK Brabraw, Santarossa, or from any Farmers and Friends member. The tickets must be shown at the time of weigh-in to be entered in the contest. For more information call 519-864-1928 or 519-864-4482.

Pork bbq planned

Calvary United Church is hosting a pork

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