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Becher fire station gets new pumper truck



The newest addition to the St. Clair Township Fire Department fleet is a 2009 pumper truck. The new truck is assigned to the Becher fire station, where it will replace the 1988 model pumper. The new truck was constructed on a Freightliner chassis by Metal Fab in Frederickton, N.B. It can deliver a 1,250 gallon-per-minute stream and has a personnel cab that will carry five firefighters. On hand for the truck's unveiling, clockwise from top left: St. Clair Township Councillor Pat Brown; Mayor Steve Arnold; Becher Firefighter Andrew McMillan; St. Clair Township Councillor Jeff Agar; St. Clair Township Clerk John DeMars; St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland; Becher Firefighters Allison Vincent and Dan Gonyou; St. Clair Township Councillor Darrell Randall.

Photo submitted

Who will be the next Brigden Fair Ambassador?

Somewhere in this community lives the next Brigden Fair Ambassador. The search is now underway for contestants to compete in the 2009 Brigden Fair Ambassador Contest.

Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 25. The new ambassador will be expected to represent the Moore Agricultural Society on the four days of the Brigden Fair, Oct. 9 through 12, and at various events throughout the year. The ambassador will also compete in the C.N.E. Ambassador of the Fairs competition in August, 2010. The winner will reign until a

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Policing issues the focus of community meeting

A community meeting, hosted by the Corunna Community Policing Committee (CCPC) and the Ontario Provincial Police Corunna satellite office, will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Sir John Moore Community School in Corunna.

Two presentations will be made. The first will be

made by representatives from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The purpose of the presentation is to encourage public support in observing and reporting suspicious activities on border waterways.

The second presentation will be made by members of the Sarnia-Lambton Crime Stoppers program. Residents are urged to attend this informative meeting.

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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

Summer brings infrastructure upgrades

Summer is, historically, a time when municipalities take advantage of the warmer weather to repair and upgrade infrastructure.

This year, St. Clair Township residents will encounter many work areas, large and small, along municipal roads. It is hoped that motorists will be careful and patient when negotiating these work areas so that the people working on these projects can do so in safety. Remember, this work must be done to keep the township's infrastructure robust and viable. Timely maintenance will, in the long run, result in the avoidance of serious problems which, in turn, will result in money saved.

Some of the streets and roads that will be upgraded this season include: Paget, Vroom, Alfred, and Boswell Streets. Rokeby Line will be hard-surfaced and several roads, including Holt Line and Smith Line, will be the site of water main projects. In addition, some municipal bridges, including Bear Creek Bridge and Booth Creek Bridge, will also undergo needed repairs.

Moore Museum projects "adopted"

Council was advised that the Moore Museum's "adopt-a-project" initiative is garnering community support. Information regarding the program was sent to 52 industries and service clubs for consideration.

To date, donations have been received from NOVA Chemicals Canada, Union Gas Limited, Chemfab Industries Inc., Leopold Lodge #397, the Knights of Columbus, LanXess Inc., Canadian Liquid Air, the Mayflower Rebekah Lodge, and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Bridgen.

It was also noted that several long-time museum volunteers recently received awards for their dedication and efforts. These volunteers include Eva Dalrymple (20 years); Marilyn and Bob Johnson (15 years); Joyce Brock (10 years); and Jeff Searson (five years.)

Space requested for Operation Christmas Tree operations

In preparation for the 2009 Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) program, an inquiry was received from OCT president Ron Skreptak. The inquiry asked if there was any space available at the new Emergency Services Building where items and food collected for the Christmas hamper program could be stored and sorted.

Council noted that space in the new facility is at a premium and cannot be committed to and held for temporary usage.

The OCT has, for the past several years, had a collection and sorting depot at the former Murray Street School building. However,

this building will not be available for use this year and alternate space must be found.

It is hoped that suitable space can be found somewhere in the Corunna area. The collection process for OCT begins in November.

Council meeting schedule

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.

West Nile Virus season here again

With all the fuss about swine flue H1N1 making the rounds, let's not forget about the seasonal hazard known as West Nile Virus.

Most people who become infected with the virus exhibit no symptoms or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and fatigue. Occasionally, the virus can cause severe illness, including meningitis and encephalitis. The risk of serious illness increases with age.

Since it is transmitted by infected mosquitoes, Health Canada recommends precautions be taken to avoid mosquito bites. Property owners should remove all sources of standing water from their property to remove mosquito breeding sites.

For more information, visit Health Canada's West Nile virus Website at www.westnilevirus.gc.ca.

Dead Bird Survey underway in Lambton County

The County of Lambton Community Health Services Department has begun its 2009 West Nile virus dead bird surveillance program. Residents are asked to report, **but do not handle**, all dead birds by

calling 519-383-3824, toll-free 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3824, or online at www.lambtonhealth.on.ca. This program helps monitor the spread of the West Nile virus within the county.

COUNCIL DIARY

Township gearing up for summer work and play

The author of this month's Council Diary is Mayor Steve Arnold. Watch this column each month for insights straight from the St. Clair Township council chambers.

The warm weather is here - the tractors are busy in the fields, gardeners are busy planting, the scent of new-mown grass seems to be everywhere, and the happy voices of children once again playing outside are all pleasant to the senses. With all of this, we need to be extra cautious on the roads as well as when we use and teach youth how to use power equipment.

There are many activities coming soon in our township, some seen here in *The Beacon*, and we need to make an extra effort to support them because our volunteers drive so many of the softer services that benefit us all in very special ways. For instance, those who continuously put themselves out to lead groups, coach teams, and umpire or referee teams deserve a lot of credit. There are very few activities that will help to mold young peoples' team-work skills, and team sports are among the best. One of the things I enjoy watching is the interaction between the young players - their varying abilities, the way in which they try to fit into a new and complicated envi-

ronment. They all mature at different levels. However, along each step, it is a wise leader/coach who recognizes that all young people should be given equal opportunities to develop the skills required by team sports. This is when young people learn the basics. Who knows which ones will become the next world-class athletes? Our sports volunteers, leaders, coaches and officials alike, can be placed in a difficult position coping with the demands of the activities they facilitate. I salute them and I hope everyone will take the opportunity to thank them and support them in their efforts.

We are just starting the busy season for construction. Many tenders are coming to a close and work is being awarded. Paget, Vroom and Alfred Streets are starting and Boswell Street is being finished. Rokeby Line hard surfacing will close next month. Water main projects such as Hold Line and Smith Line have been let and there are more to come. We are anxiously awaiting word on our latest Build Canada Fund Project (to finish Brigden Sideroad at a cost of \$5.2 million,) and the three Stimulus Fund Projects (Bear Creek Bridge, \$1 million; Booth Creek Bridge,

\$330,000; and Parkway Road Drainage and River Trail Completion, \$1 million.) We are also finalizing an application for arena improvements (RINK grant) for submission late in the month. These programs are jointly funded by the municipal, federal and provincial governments. We spend many hours lobbying for funds on behalf of St. Clair Township in order to improve our community and we appreciate your support in our efforts.

As the summer progresses, there will be a number of openings for projects that have been completed and ground-breakings for projects that are about to get underway. Watch *The Beacon* for information on these activities.

Keep smiling and whenever you have a chance to say positive things about our volunteers, please don't hold back - just do it. They deserve it.

Wishing you and your families a safe and relaxing summer.

-Mayor Steve Arnold

2009 Brigden Fair Ambassador candidates sought

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A new Brigden Fair Ambassador is chosen for the Brigden Fair 2010/2011. Applications are available at the Brigden Fair office at the Brigden fairgrounds or online at www.brigdenfair.ca. The completed applications must be submitted by Tuesday, Aug. 4. A meet-and-greet night for the contestants will be held on Aug. 5 and the contest will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

New Corunna OPP number

The Corunna OPP office is now located in the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. To contact the office, call 519-862-4680.

Mayflower Rebekahs celebrate 65th anniversary with banquet

In May, the Mayflower Rebekah Lodge 324 held a banquet to celebrate its 65th anniversary. The event, held at Corunna United Church, was attended by several honoured guests, including: Sister Donna Mallett, President of the Rebekah Assembly; Grand Master Brother Don Beach; Grand Matriarch Theresa De Vogelaeare;

Lady Nancy Hughson, President of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant; and Department Commander Brigadier William Mitchell. Also attending was the only charter member of the group, Sister Frances Payne, a 65-year member.

St. Clair Township 2009 yard waste / brush collection

The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste/brush collection program for defined areas in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill. Yard waste is collected separately from regular waste in urbanized areas of the township on a weekly basis. Collection begins at 7 a.m. Yard waste from the balance of the township is collected with regular waste collection.

Collection Schedule

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

Wednesday collection will be carried out in Corunna, including Froomfield area, and the St. Clair Parkway north of Emily Street in Mooretown.

Friday collection will take place in Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton, Sombra village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens, St. Clair Parkway south of Emily Street in Mooretown.

Spring yard waste collection will continue until Wednesday, June 24 and Friday, June 26. During the months of July through September, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection, subject to the six-item limit.

Fall yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Friday, Oct. 16 and will continue until Wednesday, Nov. 18 and Friday, Nov. 20.

What is yard waste?

Yard waste includes the following: grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings and twigs, which are generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil. **Items not permitted** include kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush and whole shrubs with the root ball attached. (See **Brush collection** below.)

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, and must be free of all non-compostable material such as plastic, glass, metal or other debris. "Open containers" do not include blue boxes or cardboard boxes.

Please note: containers must not exceed 23 kilograms (50 pounds) and yard waste placed in regular garbage bags *will not be collected*.

Brush collection

Small brush bundles will also be collected on June 5, and Dec. 4 with the following guidelines: 4-foot maximum length; 1-inch maximum diameter; cut ends all in one direction; make neat piles (not tangled); tie and place at the curb.

For further information please call the St. Clair Township Works Department at 519-867-2125 or visit the St. Clair Township Website at www.twp.st.clair.on.ca.

-----Cut this schedule out and keep it handy-----

Easter egg hunt benefits Courtright area

The St. Clair Fire Department's Courtright station and the Courtright United Church each received a donation of \$150 recently. The donations were the result of an Easter egg hunt sponsored by Courtright Amusements Track and Trails CATT.) The free event featured the hunt, a food booth, prizes, and CATT spokesperson Karen Clark says the community turnout was "unbelievable" and that everyone had a great time for a good cause.

Sombra Optimists support local projects

The Optimist Club of Sombra has recently pledged support for two important youth-oriented projects in south St. Clair Township. A pledge of \$10,000 has been made toward the cost of the Sombra splash pad and another pledge of \$10,000 will help fund a new bicycle and skateboard park at VanDamme Park in Port Lambton. The club, helped by the Trillium Foundation, has also built a new dock in Port Lambton.



SPEAKING CHAMP

Earle Farquharson of Mooretown, centre, is this year's winner of the Southwestern Ontario (SWONT) Optimist Oratorical contest. The Grade 10 student, who attends the Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School (SCITS) in Sarnia, has won the title five years in a row. For his efforts, Farquharson received a \$1,500 scholarship from the SWONT Optimist organization. This year's topic was, "To me, Optimism is..."

Photo submitted

SHRED-IT Day a great success

The recent SHRED-IT day, held at the new Emergency Services Building at the corner of Hill and Lyndoch Streets, has been dubbed a huge success. The event attracted 116 people who delivered 2,500 kilograms of personal documents to be shredded.

Ron Skreptak, spokesperson for the Corunna Community Policing Committee (CCPC,) says the turnout was 50 per cent higher than last year with almost three times as much material processed. He added it's encouraging that people are beginning to take greater care of their personal information. "With all the reported identity theft and consumer fraud going on in our area, it's good to see that area citizens are taking steps to protect themselves," he said. So successful was this event that planners have already set a date for next year's SHRED-IT day - Saturday, May 8.

Local teen entrusted with fundraising project

A local teen is raising the bar for all youth involved in fundraising for charity.

For three years, Kaitlynn Anderson has been raising money for WaterCan, an organization that funds clean water projects in Africa, through her *Clean Water for Schools* initiative. She and her mother, Debbie, recently attended the 15th annual Embassy Gala in Ottawa, where Kaitlynn presented WaterCan executives with a cheque for \$2,500, proceeds from her fundraising efforts. During the evening, they spoke with Margaret Trudeau, and Kaitlynn was interviewed for a show on CHIN Radio in Ottawa. The event was attended by representatives from over 30 foreign embassies and high commissions.

Kaitlynn's most recent achievement came in the form of a letter from the WaterCan office. The letter, in effect, offered her a project of her own - the Dawello Primary Junior School in the Kalu District of Ethiopia.

Kaitlynn received a proposal to

review and a goal to work towards. The total budgeted cost of the project is \$36,040 and a corporate donor has already come forward with \$26,040. Kaitlynn's most recent donation in Ottawa will also be put towards the project, and she is determined to raise the balance, even though WaterCan has offered to chip in some of the cost.

Kaitlynn expressed appreciation for the tremendous community support she has received.



While attending the 15th annual Embassy Gala in Ottawa, Kaitlynn Anderson, second from right, with mom, Debbie, presented a cheque for \$2,500 to the executives of Kaitlynn's chosen charity, WaterCan. James Knight, President of the WaterCan board of directors, left, and WaterCan Executive Director Gary Plum.

Photo submitted

Moore Museum partnership encourages family fun

The Moore Museum recently entered into a partnership that will allow families to have their morning breakfast and some informative family fun, too.

The partnership with the Canadian Museums Association and Kellogg's Canada will provide a discount on museum admission until December, 2009. Specially-marked boxes of Kellogg's cereals feature an *Adventure Pass* which, when presented at the Moore Museum, will provide for a free admission with a paid adult admission. More information about this great family-friendly program can be found online at www.kelloggsadventurepass.ca.

Moore Museum curator Laurie Mason says this program is beneficial to both the museum and to families looking for an enjoyable, economical leisure-time destination.

"This will make a new audience aware that going to the museum is a great family activity," she said. "It's a great way to reach people."

The beauty of the program lies in the fact that most families enjoy some type of cereal as a normal part of their breakfast, so the *Adventure Pass* really is a way for a family member to see the museum cost-free. "There's not a lot of people who don't eat some kind of breakfast cereal, so we hope this will be a good way to increase attendance," Laurie said.

Those who have never enjoyed a trip to the Moore Museum have a real treat in store. It's history made real, a wonderful way to touch the past in a way that puts a smile on your face and a feeling of community pride in your heart.

The Moore Museum is open as follows: June, Wednesday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; July and

August, daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; September to mid-December, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 519-867-2020 or visit www.twp.stclair.on.ca/mooretown_museum.htm.



Marie Labelle and Victoria Labelle enjoy tea and homemade scones during the recent Moore Museum Victorian Tea.

Photo submitted

Women's Institute scholarships available

The Women's Institutes of Lambton County are once again pleased to offer two scholarships. Eligible students must be entering either the first or second year of studies at any college or university in Ontario.

The student's choice of studies must lead to a diploma or a degree and his or her permanent address must be in Lambton County. There will be one scholarship of \$300 awarded to the first place winner and one of \$150 to the second place winner.

Applications are due October 31, 2009 with the presentation to be made at the Lambton Federation of Agriculture banquet on the third Friday in November. Criteria for the scholarship can be obtained from Anne McGugan at amcgugan@hotmail.com or by telephoning at 519-847-5606.

Lucky seven for Sydenham race winners

The winners of the recent 36th annual Sydenham canoe race are no stranger to the winner's circle.

Ron Highfield and Bill Sholtens successfully defended their title in the five-mile touring class for participants over 50. This is the seventh consecutive year the pair have taken the title. They did it this year with a time of 46 minutes.

The Holt Line residents are neighbours, good friends and long-time oarsmen who have paddled the remote rivers of Northern Ontario and other parts of Canada, including the Northwest Territories.

Information sought about church's past

St. Jame's Anglican Church in Port Lambton will celebrate its 95th anniversary with a special service in September.

In preparation for the celebration, the congregation is looking for photos, articles or items that are associated with the church's long history.

The church was opened on Broadway Street in 1913 and dedicated in 1914, and it is the oldest church still holding services in Port Lambton.

Anyone with photos or information about the church is asked to call 519-677-5639 or 519-677-5750.

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priceless window on the past - an opportunity to see how the early pioneers lived and worked - and new volunteers are always welcome, so why not get involved. For more information about museum activities or to volunteer, call 519-867-2020.

Bear Creek decoration day

Decoration day will be held at the Bear Creek Cemetery at the southwest corner of Moore Line and Telfer Road on Sunday, June 21 at 11 a.m. This event is advocated by the Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Moore Union memorial day

A memorial and dedication service will take place at Moore Union Cemetery on Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m. The service will remember and acknowledge family and friends who have been laid to rest in the cemetery, and the new fence and gates, made possible by the Shaw Foundation, will be dedicated. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the service will be held at the Moore Museum in Mooretown. Those wishing to make a contribution to the ongoing beautification of the cemetery will have an opportunity to do so at this event. Everyone is welcome.

Horse power day planned

The Brigden fairgrounds will be the scene of Horse Power Day on Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No entry fee will apply, admission is just a smile, and activities are just for fun, so no prizes will be awarded. This event is for people who share a passion for working with horses and for those who enjoy watching these noble animals at work. See plowing, discing, hay-mowing, and various types of horse-drawn wagons, carts and vehicles. Horses of all sizes are coming to Brigden to participate. Don't forget your camera! For more information, call Richard at 519-844-2157; Wayne at 519-864-4024; or Dennis at 519-892-3316.

4-H judging day set

4-H judging day, open to all Lambton County 4-H members, will be held on Monday, July 6 at the Wyoming Fairgrounds. Classes to be judged will include: dairy, beef, field crops, and life skills. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and activities begin at 7 p.m.

Child Find Ontario will be on-site at this event to provide finger printing for all youth. **The public is welcome** to attend and a parent or guardian must accompany each child for finger printing to be done.

Outdoor bingo in Brigden

Outdoor bingos will be held at the Brigden fair-

grounds on Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29. Play from the comfort of your vehicle or at the outdoor picnic tables. For more information, go online to www.brigdenfair.ca.

Alzheimer Memory golf tournament

A golf tournament to benefit the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton will be held at the Bonnie Doon Golf and Country Club on Friday, July 10. Call the Alzheimer Society office at 519-332-4444 or e-mail sfox@alzheimer.sarnia.com for more information.

Barbecue benefits splash pad

A barbecue, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Moore, will be held on July 24 at the Southwest Credit Union office on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. All proceeds will benefit the new Corunna splash pad.

Club welcomes new members

The Courtright Friendship Club, 1533 4th Street, invites seniors to play euchre each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at a cost of only \$2.50. And Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., come out to play Pepper, \$2 per session. For more information, call 519-862-3625.

Teen volunteers sought

Attention high school students! You can accumulate volunteer hours with the Brigden Horticultural Society by helping weed flower beds in Brigden this season. Call Barb at 519-864-4963, Rae at 519-864-1676, or Rose at 519-864-4095.

Summer camps offered

A summer of great activities and lasting friendships await school-aged children at the Mooretown Sports Complex when they attend Summer Day Camp or Sports Camp. Both programs begin June 29 and space is limited, so reserve your child's place now. For more information, call 519-867-2651.

Brigden Fair volunteers sought

The Moore Agricultural Society/Brigden Fair is looking for volunteers to assist with the Brigden Fair on Thanksgiving Weekend and throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to perform a variety of jobs and all fair committees welcome new members. Anyone interested in joining a committee or volunteering, or anyone who would like more information on the various volunteer positions available, can contact the fair office at 519-864-1197 or visit the Website at www.brigdenfair.ca. **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE NOTE - Volunteering at the Brigden fairgrounds is a great way to complete some of your community volunteer hours.**

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Chicken barbecue planned

A chicken barbecue will be held at Burns-Mooreline United Church on Saturday, June 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$14 per person and admission is by **advanced tickets only**. The dinner includes a half chicken, potato, coleslaw, roll, coffee and dessert. For tickets call 519-337-6885 or 519-344-7946.

Brigden demolition derby on the way

The exciting sound of revving engines and crumpling metal, and the roar of an appreciative crowd are the hallmarks of one of the Brigden area's favourite events. Plan to be at the Brigden fairgrounds on Sunday, June 7 at noon as the Moore Agricultural Society holds its Spring Demolition Derby. For those who plan to participate, rules and regulations can be found online at www.brigdenfair.ca under **At The Fair - Demolition Derby**. This year, there will be two final heats - one for vehicles over a 106" wheel base and one for under. Gate admission for this family favourite is \$10.

Pickrel fish fry planned

An all-you-can-eat pickrel fish fry and silent auction, hosted by the Community of Christ, 2390 LaSalle Line (at intersection of Brigden Road,) will be held on Friday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per adult and \$6 for children under 10. Admission is by advance tickets and they can be obtained by calling Vonda at 519-862-3189 or Janet at 519-864-1271. Everyone is welcome.

Golf tourney benefits Cancer Society

For the third year, 14-year-old Ryan Wilson will host a golf tournament to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. The event is slated for the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Saturday, June 13. The entry fee of \$80 per person will cover the cost of 18 holes of golf, a cart, a meal and a prize. There will also be a putting contest, closest to the pin and a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize opportunity sponsored by RBC. Over the past five years, Ryan has raised over \$12,000 for the cancer society in memory of his aunt, Tracy Burns.

Local runner on Team Diabetes

Local runner Darlene Falls, a Team Diabetes member, is currently raising money to benefit the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA.) She is gathering pledges for her efforts and anyone wishing to contribute can pledge online at www.teamdiabetes.ca - click on **Pledge a participant** and type in "Darlene Falls." Tax receipts will be issued. Darlene says a fundraiser barbecue will be held at the *No Frills* store south of Corunna on Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Decoration day in Sombra

The annual decoration day and memorial service will be held at Sombra Riverside Cemetery on Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair.

Jamboree and campout planned

The 4th annual Wilkesport Jamboree and Campout will take place Wednesday, June 17 to Sunday, June 21 on the grounds of the Wilkesport Community Centre. The public is invited to bring tents and trailers and a hankering for some outdoor fun! Water and hydro will be available for \$15 per night per unit. The weekend will feature Saturday breakfast at the Wilkesport fire hall, a town yard and bake sale, a roast beef supper, opportunities to sing, dance and jam with other musicians, a Sunday breakfast sponsored by the Sombra Boy Scouts and a Sunday morning church service. The "Old Boys Toys" show on Saturday, featuring classic cars, vintage farm tractors and equipment, will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. from Wilkesport to Brigden. For more information call 519-892-3689 or 519-864-4221.

Sombra Museum celebrates 50th anniversary

The Sombra Museum will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 20 and everyone is invited to attend the dedication service at 1 p.m., to be immediately followed by folk singer Bernie Gilmore. Refreshments will be served. Visitors will also enjoy this season's new exhibit entitled *A Backward Look at the St. Clair River*. The history of south St. Clair Township awaits visitors at the Sombra Museum.

Sombra Optimist Car Show set

The Sombra Township Optimists present their 5th Annual Car Show in Brander Park near Port Lambton on Saturday, June 20 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The event will feature a wide variety of tricked out vehicles, plus home-built soapbox races, a licensed refreshment tent, entertainment, food, door prizes, a penny table, vendors, and lots of family fun. The show will go rain or shine, with participant's choice awards at 2 p.m. The first 50 to register will receive a goody bag. Vehicle registration done in advance will cost \$15 and at the gate, \$20. For car show information call 519-677-5954 or email ed.sterling@sympatico.ca. For soapbox race information, call 519-677-5912 or email oleary1976@hotmail.com.

Moore Museum activities planned

The Moore Museum will host its Heritage Festival on Sunday, June 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event will feature demonstrations of pioneer skills including cooking on a vintage wood stove and metal-working in the blacksmith shop. The Moore Museum provides a

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