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Congratulations to St. Clair's youthful achievers

Young Corunna orator a champion



Allison Kingston of Corunna took top honours in a tie with Adam LaBelle of Strathroy during the Southwestern Ontario Optimist Oratorical competition held in mid-May. The topic this year was *Cyber Communications - Progress or Problem?* Her efforts garnered her a \$2,500 scholarship.

This is the second year Allison has competed in the Optimist speaking competition. In 2009, she placed second at the club level. The ever-cheerful champion orator is a Grade 8 student at Sir John Moore Community School in Corunna. This is the third year that the Moore Optimist have fielded a champion.

Mooretown Midget ME win title!

The Mooretown Midget ME hockey team proved they had the right stuff by winning the 2010 OMHS title. The team won three straight over Collingwood in the finals. Those close to the team say it was hard work and accountability from front to back that gave it a winning edge.



Mooretown Flags players receive awards

At the recent Mooretown Flags hockey team awards banquet, the following players received awards: Jason Teschke, Rookie of the Year; Travis Mullen, Best Defenceman; Brett Thompson, Most Sportsmanlike Player; Travis Harper, Coaches Award; Alec Dawson, Most Valuable Player; Adam Little, Ron "Pork" Laur Memorial Scholarship Award; Mike Burns, the Great Lakes Jr. C Scholarship Award.

Graduating over-age players Jordan Pennesi and Ray Martin received their game sweaters.

Accessibility Advisory Committee seeks two citizens-at-large

St. Clair Township council is seeking two citizens-at-large to sit on the municipality's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

The members of this volunteer committee will meet two to three times per year to advise council on accessibility issues. The goal of this committee is to make township services accessible to all of citizens.

Provincial legislation states that members of AACs

must have a disability themselves or be closely associated with someone who is disabled. Anyone who meets this criterion and who is interested in serving on this committee is invited to submit a written expression of interest to: John DeMars, Clerk, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, June 15.

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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 meeting schedule

St. Clair Township council will be observing the following meeting schedule leading up to the October municipal election. Please note the following dates: Monday, June 21; Monday, July 26; Monday, Aug. 23; Tuesday, Sept. 7; and Monday, Sept. 20. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



Notice to property owners to destroy weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds and grass over 15 centimetres (six inches) growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$50.) The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Eric Bezanson
Weed Inspector

J. DeMars
Clerk



Crossing guard positions to begin in September

The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing guard to assist school children crossing Brigden Road (Jane Street) in Brigden. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$25 per day.

The Township of St. Clair also requires a *fill-in* crossing guard to assist school children crossing Brigden Road (Jane Street) in Brigden. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$25 per day. This position will be on a call-in basis and hours will vary widely depending on need.

Applications setting out qualifications and experience will be received by the undersigned. **Application forms may be obtained at the St. Clair Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0.**

Janice Moore
Phone: (519)867-2125
Fax: (519)867-3886



Hydrant flushing

Personnel from the St. Clair Township Works Department will be undertaking annual flushing of all fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning in June and continuing into the fall. During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some discoloration when using taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. The department recommends that, if discoloration should occur, you should run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discoloration disappears. If the discoloration continues after 10 to 15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Sewer main flushing

The St. Clair Township Public Works department is currently flushing all main sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This activity began in May and will continue into the fall. During this maintenance procedure, residents may notice gurgling noises in drains. If this condition persists after 24 to 48 hours, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Brian Van Hyfte
Coordinator of Operations
Water/Wastewater

2010 municipal election nominations now being accepted

Nominations for the upcoming 2010 municipal election on Oct. 25 are now being accepted until Sept. 10, 2010 at 2 p.m. Nomination papers should be picked up during regular business hours at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on Emily Street in Mooretown and returned there when completed. For more information, contact the municipal office at 519

-867-2021.

Nomination papers filed to date

Nomination papers filed to date include: for mayor - Steve Arnold; for deputy mayor - Peter Gilliland; for Ward 1 councillor - Pat Brown, Pat Carswell-Alexander, Jeff Agar, Joe Vye; for Ward 2 councillor - Steve Miller, Darrell Randell.

Summer day camps offered at Mooretown Sports Complex

Two summer day camps are being offered at the Mooretown Sports Complex this year.

Children ages five through 12 are invited to attend **day camp** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This camp will include games, crafts, healthy physical exercise and the opportunity to make new friends. For children ages seven through 14, a **sports camp** will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will include tennis, soccer, basketball, Junior Life-guard Club, golf, a sports combo,

and track and field.

The cost is \$100 per week or \$750 for the summer. A 7:30 a.m. early drop-off and 5:30 p.m. late pickup is available for \$15 per week.

Summer swim lessons are also being offered. The cost is \$48 per child or \$130 per family, or private lessons for \$85 per person.

For more information about these and other exciting programs, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Lambton County Women’s Institute scholarships

The Lambton County Women’s Institute is offering two scholarships. Applications will be accepted from students entering their first or second year in a full-time diploma or degree

program at any accredited college or university in Ontario. The deadline for application submissions is Oct. 31, 2010. Inquiries can be made at amcgugan@hotmail.com.

Handyman scammers making the rounds

The Lambton OPP warn property owners to beware of handyman fraudsters. Written estimates and a business card should be obtained, but never

agree to have work done immediately. If in doubt, consult with a family member or friend and if suspicious of the workmen, call police at 1-888-310-1122.

Fishing for a little family fun?

If you’re looking for a way to have a little family fun on the water, why not enjoy the nine-day Ontario Family Fishing event? This province-wide event, slated for Saturday, July 3 through Sunday, July 11, is the result of a partnership between several non-government organizations such as the Ontario Federation of Anglers and is approved by the provincial and federal governments.

In addition to the many conservation and educational activities associated with this event, it offers licence-free fishing. Don’t miss this opportunity to spend some quality time on the St. Clair River with the family gathering fish stories and making memories.

Church quilt raffle winners

Winners of the Christ Church Corunna quilt raffle were: quilt, Sahara Taylor; teddy bear, R. Pretty; gift certificate, Michelle Jewell.

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for Saturday, July 17 starting at 8:30 a.m. More information is available at www.StClairRiverRun.ca.

Day camp at Corunna United

The Corunna United Church will hold a Day Camp on July 26 to 29 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for children entering senior Kindergarten to Grade 4. Registrations can be made on June 22 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church or by phoning Sharon at 519-862-1957. Children will enjoy activities such as bible stories, music, crafts, physical activities and snacks.

Captain Kidd Days on the way

The annual Captain Kidd Days is on the way to Corunna on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31. The event features a parade and lots of family fun at the Corunna Athletic Park on Hill Street.

Beaver Meadow School reunion planned

Former students are invited to attend the Beaver Meadow School (#24 Sombra, #18 Dawn) reunion planned for Saturday, July 31 at Zion Free Methodist Church, 2951

Bentpath Line in south St. Clair Township. For more information or to RSVP call Gord at 519-862-1344, Brian at 519-864-1916, or Velma at 519-683-4180. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of the reunion and the historic marker.

Corunna Legion hosts morning coffee

The Corunna branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Albert Street hosts a morning coffee club from Monday to Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. The cost is \$1 per cup and the coffee club is open to anyone who wants to get their day off to a pleasant start. Those who attend are asked to remove hats and caps out of respect for the veteran attendees.

Horticultural society needs volunteers

Students can accumulate volunteer hour credits by volunteering with the Brigden and District Horticultural Society to weed local public gardens. For more information, call Barb at 519-864-4963, Rae at 519-864-1676, or Rose at 519-864-4095.

Euchre and meat raffles suspended

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 thanks those who supported its Monday euchres and meat raffles. These activities will be suspended for the summer but will return in the fall.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Demolition derby ready to rumble!

The Moore Agricultural Society presents the ever-popular Demolition Derby on Sunday, June 6. For more information about rules and regulations, call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or go online to www.brigdenfair.ca.

Bicycle rodeo set for VanDamne Park

The Sombra Township Optimist and St. Clair Township OPP will host a bicycle rodeo at VanDamne Park on Thursday, June 10 at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and food will be provided to the participants. Children from pre-school to Grade 8 are invited to attend and must wear helmets.

Firefighters' Field Day

The Corunna Volunteer Firefighters Association will host its annual Firefighters Field Day on Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12.

C.W.L. to hold garage sale

The St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League will host the *More Things Than You Can Shake A Stick At* garage sale on Saturday, June 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parish centre parking lot on the corner of Lyndoch and Beckwith Streets. Proceeds will go towards the CWL charities and parish projects.

Golf tourney to benefit Cancer Society

The fourth annual Ryan Wilson Golf Tournament to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society will be held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Saturday, June 12. For more information, call Ryan at 519-862-2778.

Strawberry social and dinner planned

A strawberry social and roast beef dinner, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League and the Port Lambton Knights of Columbus, will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Port Lambton on Sunday, June 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 per person, \$6 for children six through 12, and free for children five and under, and can be obtained by calling 519-677-5655 or 519-677-4468.

Memorial service at Riverside Cemetery

A memorial service will be held at Riverside Cemetery in Sombra on Sunday, June 13 at 2 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair.

Wilkesport jamboree and campout

The 5th annual Wilkesport Jamboree and Campout will be held at the Wilkesport Community Centre from Wednesday, June 16 to Sunday, June 20. This event is open to the public and will include camping facilities, a dance, a yard and bake sale, breakfasts, Sunday morning church service and the Old Boy's Toys classic car and vintage farm machinery show. For more information call Bernie at 519-892-3689 or Chuck at 519-864-4221.

Yard sale at Wilkesport United

Wilkesport United Church will host a yard sale on Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of good stuff, including

books and magazines, will be on sale for bargain prices. Coffee and muffins will also be available.

Car show and soapbox races set

The 6th annual Sombra Township Optimists Car Show and home-built soapbox races are slated for Saturday, June 19 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Brander Park in Port Lambton. Spectators will be admitted free of charge and a licensed refreshment tent, food, entertainment and lots of family fun will be featured. For more information about the car show or the soapbox races, call Vic at 519-677-5912 or e-mail oleary1976@hotmail.com or fasteddy@kent.net.

Decoration Day at Bear Creek Cemetery

The Decoration Day service to honour those who served their country in the Canadian and Commonwealth Armed Services will be held, rain or shine, at Bear Creek Cemetery on Sunday, June 20 at 11 a.m. The event will be conducted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Brigden. Please bring a lawn chair.

Black Gold Jubilee in Brigden

The Black Gold Jubilee to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Oil Museum of Canada will be held at the Brigden fairgrounds in the exhibition hall on Saturday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m. The event will feature a vintage fashion and variety show. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. Tickets are \$21 per person and are available at the Brigden fairgrounds office, Oil Museum, Oil Springs municipal office, and Petrolia Mercantile and Tea.

Heritage Festival at Moore Museum

The Moore Museum will host the Heritage Festival on Sunday, June 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$4 per senior, \$3 per student, \$2 per child and free for preschool children.

Sombra Days on the way

Sombra Sports and Rec will host the annual Sombra Days event on July 2, 3 and 4. The event kicks off with a co-ed baseball tournament and dance on Friday, plus a parade, volleyball tournament, horseshoe tournament, bands, a beer tent, raffles and lots of fun for everyone.

Sombra Museum 2010 season info

The 2010 season has begun at the Sombra Museum. Events planned for this season include: a lawn concert on Sunday, July 4; the annual Blueberry Social on Sunday, Aug. 8; and the Victorian Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday, Aug. 27. The museum is open daily in June and September from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and in July and August from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Hats Galore* is the new exhibition for this year.

Register for the St. Clair River Run

The St. Clair River Run 10K race and 5K walk/run from Cathcart Park to Brander Park south of Port Lambton is planned

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