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Winning smiles for *Team Moore*? Come see why they smile



Representing the Moore Skating Club, *Team Moore* won the Rock The Ice Challenge earlier this year. The challenge was organized by Elvis Stojko and the creative personnel behind Elvis's Rock The Ice show. The team won with a perfect score in this competition, which featured ice skating clubs from several other Ontario cities.

This talented group of skaters will perform the rou-

tine that took top honours when they appear at the Moore Skating Club's *Ice Show 2011* on Saturday, April 16. Two shows are slated for the Mooretown Sports Complex at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Don't miss this exhibition of ice skating at its best!

Team Moore is shown here with coach Carol MacPherson holding the coveted Rock The Ice Challenge trophy.

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



Council Notes

Council approves the 2011 budget

Charles Quenneville, treasurer of St. Clair Township, reports that on March 14, Council approved the 2011 budget, which will see an average increase of \$31 per \$100,000 of residential assessment. The increase represents 2.72 per cent of the overall tax bill, which includes the County of Lambton and education levy. Mr. Quenneville explained that the two components of the 2011 budget that played a major role in this increase were Ontario Provincial Police funding (\$261,046) and capital spending (\$279,582).

He noted that in the capital budget there are 70 projects totalling a gross project cost of \$21 million and a

net taxation levy of \$1.8 million after deducting external revenues such as grants. Some of the major projects include the completion of the regional waste water treatment plant and reconstruction of Cooper, Beresford and Colborne Streets.

Council meeting schedule

St. Clair Township council meetings will be held as follows: Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

Summer fun awaits at the Mooretown Sports Complex

With summer on the way, it's time to consider activities that will keep kids entertained and fit over the summer holidays. At the Mooretown Sports Complex, the Summer Day Camp, for children ages five through 12, and the Summer Sports Camp, for children ages seven through 14, offer a wide range of activities as well as a chance to make new friends.

The camps will run weekdays (excluding holidays) from July 4 through Aug. 19. The Summer Day Camp will operate 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and cost \$25 per day or \$100 per week. Games, crafts, swimming and much more will keep kids engaged and active.

The Summer Sports Camp will run 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per day or \$100 per week. Sports specialties being offered include: July 4-8, Basketball camp; July 11-15, Golf camp; July 18-22, Sports combo camp; July 25-29, Golf camp; Aug. 2-5, Track and field

camp; Aug. 8-12, Golf camp; Aug. 15-19, Sports combo camp.

For more information about these camps or any of the other programs offered at the Mooretown Sports Complex, call 519-867-2651.

And don't forget the MSC is a great place to hold a BIRTHDAY PARTY! Up to 12 children can enjoy a swim or skate, pizza or hotdogs and fries, with pop and cake for just \$108. Call 519-867-2651 to reserve your party.

Moore Optimist oratorical contest winners

The local Moore Optimist oratorical contest for 2011, held March 8, was won by Caitlyn Waybrant, a student at Mooretown-Courtright Public School. Deep Patel of Sir John Moore Community School took second place, Madison Bois of Sir John Moore Community School took third place, and Bailey Churcher of Mooretown-Courtright Public School took fourth place.

Caitlyn and Deep then went on to compete at the Regional competition in Port Stanley. A win there would mean a trip to the District contest in Windsor in April.

2011 St. Clair River Run in July

The 2011 St. Clair River Run, a scenic 10K walk/run along the beautiful St. Clair River, is slated for Saturday, July 16. The certified course follows a flat, paved trail along the river through Sombra and Port Lambton. Participants will enjoy chip timing and all runners will get a technical shirt. Registration for the 10K run can be done online at:

http://www.stclairriverrun.com/?page_id=67

Registration for the 5K walk/run can be done online at:

http://www.stclairriverrun.com/?page_id=70



Correction

Apologies are extended to the congregations of All Saints Parish. In the March Beacon, it was reported that St. George's Anglican Church was closed as part of the parish amalgamation process. In fact, it was St. John's that was closed. St. George's Anglican Church in Samia and the former Christ Anglican in Corunna now form the All Saints Parish.

Community Notices

The Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton is seeking volunteers to participate in its Tag Days on May 13 and 14. Volunteers are asked to collect funds outside local businesses - it's a great way for high school students to earn their community service hours. Call 519-332-4444 for more information.

Veterans and their spouses may be eligible for benefits such as disability pensions, hearing loss assistance and housekeeping. The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch can offer help in determining if such benefits are applicable. For more information, contact Corunna Branch 447 Service Officer Gerry Den Hartogh at 519-862-1613.

The Captain Kidd Days event in Corunna is in need of a new chairman. Call Pattie at 519-862-1314 for more information.

The Moore Agricultural Society is looking for a new Brigden Fair parade organizer. For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

Cinderella Story, an initiative that helps girls obtain affordable dresses for prom night, will make a wide selection of beautiful dresses available at the Oil Heritage District Community Centre (OHDCC) in Petrolia on Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For the past year, the Sunset Rebekah Lodge #185 of Sombra has had the honour of being the home lodge of the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. Sister Daulphine Smith, who will end her term of office in May, and her local Sunset Lodge officers, Colour Bearer Sister Helen McGaffey and Right Herald Sister Dona La-joie, are shown here with the banner that currently hangs in the community hall where meetings are held.



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Med Outreach students traveling to Tanzania. And enjoy, *Egyptian Splendors*, a travelogue dinner being presented Friday, **May 6** at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. For tickets, call Brenda at 519-344-8626.

SHRED-IT event helps prevent fraud

Protect yourself against identity theft and fraud by having personal confidential material properly destroyed at the *FREE SHRED-IT* document destruction day being held on Saturday, **May 7** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the St. Clair Township OPP office, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna. Information on how to protect yourself against identity theft will also be available. This event is being presented by the Corunna Community Policing Committee, SHRED-IT Document Destruction and the Ontario Provincial Police Corunna office. *Identity theft is the fastest growing form of consumer fraud in North America. Consumers can protect themselves against identity theft by regularly destroying confidential documents rather than disposing them in non-secure places such as garbage bags or recycling bags, where they can be stolen.*

Sombra Museum fundraiser evening

The Sombra Museum will host an evening of dinner, entertainment and dancing at the Wilkesport Community Centre on Saturday, **June 4**. The theme, *Tales of Two Rivers*, will include a cocktail hour at 5 p.m., a dinner featuring roast beef and herbed chicken at 6 p.m., a special program at 7:30 p.m., and dancing and entertainment beginning at 8:30 p.m. Champion fiddler Greg Henry and special guest musicians will provide the music and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$50 per person, which will be eligible for a \$30 tax receipt. For tickets, call the museum at 519-892-3982.

Wilkesport Jamboree and Campout

The 6th annual Wilkesport Jamboree and Campout is slated for the Wilkesport Community Centre from **June 12 to 19**. The event is open to the public and will include: camping facilities, a dance, a yard and bake sale, a breakfast at the fire hall on Saturday and at the park gazebo on Sunday (both from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.), a Saturday parade of tractors and cars from Wilkesport to Brigden beginning at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow at the Brigden Restaurant, and a Sunday morning church service. For more information call Bernie at 519-892-3689 or Chuck at 519-864-4221.

Indoor walking sessions in Brigden

Free indoor walking sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall.

Cruickshank Centre activities planned

The Cruickshank Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna will hold **ongoing group games** as follows: euchre on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$3); cribbage on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; bridge on Thursdays at 1 p.m. For more information call 519-862-1628.

LEO seniors' luncheons in Corunna

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) hosts a seniors' luncheon every third Wednesday of the month at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. For more information or to register, call LEO at 1-800-265-0203.

IODE flower orders now being taken

The Hon. L. Cathcart Chapter IODE is still taking orders for the sale of geraniums and hanging baskets this spring for residents who are heading south. To order, call Marilyn at 519-862-1769. These items can be picked up on May 13 from DeGroot's or Windovers.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

K of C Sunday breakfast in Corunna

The Corunna/Courtright Knights of Columbus will host Sunday breakfast and meat raffle on **April 3** and another on **May 1** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea - all you wish to eat. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children six to 13, and no charge for children under six.

Story and craft program in Port Lambton

The Port Lambton library will host a story and craft program for children ages two through 10 on Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Crimes Against Seniors seminar set

A free Crimes Against Seniors information seminar will be held Monday, **April 4** from 9 a.m. to noon at Thompson Gardens in Corunna. Free refreshments will be available. To register, call 519-862-4680 or e-mail: ccpcnw@yahoo.ca. This event is sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing Committee and the Ontario Provincial Police St. Clair Township office.

Diabetes education series planned

A free group diabetes education series will be held at the West Lambton Community Health Centre on Tuesdays, **April 5, 12 and 19** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, extension 259.

Sombra Optimists plan a fowl bingo

The Optimist Club of Sombra will hold a fowl bingo on Wednesday, **April 6** at 7 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Proceeds will support the ongoing activities and initiatives of the Sombra Optimists.

Euchre parties in Sombra

A series of euchre parties will be held at the Sombra Community Hall on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: **April 8, 15, 29**. For more information call 519-892-3964.

Beef dinner at Brigden United Church

The congregation of Brigden United Church will host their annual beef dinner on Sunday, **April 10** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Attendance is by advance ticket only. Tickets are \$12 per adult, \$5 per child under 12, and free for children under five. For tickets call Marie at 519-864-4016 or Connie at 519-864-1747.

Country Jamboree in Brigden

The April Country Jamboree will be held on Sunday, **April 10** at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall beginning at 1 p.m. Musicians and singers are welcome to bring instruments and join the jam session. Admission is \$2 per person. After this afternoon of music and fun, a ham and scalloped potato dinner will begin at 5 p.m. Limited tickets for the dinner will be sold at the door, so come early. Proceeds from this event will be used towards new, energy efficient lighting in the exhibition hall. For more information go online to www.brigdenfair.ca.

Corunna Legion hosting events

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a

series of sport and entertainment events in the next few months. **April:** Euchre will be played on Sunday, **April 10**; a ham bingo will be held on Wednesday, **April 20** at 7 p.m.; Jeff Nutt open darts will be played on Saturday, **April 23**; Provincial Darts will be played on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, **April 30**. **May:** jam session on Saturday, **May 28**. **Reminder:** Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and some lively conversation from Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m. The cost is \$1. For more information about any of these events, call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

Rebekah Lodge luncheons offered

Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 luncheon and card party afternoons at Thomson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna, will be held at noon on the following days: **April 11; May 30; Sept. 26**.

Corunna United Church to hold fashion show

An Alia/Tan Jay Fashion Show will be held at Corunna United Church in Corunna on Tuesday, **April 19** at 7 p.m. There will be door prizes and refreshments, and tickets are \$10 per person. All proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Tickets can be purchased by calling Joyce at 519-862-3421 or the church office at 519-862-1052.

Wilkesport Hall Board annual meeting slated

The Wilkesport Hall Board will hold its annual meeting and election on **April 19** at 7 p.m. The meeting will include a review of the past year and a discussion of pending business, financial statements will be received, and board directors will be elected to serve a two-year term. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend so that valuable public input can be heard.

Events slated for Brigden

The Moore Agricultural Society has several spring events planned at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. Celebrate Easter with a delicious brunch on Sunday, **April 24**, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$8 per adult, \$5 per child, and free for children under five. Then celebrate Mother's Day with brunch on Sunday, **May 8** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$8 per adult, \$5 per child, and free for children under five. For more information about any of these events, go online to www.brigdenfair.ca, or call 519-864-1197.

Chili luncheon to benefit Cancer Society

A chili luncheon to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall on Thursday, **April 28** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and takeouts will be available for \$5. (*To order takeout, call 519-862-1240.*)

Gala to benefit Autism Ontario - Sarnia-Lambton

The *Seeds of Success* Gala will be held at the Dante Club, London Road in Samia, on Saturday, April 30. The event will raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorders and help raise funds to continue much-needed programs and services. Tickets are \$65 per person and are available at Corunna Chiropractic at 426 Lyndoch Street in Corunna.

Corunna United Church to host events

Several events are slated for the Corunna United Church. On **April 30** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a basement sale will be held to benefit

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