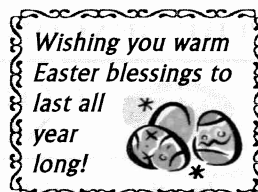




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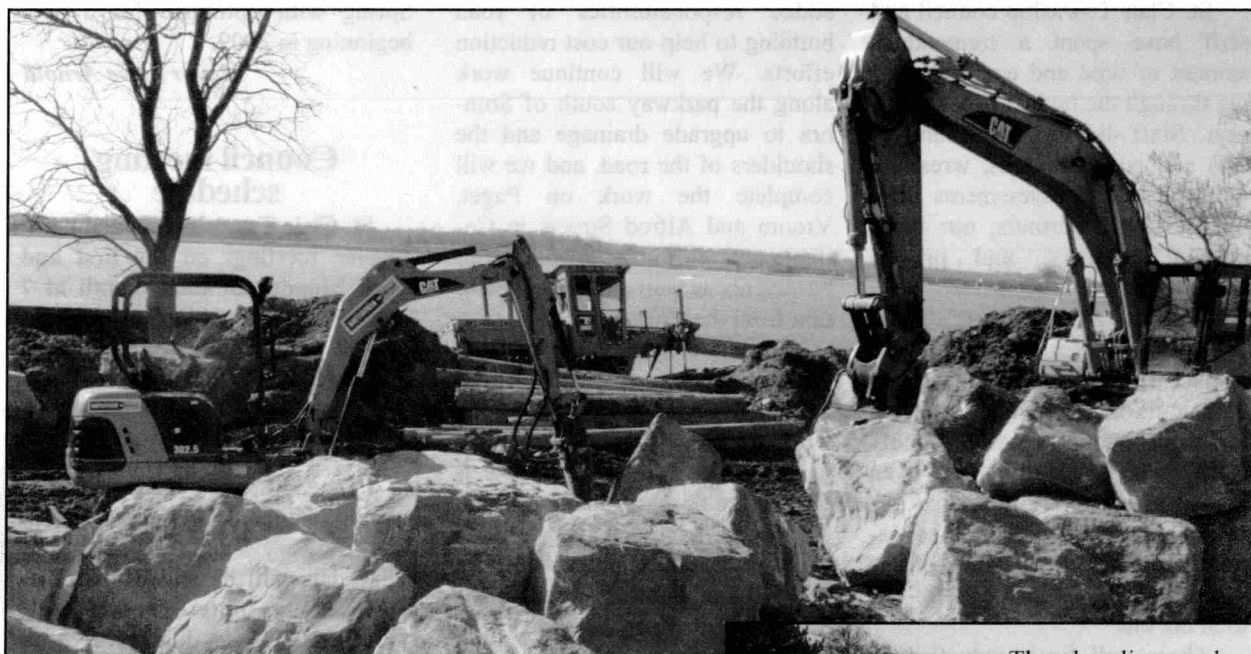


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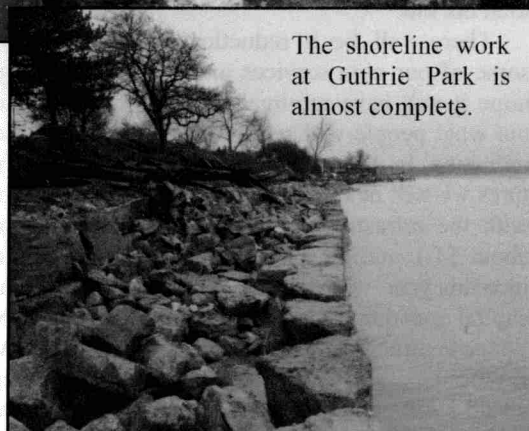
The shoreline at Guthrie Park north of Corunna has been the site of on-going remediation activity since last year.

Phase one of the project is being completed by St. Clair Township with the assistance of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA.) The SCRCA has been the major funding partner for the project, with additional funds from the Great Lakes Sustainability Fund and the Ministry of Environment.

The in-water portion of the work is complete and the restoration of the park will be completed immediately following the shoreline work. It is hoped this will be accomplished by spring.

The remaining work will be completed as funding is confirmed.

The shoreline work at Guthrie Park is almost complete.



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1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0.

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



COUNCIL NOTES

Council holds the line on taxes

In this special edition of Council Notes, Mayor Steve Arnold outlines the challenges council faces in the 2009 budget deliberations.

St. Clair Township council and staff have spent a tremendous amount of time and energy working through the budget process this year. Staff did the first round of cuts and consolidations, wrestling with the loss in assessments from our industrial partners, our commercial partners, and private homeowners.

We had a major loss of approximately 18.5 per cent with respect to tax write-offs - close to \$1.3 million - in our expected township budget. This not only reflects here locally, but even higher in our contribution to the county and the boards of education, since the township share is approximately 23 per cent of the total tax bill.

There will be a reduction in some of our core services and we hope it will have minimal impact, but what people will see most is a reduction in the capital expenditures we will be making. However, with the infrastructure funding of about \$1.1 million from the province this year, we will shore up our capital spending, and the \$21 million we garnered through successful lobbying will allow us to move ahead with much-needed infrastructure projects like the new waste water treatment facility.

We will still be working towards replacing bridges and box culverts along the Murphy Drain, Booth Creek and Stanley Line in 2009 and 2010, as well as hard-surfacing the Rokeby Line from Highway 40 to Kimball Road. This project is made possible by using

our own township forces to do the majority of the work. They have done a great job and we, as a council, are very proud of the way they have stepped up to take on the added responsibilities of road building to help our cost reduction efforts. We will continue work along the parkway south of Sombra to upgrade drainage and the shoulders of the road, and we will complete the work on Paget, Vroom and Alfred Streets in Corunna to eliminate flooding of basements as well as sewer separation from the storm sewers.

There are many other projects we have partnered with in our community, complimenting the work of our many volunteer organizations. Two county projects of note are the resurfacing of Kimball Road from Petrolia Line to Wilkesport, and Highway 80 from just west of Kimball Road to the St. Clair Parkway.

The work of council has involved a great deal of time lobbying for these projects, both at the county, the provincial and the federal government levels. I can't say enough about how proud I am of our staff and members of council, who continuously rise to the occasion to make our community a stronger, better place to live.

The work I have mentioned here is representative of the kind of work that lies ahead for us - it's just a snapshot of our 2009 activities. As I write this, it is my understanding that we will implement a triple zero budget increase this year for the first time in recent memory - 0 per cent at the township, 0 per cent at the county, and 0 per cent at the boards of education. We set these targets in order to help with the current economic

times we are facing. It wasn't easy but we felt it was necessary to show support for our residents.

With the gloom of Winter behind us, I hope we can all welcome Spring with optimism for a new beginning in 2009.

Mayor Steve Arnold

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.

Dog tag fees due

Dog tag invoices are currently being mailed to residents on the dog registry. Fees not paid by the due date will be added to the tax roll. **Please note:** Fees have increased by \$5 per dog.

St. Clair Township 2009 property tax due date

The second instalment of the interim property tax bill will be due on **May 6**. Payment of property taxes and water bills can be made at most chartered banks and financial institutions on or before the due date. Any bank charges will be the responsibility of the ratepayer. Tax payments by cheque can be mailed to the return address provided on the tax notice.

Preauthorized payment plans are now available.

Inquiries can be made by calling the St. Clair Township Tax Department at 519-867-2024 (toll-free 1-800-809-0301).

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 begin Wednesday, May 6 and Friday, May 8 and 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 April 24, 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 -----

SHRED-IT event will help prevent identity theft

Residents of St. Clair Township are invited to bring all unnecessary personal confidential material to the OPP office on Lyndoch Street in Corunna on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A SHRED-IT mobile truck will shred these documents **free of charge**. Personnel will also be on site to offer tips on how you can protect yourself against identity theft. This event is co-sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing

Committee and the Ontario Provincial Police.

FRAUD: Recognize it! Report it! Stop it!

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 of them in non-secure places such as garbage bags or recycling bags where they can be stolen.

**COUNCIL
DIARY****Funding sources explored to benefit township**

This month's Council Diary is written by Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland. For insights directly from the council chambers, watch for this column each month in The Beacon.

As I meet people when I am out and about, the two questions most frequently asked are: "What is going on in St. Clair Township" and "What about my taxes?"

Let me tackle the tax question first. Your township council has made a conscious decision to allow *NO* tax increase in these troubling economic times. However, the township portion of your property taxes is less than 25 per cent of the total property tax bill. The reassessment of Ontario Power Generation has had a very serious and negative effect on our revenue (over \$1 million.) We will not compromise by cutting services but some of our ambitious improvement plans will be slightly delayed. The Lambton County portion of the tax bill has also been kept to a zero increase. Please be mindful that the assessment on your property (MPAC) controls your share of tax, but unless you have experienced an unusual increase in assessment, you should expect a tax even with the previous year dependant on the educational levy.

Now, as to "what's going on?" The answer is "Much!"

Many believe that the council's only role is to make policy and pass by-laws, but our best work is done in committee and by petitioning senior governments to obtain funding for our many projects. This is done by diligent lobbying of the various ministries and their parliamentary assistants by appointments, phone calls, conferences, convention opportunities, etc. A successful funding application is achieved by demonstrating that your project is worthy and "shovel ready." With the leadership and direction of Mayor Steve Arnold and our senior staff, we have been very successful during this term of office.

Here are some examples of the funding this township has obtained from grants and other funding sources: a Trillium grant of \$160,000 for improvements to the Brigden, Port Lambton and Courtright Community Halls; a Federal grant of \$120,000 to have an elevator installed in the Mooretown Sports Complex and to improve accessibility at the Sombra Museum; \$691,000 towards the sewer project south of Courtright; \$2.55 million to install sewers in Wilkesport; a \$1.2 million one-time provincial grant for paving Brigden Road

and some streets in Brigden, Courtright and Corunna; \$1.1 million consistent funding from the province for street improvements like those listed above; \$1 million Gas Tax refund used for McMillan sub-division bridge and Brigden Road; a \$2.1 million grant from the St. Clair Parkway Commission on asset transfer of river front parks and the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course; \$400,000 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority for shoreline protection at Guthrie Park; and \$18,000 from the St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority for a boat launch in Mooretown Park.

A new regional sewage treatment plant that will serve Courtright, Mooretown, Corunna and areas is also in the works through the Building Canada Fund (BCF.) This is an initiative by the Federal and Provincial governments to help fund infrastructure projects - one-third Federal, one-third Provincial and one-third Municipal. The conditions are that our planning and engineering must be in a "shovel ready" state and that the municipality must have a population of less than 100,000. Mayor Arnold and Council, Administrative, and Engineering staff worked to obtain BCF funding, which garnered the township \$10.5 Million from Federal government and \$10.5 Million from Provincial government towards the project. This is the highest award granted to any municipality in Ontario on this first intake and we are a municipality of less than 17,000! I would also like to personally acknowledge the assistance of M.P. Pat Davidson and M.P.P. Bob Bailey in making this happen. This project is now going to tender and, when completed, will serve St. Clair Township for many, many years.

The Province also invested \$8 million to upgrade Highway 40 in St. Clair Township.

In other areas, our St. Clair Parkway Golf Course club house is about to be expanded to accommodate larger business and social events than we have previously been able to handle. This is being done on a business case with a five-year repayable loan from Parkway reserves.

It is always important to acknowledge the many volunteers that make this township so great. To our coaches, youth leaders, service clubs, fire fighters, and the myriad other volunteers who give so freely of their time and effort, a heartfelt thank you.

**COMMUNITY
POLICING*****Spring policing initiatives promote community safety***

As the pleasant spring weather coaxes St. Clair Township residents to emerge from the winter cocoon of their homes, travel will be on most peoples' agendas.

With this in mind, the Lambton OPP will be offering a series of child care seat workshops throughout the county. OPP Sgt. Paul Futers of the Corunna OPP office says such a workshop will be held at the new OPP office at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Street this summer, although an exact date has not yet been determined. In the meantime, parents who are in doubt as to whether or not their child's car seat is properly installed can stop by the current OPP office at the south end of Lyndoch Street for assistance.

Sgt. Futers says it is imperative that child car seats be properly installed, not just for the child's safety, but because improperly installed seats will be part of the focus of this spring's seat belt initiative.

From April 15 to 26, Lambton OPP officers will be conducting inspections of all car safety restraints, including adult seat belts and child car seats. The initiative is being carried out in the interest of public safety.

Fraud prevention is another area that local police, along with the Corunna Community Policing Committee, will be addressing this spring. On Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a SHRED-IT mobile truck will be stationed in the OPP office parking lot ready to properly destroy all personal information documents that require disposal. The public is invited to bring their documents for disposal and, at the same time, take advantage of the identity theft and fraud information that will be available at this event.

It should be noted that March was designated Fraud Prevention Month by the Ontario Provincial Police. Of special interest to the OPP are the fraudulent cross-border telemarketing scams. A media release, issued by the OPP Criminal Investigation Services Anti-Rackets Branch, noted this type of fraud remains one of the most pervasive forms of white-collar crime in North America. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre (CAFCC, formerly called PhoneBusters,) estimates that on any given day, there are between 500 to 1,000 criminal telemarketing "boiler rooms," grossing about \$1 billion per year, operating in Canada. Several types of cross-border telemarketing frauds have increased substantially over the past several years.

The biggest trend in mass marketing fraud is the use of counterfeit or altered financial documents, such as cheques, bank drafts or money orders. A large number of complaints received at the CAFCC involved the use of counterfeit financial documents.

The OPP urges everyone to be on guard for all types of mass-marketing fraud. This type of fraud can be conducted over the telephone, Internet, e-mail or by regular mail. Common types of fraud include advanced fee loans, lottery or sweepstake offers, employment job evaluations, and overpayment/counterfeit cheque scams, fraudulent prize and lottery schemes, fraudulent loan offers, secret shopper scams and fraudulent offers of low-interest credit cards or credit-card protection. For more information about these types of fraud, log in to the CAFCC/PhoneBusters Website at www.phonebusters.com.

Another concern that arises with the milder weather is the presence of youth on the streets late at night. Sgt. Futers says that under the Family Services Act, children under 16 years of age are considered to be in need of protection. "We take the kids home or bring them into the office and call their parents to come and pick them up," he said. "Many times, the parents don't know they are out." As an example, Sgt. Futers said the children will sometimes sneak out while they are at sleep-overs or they tell their parents they are at a friend's house when they are, in fact, roaming neighbourhood streets.

He added that officers often stop to talk to the older children to encourage them to move on if they are loitering. This often leads to a productive dialogue. "Sometimes we get into good conversations," said Sgt. Futers. "Sometimes there are things happening at home they (the youths) don't want to be around."

An on-going initiative that is proving to be quite successful in the Corunna area is the Neighbourhood Watch program. Sgt. Futers says the Corunna Community Policing Committee (CCPC) is to be commended for its promotion of this valuable program. "This area is phenomenal, very proactive and involved in the community," he said. "Their (CCPC) activities contribute to keeping property crimes down in the area. They're watching out for each other. This is a very close community."

The committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on Emily Street in Mooretown and everyone is welcome to attend. "Anyone with a concern can come out to a meeting," said Sgt. Futers.

As always, residents are encouraged to report incidents of mischief or crime, no matter how small or insignificant they may be. Sgt. Futers says this is the only way police can identify and monitor problem areas to find ways to stop the incidents from occurring. "If a trend is identified, a program can be put together to prevent criminals from getting a foothold in the community," he added.

Community support for Corunna splash pad acknowledged

Several local individuals and businesses were acknowledged recently for their generous donations towards the new splash pad which is slated for construction in the Corunna Athletic Park this summer.

At the March 16 meeting of St. Clair Township council, members of the Optimist Club of Moore and St. Clair Township council took time to express thanks for these donations, which totalled about \$1,000. The splash pad is one of the largest projects the Optimist Club of Moore has ever undertaken. Club secretary Nina Strickland says the club appreciates the enthusiasm shown by the community for this project and all of the resulting donations received. "We have raised about \$45,000 since starting fundraising in November,

2008, and have reached the halfway mark of our goal," she noted.

Further donations can be made by contacting Moore Optimist President Fred Strickland or any other Optimist member. Cheques can also be sent to the Optimist Club of Moore, Box 1469, Corunna, Ont., N0N 1G0. Cheques for donations of \$25 or more should be made out to the St. Clair Township Splash Pad Project and a tax receipt will be issued from the St. Clair Township office.

The Moore Optimists are currently working with the township to select a contractor to start the project. It is hoped the splash pad will be installed and running by late May or early June of this year.



There were smiles all around when donors from the community were acknowledged for their support of the new Corunna splash pad. On hand for the event were, from the left: MPP Bob Bailey; Tim Horton's owner Robert Baker; Moore Optimist President Fred Strickland; Corunna Optimist member Lorne Powell; Jo Ann Brown, Nova Chemicals, Public & Government Affairs; Steve Pepergel, Corporate Relations Officer, Ontario Power Generation, Lambton Generating Station; Randy Glendenning, CH2M Hill OMI, Safety Team Leader; and St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.

Photo submitted

Mooretown student presented with Earl Clysdale Award

Cole Robbins, a Grade 8 student at Mooretown-Courtright Public School, was recently presented with the Earl Clysdale Award by the Optimist Club of Moore. The presentation took place at the annual Youth Appreciation dinner in February.

Students are invited to write and submit an essay explaining what volunteerism means to them,

what they derive from volunteering, and what they do as a volunteer in their school, church, sports organization or other places in the community. Optimist Club spokesperson Nina Strickland says some excellent essays were submitted and the decision as to who would win the award was a difficult one.

Township contact numbers prove elusive to some residents

A letter complimentary to the efforts of the St. Clair Township Works Department staff and to the helpful nature of township residents was recently received by *The Beacon*. Although there is no space in which to publish the full letter, the author wrote, "I really appreciate all the work the snow plow drivers have done this winter so that we may travel freely. I also

appreciate all the neighbours and farmers with tractors who help each other out in these snowstorms."

However, the author also wrote that efforts to contact the works department to report difficult conditions on one of the township roads were hampered because contact information could not immediately be accessed.

All St. Clair Township departments are listed in the Government (blue) pages of the phone book. Some of the main phone numbers are: Administration, 519-2021; Works/Roads, 519-867-2993; Water, 519-867-2128; Engineering, 519-867-2125 (after hours emergency, 519-344-9318); Recreation and Community Services, 519-867-2651.

Local volunteers work to improve life through Chernobyl Children's Fund

Fundraising is currently underway toward the ongoing support of the Chatham-Kent-Essex-Lambton Chernobyl Children's Fund. This group raises money to help fund projects in Belarus. Group spokesperson, St. Clair Township resident Deborah Anderson, says these projects include programs for the mentally disabled, diabetes education, the support of two girls who live in an orphanage there, and the purchase of items such as sewing machines which allow women to earn a living.

Local youth fundraising to provide clean drinking water for the poor

A 14-year old Mooretown student is doing her part to provide clean drinking water for the less fortunate of the world.

Kaitlynn Anderson, a Grade 9 student at SCITS in Sarnia, says she is in her third fundraising campaign for *WaterCan*, a registered Canadian charity dedicated to providing clean drinking water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education for the world's poorest people. According to Anderson, *WaterCan* works with local partner organizations in Africa to support small-scale community-driven projects that dramatically improve the quality of life for the people who live there.

Anderson has been raising funds for *WaterCan*'s Clean Water for Schools program since 2007. With the help of individuals, businesses and organizations such as the Sarnia Rotary Club and Libro Financial, she has raised \$5,762. Donations are matched 3:1 by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this worthy cause can call 519-864-1161 or e-mail danderson@rivernet.net. For more information about *WaterCan*, go online to www.watercan.com.

This year, the all-volunteer group expects its expenses to total about \$70,000, all of which goes directly toward the support effort. Cash donations over \$25 are eligible for a charitable receipt. Donations of items such as vitamins, acetaminophen, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other toiletries are also appreciated, however, aerosol cans are not accepted.)

This summer, the group hopes to host 39 children and two interpreters on a visit, providing that the recent travel ban issued by the current Belarusian government can be overcome. The visit gives the children a much-needed respite from the radioactive contaminated regions they live in. (This year marks the twenty-third anniversary of the explosion in Chernobyl.)

Anyone wishing to donate to Chernobyl Children's Fund can call 519-864-1161.

Lady Rebekah Lodge makes donations

The Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge of Brigidon has once again come to the aid of two young local residents. The family of twenty-two month-old Anelene Plamondon, who suffered burns and lung damage when her family's home burned in mid-January, received a donation of \$500 towards the baby's medical care and expenses. Analene's father, Rob, also received burns when he rescued his daughter from the blaze. Analene underwent a successful skin graft to her arms and hands in a London hospital and is now being cared for at Bluewater Health. Analene and her dad are both expected to recover fully from their injuries.

And a 17-year-old student, recently diagnosed with cancer, received \$500 toward travel expenses to Toronto, where she receives chemotherapy treatments.

Anyone interested in joining the Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge and helping to further its good work is encouraged to call 519-542-2876 for more information.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Legion plans events

The Corunna branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will hold a public euchre tournament at the Legion hall on Sunday, April 5. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and play begins at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

And on Saturday, April 25 at 3 p.m., musicians, singers and folks who just love to hear good music are invited to come to the Legion hall for an open jam session. Everyone is welcome.

Triva night planned

Enjoy Trivia Fun Night at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Saturday, April 4 at 8 p.m. Teams of six are invited to test their trivia knowledge. A cash bar will be available.

Churches plan pickerel dinner

The 3rd annual Good Friday pickerel dinner, hosted by St. Joseph-St. Charles Parish and Christ Anglican Church, will be held on April 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. Advanced tickets only are available by calling Nancy at 519-481-0337, Margaret at 519-862-3741, Gitte at 519-862-1837, or Brian at 519-862-1044.

Easter brunch set

An Easter brunch will be held at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages five to 10. Children under five eat free. Call the fairgrounds office at 519-864-1197 for more information or go online to www.brigdenfair.ca.

Sombra Community Centre meeting

The annual general meeting for Sombra Community Centre is scheduled for Wednesday April 29th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Mother's Day brunch planned

Treat the special lady in your life to Mother's Day brunch at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children five to 10 years of age, and free for children under five. For more information call 519-864-1197.

Roast beef dinner slated

The Brigden United Church will host its annual spring roast beef dinner on Sunday, April 19 at the church. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and admission is by advanced tickets only. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children ages six to 12. For tickets or more information, call Marie at 519-864-4016 or Connie at 519-864-1747. Tickets are also available from all Brigden U.C. members.

50's and 60's musical revue

Hey, Boomers! The music you grew up loving is coming to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 437 Colborne St. in Corunna on Sunday, May 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. *The Satiniques* will perform *Malt Shoppe Memories*, a 50's and 60's musical

revue. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12, and they can be purchased by calling the church office at 519-862-3641 or Beth at 519-862-2307.

Basement sale and treasures

The Corunna United Church will hold a basement sale Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to noon with proceeds to the MediOut-Reach program at the University of Western Ontario. Who knows what treasures await you.

Horticultural society events slated

The Brigden and District Horticultural Society has several activities slated for the spring. The first will be its annual membership drive. Two hundred memberships are needed for the society to be eligible for a government grant. The grant will enable the society to continue to beautify area parks and flower beds. The memberships are only \$6 each and can be purchased at these upcoming events:

Perennial Flower Sale

The flower sale will be held May 16 from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, at the park located at the corner of Highway 80 and Brigden Road in Brigden. Plant donations can be made by calling Barb at 519-864-4963 or Rae at 519-864-1676. **Attention high school students!** You can accumulate volunteer hours by helping the society weed flower beds in Brigden this season. Call Barb or Rae (see above,) or Rose at 519-864-4095.

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.

Rebekah Lodge hosts luncheons

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 continue to host a series of luncheon and card afternoons at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith St., Corunna. These events will begin at noon on April 27 and May 11. Proceeds will be used to fund the lodge's community efforts.

Knights of Columbus breakfasts

The Knights of Columbus breakfasts at the St. Joseph's Parish Centre in Corunna will wrap up for the season with the final brunch on Sunday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

Cribbage played weekly

Cribbage is played every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Corunna United Church. It's just 25 cents for coffee, cookies and a whole lot of fun!