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Keeping St. Clair's heritage alive at the Moore Museum



Over 125 people recently participated in a hands-on history experience at the Moore Museum's Heritage Festival. Visitors tasted apples fried on the wood stove, plus home-baked rhubarb scones and freshly churned butter. They listened to old-time music and the sound of model trains clacking over the tracks. And they created their own souvenirs through leather-working and rope-making. There were also demon-

strations of spinning and blacksmithing, and a collection of classic cars helped bring back good old memories and create happy new ones. Above, Heritage Festival volunteers who demonstrated the art of spinning included Amanda Moorehouse, left, who worked the spinning wheel while Jennie McPhee and Nicole Kingston carded more wool fibres for her to spin.

Photo submitted

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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 by 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, 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

Call before you dig!

If you have to dig for any project you're doing on your property, call 1-800-400-2255 to have underground lines located before you put a shovel in the ground. **What you can't see can hurt you!**



Hydrant & sewer flushing

The annual flushing of all fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water system is continuing throughout the municipality. Public Works Department personnel are also flushing all main sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system. Both of these efforts are taking place between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and will continue into the fall. During the hydrant flushing procedure, you may notice some discolouration when using taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. The department recommends that, if discolouration should occur, you should run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears. During sewer flushing, gurgling noises in drains may be heard. If either of these conditions persists, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Brian Van Hyfte
Coordinator of Operations
Water/Wastewater

Municipal election workers sought

St. Clair Township is once again conducting the 2010 municipal election by the vote-by-mail system. The Township will require several workers in this process. Election day is Oct. 25. Anyone wishing to apply for this paid position should express

their interest and send contact information to: Clerk's Department, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, N0N 1M0, or call the office at 519-867-2021. Previous election experience would be helpful but is not mandatory.

John DeMars, Clerk

2010 municipal election nominations now being accepted

Nominations for the upcoming 2010 municipal election on Oct. 25 will be 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; for public school board trustee - Jim Townsend; Judy Krall.

Summer fun awaits at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Two summer day camps are in full swing at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Children ages five through 12 can enjoy **day camp** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This camp include games, crafts, healthy physical exercise and the opportunity to make new friends. The cost is \$25 per day or \$100 per week. For children ages seven through 14, **sports camp** is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The schedule includes Golf Camp, Aug. 9 to 13 and the Sports Combo, Aug. 16 to 20. The cost is \$100 per week. 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, with Session 4 lessons being offered Monday to Friday from Aug. 16 through 27. The Parent and Tot swim runs from 10 a.m.



to 10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$45; the Preschool A-E swim runs from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$48; the Swimmer 1-4 swim runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$48; the Swimmer 5-6 swim runs from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at a cost of \$48; and the Rookie, Ranger, Star and Bronze Star programs run from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at a cost of \$48. Private lessons are available at a cost of \$85 and semi-private lessons for two children are available at a cost of \$130.

The Red Cross Assistant Water Safety Instructor course will run from Aug. 16 to 20 at a cost of \$98. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

Registration is now being accepted for fall swimming lessons.

For more information about these exciting programs or to register, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Police warn of latest scam

The Ontario Provincial Police say there have been widespread reports of the "emergency scam" being perpetrated locally. This scam involves telephone calls where unknown persons pose as a family member or friend in urgent need of cash. The scenario often involves an accident, arrest, hospitalization or imprisonment and the victim is asked to send cash via a money transfer company, such as Western Union, or a money gram or postal money order. In

recent variations on this scam, messages have been sent via email from hijacked email accounts.

Police warn anyone receiving such a message to be suspicious and take steps to verify the identity of the caller and the probability of their story. If in any doubt, contact police or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), formerly known as Phonebusters, at 1-888-495-8501 or online at www.phonebusters.com.

St. Joseph CWL fundraiser winner drawn

The St. Joseph Catholic Women's League recently drew the winning name in their woven blanket fundraiser. Kayleigh Robertson of Sarnia was the lucky winner while Marie DiFederico of Corunna won the unframed print. Funds raised through this effort will help support St. Joseph's Hospice in Sarnia.

Sombra Museum hosts lawn concert



The Lambton Liners are Bill Myers, left, Nicholas Swan, Ernie Hunt and Guy Dionne.

An audience of about 100 recently enjoyed a lawn concert at the Sombra Museum featuring The Lambton Liners, who performed a selection of country music and gospel hymns.

Photo submitted

More Around the Township

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won't miss the annual Bryan L. Cathcart Chapter IODE fall dessert/fashion show. The show will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall on Wednesday, Oct. 27 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Several ladies wear stores, including Oxford Street and Tan Jay/Alia will be taking part and a 50/50 draw will take place. For tickets or more information please call 519-862-1769.

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.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Day camp in Brigden

The Brigden Community Church will host *Camp U-Turn* on Aug. 3 through 6 for children ages five through 11. The theme is *Live God Loud* and the cost is \$35 for the week. Attendees should bring a bagged lunch. Each child will receive a free camp t-shirt and snacks will be provided. For more information, go online to www.uturnministries.ca.

Safari Jeff at Lambton library

The *Great Green Adventure* show with Safari Jeff and Shannon will visit the Lambton branch of the Lambton County Library on Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. Audiences will be educated on the need for conservation and preservation of species, and will enjoy a collection of turtles, snakes, alligators and other captive-born reptiles. Admission is free but a freewill donation to help offset costs would be appreciated.

Blueberry Social planned

The Sombra Museum will hold its 10th annual Blueberry Social on Sunday, Aug. 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments and fresh baked blueberry desserts will be available and special guest, author Cliff Roy, will be launching his new book, *Shawanese Township, The Baby Point Settlement*. There will be live music by Andrew and Tim, and a restored 1938 hose-and-ladder fire truck will be on-site.

Brigden Western Days

For those who like to see horses in action, the Brigden fairgrounds is the place to be on Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8. Brigden Western Days features two days of fast-paced, action-filled, family-oriented equine fun. Watch horses compete in the Gaming, Trail, and Showmanship classes. More information about these classes can be found at www.brigdenfair.ca. Spectator admission is by free will donation of canned goods for the local food bank. Vendors and food booths will be on-site.

Sombra Museum 2010 season info

The 2010 season continues at the Sombra Museum. Events planned for this season include 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.

Benefit golf tourney

A golf tournament to benefit the Lambton Dragons sledge hockey team will be held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Aug. 14. The cost is \$300 per team of four or \$75 per person. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and a steak dinner. A price of \$25 is applicable to anyone wishing to attend only the dinner. Pre-registration is pre-

ferred. Awards will be handed out for the longest drive and closest to the pin in both the men's and women's category. There will also be a putting competition and a mulligan sale, plus other draws and prizes. To register call Robin at 519-330-1374 or Shawn at 519-312-2520. Registration can also be done at 11:30 a.m. at the golf course the day of the tournament.

Vacation Bible school planned

Children in search of some outer space fun are invited to attend the *Galactic Blast* vacation Bible school at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna on Aug. 16 to 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. To register, call 519-862-3641 or 519-862-2307, or go online at www.standrewscorunna.org.

Family fun at Brigden Community Fest

The Brigden Community Fest is slated for Saturday, Aug. 21. The all-day event will begin with the car show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by children's games at noon and a street dance from 8 a.m. to midnight. There is no admission charge for the car show and street dance. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this fun-filled day.

Selkirk History Faire coming

History buffs will enjoy the Selkirk History Faire at MacDonald Park near Port Lambton on Saturday, Aug. 28. Admission is free.

Summer's Last Blast dance slated

The annual *Summer's Last Blast* dance to benefit the St. Clair River Trail will be held at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. The event will feature live music by *Changes In Latitude*, a cash bar, burgers, raffles and door prizes. Put on your funkiest island attire and your dancing shoes and get ready to say goodbye to summer in style. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the Mooretown Sports Complex or the Workout Room in Corunna.

Downriver Craft Sale on the way

The 22nd annual Downriver Craft Sale rolls onto the Moore Museum site in Mooretown on Sunday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. About 60 vendors are expected to be onsite with a huge selection of handcrafted and unique items for sale. Food and refreshments will be available. Outside vendor space is still available and can be reserved by calling the museum at 519-867-2020. Here's a chance to do some early Christmas shopping or just treat yourself to something special.

IODE fashion show

Ladies, it's time to mark your calendar so that you

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