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Your vote counts!

Remember to fill out and mail your ballot in time for the upcoming municipal election on Monday, Oct. 25

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Moore Museum grateful for community support

The Moore Museum has been the recipient of tremendous community support and Curator Laurie Mason says this support has been experienced in many different ways.

Annual public events such as recent Downriver Craft Sale, the Victorian Tea and Heritage Days are well-supported by the community and generate much-needed operating funds.

In addition, the *adopt-a-project* program has proven quite successful to date, according to Mrs. Mason. This program offers donors the opportunity to "adopt" a specific project or purchase. A current example of this innovative program is visible on the west side of the museum site. A general store is being built to enhance the realistic aspect of village life in the Moore Museum's heritage community thanks to: the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 635, Brigden; Union Gas Limited; Leopold Lodge #397; St. Clair



The recent Downriver Craft Sale attracted hundreds of enthusiastic shoppers.

Study Group; and the Optimist Club of Gas Distribution Inc.; LANXESS Brigden. In 2010, the museum's educational programs have been supported by: OPG-Lambton Generating Union Ltd.; Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324; Advanced Finishing Technologies Inc.; and Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge #245. Substantial annual funding for the museum is also provided by St. Clair Township.

New residents should check voting info

Eligible voters who have moved into St. Clair Township in the last several months are encouraged to check the Preliminary List of Electors to make sure their residence information is correct. The list is available in the Clerk's Department, St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown.

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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.

To celebrate the Canadian Naval Centennial, representatives from the HMCS Hunter presented council with an archival photo of the HMCS St. Clair, a Canadian destroyer that served as a convoy escort during WWII. On hand for the presentation were, from the left: Jerry Colter, south-western vice president of the Royal Canadian Navy Association; World War II

Navy makes namesake presentation



navy veteran Larry Costello; Commander Fleming of the HMCS Hunter; Mayor Steve Arnold; and Executive Officer Lt. Caza of the HMCS Hunter.

Council meeting schedule

St. Clair Township council will meet on Monday, Oct. 4 and Monday, Oct. 18. The inaugural meeting for the newly-elected council will be held in early December. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



Sale of land by public tender now underway

The sale of land for tax arrears is currently being done by public tender by the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair as per the Municipal Act, 2001. Tenders will be received until 4 p.m. local time on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the office of the Director of Finance/Treasurer, The Corporation of the Township of St. Clair, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ontario, N0N 1M0 (the St. Clair Township Civic Centre.)

Tenders will be opened in public on the same day at 4 p.m. at the above location.

Description of Lands

Roll No: 3805 220 070 04500 0000 PT LT 5
FRONT ST, 6 FRONT ST, 7 FRONT ST PL 4
MOORE AS IN L277979; ST CLAIR; 00126
CHURCH STREET, ST CLAIR
PIN 43496-0167 (LT)

Minimum tender amount: \$6,420.32

Roll No: 3805 010 030 05600 0000 PT LT 19 CON
6 SOMBRA AS IN L858128; ST CLAIR;
01862 CHARLEMONT LINE SOMBRA
PIN 43397-0106 (LT)

Minimum tender amount: \$7,790.91

Roll No: 3805 010 030 18000 0000 NE 1/4 LT 20
CON 8 SOMBRA; ST CLAIR
PIN 43396-0078 (LT)

Minimum tender amount: \$23,531.10

Roll No: 3805 010 030 18100 0000 PT LT 21 CON

8 SOMBRA AS IN L585957; ST CLAIR
PIN 43389-0057 (LT)

Minimum tender amount: \$12,625.01

Roll No: 3805 010 030 19900 0000 S 1/2 OF S 1/2 LT
20 CON 9 SOMBRA; ST CLAIR
PIN 43396-0062 (LT)

Minimum tender amount: \$7,379.06

Roll No: 3805 220 071 73501 0000 LT 16 PL 469;
ST CLAIR 00285 CAMERON ST CORUNNA
PIN 43438-0057 (LT)

Minimum tender amount: \$11,285.84

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

Olga DePooter, Tax Collector

The Corporation of the Township of St. Clair

1155 Emily Street

Mooretown, Ontario N0N 1M0

519-867-2024

Toll free: 1-800-809-0301

For complete information regarding the tax sale process, call the Tax Department at 519-867-2024 or go online to http://www.tvp.stclair.on.ca/tax_sales.htm

Veterans may qualify for benefits

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. To make inquiries and to obtain further information, contact Corunna branch service officer Gerry Den Hartogh at 519-862-1613.

St. Clair Township municipal candidates at a glance

In St. Clair Township, the upcoming Oct. 25 municipal election will see six candidates running for three Ward I (former Moore Township) council seats. In Ward II (former Sombra Township), both council seats have been acclaimed, with incumbents Steve Miller and Darrell Randell returning for another term. Mayor Steve Arnold and Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland have also been acclaimed and will serve another term.

The following profiles are meant to give residents some insight into each candidate's perceptions and goals.

Ward I Candidates

(Listed alphabetically)

Jeff Agar

Incumbent Jeff Agar has served one four-year term on St. Clair Township council. His community service includes: 15 years as a volunteer with Moore Minor Hockey; 10 years as a volunteer with the Corunna Wildcat Soccer League; and several years as a ball hockey coach. He has been a resident of north St. Clair Township for 29 years and is married with one child. He works as a shop foreman with Steelmax Metal Service.

Mr. Agar says some challenging issues to be faced in the upcoming term will include the twinning of the main water line into the township. "We only have one access to water right now," he said. "A major break (in the line) could shut us down." He added that sewer upgrades and improvements to municipal roads should also continue to be made, while doing everything possible to hold the line on taxes. And finally, Mr. Agar says the provision of adequate recreation opportunities for the municipality's children should be a priority. "This is big," he said. As an example of this effort, he noted he would like to see a fitness track installed in the Corunna Athletic Park.

On a personal level, Mr. Agar says he wants to continue to build trust and to maintain accessibility to all residents. "I pride myself on doing this," he said, "and if I don't know the answer to a question, I will always get back to you."

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Incumbent Pat Carswell-Alexander has served four terms as a councillor - one for Moore Township and three for St. Clair Township - and serves on the municipality's drainage committee. Her community service includes: serving on the Parent Council at Brigden Public School and St. Joseph's School in Corunna; volunteering with Crime Stoppers; volunteering at the Brigden fair; member of the Rural Health Advisory Board; contact coordinator for the Corunna Neighbourhood Watch

program; formerly served on the Sarnia-Lambton physician recruitment taskforce; and is currently a volunteer for Victim Services. Ms. Carswell-Alexander was raised in Corunna and resides in Brigden. She operates a Service Ontario site, the Corunna licence office. She has two children.

One of the issues she says will be important during the next term of council is the potential loss of jobs and tax revenue that could occur if the Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright is closed. "I'm hoping we can find some way to keep it open," she said. She added the facility's personnel make a significant contribution to the vitality of the community, from their support of local businesses and services to their charitable contributions. Other issues include the completion of the Courtright sewage treatment facility, the development of worthwhile projects such as the new Mooretown boat launch, and the overriding need to keep taxes down. "The cost of living is so high today that we need to do our part to keep taxes down," she said.

The need for clear communication with residents, as well as lending a concerned ear to those who have problems to be solved, are issues Ms. Carswell-Alexander has identified as crucial to the effective operation of council. "We need to keep moving forward with transparency," she said. "I've always been accessible to people. I'm interested in what their needs are and I will always bring them to council."

Pat Brown

Incumbent Pat Brown has served a total of six years on municipal council - two years with Moore Township council from 1985 to 1987, and four years with the current St. Clair Township council. He serves on the Moore and Sombra Museum boards and with the Corunna Community Policing Committee, and he formerly served for six years as a provincially appointed area representative with the Lambton Group Police Services Board. He has been a resident of the township for 33 years and is married with two children and five grandchildren. He is a construction coordinator at Lanxess and is a member of Local 663 of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union.

The fate of Lambton Generating Station is a primary concern for Mr. Brown. "I want to see the continued conversion and operation of Lambton Generating Station in order to maintain jobs and tax revenue," he said. In other areas of the township, he identifies the continued maintenance and improvement of area streets and roads, as well as the continuation of the many beneficial community programs that are currently in place, as being of

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utmost importance. He also hopes to see the enhancement of services in areas such as handicapped access.

"My fulfillment comes from making St. Clair Township a better place to live and to raise a family," said Mr. Brown. "We care in St. Clair. I hope to help improve the community."

Jim DeGurse

Jim DeGurse is a former municipal councillor, having served one term with Moore Township and one with St. Clair Township. He is past president and a current director of the Brigden Fair Board, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a volunteer with Operation Christmas Tree in north St. Clair Township. He has served with the Corunna Community Policing Committee for five years and also works with the Lambton Elderly Outreach as a driver. Born and raised in Moore Township, Mr. DeGurse is married with five children and seven grandchildren. He is a retired industrial electrician.

Of concern to Mr. DeGurse is the need to keep taxes low and to attract new industries, large and small, to the area. Children's issues are also important and he believes recreational facilities must be developed and maintained to accommodate the needs of township youth. Likewise, he cites the need for infrastructure maintenance and improvements. "The people in Froomfield still don't have sewers," he said.

Mr. DeGurse says he wants to keep open communications with municipal residents and would like to see council meetings open to inquiries from the floor. "If a person has an issue they can come to council (without being on the agenda)."

Joe Vye

Joe Vye is a full-time cash crop farmer living in St. Clair Township. In addition to operating his St. Clair farm, he also operates one in Dawn-Euphemia Township. He admits to an abiding interest in the many issues of agriculture and is currently president of the local National Farmers Union Chapter 328. He previously served as a director of the chapter for one year. Born in Moore Township, Mr. Vye is married with two children and two grandchildren.

Land use is of primary importance to Mr. Vye. As a full-time farmer, he wants to ensure that the land is kept safe for future generations. "Land that is used to produce our food is a very big concern for me," he said. "This issue really sticks out in my mind."

Mr. Vye says he will bring honesty and integrity to the role of councillor and he hopes to be able to advocate for residents in need of council assistance. "I'm very

easy to talk to about any problem," he said. "They just need to come forward and talk about it."

Shirley Warner

Shirley Warner has served a total of nine years, from 1995 to 2006, as a municipal councillor with Moore Township and, after amalgamation, with St. Clair Township. She has served on the Moore Museum Advisory Board for 14 years and has been the chairperson of the municipal property standards committee for four years. She served on the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation and on the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, and was also a school board trustee. She has lived in north St. Clair Township for 50 years and is widowed with two children and eight grandchildren. She is the owner/operator of Connoisseur Wine in Corunna.

The continued need for adequate funding is a foremost concern for Mrs. Warner. "We need more provincial funding," she said, noting the need to maintain the municipality's infrastructure and keep taxes down. "Other townships don't have as much as we do," she said. "It (money) needs to be spent wisely." The Mooretown campground is one area she believes should be improved.

Mrs. Warner says she likes to help people. "I've always thought of myself as a facilitator," she said. "People feel comfortable talking to me...if I can't help them I'll find someone who can."

School board trustee candidates

Lambton Kent District School Board

Jim Townsend

Incumbent Jim Townsend has served two terms as a trustee for the Lambton Kent District School Board. He has also been a member of the Moore Museum Advisory Board for 10 years, acting as chairman for the past five years. He is a retired teacher who has worked for the Canadian Commissionaires for the past 10 years.

Mr. Townsend cites declining enrolment and the potential loss of community schools as the major issues. "We need to look at ways to keep the schools in our communities," he said, adding the current addition of full-time kindergarten will be helpful in this regard. He also says it is important to continue to keep pressure on the provincial government to ensure there is sufficient funding for school programs. To this end, Mr. Townsend says he works as alternate delegate to the Ontario School Board Association.

He says he approaches the role of trustee from three different perspectives: as a parent, as a retired teacher, and as a former municipal councillor for Wyoming, where effective spending and accountability were im-

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perative. He believes the role of the trustee is an important one. "Everyone is affected by the school system," he said. "Our children are our future."

Judy Krall

Judy Krall says her experience as the mother of four children and 19 years of involvement with the public school system have given her great insight into the role of a school board trustee.

Her long-term involvement with the Home and School Association at Lambton Central Centennial Public School has garnered her a life-time membership in that organization, and she served a term on the provincial board of the Home and School Association representing Lambton Kent. She chaired the school council at Alexander MacKenzie Secondary School for 8 years and has just completed a four-year term with the parent involvement committee. She also served for one year on the Northern Secondary School school council, plus two years on the Amethyst Demonstration School council in London, Ontario.

With this wealth of experience in the school system, Mrs. Krall felt the decision to serve as a trustee seemed logical. "It's a natural progression for me," she said. "I want to bring parent input to the board of trustees and I'll do my best to represent the people of Central Lambton."

Mrs. Krall has also been a member of the Petrolia and Enniskillen Agricultural Society for the past 23 years. She and her family own Krall Poultry Farms.

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St. Clair Catholic District School Board

Carol Bryden

Incumbent Carol Bryden has served one term as a trustee for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. She is a long-time member of the CWL and a COR parent working with teenagers. She is a former teacher and administrator with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. As the mother of three children, she has also had vast experience with the school system as a parent.

Mrs. Bryden says funding will be a paramount issue because of declining enrolment. "We lose (the equivalent

of) about one school of students every year." She said the board built two new schools but had to close four. "We worked closely with parents and the community to see that the process went smoothly."

Of primary interest are the challenges that arise when trying to find funding for crucial programs such as those required to properly serve the needs of special needs students. "Programs need to be put in place to help these students and we don't have enough funding for special education. There's always a shortfall," she noted, admitting that the situation is frustrating. "We have to rob Peter to pay Paul."

Mrs. Bryden says she derives great satisfaction as a trustee. "Education is in my heart and I enjoy continuing that service. I loved teaching, I love administration and I love being a trustee."

Carrie McEachran

Carrie McEachran has been a Rotarian since 2004 and chairs the Special Children's Committee. She also volunteers with the Canadian Cancer Society and Mooretown Minor Hockey, and is the school council secretary for St. Joseph's School in Corunna. On the job, she is the Director of Children's and Respite Services at Community Living Sarnia-Lambton. She is married and has five children.

Mrs. McEachran says, "I would like to see more faith coming back into Catholic schools. Having grown up in the Catholic school system, it is very concerning to see how our beliefs and values are quite often being disguised to meet the needs of society." She sees the decline in enrolment as a symptom of this process. "We are slowly losing sight of why the Catholic school system is so unique and why it even exists."

Mrs. McEachran added, "I would also like to see equality with all the schools in the district. A concern I hear from many parents is that our schools within this area seem to be last in the district to receive many new initiatives, funding, etc." She says she hopes to bring a fresh face to the board and to "provide a more evident voice for Catholic schools in St. Clair Township, Dawn-Euphemia Township, and East Kent. I want to bring more faith into the school system and encourage people to stand up for what they believe in when it comes to our children's education."

The Workplace offers help to job seekers

Job seekers can obtain valuable job hunting and interview skills through The Workplace, an Employment Ontario program funded in part by the Government of Canada. Two helpful workshops are planned for the month of October.

An Interview Skills workshop will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Specific expertise will be offered to assist clients

with disabilities in their job search process.

The Key Ingredients to Employment (KITE) Workshop will be held Monday, Oct. 18 to Thursday, Oct. 21. KITE is designed to provide clients with the necessary tools and information needed to conduct an effective job search. For more information or to find out how to register, call 519-337-7377 or email info@the workplacegroup.ca.

160th Brigden Fair promises excitement and great entertainment for the whole family

The 2010 Brigden Fair is on the way Oct. 8 through Oct. 11, bringing the finest examples of agricultural and homecraft achievement along with some first-class entertainment. Here's what's in store this year.

The exhibition hall will house homecraft displays including crafts, quilts, flowers, photography, as well as the Brigden Fair lunch counter, where hard-working members of the Moore Agricultural Society will be dishing up delicious baked goods, beverages, burgers, soups and treats to tempt hungry fair-goers. While at the exhibition hall, be sure to watch the various demonstrations that will be taking place among the exhibits.

Helicopter rides are scheduled Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Friday, Oct. 8

- 9:00 Exhibit buildings open
- 9:30 Agriculture in the Classroom
- 10:00 Midway opens
- 11:00 Keith Murray (music)
- 11:30 Official fair opening
- 12:45 Keith Murray (music)
- 2:00 Pickin' N' Fiddlin'
- 7:00 Tractor pull**
- 8:00 Exhibit buildings close

Saturday, Oct. 9

- 9:00 Exhibit halls open; Haflinger and draught pony show; (new for 2010) Hunter/jumper horse show; Mid-Western horse show.
- 9:30 Children's Mutt Show (see right side of page for details.)
- 10:00 Midway opens
- 10:30 Poultry show; Saddlebred horse point show.
- 11:00 Open sheep show
- 11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show**
- 11:30 Monster Madness with monster trucks mini show**
- 12:00 Parade**
- 12:45 Fiddler Christine Storey and Friends
- 1:00 West Coast Lumberjack**

Show

- 1:30 Beef cattle - Maine Anjou, Charolais, Limousin, Short horn, Simmental & any other breed
- 2:00 Ballagh Bunch
- 2:30 Monster Madness with monster trucks mini show**
- 3:00 Steppin' Up Dance Club
- 3:45 Ballagh Bunch
- 4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show**
- 5:00 Motor Madness with Monster Trucks**
- 6:00 Team Sorting
- 8:00 Exhibit buildings close

Sunday, Oct. 10

- 9:00 Mid Western horse show; exhibit buildings open
- 10:00 Rabbit show; 4-H sheep show
- 10:00 Midway opens
- 10:30 Waterfowl show
- 11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show**
- 11:00 Baby show
- 12:00 Monster Madness with monster trucks mini show**

1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show

- 1:00 Intercounty 4-H sheep show; Brad & Naomie Holbrough musical duo
- 2:00 Monster Madness with monster trucks mini show**
- 2:10 Irish School of Dance
- 3:00 Motor Madness with monster trucks**

3:00 Joan Spalding and Friends

4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show

- 6:00 Exhibit buildings close
- Monday, Oct. 11**
- 8:30 Light horse NBHA/OBRA sanctioned show

- 9:00 Open light horse show; Reg. miniature horse show; Brigden 4-H beef; Heavy horse show.

- 9:00 Exhibit buildings open
- 10:00 Midway opens
- 10:00 Feeder calves judged
- 10:30 Pigeon show
- 11:00 Beef/hog/lamb auction
- 11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show**
- 11:30 Essex County Ramblers
- 1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show**
- 1:00 Beef cattle - Angus, Hereford MOE show
- 1:00 Lambton County 4-H Beef National Jr. Beef Heifer Show
- 1:15 Neufeld School of Highland Dance
- 2:00 Key of G - Gagnon Family
- 3:10 Winterline (Bluegrass Band) with Key of G
- 4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show**
- 4:30 Fair exhibit removal

Children's Mutt Show details

The Children's Mutt Show is a dog show open to children ages 13 years of age and under. Only the children must handle and be in control of the dog at all times.

Registration will be held at the site of the show in the entertainment tent (unless otherwise posted) on Oct. 9 at 9:15 a.m. only. No registrations will be accepted after 9:30 a.m. to enable the committee to get the show ready. Prizes will be awarded in various categories including: best trick; smallest dog; dog with the softest hair; dog with the largest feet; best behaved dog; best groomed dog; dog with the longest hair; and dog with the most colourful coat. There will also be an award for obedience and an award for the best dressed look-alike dog and handler (the dog and youth must wear a costume.)

Dogs must be kept leashed while on the fairgrounds and owners must obey all posted signs.



Sombra Township Child Care families enjoy some old-fashioned fun

Families from Sombra Township Child Care recently enjoyed a meet-and-greet barbecue with the staff. The families were treated to horse-and-buggy rides courtesy of Dennis and Shari Robinson of Beaver Meadows Stables. The event was also attended by St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold and Councillor Steve Miller.

Photo submitted

Corunna volunteers support Humane Society Tag Days

The Sarnia and District Humane Society reports that the recent Tag Days fundraiser garnered a total of \$10,815, with a portion of that total being collected by dedicated Corunna residents. The society maintains a shelter in Sarnia for lost and abandoned animals, and provides adoption services for people who care enough to give one of them a loving home.

Corunna Minor Baseball group receives praise

The Corunna Minor Baseball organization has earned praise for its hosting of the Ontario playoffs at Duggan Field and Stewart Park. Organizers Ken and Lisa Williams have been acknowledged for their outstanding organizational effort, with the support of the Sutherlands, Lavers, Noyles, score keepers and pitch counters. St. Clair Township staff was also applauded for keeping the two baseball diamonds in top playing condition. The Corunna PeeWees finished third best in the Ontario PeeWee "C" Division. This is the second year in a row the organization has hosted this event.

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each and tables can accommodate eight or 10 people. To purchase tickets call Lesley Coene at 519-337-0537 or email: lcoene@stjosephshospice.ca. This event is held to raise awareness of the hospice services and programs, such as grief and bereavement programs for both children and adults, and to raise much-needed funding to cover operating costs for the new 10-bed residential hospice.

Corunna Legion general meeting set

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch will hold its general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2. The presentation will be a notice of motion given under the title, "To Create Branch Regulations." This is an important meeting and the attendance of all members will be greatly appreciated.

Corunna Santa Claus parade soon

Time to mark your calendars so that you won't miss the arrival of that jolly old elf, Santa Claus. The big man in red will arrive in Corunna on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. as the feature attraction of the annual Santa Claus Parade. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade or to offer financial support with a sponsorship can call Tracy at 519-862-1193 or

Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Operation Christmas Child

This Christmas season, Parkway Pentecostal Church, 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, will be operating Operation Christmas Child, a non-profit organization aimed at reaching children around the world with gifts and the message of Christ. For more information, please call Colleen at 519-867-3394.

Pony club accepting memberships

The St. Clair branch of the Canadian Pony Club is currently accepting membership registrations. For more information, call Tammy at 519-869-8774 or Debbie at 519-864-1161.

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

LEO seniors' luncheons in Corunna

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) will host a seniors' luncheon every third Wednesday of the month at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Albert Street. The cost is \$8 per person and includes a tasty hot meal, some socialization, and the opportunity to hear a guest speaker or enjoy some exciting entertainment. Anyone interested in enjoying this delicious monthly outing can call LEO at 1-800-265-0203 to register.

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: Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 29. For more information call 519-892-3964.

Brigden Legion meat draw slated

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch will hold a meat draw on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For information about this event or other Legion activities, call 519-864-1395.

Demolition derby rumbles into Brigden

Ready to enjoy a smashing good time? Be sure to take in the Brigden Fair Demolition Derby on Sunday, Oct. 17 at noon. For those who want to be in the middle of the action, entry forms and rules and regulations are available online at www.brigdenfair.ca.

Corunna Legion to host events

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 has some terrific events coming up. A pickerel fry and dance is slated for **Saturday, Oct. 23** beginning at 6 p.m., with a dance to follow at 7:30 p.m. The meal will include seafood chowder, pickerel, baked potato, *Dave's Baked Beans*, Italian bread, coleslaw, vegetable and a pickle tray. Music will be provided by JAGA. The cost is \$18 per person (\$16 for Legion members), tickets are limited and are available by advanced, pre-paid sale only. They can be purchased at the Legion hall on Albert Street at Beckwith. Everyone is welcome and proceeds will help support the branch's community work with groups such as St. Clair Township Minor Sports, Silverstick, Girl Guides, Cubs and Scouts. On **Saturday, Nov. 13**, the Alf Hughes Memorial dart tournament (the 50th annual dart tournament) will be held at the Legion hall, with doors opening at 10 a.m. The cost is \$8 per event with all money paid out. Registration closes 15 minutes before each event. And on **Sunday, Nov. 21**, the Legion hall will be the scene of a draw for a 50-inch Panasonic plasma HDTV. Tickets are on sale now at the Legion hall on Albert Street. For more information about any of these events, call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

Rebekah Lodge luncheons planned

The popular luncheon and card party afternoons are back

at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna. The public is welcome to attend these tasty events hosted by the Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324. Upcoming Monday luncheons are set for: Oct. 25; Nov. 22; Dec. 13; Jan. 24, 2011; Feb. 28; March 28; and April 11, all beginning at noon. The cost is \$10 per person per luncheon.

IODE fashion show

Ladies, don't miss the annual Bryan L. Cathcart Chapter IODE fall dessert/fashion show slated for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall on Wednesday, Oct. 27 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Several ladies wear stores, including Oxford Street, Tan Jay/Alia, and Linder at the Lambton Mall will be taking part and there will also be a 50/50 draw. Floral decorations will be by Kay's Petals and Plants. For tickets or more information please call 519-862-1769.

United Way book sale planned

The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton will hold a book sale on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of the St. Clair Corporate Centre, 265 Front St. N. in Sarnia. Proceeds will be used to help fund many important community agencies and programs. In preparation for this event, donations of good used books, CDs, DVDs, or VHS tapes (no Reader's Digest condensed books or encyclopaedias) are being sought. For pickup or delivery, call Marie or Caryn at 519-344-8829. ***This United Way of Sarnia-Lambton's 2010 campaign goal has been set at \$1,850,000.***

Harvest Home dinner in Wilkesport

The annual Harvest Home dinner is slated for the Wilkesport Community Centre on Friday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Wilkesport United Church, will feature music by the Faith Baptist Bells. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$7 for each child aged six to 12. They are available by calling Doris at 519-892-3974, Lois at 519-864-4669, Sharon at 519-867-5275, or Marilyn at 519-627-3793.

Antique road show in Sombra

Toys and dolls will be the subject of the Christmas Antique Road Show when it comes to the Sombra Museum on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Two appraisers will be onsite and admission is \$5 per person, which includes the appraisal of one toy or doll. Additional toys are \$3 each to a limit of three. Refreshments will be available and all proceeds raised will be used in support of the new building fund.

Gala will support St. Joseph's Hospice

The 5th Annual *Dancing Under The Stars Gala* will be held in the atrium of DeGroot's Nurseries on London Road in Sarnia on Saturday, Nov. 6. This magical event transforms the atrium into a unique ballroom. Tickets are \$100

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