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Completion of Guthrie Park protection project celebrated

The completion of the Guthrie Park shoreline protection project has given the public an attractive new outdoor space to enjoy. The project was recently celebrated with a series of presentations on Aug. 11. On hand for the occasion were dignitaries including Sarnia-Lambton MP Pat Davidson, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Maria Van Bommel, Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey and former Sarnia-Lambton MPP Caroline Di Cocco (the project was first initiated during Mrs. Di Cocco's term in office), as well as St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) Chair Andy Bruziewicz and St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.

The project has been commemorated with a large plaque,



Unveiling the plaque commemorating the completion of the Guthrie Park Shoreline Protection Project are, from the left: MPP Maria Van Bommel; MPP Bob Bailey; St. Clair Township Mayor/Lambton County Warden Steve Arnold; St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Chair Andy Bruziewicz; former MPP Caroline Di Cocco; and MP Pat Davidson.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

shown above, which was unveiled as part of the celebration. The new water feature, a fountain funded by Shell Canada, was also dedicated.

The project, which was started in 2008, involved the replacement of 700 metres of deteriorating metal sea wall with new armour stone blocks. Mr. Bruziewicz noted the SCRCA and all other involved stakeholders took the opportunity, not only to correct the compromised shoreline, but to make the park a beautiful, welcoming place as well. "We always look for opportunities

to add value to a project, and that is what we did here," he said. "Not only is the shoreline protected, but by working with the

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Brigden Fair 2011 crowns new ambassador

It's hard to believe but the Brigden Fair will soon open its gates once again and that means a new fair ambassador had to be chosen.

On Aug. 16, four contestants, Danica Jackman, Alice Li, Taylor Myers and Megan Vandendool vied for the title. After the speeches, impromptu questions and a difficult round of judging were all completed, Megan Vandendool got the nod to be the Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2011-2012, with Taylor Myers coming in as first runner-up.

This year's ambassador title was deferred until Sept. 1 to allow the current ambassador, Carrie (Dawson) Moore the opportunity to compete at the CNE Ambassador of the Fair event. In past years, the CNE event had already taken place when Brigden's ambassador contest was held. Circumstances were reversed this year so, in the spirit of fairness, organizers deemed it fitting that Carrie should be allowed retain her title until she had represented the fair at the CNE. Megan will begin her reign on Sept. 1.



See New fair ambassador, page 3 Megan Vandendool

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

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



Municipal Notices

Sewer and hydrant flushing continues

The St. Clair Township Department of Public Works will be flushing all sewer mains and fire hydrants throughout the summer and into the fall between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

During work on the sewer mains, residents may notice some gurgling noise in drains. If this condition persists after 24 to 48 hours, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

During work on the fire hydrants, residents may notice some discolouration while using taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. If this occurs, run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears. If discolouration continues after 10 to 15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Brian Van Hyfte
Coordinator of Operations
Water/Wastewater

Council meeting schedule

The next regular St. Clair Township council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6. A council meeting preceded by a Committee of the Whole meeting is slated for Monday, Sept. 19. *Please note that all meetings will begin at 6 p.m.* 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 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 \$50.00) The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Eric Bezanson
Weed Inspector

J. DeMars
Clerk

Donation aids Victim Services of Sarnia-Lambton

Victim Services of Sarnia-Lambton has extended thanks to Lambton County Warden Steve Arnold and the County for the donation of \$5,600, which was presented during the recent Warden's Picnic. This donation was one of several made by local organizations, businesses and corporations.

Victim Services is a non-profit community-based organization working in cooperation with local emergency service providers and other related community services to meet the short-term needs of victims of crime and tragic circumstances

by providing emotional support, practical assistance, and referrals to community resources. Over 100 volunteer crisis responders, as well as two part-time and two full-time staff members, staff this valuable service.

However, more volunteers are needed. For more information on how you can help, call 519-344-8861, ext. 5238 or go online to www.victimservices.on.ca. The next training program begins in September.

Shoreline protection project funding a cooperative effort

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project engineer, St. Clair Township, and the provincial and federal governments, we made sure the project also benefitted the river."

In addition to protecting the shoreline and creating an attractive park, the project has also been engineered to address the needs of the species that inhabit the river. "The water-filled gaps in the large armour stone and the habitat pods make this a better place for fish and wildlife," added Mr. Bruziewicz.

During the opening of the new fountain, Kerry Margetts, general manager of the Shell Corunna facility, commented, "We wanted to contribute to this great park. We hope the fountain is enjoyed by visitors to Guthrie Park."

St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold expressed pride in the way the newly refurbished park presents a positive first impression of the municipality for travelers along the St. Clair Parkway. "This is a great project for our municipality," he said. "We are blessed with a beautiful water front. With the new shore protection and fountain, it serves as an excellent gateway into St. Clair Township."

The project was coordinated by the SCRCA and is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources-Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Grant; Environment Canada-Great Lakes Sustainability Fund; Ontario Ministry of Environment-Canada-Ontario Agreement; FedDev Ontario-Ontario Adjustment Fund; and the Township of St. Clair. About \$2.5 million in total has been invested to improve the shoreline.

Yard Waste/Brush Collection 2011

Yard waste will be collected separately from regular waste on a weekly basis in urbanized areas of St. Clair Township. Yard waste in the balance of the township will be collected during regular waste collection.

Collection Schedule

- Wednesdays: -Corunna (including the Froomfield area)
-St. Clair Parkway (north of Emily Street in Mooretown)
- Fridays: -Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton
-Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens
-St. Clair Parkway (south of Emily Street in Mooretown)

Yard waste: Through September, yard waste will be collected with regular waste subject to the six item limit.

Fall yard waste will begin Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Friday, Oct. 14 and continue until Nov. 16 and Nov. 18.

Yard waste should be placed at the roadside bagged in clear or transparent plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers clearly

marked with an "X" on both sides. It must be free of non-compostable material such as plastic, glass, metal or other debris. (A blue box or cardboard box is NOT accepted as an "open container." Containers must not exceed 23 kg/50lb. Yard waste placed in regular garbage bags will **not be collected**.

Yard waste includes: grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings and twigs (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil).

Not permitted: kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached. (See Brush Collection below).

Brush Collection

Small brush bundles (4' maximum length, 1" maximum diameter, cut ends in one direction, neat piles (not tangled), tied and placed the curb will be collected on Oct. 14.

For more information regarding Yard Waste/Brush collection, call the St. Clair Township Public Works Department at 519-867-2125 or go online to www.twp.stclair.on.ca

Local all-girl baseball team takes on national competitors

The all-girl baseball team that began life as the *Port Lambton Pirates* recently became *Ontario Team 2* and participated in the Bantam Girls National Baseball Championships, taking on girls' baseball teams from Alberta, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, as well as Ontario Team 1. The team played well, missing out on the bronze medal by only two runs in the last inning of the semi-final game.

As the *Port Lambton Pirates*, the team played in the area league against all-male teams. Players on the team, ages 14 through 16, come from all over the area, with local players including: Bobbi-Geo Little of Corunna; Jordan Gorski of Wallaceburg; Wahbzii Shognosh-Giaz of Wallaceburg; and Lexi Whiteye of Sombra.

The team's Chef de Mission (den mother), Julie Little, says the national tournament featured "some of the best baseball



The Port Lambton Pirates in their Ontario Team 2 uniforms.

Photo submitted

I have every watched. These girls came to play and they played until they were exhausted."

She added the games were played

under blazing sun and pouring rain, but nobody complained.

"They had the best experience of their lives," added Mrs. Little.

New fair ambassador will study agriculture

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Megan was the first runner-up in last year's competition and was well-prepared for this year's event. The Becher resident is a graduate of Wallaceburg District

Secondary School looking forward to obtaining a diploma in agriculture at Ridgetown College beginning this fall. Megan's father and grandfather own beef cattle and cash crops farms together, which has contributed to her love of farming and of outdoor life, and she intends to make a career in agriculture.

HERITAGE CORNER

Basswood Block boasts a history that dates back to oil boom days

Originally constructed in Oil Springs for use as a hotel during the oil boom, the Basswood Block derived its name because, with the exception of the brick chimney, it was entirely built of basswood. Around 1872, when the oil boom had subsided, the building was moved to Brigden during the winter, when the frozen ground allowed it to be hauled on a sled.

In 1909, the building was purchased by Frank Carroll, who added a second floor for use as a roller skating rink. It was then known as Carroll Hall. Those who were on the first floor noted the



The Basswood Block as it appeared in Brigden.

skating above sounded like a mighty thunder storm. Many local musicians played at dances held in the hall, including "Fiddler Jim" Taylor and his son, Dufferin. The hall also played host to the renowned London musician, Guy Lombardo.

As recalled by late owner Paul Steadman, the main floor tenants included: a

clerk.

In 1946, Steadman Brothers bought the building, removed the upper storey and put in a cement foundation. The top floor was sold for lumber to an Oil City man who used it to build houses.

In the late 1980s, the building was no longer required and was offered to the Moore Museum. The façade and as much of the other wood as possible was salvaged, and the building was later recreated on the museum grounds, where it can be seen today. It now houses a carpentry shop, a print shop, and a harness maker's shop as part of the Moore Museum's 12-building site.



The Basswood Block as it appears today on the Moore Museum site.

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All Saints Anglican Church celebrating 150 years of faith

That lovely little white church at the corner of Lynndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna is celebrating a major milestone this year. All Saints Anglican Church is celebrating a century and a half of ministry and faith. The original church, a large brown frame structure, opened its doors on Aug. 11, 1861 and was consecrated in 1863. It was torn down and replaced by a new building which opened July 2, 1905. Through the years, the church has seen changes, including a major renovation in 1954 and its recent amalgamation with St. John's and St. George's in Sarnia which resulted in the new All Saints parish.

Several celebratory events have been taking place this year. On March 20, the Bishop of Huron, Robert Bennet, participated in a service and joined the congregation for a meal in the parish hall. On May 12, Bishop Terry Dance and the Primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, attended an anniversary dinner held and hosted by the St. Joseph's/St. Charles Catholic Parish for 100 past and present parishioners of Christ Church.



On hand for the May anniversary dinner were, from the left: Primate of Canada Fred Hiltz, Bishop Terry Dance, and Father Gary Parker.
Photo submitted

The celebration will continue on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with an anniversary open house. The public is welcome to drop by for a refreshment and to share in this joyful occasion.

Bald is beautiful as local OPP officers participate in *Cops for Cancer Cure*

There's a killer on the loose, a menace that continues to cause misery and suffering for millions of people worldwide each year. Fortunately, there are people willing to fight back - some in the research laboratories, some in hospitals and clinics, and some who fight crime for a living but spend their weekends raising money that will help lead to the killer's apprehension and eradication.

A group of OPP officers from the St. Clair Township office joined the fight against cancer during the recent Captain Kidd Days event by gathering pledges and raising over \$2,000 for the cause. Sgt. John Flesher reports the total was over double the original goal set for the event. The fundraiser was dedicated to Patty Deveraux, who organized the Captain Kidd Days event for several years and who stepped down from that post to wage her own battle against cancer. Members of the group either had their heads shaved or had it dyed blue. Constables P.J. Primeau and Craig Williams, along with Sergeants Josh Hart and John Flesher, proved that bald is beautiful by allowing Jason and Lindsay Pridle of Fringe Beauty Studio to shave their heads. OPP Constables Amy O'Keefe, Michelle Carter and Brian Halfpenny opted to



The Cops for Cancer Cure group included, standing, from left: Dalibor Cokorilo from Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA); Det. Cst. Mark Dew; Cst. Craig Williams; Cst. Amy O'Keefe; Cst. P.J. Primeau; Cst. Brian Halfpenny; Sgt. Josh Hart. Standing, middle row: Candice and Taylor Halfpenny. Kneeling: Sgt. John Flesher, left; and Cst. Wil Wells of the Lambton Emergency Response Team (ERT). Photo submitted

keep their hair and have it dyed blue instead, a task also handled by Jason and Lindsay.

On a sad note, The Beacon has learned that Patty lost her battle with cancer in mid-August. Sgt. Flesher noted it was an honour to organize this fundraiser in her name.

Portrait of Honour tour ensures the fallen will not be forgotten

The children and staff at Sombra Township Child Care were privileged to be included as one of the stops on the *Portrait of Honour* tour this summer. The huge mural by artist Dave Sopha bears the portraits of those who have died in the Middle East in the service of their country. The mural is being transported from coast to coast, making many scheduled stops along the way to allow people the opportunity to view it and to honour and remember the fallen. One of the 155 faces that gaze out upon the observer is that of Private William Cushley of Port Lambton, who



The children and staff of Sombra Township Child Care proudly welcome the mobile Portrait of Honour mural.

died alongside three of his comrades in a fierce battle with the Taliban during Operation Medusa in September of 2006.

The tour, an initiative of Kin Canada, has been mounted as a fundraising effort to provide financial assistance to the troops and families that require it. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Portrait of Honour tour can go online to: www.portraitofhonour.ca. The Website features information about the tour plus several moving personal stories of courage. Private Cushley is the subject of one of the stories you will find there.

Photo contest highlights the St. Clair River to raise awareness



The Binational Public Advisory Board (BPAC) invites amateur photographers of all ages to submit photos featuring the St. Clair River to the *Celebrating the St. Clair* photo contest. There are three categories: *Our Majestic Waterway*, which focuses on the river's natural water, flora, fish and wildlife; *On The Water*, a visible tribute to the river's value for recreational, transportation and com-

mercial use; and *Digital Perspectives*, allowing for the use of the PhotoShop computer program on river photos to create artistic new perspectives. Entries must be electronically submitted by midnight, Friday, Sept. 30. All contest photos will be posted online in the *Celebrating the St. Clair* photo gallery.

To view these photos or to obtain complete details about BPAC or this exciting photo contest, go online to the Friends of the St. Clair River (FOSCR) Website at www.friendsofstclair.ca

Annual community festivals keep summer sizzling

Community spirit rules at Port Lambton Gala

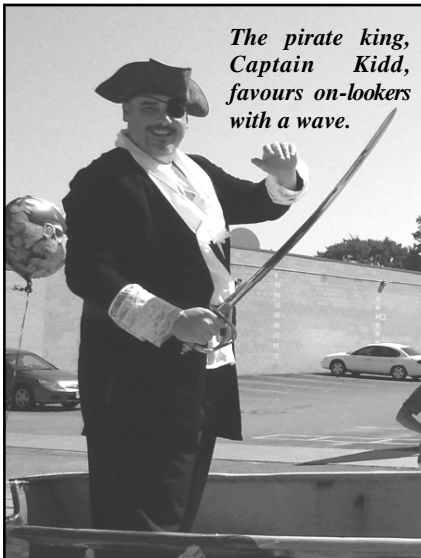


The annual Port Lambton *Gala Days* parade brought out the wild and wacky side of area residents to the delight of all who stood along the parade route. This much-anticipated event included some enthusiastic members of the Port Lambton Pirates, left.

Photos by Darrell Randell



Captain Kidd arrives in Corunna after perilous journey



The pirate king, Captain Kidd, favours on-lookers with a wave.

The voyage to Corunna was a perilous one for Captain Kidd this year as a new organizational team manned the helm for the first time. And although the learning curve was steep for those who took over management of the event, the spirit of the event was alive and well throughout the weekend.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Kira Thorne-Smith, the newly-crowned Miss Teen Corunna 2011-12, enjoyed her victory ride in the Saturday parade.

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Anniversary open house at All Saints Church

All Saints Church at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna is celebrating 150 years of ministry and faith with an open house on **Saturday, Oct. 1** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the congregation for refreshments to mark this important occasion.

Walk planned in memory of asbestos victims

A walk in memory of asbestos victims, including St. Clair Township resident William "Bill" Coulbeck, has been organized by Bill's daughters and is slated for Centennial Park in Sarnia on **Saturday, Oct. 1** at 10 a.m. The special guest for the occasion will be Linda Reinstein, president, CEO and co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. (Bill Coulbeck died of mesothelioma, a form of cancer caused by asbestos exposure.) For more information, go online to <http://asbestos.ca/tran.ca>.

Hostesses wanted for upcoming

Dessert Night for Breast Cancer

The Great Dessert Night for Breast Cancer will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall on **Wednesday, Oct. 5**. The theme of the event is *Taking Steps for a Cure...Thinking Outside the Shoebox* and it will include a delicious assortment of desserts, entertainment, a cash bar and a silent auction. Prizes will be awarded for the best footwear and the most attractively decorated table. Hostesses for tables of eight friends are being sought in conjunction with the event. For more information, call Val at 519-862-1935.

Household hazardous waste days slated

Household hazardous waste days will be held at the Clean Harbors facility (corner of Telfer Road and Petrolia Line) on **Saturday, Sept. 24** and **Saturday, Oct. 29** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Accepted materials include:** batteries, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, pesticides, rat poison, pharmaceuticals, cleaning fluids, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach, aerosols, gasoline, paints, barbecue starter, oils, solvents, propane cylinders, and sharps

(hypodermic needles). **Not accepted:** PCBs, commercial, infectious or radioactive wastes, tires.

Diabetes Conversations in Mooretown

For those who wish to know more about diabetes, a three-week series is planned for Thursday afternoons, **Oct. 6, 13 and 20** from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Topics will include: Living with Diabetes; How Diabetes Works; and Healthy Eating and Physical Activity. This program is hosted by the West Lambton Community Health Centre. For more information or to register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 255.

Don't miss the 161st Brigden Fair!

Unless you're new to the area, you already know that, in St. Clair Township, Thanksgiving weekend is synonymous with the Brigden Fair. This year, the fair begins **Friday, Oct. 7** and runs through **Monday, Oct. 10**. Friday morning, local students will enjoy the *Agriculture In The Classroom* program. In addition to the traditional events and features of the Brigden Fair, special features will include: a tractor pull on Friday night; the Mini Rod Pullers; Team penning; the Farmall Tractor Square Dancers; the popular Lumberjack Show; and *Equimania*, a horse-related traveling activity center from the University of Guelph designed to educate families about horses, using a variety of hands-on activities. For more information about this year's fair, go online to www.brigdenfair.ca

Corunna Legion to hold

1st Annual Elimination Draw

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 and Ladies Auxiliary is holding its 1st Annual Elimination Draw with a grand prize of \$1,500. Tickets are \$20 each and only 200 will be sold. Proceeds will go to the Corunna Legion. The draw date is set for Jan. 14, 2012. For tickets or more information, call the Legion at 519-862-1240.

Cruikshank Centre activities planned

The Cruikshank Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna hosts **ongoing group games** as follows: euchre on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$3) and cribbage on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.



Community Notices

In keeping with the theme, *Horse Power-Pulling Together*, Brigden Fair officials are looking for horse-related photos from Moore Agricultural Society members or exhibitors past and present. The photos will be used in a display entitled, *Hoofprints Thru History*. Photos can be emailed to michelle.evinitzski@brigdenfair.ca or dropped off at the Brigden Fair office. For more information, call 519-864-1197.



A new book by author Cliff Roy, entitled *The Baby Point Settlement: The Making of Sombra Township*, is now on sale at the Sombra Museum for \$20 each. Proceeds from the sale of the

book will go towards the funding of the new Sombra Museum building currently under construction at the south corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway across from the current museum. The book is also on sale at the *Shake and Bait* in Port Lambton.

The Brigden History Book is still on sale at The Book Keeper in Sarnia and in Brigden at Lambton Financial Credit Union, Always Quilting, and Lily Lane Flowers.

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.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Girl Guide registration

Girls wishing to enjoy camping, science, community service eco-activities and more can register for Sparks (ages five and six), Brownies (ages seven and eight) or Girl Guides (ages nine to 11) on **Thursday, Sept. 8** from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at the corner of Fane and Colborne Streets in Corunna. These groups are also seeking leaders. For more information, go online to www.girlguides.ca/join or call 1-800-565-8111.

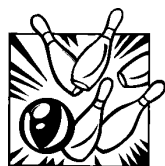
Moore Skating Club registration

The Moore Skating Club will hold registration for its 2011-12 season on **Saturday, Sept. 10** at 10 a.m. at the Moore Sports Complex on Emily Street in Mooretown. Learn to skate or try power skating, figure skating, or synchronized skating. For more information go online to www.mooreskate.ca.

Walk Down Memory Lane in Wilkesport

The Sombra Museum will present *A Walk Down Memory Lane 1950s to 1990s*, an event filled with 50 years of fun, fads, food and fashions, on **Saturday, Sept. 10** from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wilkesport Community Hall. Wine, punch, tea or coffee, plus examples of 1950-1990 cakes will be included. The cost is \$10 per person and everyone is welcome.

So-Co-Mo registration slated



The So-Co-Mo Junior Bowling League for children and teens will hold registration on **Saturday, Sept. 10** and **Saturday, Sept. 17** from 10 a.m. to noon at Airey Lanes. For further information, call Michelle at 519-431-0868 or email: michelle.aireylanes@gmail.com.

[chelle.aireylanes@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.aireylanes@gmail.com).

Have a blast in Margaritaville!

Summer's Last Blast - Margaritaville, the annual fundraiser to benefit the ongoing construction of the St. Clair River Trail, is set for **Saturday, Sept. 10** beginning at 8 p.m. on the lawn of the Mooretown Sports Complex. The event will feature a beer tent, door prizes, great food and live entertainment by *Ashley Lynn and the Spurs*. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the Mooretown Sports Complex, *The Workout Room* in Corunna, and *Ahsome Art* in Point Edward. Come out and give summer the send-off it deserves!!

Golf tourney will benefit

St. Clair Emergency Services

The 3rd annual St. Clair Township Emergency Services Golf Fundraiser is slated for **Thursday, Sept. 15** at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown. The tourney, sponsored by the Enbridge gas storage operation, raises funds to help support the St. Clair Township Fire Department's efforts to improve its emergency services capabilities within the community. The event is endorsed by the Township of St. Clair and is a recognized charitable event which includes an 18-hole scramble (carts included), driving range privileges, a barbecue lunch and a steak dinner, plus lots of challenging skill competitions. For more

information, call Jennifer Crawford at 519-862-6011, ext. 6011 or email jennifer.crawford@enbridge.com.

Yard sale at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will hold a yard sale on **Saturday, Sept. 17** from 8 a.m. to noon. Chili dogs and cold drinks will be available for purchase. Donations for the sale will be gratefully accepted. For more information, call 519-862-3641. Everyone is welcome.

Downriver Craft Sale on the way

The Moore Museum will host the annual *Downriver Craft Sale* on **Sunday, Sept. 18** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get an early start on your holiday shopping or just treat yourself to something special. There will be over 50 tables of handmade crafts to select your treasures from. A food booth will also be on-site to tempt your taste buds and give you the energy to power-shop! Admission is \$2 per adult and free for children under the age of 13 when accompanied by an adult.

Broasted chicken dinner in Port Lambton

The Knights of Columbus will host a three-piece broasted chicken dinner at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre in Port Lambton on **Sunday, Sept. 25** from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$13.50 per person and \$6.75 for children ages five through 12. The dinner is free for children aged five and under. Attendance is by advance ticket only. They can be purchased by calling Joe at 519-677-4468 or Mike at 519-892-3387.

Gift of Life Walk for Kidney Foundation

The annual Gift of Life Walk to benefit the Kidney Foundation of Canada will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 25** at Canatara Park in Samia. Registration is at 9 a.m. at the Kiwanis Pavilion with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. The event will include games, a barbecue and a guest speaker. Register online at: www.kidney.ca/ontariowalks. For more information, email ehavter@kidney.on.ca or call 519-344-3462.

Fall harvest dinner planned

The Community of Christ Church, located at 2390 LaSalle Line (intersection of Brigden Road), will be the scene of a Fall Harvest Dinner on **Friday, Sept. 30** beginning at 5 p.m. Proceeds from the event will help support the Inn of the Good Shepherd food bank. The dinner will be followed by a medley of music by the church choir. Dinner is \$5 plus a can of food per person and advance tickets are available by calling Connie at 519-862-1714 or Vonda at 519-862-3189. Everyone is welcome.

Alzheimer Society present medieval feast

The Alzheimer Society of Samia-Lambton will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a Medieval Feast dinner dance on **Friday, Sept. 30** at the Dante Club on London Road in Samia. Tickets are \$75 each (includes \$45 tax receipt). To purchased tickets or obtain more information, call 519-332-4444. Limited tickets are available.

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