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MOE rep addresses public Clean Harbors emissions meeting

A Ministry of the Environment representative addressed an overflow crowd of concerned residents regarding a serious environmental matter during the Sept. 19 meeting of St. Clair Township council.

The residents are concerned with the health and environmental impacts of recent incidents involving foul-smelling emissions from the Clean Harbors landfill site along Petrolia Line. These emissions, which have caused serious illness and, in some cases, have sent affected residents to the emergency department at Bluewater Health, began on Aug. 10. Residents who live as far as six kilometres from the Clean Harbors site reported flu-like symptoms such as severe headache, nausea, and vomiting which lingered well after the odour had subsided.

During the meeting, MOE District Manager Mark Dunn responded to a written list of important questions about the emissions and the potential threat they may pose to the health and well-being of the community near the Clean Harbors facility. The attending crowd listened in respectful silence, but the unmistakable look of worry and fear was clearly evident on their faces.

Acknowledging the residents' need for a prompt end to the recurrent sickening odour, Mr. Dunn cautioned that it takes time to determine the exact nature of problems such as the one currently emanating from Clean Harbors. He said a trained investigator must be sent



Ministry of the Environment representative Mark Dunn, top right, attended a public meeting to answer the questions of concerned township residents regarding recent emissions from the Clean Harbors landfill site. Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

from London and, in spite of what one might see on television, it takes time to analyze the soil, water, plant and air samples that are taken in order to obtain useful results. "This isn't CSI," he said.

In response to this, Mayor Arnold commented the MOE should have a full-time investigator stationed in the Sarnia area since the Clean Harbors facility is the only hazardous waste facility in Ontario.

At the time the first emissions were noticed, residents said their calls to both the Ministry of the Environment and to Clean Harbors went unanswered. To prevent future confusion, Mr. Dunn explained that during regular office hours, complaints can be directed to the Sarnia District office at 519-336-4030, but after business hours, complaints need to be directed to the province-wide 24-hour emergency MOE Spills Action

Centre (SAC) at 1-800-268-6060.

Addressing the lack of communication that had been the hallmark of the early days of this situation, Mr. Dunn admitted a better communication strategy had to be developed. "We're in favour of building a better relationship between the MOE and council," he said. As for the perception that the MOE had been lax in its monitoring of the Clean Harbors site, Mr. Dunn responded, "We've spent a lot of time on that site and we do an adequate amount of testing." Mayor Arnold suggested that routine testing needs to be done well beyond the currently required 1.5 kilometre zone surrounding the facility.

The source of the offending smell has been identified as leachate that is held in an open pond on the landfill site. "We're concerned with the amount of leachate on

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



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the site," said Mr. Dunn. He told the residents that under certain climatic conditions such as those arising at night when the wind dies down, the odour can become more concentrated. "The odour doesn't disperse as well and tends to hang in the air longer." The MOE has ordered Clean Harbors to develop a plan which offers at least three different options for removing and managing the leachate. The company has informed the MOE that a consultant has been hired (to work on the plan) but has asked that the Sept. 16 deadline originally imposed by the MOE be extended to Oct. 14 to allow for the development of the requested leachate storage options.

Mr. Dunn also noted that the new thermal desorber unit (TDU) the company has recently begun using to pretreat certain materials before they are land-filled has not been functioning properly. The company has informed the MOE that the problem has been identified and a solution found. Council would ultimately like to see an enclosure built around the TDU.

Citing the results of testing already completed, Mr. Dunn told the audience there is no data (to date) to indicate that the affected residents' health is being threatened but there is no doubt they are being adversely impacted. It was suggested that more health-based testing needs to be done.

Impact statements requested to help resolve emissions issue

Also attending the meeting was environmental lawyer Peter Pickford, whose firm, Garrod Pickfield, has been engaged by the township to help resolve this issue. While reviewing available options for the resolution of this problem, one resident suggested that Clean Harbors be fined and shut down. However, Mr. Pickford said that asking the courts for an injunction against the company was not a desirable option because it would be expensive and risky. "It's a difficult process," he said, adding that irreparable harm must be proven. However, he urged all affected residents to submit impact statements to the township, outlining how the emissions affected them. He noted these statements can be catalogued and used to demonstrate the severe nature of the problem, which in turn can be used to advance the effort to ensure that Clean Harbors acts quickly to prevent further emissions.

The MOE is now making a concerted effort to determine the extent of the problem and whether or not the emissions pose a serious threat to local residents. However, response from Clean Harbors has been slow and Mr. Pickfield says another public meeting needs to be held with company representatives present. "We need to hear from Clean Harbors about how they've responded and how they're going to improve," he said. Citing the company's lack of public consultation and communication, he added, "Clean Harbors has a duty of accountability...that is not in place."

As the meeting concluded, Mr. Pickford said he was encouraged that the MOE was now involved in the process, but he warned that on-going public input is a must if a long-term solution to this problem is to be found.

All residents adversely affected by the emissions from the Clean Harbors facility are urged to submit impact statements to the township. This can be done by mail to: St. Clair Township Council, St. Clair Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ontario, N0N 1M0. Written statements can also be dropped off at the Civic Centre.

Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held on the first and third Mondays of the month. The next meeting is slated for Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. The meeting on the third Monday, Oct. 17, will include a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6 p.m. to be followed by the regular council meeting. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



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, resi-

dents 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

Foundation grants support community improvements

Four St. Clair Township community groups recently received grants from the Moore Community and Recreational Foundation in support of the work they do.

The foundation awards grants annually to groups that help to enhance the excellence and quality of life in St. Clair Township. A grant of \$750 each was awarded to: Sombra Sports and Recreation; the Moore Museum; the Sombra Historical Society; and the Community Decorating Team of Brigden.

Sombra Sports and Recreation will use grant funds on a project to recycle water from the village's splash pad to irrigate the volleyball court. The Moore Museum will use the grant to make the new general store building handicapped accessible. The Sombra Historical Society will spend the grant on maintenance at the Sombra Museum, where the portable buildings require new siding. And the grant awarded to the Community Decoration Team of Brigden will help fund the beautification of the town through the purchase and upkeep of hanging baskets and banners.

The Moore Community and Recreational Foundation was incorporated on Dec. 31, 1990 by the council of the time and continues to contribute to the good work of local groups. The foundation receives and maintains donations from individuals and corporations, and grants only the interest.



On hand for the presentation of the 2011 Moore Community and Recreation Foundation grants were, from left: Mayor Steve Arnold; Todd Sharpless, representing Sombra Sports and Recreation; Mary Jane Marsh, representing the Foundation; David Lee, representing the Sombra Historical Society; Darlene Pepper and Elsbeth McCormick, representing the Community Decoration Team of Brigden; and Jim Townsend, representing the Moore Museum.

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)

Fall yard waste collection 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

Entries for Corunna Santa Claus parade being accepted

The Corunna Santa Claus Parade is slated for Saturday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. and entries are now being accepted. Information, entry forms, and donation forms are available on the parade Website at www.CorunnaSantaClausParade.ca. More information can also be obtained by calling Tracy at 519-862-1193, Mary Lou at 519-862-3940, or emailing kayspetals@bellnet.ca.

HERITAGE CORNER

Support for heritage work gets boost from present day events

The preservation of the community's past depends upon a number of things, including the commitment of history-savvy volunteers and their ability to obtain funding for the work they do.

The volunteers and staff at the Sombra Museum recently presented the *Walk Down Memory Lane* fashion show, a fundraising event filled with 50 years of fun, vintage fashions and, of course, some delectable food. Museum curator Shelley Lucier reports that 156 people attended the event, which highlighted exhibits of the fads and fashions of the 50-year period between 1950 and 1990.

The program was organized by long-time museum volunteer and supporter Velda Beggs, with the assistance of Shelley Lucier. All clothes, purses, jewellery, scarves and hats modeled during the event were from the Jean Deyo Classic Collection, which was donated to the museum last winter. Jean attended the show and made a presentation about her memories of Becher. The Thornyhurst Women's Institute supplied cakes for the occasion, including angel food



Holy poodle skirts! *Memory Lane* rocked to the beat of the 50s with the help of merry models Jillian, left, Ester and Hannah Haveman.

cake, *tomato soup* and black forest, plus rice crispy squares.

The program ended with a parade of bridal dresses contributed by local residents and a memorable dance by Selma and Gord Bicum, who wore their own wedding attire to waltz the program to a close.

The Sombra Museum appreciates the help of emcee/speakers David Grant, Allan Anderson, Glenda Young, Ariel Mann, Gord Bicum and Fred Moss, and especially the models who helped to create this memorable occasion.

Update on new museum building

Construction of the new Sombra Museum building, which is being built on Smith Street across from the current museum building, is in the final phase. The final coat of paint has been applied and the plumbing is done. Work is now underway to complete the sidewalk, kitchenette area, meeting room, landscaping and signage. The grand opening is slated for the spring of 2012.

Historic village exhibits enhanced by Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant

A crew of volunteer workers at the Moore Museum are using their talents to add yet another fine heritage building to the museum site. The general store can be seen standing adjacent to the fire hall on the west side of the site.

With the exterior nearing completion, attention has turned to creating an early 20th century general store interior. To help fund this effort, an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant was recently presented to the museum. The receipt of the grant was announced as follows: "The Moore Museum is delighted to announce that a \$15,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to the Township of St. Clair will be used to create an early general store interior as part of the museum's historic village exhibits. The funding will be used to purchase hardwood flooring, shelving and tin ceiling panels to be used by the Museum's crew of volunteers to recreate the atmosphere of an early 20th century general store. Funds for heating and a security system will serve to protect the artefacts. The Township of St. Clair and the Moore Museum appreciate OTF's financial support for this exhibit development as part of the Ontario Trillium

Foundation's priorities of promoting artistic and cultural activities for people of all ages and abilities, and supporting the work of volunteer organizations."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

Volunteer Bob Johnson says the general store interior should be completed in about a month. It should be noted that this project has also received support from a number of local sources.



Moore Museum volunteers Bob Johnson, left, and Dave Pattenden are shown here in front of the newly constructed general store they helped to build. Other members of the construction crew included Dan Hayward, Leo Griffith, Dave Beer, Fred Strickland and Dave Taylor.

2011 Bridgen Fair Schedule

ET = Entertainment Tent
C = Coliseum

ALL WEEKEND

Exhibit buildings open at 9 a.m.

Midway opens at 10 a.m.

Ploughman's Farmyard interactive children's activities

Live animal displays

Spinning and weaving demos

Equimania

Helicopter rides Saturday, Sunday & Monday



Marvel at some of the biggest pumpkins you'll ever see.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

9:00 - noon - Moore Museum butter-making demo

9:30 - *Agriculture In The Classroom*

11:00/12:45 - Morrison Field (folk-rock music) - ET

11:30 - Official Fair Opening - ET

2:00 - Pickin' N Fiddlin' at the Fair - ET

Marilyn Whiting & Friends

7:00 - Tractor pull

8:00 - Exhibit buildings close

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

9:00 - Haflinger and draught pony show; open hunter horse show; mid-western horse show

9:30 - Children's Mutt show - ET

10:30 - Poultry show; saddle bred horse point show

11:00 - Open sheep show

11:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

11:30 - Monster Trucks & FMX Teaser Show

Noon - Fair Parade

12:45 - Fiddler Christine Storey & friends - ET

1:00 - Horse driving competition

1:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

1:30 - Beef cattle - C (Maine Anjou, Charolais, Limousin, Shorthorn, Simmental, etc.)

2:20 - Steppin' Up Dance Club

2:30 - Monster Trucks & FMX Teaser Show

3:00 - The Black Family - ET (fiddle/mandolin/step dance)

4:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

5:00 - Motor Madness

6:30 - Lambton Kent Mini Pullers - on the track

7:00 - Team Sorting - C

8:00 - Exhibition buildings close

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

9:00 - Mid Western horse show

10:00 - Rabbit show; 4-H sheep show

10:30 - Waterfowl show

11:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

11:00 - Baby show

12:30 - Monster Trucks & FMX Teaser Show

1:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

1:00 - Intercounty 4-H sheep show

1:00 - Shane Cook (fiddler/step dancer) - ET

1:00 - Horse driving competition

2:15 - Devoy Academy of Irish Dance - ET

3:00 - Motor Madness

3:00 - Shane Cook (fiddler/step dancer) - ET

4:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

6:00 - Exhibit buildings close

MONDAY, OCT. 10

8:30 - Light horse NBHA/OBRA sanctioned show

9:00 - Open light horse show; miniature horse show; heavy horse show

9:00 - Bridgen 4-H beef - C

10:00 - Feeder calves judged - C

10:30 - Pigeon show

11:00 - Beef/hog/lamb auction - C

11:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

11:30 - Joan Spalding & Friends - ET

Noon - Team Farmall Tractor Square Dance Set

1:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

1:00 - Beef cattle - C

Angus, Hereford MOE Show

1:00 - Lambton County 4-H Beef National Jr. Beef Heifer Show

1:15 - Neufeld School of Highland Dance - ET

2:00 - Key of G - Gagnon Family - ET

2:30 - Team Farmall Tractor Square Dance Set

3:00 - Winterline (Bluegrass band)

with Key of G - ET

4:00 - West Coast Lumberjack Show

4:30 - Fair exhibit removal



Share the excitement as exhibitors anxiously await the judge's decision - whose animal will reign supreme?

Future physicians receive scholarships from Chamber of Commerce

Three future family medicine practitioners recently received scholarships from the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce as part of the 100th Anniversary Legacy Scholarship. This is the sixth year the scholarships have been presented. The Legacy Scholarship was designed to encourage a long-term relationship approach with students interested in family medicine in the hope that the recipients will consider practicing in the area upon completion of their training.

This year's scholarship presentation, hosted by St. Clair Township, a Taskforce funding partner, was held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Aug. 30 with two of the three recipients, Allison Crombeen and Katelyn Hoenselaar, in attendance. The third recipient, Matthew Moss, was unable to attend the presentation.

The 100th Anniversary Legacy Scholarship program was announced in December, 2005 as a tribute to the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce for its 100 years of community leadership. At that time, the Chamber committed \$100,000 over ten years to the program, with many community groups, businesses and individuals also contributing to the program. The Chamber and the Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia-Lambton coordinate business and community contributions to the fund, and it is held in trust and managed by the Sarnia Community Foundation. This year, the Sarnia Seaway Kiwanis contributed \$2,000 to the program, but past award level partners have included the Rotary Club of Sarnia and the Sarnia Community Foundation.

There are three scholarship award levels that all family medicine students from across Canada can apply for and local medical students are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 556 Christina Street North or online at www.sarnialambtonchamber.com. Click on "Resources" and follow the prompts. The deadline for 2012



On hand for the presentation of the 100th Anniversary Legacy Scholarships were, back left: Val Xanthopoulos, Chair of the Sarnia Community Foundation; St. Clair Township Councillor Jim DeGurse, representing the host municipality; Ron Prior, Board Chair of the Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia-Lambton. Seated left: Scholarship recipients Katelyn Hoenselaar and Allison Crombeen; and Debra Taylor, Board Chair of the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce. (Scholarship recipient Matthew Moss was unable to attend the presentation.)

scholarship application submissions is Feb. 17, 2012.

Garry McDonald, president of the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce says, "We are hopeful that service clubs and the community will have interest in our important scholarship program for this community. The interest may now be growing faster than the funds."

Shoppers in search of unique wares take in the Downriver Craft Sale

The recent Downriver Craft Sale at the Moore Museum featured over 70 exhibitors with 90 tables of unique items. The items for sale included a huge variety of wares, from hand-crafted items and sweet treats to exotic crafts from far away

lands, not to mention the ever-popular food stall staffed by museum volunteers. The glorious sunny weather was no doubt a factor in the overwhelming success of the event, which attracted 1,295 visitors over the course of the day.



Shoppers inspect some of the vendor locations at the Downriver Craft Sale.

More AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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March 12; April 9; April 30; May 29; Sept. 24. Everyone is welcome.

Household hazardous waste day slated

Household hazardous waste day will be held at the Clean Harbors facility (corner of Telfer Road and Petrolia Line) on **Saturday, Oct. 29** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Firemen's' breakfast in Courtright

The volunteer firefighters of the St. Clair Township Fire Department's Courtright Station will host an all-you-can-eat Sunday breakfast on **Oct. 30** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$6 per adult and \$4 for children under age eight.

Ham and roast beef dinner planned

A ham and roast beef dinner, sponsored by the Wilkesport United Church and Wilkesport Community Centre, will be held on **Friday, Nov. 4** at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilkesport Community Centre. Entertainment will be supplied by the *Trinity Band*. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$7 for children ages six through 12.

Victorian mourning exhibit in Sombra

Over the years, funeral practices have changed radically. The Sombra Museum will give visitors a glimpse of the way loved ones were mourned during the Victorian Era on **Saturday, Nov. 12** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The museum building on Smith Street in Sombra, an authentic Victorian era structure known as the Bury House, will be set up as it would be if its occupants had lost a loved one. This educational experience will reveal the mourning practices that would be observed in the 19th century. For more information, call the museum at 519-892-3982 or email sombramuseum@hotmail.com.

IODE Christmas Home Tour fundraiser

Members of the Cathcart Chapter IODE of Corunna will once again be helping with the Sarnia-Lambton IODE Christmas Home Tour on **Saturday, Nov. 19** and **Sunday, Nov. 20**. Tickets will be available from any IODE member or by calling Marilyn at 519-542-4751 or Carleen at 519-864-4320.

Corunna Legion to host NASCAR event

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch will host the NASCAR Homestead Race afternoon on **Saturday, Nov. 20** beginning at noon. The event will include a draw for a 50-inch Panasonic Plasma TV at 4 p.m. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the Legion hall bar.

Remembrance Day service slated

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch #635 will hold a Remembrance Day service at the Brigden cenotaph beginning at 10:45 a.m. on **Friday, Nov. 11**. A church service is planned for the Brigden Baptist Church on **Sunday, Nov. 6**.

Meat raffles at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch #635 hosts meat raffles on Saturdays at 4 p.m. Call the branch for more information.

Elimination Draw tickets are sold out!

Tickets for the 1st Annual Elimination Draw, presented by the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 and Ladies Auxiliary, are sold out. The draw date is set for Jan. 14, 2012.

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.

Cancellation notice

The IODE fall fashion show slated for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall has been cancelled due to the closure of the show's major fashion contributors.

Sledge hockey season on the way

The Lambton Dragons will take to the ice at Mooretown Sports Complex on **Oct. 16** to start another exciting season of sledge hockey. New players are welcome to come out and try the sport before committing to play. All that's needed is a helmet. Anyone interested can contact Karen MacNeil at 519-862-4756 for more information or to let organizers know they would like to come out and try the game.



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.evinitzki@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

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.

Free admission for Lambton County Residents

Residents of Lambton County can enjoy touring the Lambton Heritage Museum south of Grand Bend free of charge on **Friday, Sept. 30, Saturday, Oct. 1** and **Sunday, Oct. 2**. Proof of residency will be required. This will provide a final opportunity to enjoy *Interesting Lambton - the People and the Stories* before the exhibit closes on Oct. 3. For more information, call 519-243-2600, visit www.lclmg.org or email heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca

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 Samia 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.cattran.ca>.

Breakfast being served at St. Joseph's Parish

The famous Sunday breakfast and meat raffle events are on again at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Lyndoch Street in Corunna from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following **Sundays: Oct. 2 and 30; Nov. 27; Jan. 15; Feb. 12; March 18 and April 22**. The cost is \$7 per adult, \$3 for children ages six to 12, and free for children under six. Take-out orders are available from 8:30 a.m. For information call 519-862-1213, ext. 28. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, ham, eggs, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea.

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.

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.

Euchre parties set for Sombra Community Hall

A series of euchre parties is planned for the Sombra Community Hall at 1 p.m. on the following **Fridays: Oct. 14, 21 and 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25**. The cost is \$2 per event and a light lunch is included. Proceeds will benefit the up-keep of the hall. For more information call Glen or Marie Scott at 519-892-3964.

Don't miss the 161st Brigden Fair!

Get the whole story on this year's fair on page 5.

Church to celebrate 45th anniversary

The congregation of Community of Christ on LaSalle Road will celebrate the 45th anniversary of their church on **Sunday, Oct. 16** with a service at 10:30 a.m. followed by light refreshments. The guest speaker will be Apostle Susan Skoor. The church, an amalgamation of congregations from the former Kimball and Petrolia churches, celebrated its first worship service in the former SS#13 Moore two-room schoolhouse on Oct. 16, 1966. Former students of SS#13 Moore, along with community neighbours and former members, are invited to attend this anniversary service to help the congregation celebrate their past, honour the present and envision the future.

Brigden United Church to hold fall events

Three events are slated for the Brigden United Church during the month of October. The first is the church's 130th Anniversary celebration on **Sunday, Oct. 16** at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be former Brigden U.C. minister Rev. Anne Meredith. Lunch will follow the service, and all former members and guests are invited to attend. The second event will be a concert by folk indie artist Bri-anne Swan on **Friday, Oct. 21** at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 with proceeds to benefit the next Habitat for Humanity local build. Refreshments will follow the concert. For tickets and concert information, call Brigden U.C. at 519-864-1747 or Connie at 519-882-0884. Bri-anne Swan's Website can be found at www.bri-anneswan.com. And the final event of the series will be the annual pork dinner set for **Sunday, Oct. 30** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and \$5 for children under age five. Admission is by advance ticket sales only. Tickets and further information can be obtained by calling the Brigden U.C. at 519-864-1747 or Marie at 519-864-4016.

Rebekah Lodge hosts luncheons

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 will host a series of luncheons at Thompson Gardens in Corunna at noon on the following Mondays: **Oct. 24; Nov. 14; Jan. 9, 2012; Feb. 13;**