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New Sombra Museum building being prepared for spring opening



Volunteers and staff of the Sombra Museum are working long hours in an effort to prepare the new Sombra Museum building for its public debut this spring. Curator Shelley Lucier says everyone is working towards a May opening, although the official opening is not expected to be held until June. In the meantime, hundreds of artefacts, shelving units and showcases, as well as thousands of documents and photographs, are being moved from the old Sombra Museum building at the north corner of St. Clair Parkway and Smith Street, into the new building, which is right across the street.

In addition to the exhibit rooms, a research room and a meeting room that includes a modern kitchen, the new building boasts a climate-controlled archive room that will be named for Maude Dalgety, who was instrumental in starting the Sombra Museum in 1957. That room is currently being outfitted with shelves and filing cabinets that will hold a wealth of information about the fascinating past of the former Sombra Township area.

Here, Shelley Lucier, left, and volunteer Catherine Bouman begin the daunting task of transferring boxes of archival material from the old museum building into the new archive room.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

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Municipal Notes



2012 Interim Property Tax Due Dates

**The 2012 interim tax due dates will be
March 6 and May 2, 2012**

The interim property tax bills were mailed out the week of Feb. 6, 2012. Most chartered banks and financial institutions will accept payment of your current taxes on or before the due date. (Any bank charges will be the responsibility of the ratepayer.)

Tax payments by cheque can be mailed to the return address provided on the tax notice.

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The following methods of Tax or Water Payments may be utilized:

- ◆ Automatic bank machines
- ◆ Telephone and Internet payments through bank
- ◆ Payment at most financial institutions
- ◆ Post-dated cheques
- ◆ Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- ◆ Mail to, or use drop box at:  
St. Clair Township Civic Centre  
1155 Emily Street  
Mooretown, Ontario  
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**Pre-authorized payment plans are also available and encouraged.**

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**St. Clair Township Tax Department
519-867-2024
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Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. March meetings are slated for Monday, March 5 at 6 p.m. and Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

Ontario Heritage Trust awards presented



The Ontario Heritage Trust Award was presented by Mayor Steve Arnold, left, to Jim Townsend, center, and David Lee during the Feb. 21 meeting of St. Clair Township Council. Mr. Townsend, now in his seventh term as the chairman of the Moore Museum, received the Achievement Award, recognizing his 11 years of volunteering at the museum and his continuing efforts to make history more accessible to all. Mr. Lee, who has acted as chairman of the Sombra Museum for the past 20 years, received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his continuing efforts with the museum as well as the Sombra Historical Society. The awards are presented through the Heritage Community Recognition Program.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Overnight parking on streets prohibited

All motorists are reminded that overnight parking on all municipal streets is now prohibited until April 1, 2012. This ensures that snow plow crews will be able to clear the roads safely and efficiently. Vehicles left on the streets will be ticketed.

Free tutoring program for students in Grades 1 through 7

The Organization for Literacy in Lambton offers free tutoring in the Corunna area for students in Grades 1 through 7 who are struggling with reading and math. The *Skill and Drill* program is now offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Andrew's Pres-

byterian Church from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration is on-going throughout the school year based on availability. For more information or to register your child for this important program, call the Organization for Literacy in Lambton at 519-332-4876.

Mooretown Sports Complex earns *Eat Smart!* title

It used to be taken for granted that the food choices at sports venues could be counted on to be junk-food heavy and nutritionally light. But as more information becomes available about the importance of healthy food choices, there are positive changes being made by savvy concession stand operators.

Such is the case at the Mooretown Sports Complex. It is the first recreation centre in Lambton County to earn the *Eat Smart!* Award of Excellence, awarded by the Lambton County Community Health Services Department (CHSD). Mooretown Sports Complex canteen manager Sue Showers says the changes were made in response to health-conscious customers who want alternatives to the regular concession stand fare. "People who visit our recreation centre tend to be conscious about their health," she said. "They are looking for and appreciate being able to buy healthier food and beverages while here."

Gary Hackett, Director of Community Services for St. Clair Township, says Ms. Showers has been working toward offering healthy food choices for two years now. "Sue started offering fresh fruits and vegetables two years ago and sales were not very good," he said. "She retried it last year to a better response and since then has been offering healthy food options."

Mr. Hackett commended Ms. Showers for being responsive to customer requests. "She responds to what people ask for and does a great job at making it work." He added that in order to be in complete compliance with the requirements of the *Eat Smart!* program, Ms. Showers made further positive changes to

the options available to her customers. "When Connie (Connie Mallette, registered dietician with the CHSD) from the county approached Sue about the *Eat Smart!* program, there were very few additions that needed to be implemented to conform to the program. The transition was quite easy thanks to what Sue had already started."

In a CHSD media release, Ms. Mallette noted the change toward offering healthier, safe food in a smoke-free environment benefits everyone. "It helps reduce the risk of food-borne illness and diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease. We know healthy eating is crucial in the prevention of many conditions that affect health in both the short and long term. Ultimately, the goal is to make healthier choices the norm, not the exception, at recreation centres," she



said.

Eat Smart! is a provincial program which recognizes restaurants and other food service venues that meet exceptional standards in food safety and healthy food choices, along with a smoke-free environment. The title acknowledges that a food outlet provides healthier food choices including whole grains, a selection of vegetables and fruits, and lower-fat substitutions. The program has been in operation for 10 years and is a partnership between the CHSD, the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario, and the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division.

To learn more about this program, go online to www.lambtonhealth.on.ca.

Five Corunna churches join forces to help community

Five Corunna churches, including All Saints Anglican, Corunna United, Parkway Pentacostal, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, have banded together to form the Corunna Churches Network.

The group's mandate is to help the community wherever possible. After only one year in operation, the group is already working with the Lambton County Community Health Services Department (CHSD), Lambton County Food Services and community volunteers.

During its first year of operation, the group has established several important programs. The first is the implementation of a nutritious snack program at Colonel Cameron Public School in Corunna. The program is run by community volunteers and school employees, and is partially funded by the CHSD. Donations for this program are always appreciated and can be sent directly to the school.

The second program established by the group is the Garden Fresh Food Box program for north-west St. Clair Township, sponsored by the CHSD. Fresh produce is offered at a cost of \$10 per single box, which is suitable for seniors, singles or small families, or \$15 per family box,

with a fruit bag available for \$5. Orders must be placed and paid for by the first Friday of each month, and it is available for pickup or delivery on the third Thursday of each month. Orders can be placed at the following locations: St. Vincent DePaul Store, 385 Lyndoch Street; Corunna United Church, 198 Hill Street; Parkway Pentecostal Church, Murray Drive; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street. Food can be picked up at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The third program is the establishment of a second food bank. The first food bank has been made available by St. Vincent DePaul and St. Joseph's Catholic Church for many years and it can be accessed by calling 519-862-1213. The second food bank is located at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and is open Monday to Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The Corunna Churches Network is committed to addressing the needs of the community. Anyone wishing to suggest future programs or initiatives that might benefit the community can contact the group by calling any of the member churches or by calling Beth at 519-862-2307.

HERITAGE CORNER

Trinity Church and Sutherland Cemetery perpetuate family legacy

Among the many historically-significant sites that grace St. Clair Township today are two that are directly attributable to Thomas Sutherland, one of the first settlers to inhabit the former Moore Township in the early 1800s.

Mr. Sutherland, born in Croydon, England of Scottish parents, purchased property along the banks of the St. Clair River (lot number 30) from a French squatter in 1832. He soon erected a wharf, which came to be known as Sutherland's wharf, and built a warehouse, store and dwelling. He ran the store while clearing and operating his farm. Sutherland's was the stopping place for many of the new arrivals until they acquired land and were able to erect a dwelling of their own.

The residents eventually wanted a better religious life than could be managed by the occasional call from a visiting missionary, so Mr. Sutherland sent to England for books, collected a large library in his home to be used by the community, and opened a Sunday school in his warehouse. In June, 1835, he called a meeting to discuss the erection of a church and he donated a plot of land from his farm upon which the church could be built. The one-acre square piece of property, which was an homage to the idea of "God's acre", had already been set aside for a cemetery.

Sutherland Cemetery continues to accommodate burials

today and its maintenance is the responsibility of St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Courtright. Its burial registers and tombstones have been transcribed and digitized by St. Stephen's parishioner Jan Smith. The original church, known as Trinity Church, eventually deteriorated and a new one, Trinity Anglican Church, was built in Mooretown in 1863. The church was struck by lightning in 1917 and burned to the ground, but not before some quick-thinking local residents managed to rescue the chancel furnishings and stained glass windows. Trinity Church was rebuilt in 1918 and functioned until its closure on May 17, 1983.

The church was eventually moved onto the Moore Museum site and restored to become Trinity St. Clair Chapel. The chapel's interior is comprised of the baptismal font, stained glass windows and the choir pews from the Trinity Anglican Church, plus pews acquired from the closed and demolished Christ Church, Anglican of Oustry, Ontario, which were constructed in the same year as the Trinity Anglican Church was built in Mooretown. The chapel has since been consecrated and continues to play host to weddings and special occasions throughout the year.

*-Submitted by Heritage St. Clair Township Committee
Discovery Phase*

Boyington family celebrates 100 years in business

Geo. Boyington & Son Ltd. has been a familiar commercial resident of Bridgen for over 100 years. Even before William T. Boyington went into business in 1911, he was working out of an old livery stable as early as 1904, helping local farmers keep their machinery in good repair. The business got the name it uses today from William's son, George, who eventually took over the business.

Today, five generations later, the Boyingtons continue to keep the business alive, offering sales, service and parts for small engines, motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, argos, lawn and garden equipment, and scooters, as well as the restoration of old tractors. They are also the local dealer for McCormick tractors and Grasshopper lawn mowers. There are three generations currently overseeing the business: Bill Boyington, his son, Dan, and his granddaughter, Amanda.

Bill Boyington, the third generation owner who started in the business full-time in 1947, jokes that he started as the janitor. But he is well-known in the community, not only as a businessman, but as a past musical director and active member of the Bluewater Chordsmen for 52 years.

Although the nature of the business has changed through the decades, and "big box" stores have had a negative impact



The current staff of Geo. Boyington & Son Ltd. includes, from the left: Bill Boyington, Jeff Japp, Myrt Boyington, Dan Boyington, Amanda (Boyington) Hoof, and Jason Hoof.

on small businesses, Dan Boyington says the community continues to support the business. "We still have a loyal customer base we depend on," he said. He added that the refurbishing and painting of tractors has become a substantial part of the business. To celebrate a century in business, the Boyingtons will be holding an Open House on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Get ready for summer at the Mooretown Sports Complex

It's time to get ready for summer. At the Mooretown Sports Complex, there are fitness activities and informational presentations that will benefit everyone, from infants to adults.

Spring 2012 swim lesson session

Registrations are now being accepted for the Spring swim lesson session, which begin the week of April 2, 2012.

March Break Day Camp and March Break activities

The **March Break Day Camp** will offer a wide range of fun activities for children ages five through 12, including swimming, skating, crafts, games and special visitors. **March Break recreational swims and public skating** will also be held. *See page 8 for details.*

NEW! Prenatal fitness

If you are expecting, regardless of your fitness level, you can come and learn how to safely and effectively work out during your pregnancy. Following the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada's guidelines, you will learn how to reduce prenatal discomfort and concerns such as low back pain, swelling and unnecessary weight gain. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$60 for a six-week session. Two sessions are planned: Mondays, March 19 to April 23, **OR** May 7 to June 18, both from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NEW! Breast cancer support & fitness

This class is designed to help you with your fitness and health needs while recovering from breast cancer. During a one-hour class, you will be provided with exercises that will help you address the side effects from mastectomy, lumpectomy, tram flap, lat flap, breast implant reconstruction, chemotherapy, and radiation. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$60 for a six-week session. Two sessions are planned: Tuesdays, March 20 to April 24, **OR** May 8 to June 12 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

NEW! Mommy and Me fitness

Get back your pre-baby body without having to find a babysitter, because your baby will be your weight! You will be put through a variety of exercises to help build those mommy muscles all the while enjoying time with your little one. The program is geared to moms and their babies under one year old. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$60 per six-week session and two sessions are planned: Wednesdays, March 21 to April 25, **OR** May 9 to June 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Annual Moore Skating Carnival

Don't miss the annual Moore Skating Carnival featuring the Moore Skate Club! *See page 7 for details.*

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*The following two free presentations are facilitated by the West Lambton Community Health Centre. To register for either of them, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651 or the West Lambton Community Health Centre at 519-344-3017.*

### Free Women's Health Evening

The free women's health presentation entitled *Why Should I Care - High Blood Pressure, the Silent Killer* will be held on Thursday, May 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

### Free Chronic Disease Management

This six-week series is designed to help you manage your disease or that of someone you care for. The series begins Monday, March 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required.

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For more information or to register for any of these programs contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Five St. Clair Township residents receive National Wild Turkey Federation awards

Five members of the NWTF Lambton Upland Game Bird Chapter, all residents of St. Clair Township, recently received awards from the National Wild Turkey Federation for achievements in membership and chapter growth.

The awards were presented during the NWTF provincial banquet held in January in Amherstburg, Ontario. On hand for the presentation were John Todd, left, president of the provincial NWTF, from Paris, Ontario and Bob Fountain, right, NWTF field director, from



Atlanta, Georgia. Receiving their awards, from second left, are: Irene and Neil Jardine; Alvin and Kathy

Scott; and Wayne Wilbur.

There are about 38 NWTF chapters in the Province of Ontario.

Diabetes education events offered by WLCHC

A series of free diabetes education programs will be offered by the West Lambton Community Health Centre (WLCHC) in the next few months.

Diabetes Conversations is a four-week series that will include: *Living with Diabetes*; *How Diabetes Works*; *Healthy Eating and Keeping Active*; and a *Grocery Store Tour*. This program will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays on March 5, 12, 19, and 26 **OR** on Tuesdays on May 8, 15, 22 and 29. It is led by a certified diabetes educators, either a registered nurse or a registered dietician. **Master Your Health** for chronic disease management is a six-week series focusing on managing difficult emotions, coping with pain and fatigue, communication strategies, goal-setting and problem-solving, making informed decisions, and positive partnerships with health care professionals. This program is led by a registered nurse or a social worker. **Craving Change** is a six-week series for people struggling with their eating habits and their relationship with food. The course will focus on why we eat the way we do, not what and how much. Participants will explore the various factors that could be triggering food cravings and they can learn practical strategies

that can be used to change eating habits for life. The course is led by dietitians. **Diabetes Cooking Classes** will touch on various topics that will interest all cooks, both novice and experienced. They will be held monthly as follows: *Best Breakfasts/Nutrition Month*, Thursday, March 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; *Fuel Your Activity/Super Snacks*, Thursday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; *Vegetarian Cooking*, Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; *Summer Salads*, Thursday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These classes will be led by a certified diabetes educator and a registered dietician. They are offered on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to those who have not recently been to a cooking class.

In addition, a **support group** is held monthly at 10 a.m. on the last Wednesday of each month and is facilitated by a certified diabetes educator.

All classes will take place at the West Lambton Community Health Centre, 429 Exmouth Street in Samia. **For more information or to register for a class or program, call the WLCHC at 519-344-3017, ext. 259.**

OPP warns of computer scam

Lambton OPP warns that a computer scam is currently accounting for 70 to 80 percent of frauds being reported to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. A typical scenario features a caller claiming to work for Microsoft or another reputable software company who asks if your computer is running slowly or not working as it should. The caller offers to fix the problem by installing software or taking control of your computer after you allow access to

it. Payment for services and software is handled via credit card.

Allowing access to our computer can allow for the theft of your personal information such as banking information, passwords and user names. For more information on emerging fraud trends, tips on how to protect yourself from fraud, and a victim's guide to help recover from fraud loss, go online to:

www.antifraudcentre.ca



Community Notices

100th Anniversary Open House planned

Geo. Boyington & Son Ltd. of Brighden will hold a 100th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to drop by, meet staff, and enjoy snacks and coffee. *See Heritage Corner, page 4, for more about the Boyingtons.*

Heart & Stroke Big Bike teams being sought

Teams from St. Clair Township are currently being sought to participate in the annual *Big Bike* rides to benefit the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The *Big Bike* will be in Lambton County on May 15, 16, 17, 30 and 31. Funds raised through this popular event are used to support life-saving research and public education. For more information, go online to www.bigbike.ca or contact the Sarnia-Lambton Heart and Stroke Foundation at 519-332-1415. Teams from this area raised \$100,000 during last year's event and organizers are hoping to

match or exceed that total in 2012.

Quilt fundraiser tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division quilt fundraiser. The draw for this beautiful hand-quilted masterpiece will be held at the fairgrounds the weekend of the Brighden Fair (Thanksgiving Weekend). Tickets are available through the Homecraft Division, at the Brighden Fair office, or during MAS brunches and jamborees. For more information, call the Brighden Fair office at 519-864-1197.

Handyman/Handywoman program helps seniors

The Lambton Seniors Association (LSA) Handyman/Handywoman program is a United Way-funded program helps seniors stay in their own homes by helping with a wide variety of household maintenance and repair issues as well as quality-of-life activities. Services provided include: yard maintenance, home maintenance, housekeeping, snow clearing, eaves trough cleaning, and much more. For more information, call the LSA at 519-339-8866 or 1-877-219-4717.

More Around The Township

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week of **April 2**, is now underway. To register, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Brunches planned for Brigden fairgrounds

Two popular annual brunches are planned for the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall this spring. The *Easter Brunch* will be held on **Sunday, April 8** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 per child aged six through 10, and free for children aged five and under. The *Mother's Day Brunch* is set for **Sunday, May 13** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 per child aged six through 10, and free for children aged five and under. For more information, go online to www.brigdenfair.ca or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquet set

The second annual NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquet, sponsored by the Lambton Upland Game Bird Chapter, will be held on **Thursday, April 5** at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner slated for 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call Wayne at 519-683-4180.

Annual skating carnival set

The Moore Skate Club's annual skating carnival is set for the Mooretown Sports Complex on **Saturday, April 14**, with two shows: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see our talented local figure skaters in action. For more information go online to www.moore skateclub.ca.

St. Joseph's Hospice to host *An Event Apart*

St. Joseph's Hospice will hold a three-day event at the Holiday Inn in Point Edward on **April 27, 28 and 29**. *An Event Apart* will feature unique art, unique gifts and a unique experience for those who attend, beginning on April 27 with an Opening Gala from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets for the gala are \$50 per person. On April 28 and 29, the event will be open to the general public at a cost of \$5 per person in advance or \$8 at the door. To purchase tickets, call Lesley at St.

Joseph's Hospice, 519-337-0537 or email tickets@sjhospice.ca.

Murder mystery dinner planned

Whether you're an amateur sleuth or just someone in search of an entertaining evening of food, fun, murder and mayhem, why not check out the murder mystery dinner being held at the Courtright "Silver Dome" Community Centre on **Saturday, April 28** beginning at 6 p.m. Enjoy a barbecued chicken dinner and *Murder In Sally's Diner*, an original theatrical event presented by the Courtright Sixth Line United Church Players. This is the third murder mystery the group has presented and tickets are sure to go fast. The cost is \$20 per ticket and they can be purchased by calling Gary at 519-867-5316 or Arthur at 519-864-1364.

Seniors Information Fair slated

The annual Lambton Seniors Association Seniors Information Fair will be held on **Tuesday, May 8** and **Wednesday, May 9** at the Point Edward Arena. The fair features informational displays regarding a wide range of issues, activities and concerns that are especially important to older adults, along with a refreshment area and much more.

Indoor walking sessions offered

Indoor walking sessions are now offered on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. Attendees are asked to bring indoor shoes for walking. For more information or to register for this free program, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. This program is sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society and the West Lambton Community Health Centre.

Corunna Legion to hold 2nd annual elimination draw

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 is now selling tickets for its 2nd Annual Elimination Draw, (license #M688222). Only 250 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$20 each. To purchase, call the Corunna Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

Cinderella Story program makes prom dreams come true

For the third year, the *Cinderella Story* dress donation program is going to help make prom dreams come true. Formal and semi-formal dresses that are four years old or newer and in excellent condition are now being collected. The goal is to provide a suitable prom dress for girls who would otherwise be unable to afford one. Dresses can be dropped off at: Mooretown Sports Complex; Libro Financial in Samia; Samia-Lambton Business Development Corporation; Bliss Hair Studio; and the West Lambton Community Health Centre on Exmouth Street in Samia; or by calling 519-864-1161.

The 3rd Annual Prom Dress Giveaway Boutique Days

will be held at St. Joseph's Hospice, 475 Christina St. in Samia on April 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and April 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The girls will not only receive their free dress, they will get a gift bag compliments of Carol Baker Visage, plus jewelry from Avon Canada, and a complimentary Samia Transit bus pass. In addition, a select number of schools will receive prom vouchers. The vouchers, which will entitle their recipients to a free prom ticket, will be taken to the schools' guidance counsellors for distribution. Since its start three years ago, *Cinderella Story* has helped 47 girls in Samia-Lambton find a beautiful dress and make memories that will last a lifetime.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Beef stew supper planned

A beef stew supper will be held at Wilkesport United Church on **Thursday, March 8** from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until sold out. Admission is by donation and everyone is welcome to attend.

Euchre afternoons set for Sombra

A series of euchre afternoons are planned for the Sombra Community Hall in the new year. The events will be held on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: **March 9, 16, 23, 30**. Admission is \$2 per session and a light lunch is included. For more information call 519-892-3964.

Corunna Minor Baseball registration

The last two opportunities to register for the coming baseball season will be held on **Saturday, March 10** at the Corunna fire hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on **Saturday, March 24** at the Moore Sports Complex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shamrock Jamboree at

Brigden fairgrounds hall

Why not bring your favourite leprechaun to the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall for the *Shamrock Jamboree* on **Sunday, March 11** at 1 p.m. The cover charge is \$2 per person for those who just want to listen to the music. A ham and scalloped potato supper will be held beginning at 5 p.m. and limited tickets for the supper will be sold at the door, so come early. A cash bar will be available. For more information, go online to the Website at www.brigdenfair.ca or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

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

Brigden Legion to host events

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch will host two special events in March. The St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held on **Saturday, March 17** from noon to 7 p.m. with music, food and fun for all. Call 519-864-1395 for more information. And there will be a steak barbecue held on **Friday, March 30** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event, back by popular demand, will include Dresden Meat Packers steaks prepared by Chef Ray. The dinner, which includes all the trimmings, will cost \$15 per person. To reserve your meal, call 519-864-1395.

March Break fun at

Mooretown Sports Complex

The Mooretown Sports Complex will host several March Break activities, including a *recreational swim* each day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and a *public skate* each day from noon to 1 p.m. The cost for either of these activities is \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, and \$6.50 per family. The *March Break Day Camp* for children ages five through 12 will include swimming, skating, crafts, games and special visitors. The program runs from 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with early drop-off beginning at 7:30 a.m. and late pick-up until 5:30 p.m. available. The cost is \$25 per child per day or \$100 for the week. A family plan is available. For more information or to register for March Break Day Camp contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Chronic Disease Management Program in Mooretown

A free six-week Chronic Disease Management program will be held Mondays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex starting **Monday, March 19**. The program is designed to help and inform people with a chronic disease and those who care about them. Subjects covered will include: coping with pain and fatigue; managing difficult emotions; exercise and nutrition; medication usage; and much more. To register, call the West Lambton Community Health Centre at 519-344-3917 or the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Optimist Club Oratorical contest set

The Optimist Club of Moore will sponsor the annual Oratorical Contest at Sir John Moore Community School on **Tuesday, March 20** at 7 p.m. The topic of the speech this year is *How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles*. Students interested in entering must hand in their speeches by March 15. For more information, call 519-862-1193 or 519-862-2333.

Ham bingo at Corunna Legion

A ham bingo is slated for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch hall on **Wednesday, March 21** beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 for three cards and 25 regular games plus one special game will be played, with three prizes up for grabs. The grand prize will be 650 Lambton Mall Bucks. Everyone is welcome and food will be available.

Annual roast beef dinner slated

The annual Homecraft Division and Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) roast beef dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 25** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. The cost is \$15 per adult, \$6 for children aged six through 10, and free for children aged five and under. Tickets are available in advance only through a Homecraft member, MAS director, or at the Brigden fairgrounds office at 519-864-1197.

Jam sessions planned for the Corunna Legion

A series of jam sessions is planned for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch hall at Albert and Beckwith Streets this winter. The sessions will be held Saturdays at 3 p.m. on the following dates: **March 31; April 28; and May 26**. Everyone is welcome to come out and play, sing or just listen to some great local talent. More information can be found on the branch's Website at www.corunna.ca/legion.

Spring swimming lessons offered

Registration for spring swimming lessons, which begin the

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