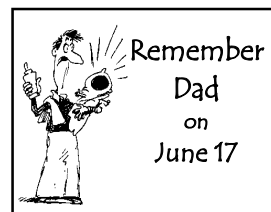




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St. Joseph - St.Charles parish celebrating 150th anniversary

The St. Joseph's-St. Charles Parish is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, and a number of special events have been planned to mark the occasion. In May, the parish remembered and celebrated all marriages that had taken place there. Anyone who was married there, or had family members married there, were invited to attend one of the masses where the marriage would be acknowledged and remembered.

Coming up on July 15, a parish picnic will be held to celebrate all families that were ever members of the parish. And the year's celebrations will culminate on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Fabro. The mass will be followed later in the day with a dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch Hall.

As details of these and other events become available, they will be found online at www.stjosephstcharles@dol.ca.

St. Joseph's Church is the oldest existing Roman Catholic edifice in Lambton County. It



St. Joseph's Church has been a familiar landmark in Corunna and along the St. Clair River for 150 years.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

was built in 1862. St. Charles Church in Courtright was built in 1887-1888. The church was originally referred to as St. Charles Church On The Hill.

Lambton G. S. employees receive international recognition

Employees at OPG's Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright have received international recognition for their contributions to wildlife habitat conservation. This achievement was announced at the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) Huron to Erie Waterways for Wildlife Project's 2012 Habitat Celebration on April 24.

The Huron to Erie Project's advisory committee presented the OPG employees and volunteers with the Regional Corporate Habitat of the Year award. The Lambton G. S. project was chosen from among the WHC-recertified wildlife programs in the Lake Huron to Lake Erie corridor. The award recognizes voluntary activities by companies who demonstrate excellence in the areas of wildlife habitat enhancement and restoration.

The habitat site at Lambton G. S. contains a total of 1,100 acres, of which 290 acres are natural areas that support a wildlife management plan implemented by L.G.S. employees. Natural areas are in the form of terrestrial and swamp woodland, shrub savannah, swamp thicket, meadow marsh and shallow marsh, woodlots, open fields and grassland.

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**The deadline for submissions to The Beacon
is the third Monday of each month at 4 p.m.**



Municipal Notes

Wilkesport kids to get new spray pad

The children of Wilkesport are going to have a wet, wonderful summer thanks to a partnership between the Wilkesport Community Centre Board and St. Clair Township. Board Chairman Chuck Lauwereys and his wife, Betty, visited council on May 7 to propose the installation of a spray pad and a 40 foot by 80 foot concrete slab to be used for basketball, ball hockey

and other court activities. The total cost of the two installations will be \$148,000 which will be split evenly between the board and the township. Mr. Lauwereys says the board already has \$45,000 set aside for the project and fundraising will be ongoing until the balance of the board's share is paid. Council approved the project in principal and gave Mr. Lauwereys the go-ahead to begin the project. It is hoped that the project can be completed by July 1, giving local kids all summer to enjoy their new water wonderland.



Hydrant Flushing

St. Clair Township residents please be advised that Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of all fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is now underway and will continue into the fall. During this maintenance procedure you may notice some discolouration when using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears. If discolouration of the water 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



Sewer Main Flushing

Public Works will be flushing all sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This will continue into the fall. During this maintenance procedure you may notice some gurgling noise in the drains. If conditions persist after 24 to 48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

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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 by the date of Friday, June 1, 2012, and throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$50.)

The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Eric Bezanson
Weed Inspector

J. DeMars
Clerk

Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. The first meeting in June is slated for Monday, June 4 at 6 p.m. with the second set for Monday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. after the Committee of the Whole meeting. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

Call before digging

Before you start your home renovations, pool installations, or any other project that requires you to dig up sections of your property, make it a point to call *Ontario One Call* at 1-800-400-2255 and visit www.on1call.com for infor-

mation. Be aware of the location of all buried cables and pipes before you put a shovel in the ground. Failure to do so could lead to costly and dangerous situations involving power outages, ruptured water and sewer lines, and gas leaks.



Yard Waste/Brush Collection 2012

The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste program for defined areas, in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the land-fill site.

Yard Waste is collected separately from regular waste on a regular basis in urbanized areas of the Township with collection beginning at 7 a.m. Yard waste from the balance of the Township is collected with the regular waste collection.

Collection Schedule

Collection will be on Wednesday or Friday, depending on the service area.

Wednesday: *Corunna (including Froomfield area)

***St. Clair Parkway (north of Emily Street, Mooretown)**

Friday: *Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton

***Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens**

***St. Clair Parkway (south of Emily Street, Mooretown)**

Spring yard waste collection has begun and will continue until Wednesday, June 20 and Friday, June 22. During the months of July through September, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection subject to the six item limit.

Fall yard waste collection will be announced at a later date.

What is yard waste?

Yard waste includes the following: 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.)

Yard waste placed at the roadside for collection must be bagged in clear or transparent plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers clearly marked with an "X" on both sides, and must be free of all non-compostable material such as glass, plastic, metal or other debris. The term "open containers" does **not** include: blue boxes or cardboard boxes. Containers must **not** exceed 23 kg/50 lb. Yard waste placed in regular garbage bags will **not** be collected.

Brush Collection

Small brush bundles will also be collected on Friday, June 8 with the following guidelines: 4 feet maximum length, 1 inch maximum diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled) and tied, and placed at the curb.

For further information call: St. Clair Township Public Works at 519-867-2125 or visit our Website at:

www.twp.stclair.on.ca

Register for 2012 St. Clair River Run

Registration for the 2012 St. Clair River Run, slated for **Saturday, July 21** is now being accepted. New for this year is the Kids Minnow Run for children ages four through seven.

As always, the event will also offer a 10K run or a 5K walk/run. The certified course will follow the St. Clair River through Sombra and Port Lambton. Participants will enjoy chip timing and all runners will get a technical shirt.

Register online at:
www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceld=7986.

For more information, go online to:
www.StClairRiverRun.ca

This event benefits the St. Clair River Trail. Come out and enjoy the trail's natural beauty.

Park bookings now being accepted

Bookings for St. Clair Township parks are now being accepted. If you're planning an outdoor wedding, family reunion or other special event, call 519-867-2651.

Campsites at Mooretown, Cathcart, and Branton-Cundick Campgrounds can be booked by calling:

Mooretown: 519-867-2951

Cathcart: 519-892-3342

Branton-Cundick: 519-892-3968

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Lions make the world more accessible for Corunna youth

For 15 year-old Cole Campbell of Corunna, the world is a challenging place, but thanks to the efforts of the Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia, Petrolia Lions Club, Point Edward Optimist Club and Easter Seals, it recently became a lot more accessible. These groups provided a substantial portion of the \$15,000 funding needed to retrofit the Campbell family van for wheel chair accessibility. This required the installation of a rear entry van lift. The lift is needed to assist the family and personal support workers as they get Cole in and out of the vehicle. Previously, Cole and his wheelchair had to be lifted into the van separately, requiring the help of two people.

Cole, a Grade 10 student at Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School, was born with moderately severe cerebral palsy, but he doesn't let that stop him from enjoying the activities he loves. The happy, outgoing teen is involved in his community and loves sports. He's an avid sledge hockey player, but also loves bocce, Challenger baseball, swimming and weight training.

Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia member Allan Knight of Corunna says there is still a balance remaining on the



Cole Campbell receives a cheque from Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia representative Bob Henry, while happy parents Scott and Lisa Campbell, and Lion Audrey Henry, look on.
Photo submitted

cost of the van retrofit. Anyone who would like to help the Campbell family can contact the Bluewater Lions Club by calling Mr. Knight at 519-862-1040 or emailing: aknight12@cogeco.ca.

Sombra Museum gets financial boost from local industry

Randy Allwood from Pembina Energy (formerly Provident Energy) visited council on May 7 to present the second of three cheques for \$20,000 in support of the upgrades made at the Sombra Museum. The company made a \$60,000 pledge to help fund museum improvements. A third cheque for \$20,000 will be forthcoming at a later date.

Calgary-based Pembina Pipeline Corporation has been in business for about 60 years, providing transportation and service to North America's energy industry. Pembina owns and operates pipelines that transport crude oil, NGL, diluent and synthetic crude produced in western Canada.

Jason Fydirchuk, Pembina's Communications and Public Affairs



Randy Allwood from Pembina Energy presents a cheque for \$20,000 to St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.

advisor, says the company's community investment program honours its relationship with the community by supporting the programs and infrastructure necessary to help it remain vibrant.

Girls' roller derby team hopes to recruit and expand

The *Lambton Crude Oil Crushers* girls' roller derby team is growing and hoping to keep expanding. Team captain Molly Pop says organizers are hoping to form two teams for competition. The Crushers' recently competed in Windsor and other bouts are set for June 23 and 30 at the Point Edward Arena.

WHC promotes cross-border wildlife effort

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The Wildlife Habitat Council, a non-profit, non-lobbying organization, runs programs that unite over 45 corporate wildlife teams in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario for education and support of existing and new programs. Its programs are also found in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 12 other countries.

Lambton Central student wins District Optimist oratorical scholarship



Marissa, who represented the Optimist Club of Moore at the recent District Oratorical Competition, emerged the winner of a \$2,500 scholarship for her speech on the topic, "How my optimism helps me overcome obstacles." Marissa, a student at Lambton Central Public School, took first place in the Optimist Club of Moore oratorical competition, which assured her a place in the district contest.

Marissa is shown here with her trophy, accompanied by Bruce Cox, Southwestern Ontario District Governor, left, and Jack Creswell, Optimist International President.

Photo submitted

Community Policing Notes

Residents warned to be wary of door-to-door salespeople

OPP reports seniors target of high pressure scams

The Ontario Provincial Police report two high-pressure scams have been attempted against seniors recently.

In St. Clair Township, a man wearing an orange vest attended the door of an 82-year-old Corunna resident indicating he was there regarding the water heater and was allowed access. He identified the company he worked for as Livclean Home Services of Mississauga. He inspected the water heater and told the resident she needed a new one. She was put in telephone contact with another man who advised her how this would be done and that a penalty would be charged if she cancelled. The deal was made and a date for the installation of the new water heater was set, but the woman contacted a family member who was able to stop the process. In Point Edward, another scam regarding the Ontario Ventilation Company from

London offered duct cleaning and furnace servicing, but the job escalated to \$6,000 with the addition of a HEPA system and other equipment. A family member contacted the Better Business Bureau and discovered several complaints against the company. Although neither of these incidents is criminal in nature, the OPP cautions all residents to be careful when dealing with door-to-door salespeople. Get additional quotes from more than one supplier and never agree to anything at the time. Consult with a trusted family member or friend before making any commitment and do a background check with the Better Business Bureau.

A new Website set up by the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre features the latest information on emerging fraud trends, advice about protecting yourself against fraud, and a victim's guide to help recover from fraud loss. Go to: www.antifraudcentre.ca or call toll-free: 1-888-495-8501.



Drowning is one of the leading causes of injury-related death in Canada.

Boaters... 90% of people who drown in recreational boating incidents did not wear a life jacket.

Tip

Be sure everyone who is *in* or *near* the water is wearing a properly fitted life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD).
Keep afloat...play safe!



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W.I. scholarship being offered

The Lambton County Women's Institute is offering a scholarship of \$500 to Lambton County students entering their first or second year of full time studies at any college or university in Ontario. These studies must lead to a degree or diploma. The applicant's permanent address must be in Lambton County and previous winners are not eligible. For more information about how to apply for this scholarship, inquiries can be made to: amcgugan@hotmail.com.

Funding for the scholarships comes from proceeds of the food booth held at the annual Lambton Seniors Association Seniors Information Fair in May. Last year's recipient, Sarah Taylor, is currently studying at Laurentian University pursuing a career as a field geologist working in the Arctic.

Moore Museum hosts Tourism Sarnia-Lambton



Tourism Sarnia-Lambton recently brought its National Tourism Week celebration to the Moore Museum in Mooretown. **Left top:** The sunny but cool day invigorated the spirits of the many visitors who turned out to enjoy the museum exhibits as well as a barbecue complete with a celebratory cake courtesy of the Real Canadian Superstore. Many local companies and businesses sponsored the event, including: Real Canadian Superstore; Bluewater Fun Park; Indian Hills Golf Course; Dowler-Karn Propane; Rogers Bayfest Sarnia; OLG Casino Point Edward; 3 Joe's Plus Bill; Sarnia Sting; Bake Me A Cake; Harbourfront Inn Sarnia; St. Clair Golf Course; Ken's Valu Mart Sarnia; Kern Water Systems; St. Clair Township Firefighters; Shelly's Tap & Grill, Best Western Sarnia; Antonio Pizza Corunna; Tim Horton Corunna; Kay's Petals and Plants Corunna; Aft Cabin Sombra; Golden Palace Restaurant Corunna; Oil Museum of Canada; Sombra Museum; Sunripe Farms Sarnia; Duc d'Orleans Cruise Boat; Victoria Playhouse Petrolia/Starbright; Drayton Entertainment; Huron Country Playhouse.



as it holds National Tourism Week barbecue

Left middle: In the Courtney Pioneer Cabin, museum staff member Linda Wood wore a pioneer costume to demonstrate the pioneer art of rag hooking. The frugal pioneers used scraps of fabric from old clothes and linens to make the old fashioned version of a shag rug, pulling the folded pieces of rag through a burlap backing, then looping the ends through to knot the piece to the backing.

Left bottom: The band, *Joe McDonald and Friends* entertained the crowd with some old time favourites.



Above: The large landscaped train display was a hit with all ages. Bob McPhee, foreground, was kept busy keeping the train on the tracks while Leo Griffiths manned the controls. Both of these "engineers" are volunteers with the Moore Museum. Bob says a group of volunteers is currently building a special train room to house two large train setups, but no opening date has been set since the project is still in progress.



Above: A prize wheel allowed visitors to test their luck.

Right: Moore Museum volunteer Bob Johnson guided some young apprentices from St. Joseph's Catholic School as they learned how to create rope. Grade 6 students, Abby, operated the twisting machine while her friend, Sam, held the strands of twine tight so that a special wooden spindle could be used to aid the twisting of the twine into strong rope.



Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

HERITAGE CORNER

Tulloch family receives Ontario Volunteer Service Award

The Tulloch family of St. Clair Township was recently honoured with the Ontario Volunteer Service Award.

The award acknowledges the family's ongoing dedication to volunteer duties and responsibilities associated with the Duthil Cemetery. For over 50 years, the family has been involved in the following capacities:

Norman, one of the original members of the Duthil Cemetery Board, has served as treasurer of the board, looked after mandatory reports, seen to the investment of perpetual care funds, plot sales, ground maintenance and other associated issues. Lois assists Norman with these duties, including record-keeping and hosting the annual meeting of the board in the Tulloch home. And their son, Gordon, serves as a board member and assists with general duties including acting as cemetery sexton and seeing to grave openings and closings.

The Duthil Cemetery began as the Reid family burial ground in the 1840s and became a community cemetery under the Presbyterian Church. After WWI, money was raised to erect a cenotaph in memory of local soldiers who died in the conflict. During the Great Depression, the cemetery fell into disrepair until the Becher Women's Institute assumed responsibility for it, organizing an annual Decoration Service on the first Sunday of



Tulloch family members Gordon, left, Lois and Norman shown at the recent Ontario Volunteer Service Awards event.
Photo submitted

June. This practice is still observed today. The Duthil Cemetery Board took over responsibility for the site in the 1970s.

Sombra Historical Society to publish book on former Sombra Township farms

The Sombra Historical Society, through author Dean Hodgson, plans to publish a book on some of the farms of former Sombra Township. This book will be about 100 pages and will contain the stories of 20 farms. It is hoped that the book will be ready for sale before Christmas 2012. A committee will choose the most interesting submitted stories for printing, but all stories will be retained in the Sombra Museum's reference archives.

Stories of the family farm can include the dates set-

tled, the building of the house/barn, the favourite livestock team, threshing day memories, the first tractor, combine, milking machine, soybean crop, or whatever might be of interest.

Send all stories to the Sombra Museum by email: sombramuseum@hotmail.com, or by mail to: Sombra Museum, Box 76, Sombra, Ont., N0P 2H0, or drop the story off at the museum during open hours. Phone 519-892-3982 for more details.



Moore Museum celebrates Diamond Jubilee

Queen Elizabeth II celebrates 60 years as queen of the United Kingdom and head of the Commonwealth this year. To celebrate this milestone, the Moore Museum has set up several displays of regal artefacts throughout the museum building and these displays will be on view throughout the summer season.

Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was proclaimed queen on Feb. 6, 1952 after the death of her father, King George VI.

Mooretown Sports Complex offers summer shape-up options

Summer swim lessons

Swim lessons are offered as follows: Day classes - four sessions: July 2 to 13; July 16 to 27; July 30 to Aug. 3; Aug. 7 to 17. Evening classes begin the week of July 2 once a week for seven weeks. Private lessons are also available.

Red Cross babysitting course

Children ages 11 and over can prepare for babysitting by attending the Red Cross babysitting course being offered on Monday, June 11 (a PA day) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person.

Summer ice/arena floor rentals

Spring and summer ice time and arena floor rentals are still available. Until June 15, **Prime time ice rentals** are Monday to Friday after 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at a cost of \$100 per hour. **Non-prime time rentals** are Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of \$75 per hour. These prices include HST. The regular price for ice rentals is \$125 per hour for prime time and \$95 for non-prime time. **Arena floor rentals** are as follows:

Adult - \$55 per hour; Minor - \$45 per hour; Special event rates are also available. Call now to book your lacrosse, ball hockey or special event.

Summer Day Camp offered

Summer Day Camp is offered from July 2 to Aug. 31 from July 2 to Aug. 31 for children ages five and up. The cost per child is \$25 per day or \$100 per week or \$750 per summer. Early drop-off at 7:30 a.m. and late pick-up at 5:30 p.m. is available for an additional \$15 per week.

Summer sports camp

Summer sports camps are offered for children over age seven. The camps are: Basketball - July 2 to 6; Golf - July 9 to 13, 23 to 27, Aug. 20 to 24; Sports combo - July 16 to 20; July 30 to Aug. 3; Aug. 20 to 24; Track and field - Aug. 7 to 10. The cost is \$100 per week per child.

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

LEO fitness classes keep older adults strong and sassy



The free fitness classes for older adults, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO), have become popular activity venues for many Lambton County seniors. The classes are offered from mid-September to mid-May in Corunna, Sombra, Wyoming, Oil Springs and Forest from two to three times per week, depending on the location. This class at the Cruickshank Centre in Corunna is feeling strong after a one-hour workout of low impact exercises consisting of warm ups, range of motion, cardio, strengthening and stretching. Instructor Gitte Monteith, a retired physiotherapist, shown front row, third from left, has been teaching since she completed her instructor's training 1998 and says the program began with just three participants. Today,

there are about 40 registered participants at the Corunna site, and an average class consists of about 24 people. Mrs. Monteith says there are usually two instructors for each class, but her co-instructor, Anna Jones, was absent to enjoy an extended celebration of her 80th birthday. Two other instructors who help out are Mary Anne Tippet from the Sombra location and Marlene Hemstreet. The *Activity for Active Living* classes will resume in mid-September. LEO is currently seeking more volunteer instructors who will be able to attend an instructors course in August. Anyone wishing to know more about the fitness program or becoming a volunteer instructor can call LEO at 519-845-1345.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



Community Notices

Pennies for Pavement program underway

The St. Clair River Trail **Pennies for Pavement** program to raise funds for the trail is collecting loose pennies at Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton or the Pic-N-Pay in Sombra. Every penny will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council, so every \$1 in pennies becomes \$3 to fund the upkeep and maintenance of the trail.

Hockey Moms draw winners announced

The winners of the Mooretown Hockey Moms Grocery and Gas Draw were recently announced. They include: 1st prize, \$500, Gerry MacDonald of Corunna; 2nd, \$300, Walker Holmes of Mooretown; 3rd, \$200, Heather Thompson of Warwick. The Hockey Moms expressed appreciation to Roy at Bluewater Foodland for his generous donation toward this draw. The Moms also thank the community for its continued support of the Mooretown Hockey Moms.

7th annual Corunna Shred-It Day a success

The 7th annual Corunna Shred-It Day attracted about 172 people who had a total of 7,206 pounds (3230 kg) of material shredded. Over the seven years the event has taken place, a total of 740 people have disposed of 25,717 pounds (11,646 kg) of material. The appropriate disposal of personal documents is a great way to reduce fraud and identity theft

crimes. The Corunna Community Policing Committee and the Corunna satellite office of the Ontario Provincial Police, sponsors of the event, are already looking ahead to 2013, when Shred-It Day will take place on Saturday, May 4. They extend thanks to the Shred-It Company, members of the community and all of the volunteers who helped make the day a success.

Handyman/Handywoman program helps seniors

The Lambton Seniors Association (LSA) Handyman/Handywoman program is a United Way-funded program that 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.

Planning continues for OPEN DOORS event

Over 29 sites in St. Clair Township will be among the many interesting buildings and locations to be showcased in the Lambton County Open Doors event on September 29 and 30. This event will allow visitors to explore many sites they might not otherwise be able to enter, such as interesting private residences, as well as many fascinating heritage buildings and outdoor locations. For more information about Open Doors Lambton County, go online to www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca.

Still More Around The Township

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Saturday, July 28. These races can be viewed along the shoreline in Mooretown and Courtright.

Gala Days coming to Port Lambton

Port Lambton Gala Days will breeze into McDonald Park on the Civic Holiday weekend, **Aug. 3, 4, and 5**. The annual event will feature team competitions, a parade, good food and lots of activities for the whole family.

Tri-County Horse Club plans series of shows

The Tri-County Horse Club (formerly the Tri-County Appaloosa Club) is planning a series of horse shows to be held at the Brigden fairgrounds on: **Sunday, July 18; Saturday, Aug. 11; and Sunday, Sept. 16**. The club is open to all types of horses, with a variety of classes for gaming, pleasure, and showmanship horses as well as miniature horses. Beginner exhibitors are welcome, with classes available appropriate to age and experience. Membership and entry costs are low and perfect for the whole family. The club would also like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer with the club. For more membership details, call President Cheryl Weese at 519-864-1373 or Secretary Kathy Myers at 519-627-5065.

Corunna Coffee Club changes location

The Corunna Coffee Club, which is open to everyone, has now changed locations and is now meeting in the main dining room at **Thompson Gardens on Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m.** The club has been meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall for three years and members would like to thank Legion bar manager George Armstrong for his courtesy and his efforts to make members feel welcome.

Indoor walking sessions

Indoor walking sessions are 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 plans 2nd annual 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.

More Around The Township

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age 10 and up. There are 35 seats available so please call the St. Clair Township Fire Department at 519-481-0111 to reserve a place. If greater interest is shown, a second course can be arranged for that afternoon.

Country Fun at Cruickshank Centre

Enjoy a *Country Fun* afternoon with Joan Spalding and Doug Springstead at Cruickshank Centre on **Monday, June 18** at 1:30 p.m. The cost is just \$5 and light refreshment is included.

Grand opening set for new Sombra Museum building

A dedication service and grand opening will be held at the new Sombra Museum Cultural Center, corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway, on **Tuesday, June 19** at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Cruickshank Centre sponsors trip to Oz

On **Friday, June 22**, see *The Wizard of Oz* at the Huron Country Playhouse, enjoy lunch at the Oakwood Inn, and get in a bit of shopping as well. Sign up for the Grand Bend bus trip being offered for \$85 per person by the Cruickshank Centre. **Register by Friday, June 1** at Thompson Gardens administration office in Corunna. For more information, please call Denise at 519-862-1628. For more information about the Cruickshank Centre, visit the Website at: cruickshankcentre.com.

Joel Hookey Memorial Golf Tournament

The 2nd Annual Joel "Hollywood" Hookey Memorial Golf Tournament is set for **Saturday, June 23** at Huron Oaks Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit St. Joseph's Hospice of Samia-Lambton and local minor sports through the YMCA Jumpstart program. For more information, email: hookeymemorialgolf@gmail.com or visit Facebook: *Joel "Hollywood" Hookey Memorial Golf Tournament*.

Legion plans summer kickoff party

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch will present its second Summer Kickoff Party for 2012 on **Saturday, June 23**, beginning at 11 a.m. with a barbecue and refreshments. A live band will follow at 1 p.m. and several bands will play during the event in the portable band shell. Registration for the Motorcycle Show and Shine will begin at 1 p.m. and the event will include supporting vendors and displays onsite. Judging of the vehicles will be at 3 p.m. For more information, call 519-862-1240 and leave a message for Jim Stevens.

Heritage Festival set for Moore Museum

The Moore Museum will host its annual Heritage Festival on **Sunday, June 24** from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Step back in time in a place where the whole family can enjoy heritage demonstrations and activities. Admission is \$6 per adult and \$2.50 per child. **And don't forget to mark your calendar** for the annual Downriver Craft Sale slated for the Moore Museum on **Sun-**

day, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will feature over 50 tables of handmade crafts and a food booth will be available. Admission will be \$2 per person, with children under 13 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Steak bingo at Corunna Legion

A steak bingo will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on **Wednesday, June 27** starting at 7 p.m. The event will feature 25 games plus one special game, door prizes and a gas barbecue grand prize. Everyone is welcome.

Lambton County Historical Society meeting

The next meeting of the Lambton County Historical Society is slated for **Thursday, June 28** at 7:30 p.m. in Dawn-Euphemia at the Rutherford fire hall. Guest speaker Marie Carter will speak about Black History in Dawn Township. The public is welcome to attend, so for more information, go online to: hkoolen@xcelco.on.ca.

Sombra Museum to host events

The Sombra Museum will host a number of events throughout 2012. On **Sunday, July 1 at 7 p.m.**, bring a lawn chair and enjoy some great music at the annual *lawn concert*. On **Saturday, July 21** at 10 p.m., a special fundraiser will take attendees on a pleasant *ferry cruise*. Call the museum at 519-892-3982 for more information or to reserve your place. The annual *Blueberry Social* is slated for **Sunday, Aug. 5** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and *Music On The Porch* will be presented on **Sunday, Aug. 19** at 1 p.m. **Watch The Beacon for more upcoming events this fall.**

Sombra Days are on the way

Sombra Sports and Recreation will host Sombra Days at the Sombra ball park on **Friday, July 6, Saturday, July 7, and Sunday, July 8**. Enjoy the games, the food and lots of fun activities for the whole family.

St. Clair River Run

The St. Clair River Run is slated for **Saturday, July 21**. For more information, see page 3.

"Kids On The Hill" day camp offered

The Corunna United Church will host the "Kids On The Hill" day camp from **Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26** from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is open to children entering Senior Kindergarten through Grade 5. To register, call Sharon at 519-862-1957. Final registration is July 6.

St. Clair River Classic powerboat racing

Enjoy the thunder and excitement of the St. Clair River Classic Offshore Powerboat Races on **Thursday, July 26** to

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AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

International Trail Day celebration planned

A free celebration marking International Trail Day will be held on **Saturday, June 2** beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Guthrie Park. The event will start with a walk/run/ride from the park to the Corunna Clock Tower Park and back to Guthrie Park. There will be games and free refreshments to round out the event. Everyone is welcome to attend with friends and family to enjoy the community trail and its recreational possibilities.

St. Clair Girls Hockey Association registration

The St. Clair Girls Hockey Association of Mooretown is now holding registrations. **Register before July 1** to take advantage of early registration special pricing. The association is hoping to run the following girls travel teams for the 2012-2013 season: Novice – birth year 2004/05; Atom - 2002/03; Pee wee - 2000/01; Bamtam –1998/99; Midget - 1995/96/97. The association is also looking into forming an intermediate/senior team for young women born in 1994 or earlier. For more information about St. Clair Girls Hockey, please contact association President Darryl Pole by emailing: poleman@live.ca.

Firefighter Field Days on the way

The 34th Annual Firefighter Field Days 2012 event is slated for **Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9**. In addition to the exciting field day events, a wide range of other events is slated, including a two-pitch tournament and evening dances with live music on both days, educational activities for all ages, and a parade on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. The parade will muster on Beckwith Street, then proceed along Lyndoch Street.

Riverside Cemetery service

The Riverside Cemetery Memorial Service will be held on **Sunday, June 10** at 2 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Sutherland Cemetery service

The annual Memorial Service is planned for Sutherland Cemetery on **Sunday, June 10** at 2 p.m. The entrance to the cemetery laneway is between Courtright and Mooretown off the St. Clair Parkway adjacent to the address 1402. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served after the service.

Daisy Drop will benefit Canadian Cancer Society

The *Daisy Drop*, a fundraiser to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society, will be held on **Monday, June 11** at 11 a.m. at Ferry Dock Hill at the end of Hill Street in Corunna. This event is sponsored by Kay's Petals and Plants. Those who attend can purchase gerbera daisies at a cost of \$5 each to celebrate those who have conquered cancer, to support those who are currently dealing with cancer, and to commemorate those who have been lost to it. The flowers will be dropped into the St. Clair

River as a token of support. For those who are unable to attend but wish to support the fundraiser, event staff will be on hand to drop the flowers for you. For more information or to purchase daisies, call 519-862-2333 or email kayspetals@bellnet.ca. Details of the event can be found online at www.kayspetals.com.

7th annual Wilkesport Jamboree set

The 7th Annual Wilkesport Jamboree is on the way **June 13 to 17**. It's a long weekend of camping, singing, and socializing, and don't forget the parade of vintage vehicles to Brigden and back on Saturday. For more information, go online to www.wilkesportjamboree.

Benefit barbecue in Corunna

A barbecue fundraiser will be held on **Friday, June 15** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Southwest Credit Union on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for a free will donation, and proceeds will benefit two programs - Victim Services of Samia-Lambton and St. Joseph's Hospice *Caring Hearts* program, which provides facilitated grief support for children and teens ages three through 17.

Bicycle rodeo set for Corunna

The Corunna Bicycle Rodeo will be held on **Saturday, June 16** with the sign-in and bicycle inspection beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the rodeo beginning at 10 a.m. No further entries will be allowed after the rodeo begins. This event is presented by the Corunna Community Policing Committee and the OPP St. Clair Township satellite office. Participants will receive free food, drinks and giveaways while supplies last on rodeo day, and one lucky boy and one lucky girl who participates in the rodeo will win a new bicycle. Approved bicycle helmets must be worn to participate. The Masons will be on-site making the C.H.I.P. Identification program available to all, including non-participants. In addition to creating an identification kit for children, the program will include adults who may request it, such as someone who has been diagnosed with dementia. Community sponsors of this event will include: the Optimist Club of Moore; NOVA Chemicals; Ontario Power Generation's Lamton Generating Station; Shell Canada's Corunna Refinery; and the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Corunna Branch 447.

Yard sale at Wilkesport United Church

The Wilkesport United Church will hold a Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 16** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for bargains and enjoy coffee and muffins for a free will donation.

Free CPR lifesaving course offered

A free CPR lifesaving course will be offered at the St. Clair Township Fire Department Courtright station on **Saturday, June 16** from 9 a.m. to noon. This course is open to everyone

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