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New Sombra Museum Cultural Centre opens



The Sombra Museum welcomed its new addition on June 19 as the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre had its grand opening. The event was well-attended, drawing a diverse crowd of local residents, dedicated museum volunteers and staff, local dignitaries, and representatives from some of the local companies that generously contributed to the building project.

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Presiding over the official ribbon-cutting during the dedication of the new Sombra Museum Cultural Centre, from left, are: Al Anderson*, David Lee*, Katherine Bouman*, Charlie Grant*, Sombra Museum Curator Shelley Lucier, Lambton Mutual representative Jim Duffy, OPG representative Steve Repergel, Mayor Steve Arnold, Murray McAllister*, Eldon Grant*, Lambton County General Manager of Cultural Services Robert Tremain, and St. Clair Township Councillor Darrell Randell*.

*Legend: * indicates a member of the Sombra Museum board and its Vision Committee.*
Photo submitted

Status of Alert FM system reviewed

The status of the Bluewater Community Alerting Network (BCAN), a joint emergency notification venture of St. Clair Township and neighbouring communities across the river in Michigan, was recently reviewed.

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bicum of the St. Clair Township Fire Department says the first year of the network's operation, which employs small Alert FM receivers currently being distributed throughout St. Clair Township, has proceeded well. There are currently over 950 receivers in local households and all seven township schools are equipped with larger units. The residential units are available at Corunna Home Hardware, the St. Clair Township municipal office at the Civic Center on

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Brigden Fair Ambassador contestants sought

Contestants are now being sought to compete in the 2012 Brigden Fair Ambassador Contest on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Contestants between the ages of 16 and 24 are invited to pick up applications at the Brigden fair office or online at www.brigdenfair.ca. The deadline for submission of the application form will be Wednesday, Aug. 1.

A meet-and-greet for all contestants will be held on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall where information regarding the contest and contestant duties will be covered.

The fair ambassador will represent the Moore Agricultural Society during the four-day Brigden Fair 2012 and at various events throughout the year. The ambassador will also compete in the CNE Ambassador of the Fair competition in Aug. 2013 and will reign until a new Brigden Fair Ambassador is chosen next year.

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or write to: The Beacon, c/o St. Clair Civic Centre,
1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0

The deadline for submissions is the third Monday of each month by 4 p.m.



MUNICIPAL NOTES



Hydrant Flushing

St. Clair Township residents should be advised that the Public Works Department is now doing the annual flushing of all fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The flushing, which will continue through the fall, may cause discolouration when residents use taps, flush toilets, do laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into the residence. It is recommended that the cold water tap be allowed to run for a few minutes or until 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



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. to 4:30 p.m. well into the fall. During this maintenance procedure, residents may notice some gurgling noise in the drains. If this condition persists after 24 to 48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Brian Hyfte
Coordinator of Operations
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Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held on the first and third Monday of each month. The first meeting in July is slated for Monday, July 9 at 6 p.m. and the second will be held Monday, July 23 at approximately 7:30 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



Notice to property owners to destroy weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16 and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$50.)

The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Eric Bezanson
Weed Inspector

J. DeMars
Clerk

Park bookings now being accepted

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

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

New cultural centre graces Sombra

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The new centre features an airy new Marine Room, displays of vintage armed forces memorabilia and the Shawanese Room, a multipurpose room outfitted with a kitchen that can be used for both social and business applications. Of special interest is the new fireproof Archive Room, which Sombra Museum Board Chairman David Lee says is an important component of the building. "We now have a good, secure place where we can store our archives," he said. "We've always had a good reputation for our reference material." He notes many people find valuable clues in the archives when researching their family histories.

Mr. Lee says he envisions an additional purpose for the Marine Room sometime in the future. "I want to see dads come here with their kids to build little boats they can take down to the river and use."

During his remarks to the assembled crowd, Mayor Arnold expressed thanks to everyone who helped make the cultural centre a reality, and applauded the efforts of MP Pat Davidson, who announced in 2010 that the Federal government was contributing \$210,000 from the

Canada Cultural Fund toward the project. He also acknowledged the generous contributions of several corporate donors and the efforts of the many volunteers who spearheaded and worked on the project. The volunteers not only worked on-site to prepare the cultural centre for its debut, but they also held several successful fundraisers including *Tales of Two Rivers* and *50 Years of Fashion*.

Robert Tremain, General Manager of Cultural Services for Lambton County, stressed the importance of continuing support for community museums. "Every community in Lambton County is proud of its unique stories...and heritage," he said. "It all boils down to stories."

The Sombra Museum is open daily during the months of July and August from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Why not drop in and share some of the fascinating stories that have helped to make south St. Clair Township the beautiful community it has become. And while you're at it, you might want to think about making the museum part of your own story. Volunteers are always welcome.



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 landfill 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 during regular waste collection.

Collection Schedule

Collection will be on Wednesday and 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)

During the months of July through September, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection subject to the six item limit.

What is yard waste?

Yard waste includes the following items: 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.

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.

The fall yard waste collection schedule will be announced at a later date. The Township is currently in contract negotiations for a new waste collection contract. When the contract has been finalized, The Beacon will report any changes to current waste collection guidelines plus fall waste collection dates.

For further information call the St. Clair Township Public Works Department at 519-867-2125 or visit the Township Website at: www.twp.stclair.on.ca

Alert FM system an important tool for community emergency notification

From page 1

Emily Street in Mooretown, Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton, and Always Quilting in Brigden.

The retail cost of each unit is \$40 but St. Clair Township and several industrial and commercial donors have contributed funding to reduce the cost to \$10 per unit.

Deputy Chief Bicum says the system is being implemented on a five-year plan. This year, he says it is expected that about 1,400 more units will be sold and activated within the township.

The new system is activated by the St. Clair Township Fire Department. A "chief on call" can be reached by pager at any time and is empowered to engage the system if an emergency such as a tornado or other severe weather is imminent. In addition, local industries have access to the BCAN system if a "shelter in place" scenario arises.

The system undergoes regular testing at 12:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. It is linked to the NOAA weather system for St. Clair County, Michigan, and has been automatically activated for four severe weather events to date. Deputy Chief Bicum says that, so far, the system has been

initiated from St. Clair Township during one emergency which occurred last December during the Port Lambton marina fire.

Among those in attendance at the BCAN review were representatives from CF Industries, Shell Canada and NOVA Chemicals, who brought substantial donations that will be used to reduce the cost of the Alert FM units to residents of St. Clair

Township.

Mayor Steve Arnold stressed the importance of keeping the community safe and informed. He also noted the significance of the unique cross-border partnership that allows the system to function so efficiently. "It can't be taken lightly," he said. During his remarks he applauded the community spirit of the companies that contribute to and support the system.



On hand for the BCAN review were several representatives from industries and businesses that have provided funding to reduce the cost of the Alert FM units. They include, from left: Bill Deschamps (CF Industries); Chief Roy Dewhurst; Dorothy Ewener (CF Industries); Krista Hagen (NOVA); Kristina Zimmer (Shell Canada); Kevin Schroeder (NOVA); Tracy Tiernay (NOVA); John Thompson (CF Industries); St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Shell Canada Corunna facility unveils new storm water containment strategy

The grand opening of the new storm water containment pond was held at the Shell Sarnia Manufacturing Centre in Corunna on June 18. General Manager Kerry Margetts says the pond is significant since it will ensure that storm water runoff from the facility does not enter the St. Clair River before it has been tested and, if necessary, treated.

The facility has had a containment pond on-site for 30 years, but Mr. Margetts says that pond was designed to hold the runoff from a "25-year rainfall". Over the years, the pond has proven insufficient, so the new pond has been designed to meet the needs of a "one hundred-year rainfall". The two ponds are now capable of holding a total of 11.5 million gallons of storm water.

Jasjeet Dhupia, Shell's pond project manager, says the pond project began two years ago with the design team trying to determine what size the pond would have to be. The team determined the pond would have to hold 8.9 million Imperial gallons of storm water. The 40-foot deep pond is lined with 45ml thick high density polyethylene. During construction, the project also included upgrades to the sewer system.

Mr. Dhupia says the construction phase of the project presented several challenges. Weather was often an issue and he recalled one occasion when the construction team arrived at the site one morning to find equipment submerged in an ice-covered pool in the bottom of the pond. And since that time was a busy one for local construction, equipment and personnel were sometimes difficult to get.

Mr. Margetts called the project "a significant undertaking" and expressed pride that it was accomplished with no reportable injuries. "We did it safely," he said. "That's pretty amazing performance."

Also in attendance for the grand opening were representatives from the Ministry of the Environment, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, the Bluewater Community Advisory Panel, St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland and MPP Bob Bailey.



Attending the grand opening of the containment pond were representatives of the contracting companies that worked on the project. The project has been commemorated with a bronze plaque that was unveiled during the event. Shell facility General Manager Kerry Margetts, left, is shown here with Perry Routley (Wolverine Manufacturing); Wayne McKay (SNC-Lavalin); Tim Fugard (Cope Construction); John Huybers (Curran Construction); Shell Project Manager Jasjeet Dhupia; and Carlo Maola (DMW Electrical) as they proudly show off the new plaque.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Captain Kidd coming to Corunna

That big bad buccaneer Captain Kidd will make his annual stop at the Corunna Athletic Park on Aug. 3 to 5. And as always, he will be bringing with him a treasure chest full of fun activities that will please the whole family. The fun starts Friday night with the weekend-long two-pitch tournament and the Miss Teen Corunna contest, which is set for 7 p.m. at the portable stage. Friday and Saturday, the stage will host a variety of music and entertainment. On

Saturday at 11 a.m., a parade will set the mood for the event with a lively procession from Beckwith Street, along Lyndoch Street and ending on Colborne Street at CAP park. During the afternoon, children can enjoy the Kids Zone, and enjoy a magician, a pirate contest and a treasure hunt. And don't forget the big finale at dusk on Sunday. Fireworks will set the sky over CAP park alight with noise and colour to bring the event to a spectacular close.



The 34th Annual Firefighters Field Day in early June provided fun and educational opportunities for hundreds of Corunna and area residents. Jacob Turner, left, got a hands-on lesson in how to control the ladder on the Corunna fire station's ladder truck from his uncle, Jared Turner, a volunteer firefighter. Watching the lesson is auxiliary firefighter Mitchell Lisinski.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum volunteers recognized with provincial volunteer service awards



Several Moore Museum volunteers were recently recognized for their years of service during presentation of the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. These awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration recognize the volunteers' long-term dedication to the museum, its projects and programs.

Shown here from the left are: Five-year award recipients Shirley Warner and Bob McPhee, and 20-year recipient Sally Townsend. James Townsend, Moore Museum Advisory Committee Chairperson, was on hand to congratulate them. Missing from this photo are: Five-year recipient Kathy Roswell, and Youth Award recipients Nick Johnson, Rebecca Moorehouse, and Tegan Taylor.

Photo submitted

Rock your summer at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Summer swim lessons

Enjoy summer swim lessons for any skill level this summer. Daytime classes will be offered in four sessions: July 2 to 13; July 16 to 27; July 30 to Aug. 3; or Aug. 7 to 17. Evening classes will begin the week of July 2 and continue once a week for seven weeks. Private lessons will also be available.

Tim Horton's sponsored free swims

Tim Horton's will sponsor free swims every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the summer from July 8 to Aug. 26. Adult supervision is required for any child who is unable to comfortably swim two widths of the Mooretown Sports Complex pool, all children under age seven or under 48 inches tall, or who are non- or weak swimmers. The maximum is two children per adult.

Summer sports camps

Children aged seven and over are invited to attend these summer sports camps: Basketball - July 2 to 6; golf - July 9 to 13, July 23 to 27; Aug. 13 to 17; 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 child.

Summer day camp

Children aged five and over are invited to attend summer day camp July 2 to Aug. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per day or \$100 per week or \$750 per summer. Early drop-off at 7:30 a.m. and pick-up at 5:30

p.m. is available for an additional \$15 per week.

Summer ice/arena floor rental

Summer prime time ice rental is available Monday through Friday after 5 p.m., plus Saturday and Sunday for \$125 per hour. Non-prime time ice rental is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of \$95 per hour. Arena floor rentals are available for adult use at a cost of \$55 per hour and for minor use at a cost of \$45 per hour. Special event rates are also available. Call to book your lacrosse, ball hockey or special event today!

St. Clair Township park and campground use

To book outdoor events at township parks or to reserve campsites, **see page 2.**

St. Clair River Run

The St. Clair River Run 10K, 5K and Kids Minnow Run set for July 21 helps support the St. Clair River Trail development and upkeep. This certified course features flat, scenic river views and breezes, and chip timing. Participants also receive an event t-shirt. More information can be found on **page 8.**

Captain Kidd Days

Captain Kidd Days will be held Aug. 3 through 5 at the Corunna Athletic Park on Hill Street. **See page 4.**

For more information about the above programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.



COMMUNITY NOTES

Tourism Sarnia-Lambton extends thanks

Tourism Sarnia-Lambton has extended a note of thanks to the staff and volunteers of Moore Museum for hosting the fourth annual Tourism Week Barbecue on May 16. The event has been deemed a great success, attracting over 500 visitors to the luncheon event. Among those who supported the event are several St. Clair Township businesses including: the St. Clair Parkway Golf Club; Antonio's Pizza in Corunna; Kay's Petals and Plants in Corunna; Tim Horton's in Corunna; the Aft Cabin Restaurant in Sombra Village; and the Golden Palace in Corunna. Thanks are also extended to the Sombra Museum and St. Clair Township volunteer firefighters.

Bicycle rodeo winners announced

The Corunna Community Policing Committee is pleased to announce that the 2012 Kids Bike Rodeo held in June boasted 41 registered participants. During the event, these participants were all eligible for a draw on one girls bicycle and one boys bicycle. The winner of the girls bicycle was Nina-Nicole White and Masen Flett won the boys bicycle. The committee has expressed thanks to the participants and to all of the volunteers who helped make the day a success, especially those from the Hon. Leslie Sutherland Branch #447 branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Masonic Lodge volunteers are also commended for offering the C.H.I.P. identification program during the event. Organizers say next year's rodeo is slated for Saturday, June 15, 2013.

Historical Society meets in St. Clair Township

Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason was the guest speaker when the Lambton Historical Society met at the museum on May 23. Mrs. Mason addressed the group in the St. Clair Trinity Chapel, one of the historically significant buildings that comprise the museum site. The group heard about the special displays that have been erected in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II's reign and about how the museum and its many volunteers serve the community.

Seniors apartments open house in Brigden

Brigden Park Place, 2444 Jane Street, will hold an open house on July 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The apartment building is geared to people over the age of 60. The open house will include refreshments and a viewing of the apartments and grounds.

Pennies for Pavement program in progress

The St. Clair River Trail Pennies for Pavement program is raising funds for the trail's upkeep and maintenance by collecting loose pennies at the following locations: Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton or the Pic-N-Pay in Sombra Village. Every penny will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council, so every \$1 will become \$3.

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 range 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 1-800-219-4717.

RCL Corunna Branch 447 elects 2012 executive



The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 has a new executive for 2012. The members include, front row left: Second VP Gord Allen; First VP Marg Emery; President Dan Watson; Past-president Malcolm Boczek.

Back row left: Sgt.-At-Arms Doug Heath; Secretary Bob Ott; Sports Officer John Cormier; Vice Chairman Bar Committee Jim Mitchell; Public Relations Officer Paul Mortier; Treasurer Jon Neely; Youth Education Chair and Bursary Chair Marion Maki; Veterans Service Officer and Bylaws Chair Gerry Den Hartogh.

Absent: Ways and Means Chair Steve Glowa; Poppy Chair Bob Chambers; Padre Rev. Paul Wooley; Honours and Awards Chair Greg Stoudt.

Photo submitted

MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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Emergency services golf fundraiser

The fourth annual St. Clair Township Emergency Services Golf Fundraiser is set for **Thursday, Sept. 13** at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Club in Mooretown. The tournament, sponsored by Enbridge Gas Storage, raises funds to help support the St. Clair Township Fire Department's efforts to improve its emergency service capabilities in the community. The event is endorsed by St. Clair Township and is a recognized charitable event featuring an 18-hole scramble (carts included), driving range privileges, a barbecue lunch and a steak dinner, plus lots

of challenging skill competitions. For more information call Jennifer Crawford at 519-862-6011 or email:

jennifer.crawford@enbridge.com.

Indoor walking sessions discontinued

Indoor walking sessions offered at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall have been discontinued for the summer but will resume in the fall.

Corunna Coffee Club in new location

The Corunna Coffee Club now takes place at Thompson Gardens on **Monday to Saturday** at 9 a.m. The club is open to everyone.

Riverview Central School students celebrate Arbor Week



Grade 1 to 4 students at Riverview Central School celebrated Arbor Day in May with the help of Hydro One foresters, who made a presentation about the importance of trees to the community.

The foresters also displayed their forestry equipment and then donated and planted two native species trees at the school.

Photo submitted

Port Lambton babysitting students receive fire safety training

Local Port Lambton students recently enjoyed a free babysitting course sponsored by Port Lambton Community Services and the Optimist Club of Sombra. As part of their training, the students enjoyed hands-on experience in the use of fire extinguishers thanks to the participation of volunteer firefighters from the St. Clair Township Fire Department Port Lambton station. Shown here with the students are firefighters Devin Bishop, left, Port Lambton Chief Jim Moran, Shawn Lozon, and Jake Taylor.

Photo submitted



Fourth edition of Locally Lambton map is now available

The fourth edition of the Locally Lambton map is now available. The map, developed by the Lambton Federation of Agriculture (LFA) and Country Road Graphics notes the locations of favourite local farm vendors as well as some new ones.

The Locally Lambton Food and Fun map shows the locations of farm markets, plus farmers who sell products directly to the consumer, and it contains full information about each business.

The goal of the map is to promote buying local and buying fresh.

Copies of the map can be found at your local library, Sarnia Tourism, your municipal office, or any of the participants' locations listed on the map. It can also be acquired by contacting LFA secretary Christina Hyatt at 519-864-4224 or online at: www.locallylambton.com

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Sombra Museum to host events

The Sombra Museum will host several 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 about the cruise 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 information about the upcoming Christmas Open House.*

Presbyterian church summer schedule set

The congregations of the Moore Presbyterian Church will hold summer worship on the following schedule: July 1 to 29 at Knox Moore Church, 1354 Rokeby Line; Aug. 5 to Sept. 2 at St. Andrew's, Mooretown, 94 James Street. All services will be held Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Cruikshank Centre plans summer activities

The Cruikshank Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna has several events and activities planned for this summer. Enjoy *euchre parties* at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesdays, July 3, 10, 17, and 24** at a cost of \$3 per session, which includes light refreshment. A charity euchre is slated for **Tuesday, July 31** at 7:30 p.m. with proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Hospice. Registration will be accepted at the door. *Afternoon bridge parties* will be held on **Thursdays** at 1 p.m. with no fee attached. A Tanjay Fashion Show is being planned for later this summer. It will include door prizes and light refreshment at a cost of \$5 per person. Information about this event and tickets can be obtained at the Thompson Gardens administration office. And a bus trip to see a matinee performance of *The Songs of Sinatra* at the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia is set for **Wednesday, Sept. 5**. The cost is \$65 per person, which will include transportation and dinner at the Oil Rig Restaurant. The bus will leave Thompson Gardens at 1 p.m. Register for this trip at the Thompson Gardens administration office by Aug. 2. For more information, call 519-862-1628. To stay current with what's going on at the Cruikshank Centre, go online to: cruikshankcentre.com.

Sombra Days to be held

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 family fun.

Tri-County Horse Club plans series of shows

The Tri-County Horse Club (formerly the Tri-County Apaloosa Club) is planning a series of shows to be held at the Brigden fairgrounds on **Sunday, July 8, 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 applicable. Any-

one who wishes to volunteer with the club is welcome. For more information, call President Cheryl Weese at 519-864-1373 or Secretary Kathy Myers at 519-627-5065.

St. Joseph/St. Charles Parish plan anniversary events

The St. Joseph/St. Charles Parish 150th anniversary celebrations continue in July with a parish picnic set for **Sunday, July 15** (rain date July 22). Then, on **Sunday, Sept. 16** at 10 a.m., the official conclusion of anniversary celebrations will take place in the form of a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Fabro. Later in the day, a meal is planned. For more information about price, location, etc., please call the parish office.

St. Clair River Run slated

The St. Clair River Run will be held on **Saturday, July 21**. The event will include a 10K run or a 5K walk/run plus the Kids Minnow Run for children ages four through seven. The certified course will follow the St. Clair River through Sombra Village and Port Lambton. Participants will enjoy chip timing and all runners will get a technical shirt. For more information go online to: www.StClairRiverRun.ca

To register, go to:

www.events.runningroom.com/site/?racelid=7986

For more information, go to:

www.StClairRiverRun.ca

"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

The thunder and speed of the St. Clair River Classic Off-shore Powerboat Races will stir up the water on **Thursday, July 26 to 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 is coming to 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 everyone.

Brigden Fair Ambassador contest set

The Brigden Fair Ambassador contest is set for **Wednesday, Aug. 15** at 7 p.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. *Those who wish to enter the contest or who would like more information, please see front page.*

Legion elimination draw date set

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 elimination draw tickets are sold out and weekly draws for \$20 will run until Saturday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. The elimination draw itself will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 22**. Anyone who has purchased a ticket will be admitted free and will enjoy a hot meal compliments of the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary. Non-ticket holders may attend the meal for \$7 per person.

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