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Sombra Museum Cultural Centre welcomes its newest addition



Ship modeller Robert Docherty of Corunna displays a model of the *Algocen*, a laker he worked a whole year to make.

Photo submitted

2012 Brigden Fair ambassador contest on the way

The 2012-2013 Brigden Fair ambassador contest is on the way Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. The festivities begin at 7 p.m.

The event will require the contestants to deliver a prepared speech as well as answer an impromptu question. One component of the event will require them to appear dressed as they would to participate in their favourite pastime.

The event will see current Fair Ambassador Megan Vandendool crown her successor, but her reign will not be over. She will still have one duty left. On Aug. 17, she will end her reign by heading for Toronto to participate in the CNE Ambassador of the Fair competition. She will be one of about 85 fair ambassadors from all over Ontario vying for the coveted title. *The Beacon* wishes Megan all the best.



Megan Vandendool

The Sombra Museum Cultural Centre is proud to announce the addition of a handcrafted masterpiece made by Robert Docherty of Corunna. The finely detailed model of the *Algocen* is a scale model of the vessel, which was launched by Algoma Central Corporation on Sept. 20, 1968.

The *Algocen* is of special interest to Mr. Docherty, who had the distinction of having been part of the construction crew that built the actual ship in the Collingwood Shipyards. It was during this time that he says he fell in love with the "lakers".

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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.

St. Clair Township Operations



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.

St. Clair Township Operations



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 still available

Bookings for St. Clair Township parks are still 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

Emergency alert system discussed

St. Clair Township Fire Chief Roy Dewhirst attended council to report on a recent series of intrusive overnight alerts issued by the new Alert FM system. In early July, the system was activated by emergency personnel from St. Clair County, Michigan to issue weather and dangerous heat warnings, which disturbed the sleep of many residents who found the warnings unnecessary. Chief Dewhirst told council steps are being taken to prevent a repeat of this situation.

Council meeting schedule

The August summer meeting of St. Clair Township Council will be held on Monday, Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

2012 Property Tax due dates

**The final tax due dates will be
August 1 and October 3, 2012.**

The 2012 Final Tax Notices for non-capped property were mailed out the first week of July, 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 payment  
may be utilized:

- Automatic bank machines
- Telephone and Internet payments through the bank
- Payment at most financial institutions
- Post-dated cheques
- Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- Mail payment to: the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0 or
- Use the drop box at the above address.

Pre-authorized payment plans are also available and encouraged.

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St. Clair Township Tax Department
519-867-2024
Fax: 519-867-5509

Corunna Giants Mosquito travel team triumphs at Wyoming baseball tournament



The Corunna Giants Mosquito travel team reigned victorious when it took on some tough competition at the recent Wyoming Baseball Tournament. Although the team has been struggling in regular season play, its players and staff came through to take top honours.

Team reporter Stacey Brown says the team began the tournament by winning against Ilderton. The next game against Wyoming resulted in a disappointing loss, but the team rallied in the next game against Oakridge to win a spot in the semi-finals, where they won their first game against Listowel.

In a dramatic final matchup, the team once again challenged Wyoming. Reporter Brown says the Giants were 0-4 against that team going into the game but didn't give up. They played hard and won 10-9.

Photo submitted

The Corunna Giants Mosquito team are all smiles after winning the Wyoming Baseball Tourney.



Corunna Legion holds Summer Kick Off

There was plenty of music and mirth when the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 held its Summer Kick Off event. The sunny Saturday party included a Motorcycle Show and Shine, shown left, and music by *Full Disclosure*, right. About 375 people turned out to enjoy the day.

Photos submitted



Algocen was last of its kind built

From page 1

Launched on June 18, 1968, the *Algocen* was part of the Algoma Central Corporation fleet. The keel for this classic traditional styled straight deck bulk carrier was laid Dec. 28, 1967 and was designated as "hull #191" at the Collingwood Shipyards. During a formal ceremony held at the ship yard on Sept. 20, 1968, Mrs. John Robarts, wife of the Premier of Ontario, officially christened the vessel to send it into service. The *Algocen* was the last traditional style (fore/aft cab design) straight deck bulk carrier built at the Collingwood, Ontario shipyard.

Autumn yard waste schedule

The autumn yard waste schedule for St. Clair Township is currently being developed and will appear in the September issue of *The Beacon*.



Due to recent dry conditions, residents are urged to restrict the use of fire outdoors. Even contained fires in barbecues and covered fire pits should be carefully monitored.

St. Joseph/St. Charles Cemetery Board requesting revisions

The Cemetery Board of St. Joseph/St. Charles Cemetery will be submitting proposed revised by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremations Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Rod Fraser at 519-867-2654 for information, or to inspect or

make copies of the proposed by-laws.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. The Cemeteries Regulation Unit can be reached by calling 416-326-8399.

HERITAGE CORNER

Local museums are great family summer destinations

St. Clair Township's two museums, located in Mooretown and Sombra Village, are the perfect place to spend some quality family time this summer.

At the Moore Museum, the main museum building, a former schoolhouse, contains myriad wonderful treasures from the area's pioneer past as well as a wide variety of other remarkable artefacts. Out on the museum site, 12 buildings wait to be explored. The Shaw building holds many interesting displays of implements and items our pioneers used to build the community we know today. It also contains a fascinating selection of vehicles, from small wagons to large vintage farm machinery. Some of the other buildings are historic structures that have been moved to the site from all around the former Moore Township. Currently showing is the special Diamond Jubilee exhibit honouring Queen Elizabeth II's 60-year reign.

Visitors will enjoy touring the site using the *I Spy* tour booklet developed especially for children. For older visitors, a self-guiding tour booklet and 12-minute DVD presentation, *St. Clair: Discover Its Heritage*, ensure an informative and enjoyable visit for all. The

Moore Museum, 94 Moore Line in Mooretown, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily throughout July and August.

At the Sombra Museum, a new Sombra Museum Cultural Centre is already garnering rave reviews. The new facility, which was recently dedicated, contains an up-to-date archives room that was especially built to protect and preserve the hundreds of photos and archival material the museum has collected over the years. The original museum building, the historically-significant Bury House, will be restored to its original state to reveal the stunning Victorian house it once was. The Sombra Museum, 3470 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra Village, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. throughout the summer.

Why not get in touch with the pioneer spirit that once laid the groundwork for the dynamic, modern community we have today. A wise man once said, "Before we know where we're going, we have to know where we've been." At the Moore Museum and the Sombra Museum, find out where St. Clair Township came from and discover the processes that helped it grow so that you can be an informed traveler on the road to its future.

Annual Moore Museum Downriver Craft Sale set for September

The Downriver Craft Sale at the Moore Museum in Mooretown is shaping up to be the best sale ever. On Sunday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the museum site will be filled with booths full of handcrafted goods, homemade and artisan foods, woodworking, knitted and leather goods, handmade jewelry, garden whimsies and so much more. Admission will be just \$2 per person with children under age 13 admitted free when accompanied by an

adult.

There are still some outdoor spaces left for craftspeople who are interested in being part of this popular annual sale. All indoor spaces are booked. The cost is \$20 for a 10 x 10-foot space. Potential vendors can call the museum at 519-867-2020 to request a registration package. Registration forms can also be downloaded at: www.mooremuseum.ca/event/downriver-craft-sale.



Shoppers checkout the wide variety of craft booths and displays at the annual Moore Museum Downriver Craft Sale. This sale is one of the museum's popular annual fundraisers.

Photo by
Bonnie
Stevenson

Sombra poet finds inspiration flows from the St. Clair River

From files submitted by David Pattenden

The beauty of the St. Clair River has, no doubt, provided inspiration for many an artist and writer over the centuries, from the arrival of the First Nations people to the landing of the first settlers and beyond, the river has held the creative mind in thrall. From the stunning blue-green of the water on a glorious summer's day to the angry pewter gray flow that precedes a winter storm, the St. Clair River presents an ever-changing palette of colour and mood.

For Sombra poet Bill Ansell, the river has been the object of a love affair that has continued over a period of decades. Mr. Ansell worked aboard the ferry *Daldean* for over 40 years, so he is personally acquainted with every facet of the river's personality. His passion for this watery muse has, time and time again, been expressed through poetry, his memories and emotions set down on paper in compelling verse.

Mr. Ansell comes by his love of the river honestly, having grown up along its grassy shore. His father, Fred, tended the stationary lights along the river from the south end of Stag Island to Lake St. Clair. When shipping season opened in the spring, he serviced the lights, making sure they were all operating well and that they had sufficient fuel to be able to provide a beacon for the many vessels that plied the river channel through darkness and storms.

Fred Ansell was also called out in all kinds of weather to service lights that had failed or had been vandalized. His quick response was crucial to ensure that ships in the immediate vicinity

would have the navigational tools they needed to avoid disaster. And when the shipping season ended, he serviced each light to see it through the punishing icy blast of winter.

From just after WWII to 1970, Fred Ansell could be seen motoring along the river using a converted life boat equipped with a four-cylinder inboard engine. His regular patrols served to keep the navigational beacons in good order.

The job of the light tender does not exist today owing to the advent of modern technology such as GPS location equipment. But the light tender lives on through the poetry of Bill Ansell, who drew on his memories of his father's occupation to pen touching poems like this:

*Long, so long ago, when the sailors had to go
Setting sail in early spring, staying to winter's snow
Long before radios and radar, a compass got them there.
The ship was their lifeline, so always they showed care.
Along the St. Clair River, always markers could be seen
Red on the channel's left side, the right side being green.
They know not of storms, to meet them all along the way
Bonding with Nature's tall tales which met them every day.*

*Each ship has so many stories waiting to be told
Leaving special feelings to be not bought or sold
Those ships have names just like you and I
I'll hold those golden memories; never will they die.*

By Bill Ansell

Stolen stop signs pose danger to all: OPP report

The Ontario Provincial Police has issued a warning to all motorists to beware of intersections where stop signs have been stolen. In late June, the OPP issued this warning after seven stop signs and one stop ahead sign were reported removed or stolen from various locations in the Township of Enniskillen.

OPP Cst. Chrystal Jones says, "We are fortunate that there have not been crashes at the intersections where the stop signs are missing." The dangerous nature of having stop signs removed from any intersection cannot be stressed strongly enough. Cst. Jones

says this is not a harmless prank. This kind of theft can have devastating results on the lives of those who use the affected roads and severe consequences for those who perpetrate the thefts.

Anyone with information regarding these thefts or any such actions that endanger the lives of others are urged to contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or the nearest police station. Anonymous information can be given by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS). Information that proves useful to the case may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Recipe for heritage preservation



Moore Museum summer student Katie Randall helps out in the Courtright Community Centre kitchen before the museum's annual volunteer appreciation dinner. This event is held to thank the museum's many volunteers for their many hours of work and dedication to heritage preservation. Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Don't let summer sizzle make you fizzle: get to the Mooretown Sports Complex

Summer swim lessons

Enjoy summer swim lessons for any skill level this summer. Daytime classes will be offered Aug. 7 to 17. Private lessons are 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 until 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: Golf - Aug. 13 to 17; sports combo - 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 until 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!

Book your St. Clair Township park area or campground

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

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

Buy local with Locally Lambton Map

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. In Lambton County, we are blessed with an abundance of farm-fresh food. Summer is the time to make the most of this bounty and your Locally Lambton Map can help you do it.



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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COMMUNITY NOTES

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.

Lambton Doors Open 2012 reminder

Mark your calendar and get ready to enjoy seeing locations and sites in Lambton County you may have never seen before. The *Lambton Doors Open 2012* event on the weekend of Sept. 29 and 30 will feature over 29 St. Clair Township locations and properties, plus many throughout the county. For more information about this exciting autumn event, go online to:

www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca

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addition to the roasted pig dinner, there will be local entertainment, a 50/50 draw, raffles and door prizes. Please bring your own beverages and a lawn chair. Free rough camping will be available with advance reservation. For more information or to reserve tickets (only 250 will be sold), visit the event Website at www.cbcpigroast.webs.com.

Hospice charity golf tourney set

The second annual Ladies Fore Hospice Golf Tournament is set for **Thursday, Sept. 13** at the Greenwood Golf Course in Sarnia. The cost is \$260 per team or \$65 per person and proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Hospice. For more information please contact St. Joseph's Hospice Fund Development Coordinator Lesley Coene at 519-337-0537 or email lcoene@sjhospice.ca.

Teen Town Dances reunion planned

If you're wondering where the good times went, here's an event that will answer part of your question. A Courtright/Corunna Teen Town Dances reunion is planned for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on **Saturday, Sept. 15** from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$12 per person and will include a cash bar and light lunch, dancing and door prizes. Those who attend are asked to bring old photographs. Tickets and information are available from Sharon at 519-336-4659, Al at 519-867-5494, Jim at 519-867-2098, Jack at 519-867-2049, and Jody at 519-383-7078.

St. Joseph/St.Charles Parish plan anniversary events

The St. Joseph/St. Charles Parish 150th anniversary celebrations will wrap up on **Sunday, Sept. 16** at 10 a.m. with 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.

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 begin Friday night with the start of the men's and ladies' slow pitch tournament at 5 p.m. and the Gala Days Dance at the Park beginning at 8 p.m. when the gates open. The event will run until 12:30 p.m. with no entry after 11 p.m. On Saturday at 9 a.m., the slow pitch tournament continues and volleyball begins. The parade is slated for 11 a.m., with kids games offered from noon to 3 p.m. During the afternoon, the band *Free Ride* will

perform in the main tent. I.D. will be required in the licensed area. A kids dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. The dance will be open to kids in Grades 3 through 8 at a cost of \$5 per student. For more information please call 519-677-5393. On Sunday at 10 a.m., slow pitch and volleyball will continue. The diaper derby



will take place at noon, as will the Amazing Galadazing Race (to register call Kathy at 519-677-5974). During the afternoon, kids can enjoy the Slimy Creature Race at 2 p.m. and a Kids Waterball Fight at 2:30 p.m. Two live bands, the Mammals and Stephanie McIlroy, will entertain in the main tent. There will also be a penny table open all weekend, a 50/50 draw, and a \$10,000 elimination draw. For more Gala Days information, call 519-677-5731.

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.

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.



Walk To Remember event planned

The *Walk To Remember Victims of Asbestos* fundraising event is slated for **Saturday, Sept. 29** beginning at 11 a.m. at Centennial Park's Dow People Place in Sarnia. This is event will feature speaker Eric Jonckheere of Belgium, who will tell the story of how Canadian asbestos took the lives of four of his immediate family members and has caused illness in another. Participants are invited to bring a photo of the loved one who has or had an asbestos-related illness to put on the memorial. This event is being held in memory of William Coulbeck who died four years ago of mesothelioma.

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.



If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or if it will benefit the residents of this township, promote it free of charge in *The Beacon*. The deadline is at 4 p.m. on the third Monday of every month.

Email: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

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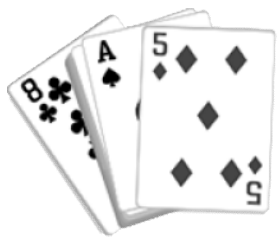
Sombra Museum to host events

The Sombra Museum will host its annual Blueberry Social, on **Sunday, Aug. 5** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. On Sunday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m., enjoy the *Lambton Main Street Players on the Porch* at 1 p.m. rain or shine. *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 from **Aug. 5** to **Sept. 2** at St. Andrew's, Mooretown, 94 James Street. All services will be held Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Cruickshank Centre plans summer activities



The Cruickshank Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna has several events and activities planned for this summer. *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 Cruickshank Centre, go online to: cruickshankcentre.com.

Tri-County Horse Club plans series of shows

The Tri-County Horse Club (formerly the Tri-County Appaloosa Club) is planning shows to be held at the Brigen fairgrounds on **Sunday, 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. Anyone 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.

Garage sale will benefit *Cinderella Story*

The organizers of *Cinderella Story Sarnia-Lambton* will hold a garage sale on **Saturday, Aug. 11** beginning at 8 a.m. at 606 Humber Drive in Sarnia. Money

raised will help the group fund next spring's *Cinderella Story* program. In the past three years, the program has enabled a total of 93 Lambton County girls to attend their school proms by making gently used formal and semi-formal attire available to them at no cost. For more information, call 519-339-8873.

Bible school planned for St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna invites children to dive into fun at *Operation Overboard* vacation Bible school from 8:45 a.m. to noon from **Aug. 13** to **Aug. 17**. The children will explore God's universe with deep sea voyages into Bible fun and creative crafts, hands-on mission work, water science, and great music. To register your children for this free event, call the church at 519-862-3641 or Beth at 519-862-2307. All children are welcome.

Brigen Fair Ambassador contest

The Brigen Fair Ambassador contest is slated for **Wednesday, Aug. 15** at 7 p.m. the Brigen fairgrounds exhibition Hall. *See front page for more information.*

Annual garage sale at Brigen United

Bargain hunters, here's something for you. The Brigen United Church Annual Garage Sale is slated for **Friday, Aug. 17** and **Saturday, Aug. 18** at the church on Jane Street. A wide selection of indoor and outdoor items will be offered. This event coincides with the *7th annual Brigen Community Fest* and town-wide yard sales on Aug. 18.

Brigen Legion car show/lunch/dance

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigen branch will host a car show, pork roast and free street dance on **Saturday, Aug. 18**. The event begins with the car show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a pork roast lunch. There will also be a vintage tractor display and Optimist Kids Play. The free street dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight featuring live music by *The Scotch Prophets*. The event coincides with the *7th annual Brigen Community Fest* and town-wide yard sales. Proceeds will benefit the installation of the children's spray pad at the Brigen Optimist Park.

Cook for the Cure pig roast slated

The 9th annual Cook for the Cure pig roast to benefit the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation will be held **Saturday, Aug. 25** beginning at 5 p.m. at the home of Bev and Guy Dion, 1256 Lambton Line. The cost is \$15 per person or two for \$25, \$5 for kids three to 11, and free for children under age three. The event will be held rain or shine as a large tent will be erected on-site. In

