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Corunna's Derek Drouin joins pantheon of Olympic heroes



Corunna's Derek Drouin made a triumphant return to his hometown on Aug. 15 after winning a bronze medal in the high jump event at the London Olympic Games. Riding in the VIP Jeep with him along Lyndoch Street before a crowd of about 2,000 area well-wishers was his cousin, Riley, and his coach, Joel Skinner, right. *Photo by Metcalfe Photography*

Corunna's Derek Drouin honoured his country and his home town on Aug. 7 when he captured a bronze medal in the high jump during the London Olympic Games.

The 22-year-old Corunna native's name will be forever recorded among the heady pantheon of Olympic heroes, and his feat will hopefully challenge the youth of St. Clair Township to follow his stunning display of determination, discipline, and skill.

To honour the returning hero on Aug. 15, Corunna gave him the red carpet treatment with a procession along Lyndoch Street. About 2,000 proud area well-wishers lined the route to get a glimpse of Derek and to shout their congratulations.

The procession terminated at Antonio's Pizza Restaurant, where Derek took time to sign autographs

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New Brigden Fair Ambassador crowned

The new Brigden Fair Ambassador, 16-year-old Courtlyn Fiddler of Oil Springs, was crowned on Aug. 15. Ms. Fiddler was one of two contestants vying for the title. The first runner-up was Taylor Myers of Wallaceburg.

Courtlyn, a Grade 11 student at LCCVI in Petrolia, is also a member of the Encore Presentation trick riding team, which travels with the Ram Rodeo series. Ms. Fiddler and the team will be doing a show during intermission at the Brigden Fair's

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Brigden Fair Ambassador
Courtlyn Fiddler
Photo by Metcalfe Photography

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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 event and would like to book a space, call 519-867-265. Township campsites at Mooretown, Cathcart, and Branton-Cundick Campgrounds can still be booked by calling: Mooretown - 519-867-2951; Cathcart - 519-892-3342; Branton-Cundick - 519-892-3968.

Campgrounds close for the season on Oct. 14.

Council meeting schedule

The September meetings of St. Clair Township Council will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. and on Monday, Sept. 17 at approximately 7 p.m. (immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6 p.m.) Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

2012 Property Tax due dates

The final tax due date will be
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.

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.

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



Please stoop and scoop!

Pet owners are reminded to pick up their pet's waste when out in the community. Remember that our community parks exist for the enjoyment of all and it is the law of St. Clair Township that pet owners must clean up after their animals.



Important notice regarding Froomfield sewer and watermain project

St. Clair Township residents should be advised that the St. Clair Parkway from Beckwith Street to LaSalle Line, as well as the area of Froomfield, will continue to be under construction until late November, 2012 due to sewer and watermain con-

struction. We ask that motorists slow down within the construction zones for safety reasons and follow the appropriate detours and/or Traffic Control Person(s) as required.

St. Clair Township Engineering Department



Important notice regarding the Rokeby Line project

St. Clair Township residents should be advised that Rokeby Line from the St. Clair Parkway to Highway 40 will be under construction until October, 2012, for bridge work, watermain replacement, and road reconstruction purposes. We ask that

motorists slow down within the construction zones for safety reasons and follow the appropriate detours and/or Traffic Control Person(s) as required.

St. Clair Township Engineering Department

Concerns over frequent activation of emergency alerting system addressed

This summer, St. Clair Township Fire Department has received several calls concerning the repeated activation of the Bluewater Community Alerting System (BCAN). Due to the extreme heat this season, atmospheric conditions have spawned many severe weather events but fortunately, most of the expected storms have not affected this municipality.

However, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bicum says the storms have passed close enough to initiate automated *excessive heat* and *storm* warnings on the BCAN. These warnings have often happened overnight, prompting callers to complain, "This thing keeps waking me up for nothing." Deputy Chief Bicum says, "We understand your concerns, but the basic tenet of the BCAN system is that, if you hear the unit go off, you need to react. The nature of weather warnings means that the storms are in the area and are threatening, but the warnings are no guarantee the storm will hit us. These warnings work on a "better safe than sorry" scenario.

The automated weather system for BCAN is operated by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The NOAA automatically issues weather warnings for the area covered by the BCAN system. Deputy Chief Bicum says the St. Clair Township Fire Department does not have control over when or how often the NOAA issues these warnings, just as it has no control over how often severe weather will threaten the area.

For those who no longer wish to receive NOAA weather warnings, the service can be discontinued by completing the following steps:

1. Switch your receiver from "Online" to "Set up".
2. Press the "Next" button to highlight "Address" and press the "Alarm Stop" button.
3. Press the "Alarm Stop" button a second time and the words "Add/Remove" will appear at the top of the screen.
4. Enter the code 037363 into the unit. Press the "Next" button to move up through the numbers and press the "Alarm Stop" button to move to the next column.
5. Once you have completed the code, press the "Alarm Stop" button again and the words "Address removed" should come on the screen.
6. Flip the switch back to "Online" to finish the process.

Once this service is discontinued, your receiver will still register any messages issued by the St. Clair Township Fire Department or industry regarding an emergency.

The BCAN receivers are designed to keep township residents safe during emergency situations, even the ones that occur in the middle of the night. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the St. Clair Township Fire Department at 519-481-0111.

St. Clair Township Fire Department

Deputy Fire Chief Tom Boon retires

After 10 years with the St. Clair Township Fire Department, Deputy Chief Tom Boon is retiring. In addition to his duties as deputy chief, he has also been a familiar face in St. Clair Township elementary schools, teaching the students about fire safety. He was also responsible for doing fire safety inspections, seeing that fire detection equipment was working properly and that buildings within the municipality met with existing fire code guidelines.

Tom came to St. Clair Township from Forest, where he served for 15 years as a volunteer firefighter. During his last 10 years with the Forest Fire Department, he served as acting chief. He was also an elected member of the Forest town council for nine years and a member of the Lambton Shores council for one.

Fire Chief Roy Dewhirst says the years Tom spent with the fire department were productive ones. "He knew his stuff. He knew what to look for when he did inspections," he said. "He was a great guy to work with." He noted that Deputy Chief Boon's efforts were an integral part of keeping St. Clair Township residents safe from the inherent dangers of fire.

With the luxury of some spare time looming large in Tom's future, he says he and his wife, Peggy, will be moving north, perhaps to the Collingwood area, but will still be coming back to visit their grown children, Randy and Melissa, and their families.

Chief Dewhirst says a succession plan is in place and will be implemented at a future date.



Tom Boon at a farewell lunch with fellow firefighters and friends. Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



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for many young fans before accepting an engraved crystal award from St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold. Mayor Arnold expressed his pride in Derek's accomplishment and extended congratulations on behalf of the whole community.



Derek was presented with this crystal award by Mayor Steve Arnold.

At the time of Derek's win, a crowd of well-wishers were gathered at a local eatery to cheer him on. Corunna resident Bob Bossence was part of that crowd and he says everyone was cheering Derek on as he competed in the men's high jump event. And after the win, Bob says Derek's coach, Joel Skinner, called him from the Olympic Stadium to make a heartfelt statement. "Joel wanted to thank everyone from the bottom of his heart for all the support and warm wishes that we sent their way," said Bob. He added that Coach Skinner was speechless and very emotional about Derek's tremendous accomplishment.

When Derek heard that he was taking a trip to the podium, a Canadian Press photographer snapped an iconic photo of the happy athlete proudly displaying a Canadian flag embellished with writing. Derek's mother, Sheila, who handed her son the flag after his big win, says that flag came from a fundraiser held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch to benefit the Southwest Track Club where Derek trained. Everyone attending the fundraiser was invited to sign the flag as a token of support for the whole club as club members left to participate in trials that would hopefully lead to the Canadian Olympic track team.

It should be noted that the last time a Canadian high jumper reached the podium was in 1976 at the Montreal Olympic

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The ecstatic smile says it all. Derek greeted news of his medal-winning performance by proudly displaying the Canadian flag signed by well-wishers from Corunna for all to see.

Photo by Sean Kilpatrick, Canadian Press



Derek takes time to sign autographs for his young fans before greeting a large crowd of well-wishers at Antonio's.

Photo by Rick Smith



Photo by Ron Skreptak

A large crowd of about 2,000 well-wishers lined Lyndoch Street in Corunna to get a glimpse of their hometown Olympian.

CONGRATULATIONS OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST DEREK DROUIN

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Games when Greg Joy won silver for his efforts. His jump was not nearly as high as Derek's, which speaks to the Corunna native's admirable achievement.

Sheila Drouin says her son returned to school on Aug. 17 taking his Olympic medal with him. He is studying Exercise Science at Indiana University and is active on the track team. No doubt the coveted medal will be the talk of the locker room for many decades to come.

Intent on getting his science degree, Derek is still unsure about what career path he will take. But Mrs. Drouin says he is very sure that he wants to keep competing for the next few years. He has already received invitations to several prestigious track meets and hopes this trend will continue.

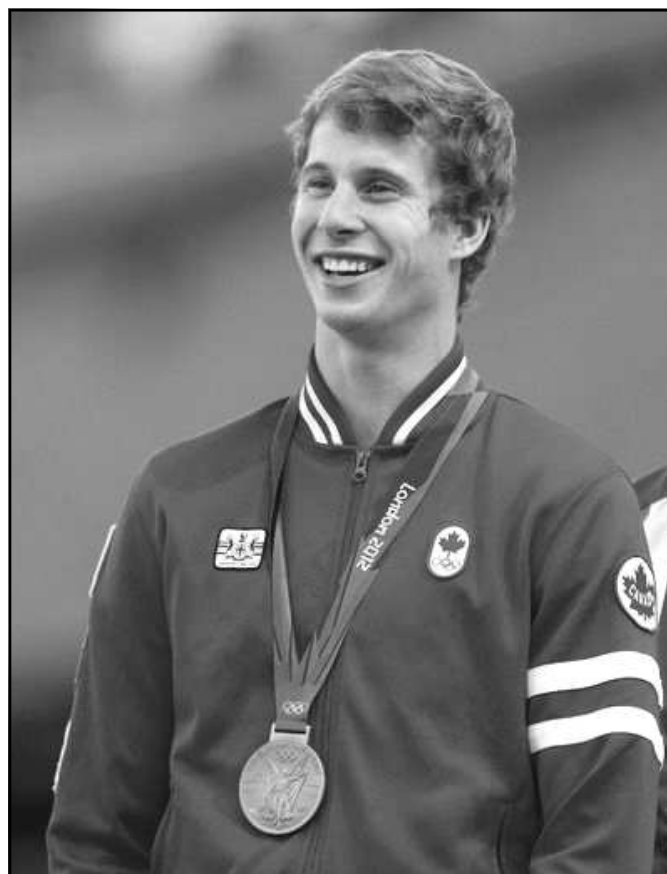
Mrs. Drouin says she and her family are very proud of Derek, but adds that all three of her children are terrific athletes and sources of pride. Daughter Jillian is also a track star, who was an All-American combined events athlete at Syracuse University, and daughter, Alysha, participates in team sports such as hockey. For all three of the Drouin children, sports has been a driving force and Mrs. Drouin says she and her husband, Gaetan, feel it keeps them involved and grounded.

Track coach Joel Skinner credits his star jumper's parents with the composure, focus and winning attitude Derek brings to the sport and says these qualities are what makes him a champion. "I truly think he's able to apply this (focus) wherever he thinks it's needed," he said. "He does a good job of blocking out things he knows could affect his performance. He knows what mental state he has to be in to do his best."

Although Mr. Skinner wasn't able to have much contact with Derek during the actual event, he says he was in the stands nearby and was able to do a bit of coaching just prior to the medal-winning jump. At that time, he says the nerves were all his. "There were nerves playing through my whole body, but he was cool, calm and collected."

When the medal was assured, Mr. Skinner says Derek took pride in holding high the signed flag his track team had been given in Corunna. "It means a lot to him, to his family, and to the community," he said. He added that, in the wake of the winning jump, Derek was also thrilled to receive a phone call from Greg Joy the following day.

In the months leading up to the London Olympics, Mr. Skinner says Derek clearly demonstrated his talents in several high-profile competitions where he went up against professionals. "He went a month prior to the Olympics to compete in the Diamond League (pro league) meet in London and won," he said. "In Monaco, (another Diamond League meet), he got third place. The two people



A dream comes true for Derek Drouin as he stands on the Olympic podium.
Press photo

who beat him there were people he beat during the Olympics."

Aside from Derek's pursuit of a university degree, he now has his eye on professional competition against other athletes of his calibre. Mr. Skinner says the Diamond League circuit will see a lot of Derek, but the Olympic star enjoyed his time in Monaco so much that he is also looking forward to next year's Francophone Games in Nice, France.

Now that things have settled down and Derek Drouin is taking his life and his career to the next level, Mr. Skinner says he expects the world of professional track and field will be seeing a lot of Derek in the future. "He'll be around for a long time," he said.

As for his own career, Joel Skinner says he may never again encounter an athlete as self-possessed and determined as Derek Drouin. "I'll be lucky, for the rest of my life, to coach anyone who has the focus Derek has."

MACLEAN'S magazine called Derek's winning jump "a masterpiece of nerve and skill."

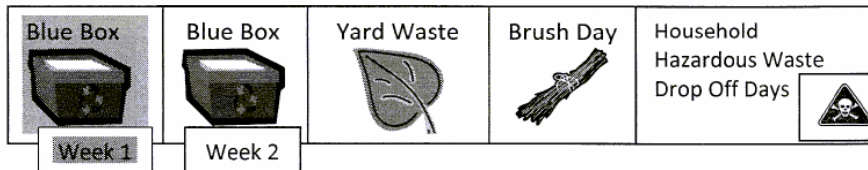
He has achieved a personal triumph and he has done his community proud. Hopes are high that, for Derek Drouin, the best is yet to come.

Editor's note: Thank you to all those who contributed to the development of this tribute to our hometown Olympian.

2012 Autumn yard waste schedule



The Township of St Clair offers weekly garbage, bi-weekly recycling and seasonal yard and brush collection. These collections are indicated by symbols below and your area is shown on the map.



September 2012

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October 2012

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Wednesday Yard Waste Collection Corunna including Froomfield area, St. Clair Parkway (North of Emily St)
 Friday Yard Waste Collection South Township Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton, Sombra, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens, St. Clair Parkway (South of Mooretown)

November 2012

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December 2012

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RECYCLING: All recyclable materials (fibre, glass, plastic) can be placed together in the **same blue box**. Separation of materials is no longer required.

ACCEPTABLE BLUE BOX ITEMS:

Newsprint	Small Plastic Containers #1-7
Flyers	Plastic Clam Shell Containers
Household Paper	Tetra Pak
Catalogues	Empty, Dry metal Paint Cans
Magazines	Glass Bottles
Office Paper	Cans (Aluminum and Steel)
Corrugated Cardboard	Milk and Juice Cartons
Paper Tubes	
Boxboard (ie: cereal boxes) 30"x 30" x 8" flattened tied and bundled	

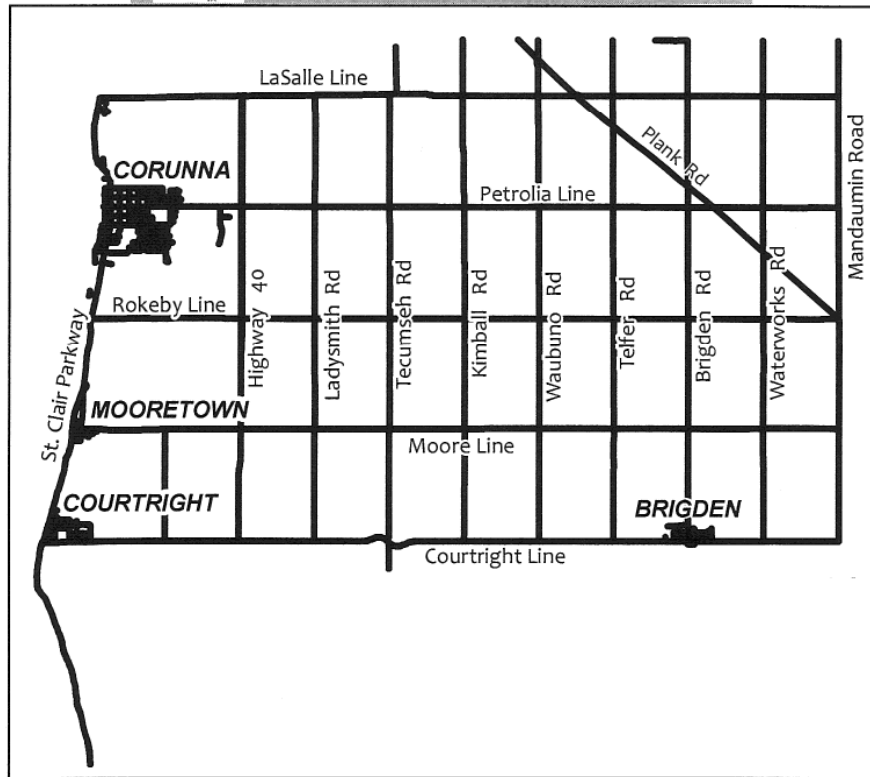
YARD WASTE COLLECTION: Yard waste includes grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings, twigs (smaller than a pencil)
Not permitted: Kitchen waste, earth, stones, trees stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, whole shrubs with root ball attached. Place at roadside for collection bagged in clear plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers clearly marked with an "X". Containers must not exceed 23kg/50lb

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off: Clean Harbors
 4090 Telfer Road, Corunna, Ontario 519-864-1021

Drop off Items to Divert from Landfill:
www.recycleyourelectronics.ca
www.makethedrop.ca

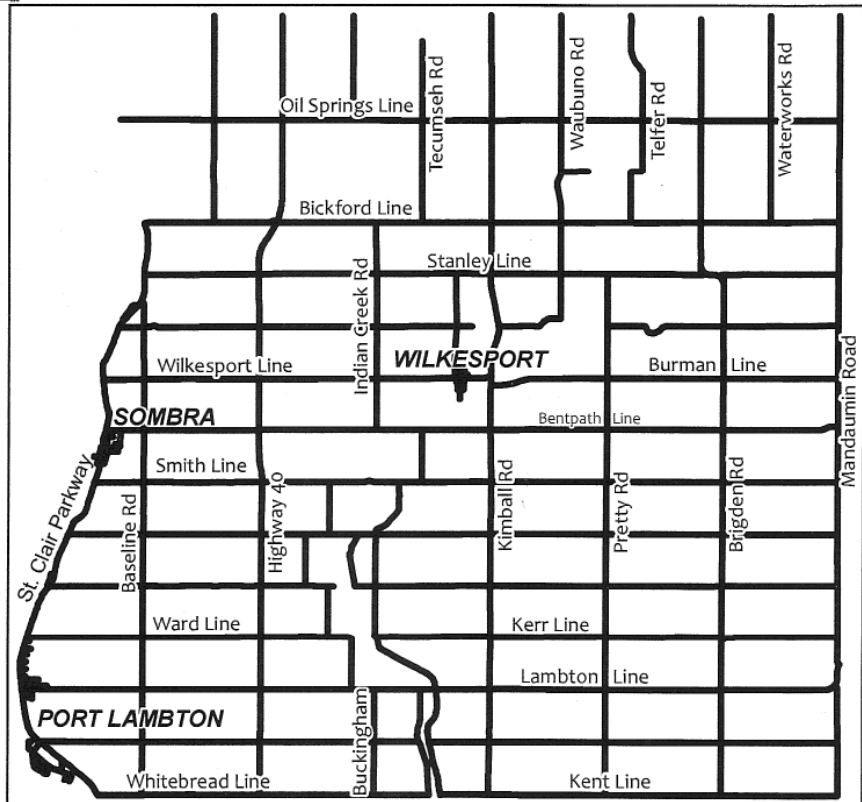
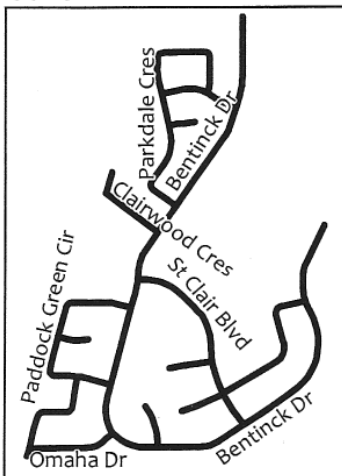


RECYCLING WEEK 1



RECYCLING WEEK 2

CORUNNA WEEK 2



River Run delivers record times and crowds

This year's 3rd Annual St. Clair River Run boasted a total of 573 participants in the 10K run, 5K run, and the newly-added Minnow Run for children. All of the events registered new course records with fast times being turned in by elite runners. Organizers say the festive atmosphere along the riverside course through Sombra and Port Lambton encouraged runners of all abilities to excel. Spectators not only got to cheer on the participants, but they got to enjoy the sights afforded by the beautiful St. Clair River.

In the 10K, Paul Cochrane from Sarnia won for the third year in a row with a new course record of 33:18. Jill Constantino from Burnaby, B.C. won her first River Run with a new female course record of 42:55. Matthew Sheeler of Strathroy set a new course record of 17:30 for the 5K, nearly three minutes faster than the previous record. And Kim Wood from Chatham defended her 5K title to set a new female course record of 19:32.

When the event was over, organizers say it had grown by over 200 people and is becoming well known well beyond the township's borders. Sue Wammes from Blenheim ran the 10K and had this to say about her experience. "The best and coolest small town run ever! Awesome view along the St. Clair River through Sombra, and getting the opportunity to run through sprinklers and hoses set up by the fire department and residents along the route was exhilarating." The run encouraged many people to achieve their goals and celebrate each step along the way. "It was my first time running in a 5K," said Wendy Daye of Corunna. "I really enjoyed the experience of running along with like-minded people. Super morning and great scenery makes the time fly by."

Run organizers are pleased to announce that the 4th Annual St. Clair River Run is slated for Saturday, July 20, 2013. Results from 2012 and



Top: Runners get a welcome cool-down courtesy of one of the St. Clair Township Fire Department's spray stations.

Right: The inaugural Minnow Run in Brander Park south of Port Lambton gave future marathoners a chance to strut their stuff.

Photos submitted



additional information can be found online at: www.StClairRiverRun.ca.

Corunna Giants take championship after an undefeated season



Congratulations to the Corunna Giants Mosquitos baseball team!

The team capped off an undefeated season with a 10-3 win over the Sarnia Elks on Aug. 19 in SMAA Mosquitos House League Playoff action. The team ended its perfect season with a 23 - 0 record.

The team got together for a victory photo after their last playoff game. Shown here, in no particular order, are: Manager/coach Aaron Brant, Coach Bob Knight, Coach Mark Munday, Coach Shawn Gladwish, Cameron Lloyd, Parker McKegan, Levi Plain, Wyatt Knight, Colton Beauvais, Ben Brant, Josh Raymond, Teison Gillatly, Josh Henry, Joey Mundy, Matty Regnier, Colin Gladwish, and Dallas Mesko.

Photo submitted

New Brigden Fair Ambassador also a skilled equestrian

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Team Sorting event on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Coliseum.

The new ambassador says she decided to get into trick riding four years ago when she saw it demonstrated. "I thought it would be a fun thing to do," she said. She has two horses, Chance and Phoenix, which are in residence at her grandparents' farm near Oil Springs when they aren't working.

Ms. Fiddler is the daughter of Tara and Jerry Fiddler of Oil

Springs. She has a sister, RYANNE, and a brother, ADAM.

Aside from her work with the riding team, Ms. Fiddler says she is looking forward to a career as a hair stylist and aesthetician. But for now, she is looking forward to a year of representing the Brigden Fair at several events, including the upcoming fair on Thanksgiving Weekend, Oct. 5 to 8, and next summer at the CNE's Ambassador of the Fair contest.

As for outgoing fair ambassador, Megan Vandendool, she recently enjoyed competing at this year's CNE event.

HERITAGE CORNER

Enjoy taking the Doors Open Lambton Tour - Sept. 29 & 30

You'll never have a better opportunity to get to know your township and your county than by taking the *Doors Open Lambton 2012* tour on Sept. 29 and 30. In St. Clair Township alone, there will be 30 buildings and locations open to the public, some of which are not usually accessible.

Throughout the County of Lambton, a total of 90 such venues will be welcoming visitors during this fine autumn weekend. From the Brigden Gaol to the Aberarder Vineyard, the Smith Homestead to the Oil Museum of Canada, there will be more than enough to see and do as you make new discoveries about the remarkable communities that surround you. Lambton's fascinating past and glimpses of what its future holds will be on view.

Most of the sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and they will have information available for visitors to read and enjoy. More

information is available by going online to: www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca.

Here in St. Clair Township, a group of dedicated volunteers have been working hard for most of this year to prepare for this event. *The Beacon* extends thanks to these volunteers for their hard work.

Event sponsors are also to be applauded for supporting this community-strengthening event. They include: the County of Lambton; Ontario Heritage Trust; the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce; the Town of Forest; Egg Farmers Ontario; Lambton Shores; Grand Bend Tourism; Fairbank Oil; Grafiks; Bluewater Power; NOVA Chemicals; Southwest Regional Credit Union; Bluewater Country; Sun Life Financial; and Ontario Power Generation.

Local woman receives Queen's Jubilee Medal



Photo by
Bonnie Stevenson



Medal recipients are shown here during the recent medal presentation ceremony. The presentation was made by Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, rear left, assisted by RCMP Cst. Craig Lickers, rear right.

In addition to Mrs. Biscaro, recipients include (no particular order) Wilma Arthurs (Bright's Grove); John Barnfield (Samia); Leena Bourne (Petrolia); Richard Carpani (Samia); Florence Doull (Samia); Jim Foubister (Bright's Grove); Carol Graham (Petrolia); John Hull (Oil Springs); Kevin McHarg (Bright's Grove); Wilma McNeil (Samia); Eugene Smith (Petrolia); Mike Stevens (Bright's Grove); and Karen Wilson (Petrolia).

St. Clair Township resident Irene Biscaro, shown here in the front row, sixth from the left, was one of 14 Lambton County residents presented with the Queen's Jubilee Medal. The medal recognizes their ongoing commitment to public service and to helping others. Mrs. Biscaro has been active with Girl Guides of Canada since 1971, serving as a unit leader and in many council positions including deputy commissioner, program adviser and commissioner for the Harris Division, and as deputy commissioner of the Corunna Division. In 1991, she became a Brownie leader in Corunna and has been active as a

Brownie, Guide, Pathfinder and Sr. Branches Guider ever since. In her various roles, she has developed a close working relationship with the Royal Canadian Legion and the Optimist Club, service clubs that participate in joint activities with local Guide/Scout organizations.

Of her years of Guiding, Mrs. Biscaro says she is proud to work in the company of so many other dedicated people. "Our community is blessed with an exceptional group of women who go above and beyond to give the girls a quality program. This medal is in celebration of them," she said.

Commit to fitness this fall at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Don't let winter send you into hibernation. Get out and get fit at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Here are some of the terrific programs and classes being offered this fall.

Fall swimming lessons

Register now for fall swimming lessons! Private lessons, group, adult, parent & tot programs! Lessons begin the week of Sept. 17. For more information, see the fall brochure online at: <http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/brochure.htm>

Master Your Health

chronic disease management program - free

This free six week series, provided by the West Lambton Community Health Centre (WLCHC), focuses on chronic disease self-management. If you are living with a chronic condition, this living well program is for you! It will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register, contact the West Lambton CHC at 344-3017, ext. 237 or the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Virtual grocery store tour - free

A West Lambton CHC registered dietitian will take you through a virtual tour of a grocery store as you learn about proper nutrition and how to understand and read labels. This tour will be held Monday, Oct. 22 at 11:15 a.m. To register, contact the West Lambton CHC at 344-3017, ext. 237 or the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Diabetes and Caring For Your Feet - free

Learn how diabetes affects your feet and what you can do to keep them healthy on Monday, Oct. 15 at 1:30 p.m. To register, contact the West Lambton CHC at 344-3017, ext. 237 or the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Shallow and deep water aerobics

Experience and enjoy the rejuvenating power of the water! Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility and balance. Shallow water classes are slated for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Tues-

days and Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 per class, \$45 for a 12 visit pass, or \$195 per year.

Water Therapy –

arthritis, fibromyalgia water exercise

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, balance and flexibility training with a goal of improved mobility. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$4.50 per class or \$45 for a 12 visit pass. Join any time!

Stretch & Strengthen fitness classes

These group fitness classes focus on fun and fitness while improving strength and flexibility. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 per class, \$45 for a 12 visit pass, or \$243 per year for full fitness centre membership.

Red Cross babysitting course

This course is offered on PA Day, Friday, Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is designed for youth 11 years and up who want to become babysitters. The babysitting course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in case of an emergency. The cost for the program, including the manual, is \$45 per child.

Shinny hockey is back!

Adult shinny hockey will be played every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning Oct. 2. The cost is \$5 per person.

Red Cross Standard First Aid

Learn Red Cross Standard First Aid on Tuesday, Sept. 4 and Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$125.

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



COMMUNITY NOTES

Wilkesport spray pad operational

The Wilkesport Community Centre is proud of the new children's spray pad that opened on July 16. The centre will also have a 40- by 80-foot concrete pad installed by the end of August. The pad will accommodate a basketball and ball hockey court, and will also become the foundation of a Winter ice rink when weather conditions are suitable. As an addition to this installation, five new park benches have been erected and will soon bear commemorative plaques dedicating each bench to a former board member who has passed away. In the coming months, the committee responsible for this work will be holding events to raise funds in support of the project. This will include a dinner dance. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this worthy project can contact Chuck Lauwereys at 519-864-4221,

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.

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with Streets, where photos and other memorabilia will be displayed. Dinner will be served at 4 p.m. at the Legion hall. Tickets for this event are \$15 and will be available in the narthex of the church after every Mass until Sept. 9, in the parish office during office hours until Sept. 7, and from any committee member until Sept. 7. Only 200 tickets will be available. All present and past parish members and friends are invited to share this wonderful parish milestone.

Sombra Museum to host dinner dance

The Sombra Museum will host a dinner dance on **Saturday, Sept. 22** at the Wilkesport Community Centre. The event begins at 5 p.m. with cocktail hour (cash bar) followed by dinner at 6 p.m. There will be a choice of roast beef or herb chicken. Local band *84 Special* will begin playing at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available until Sept. 15 at the Sombra Museum or the Pic-N-Pay Variety store in Sombra. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information call 519-893-3982.

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.

Lecture series to be presented in Sombra

The Sombra Museum will present a monthly lecture series beginning **Tuesday, Sept. 25** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with *An Evening of Herbs* with Cynthia Cook from Forest Glen Herb Farm. On **Tuesday, Oct. 16** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., enjoy Dr. John C. Carter as he speaks about local rebellion and prisoners in Van Diemen's Land, part of the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1838. Dr. Carter is a long-time member of the Ontario Historical Society, a retired heritage advisor for the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, an author, and Cruickshank Medal recipient. And on **Tuesday, Nov. 27** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Larry Towell, an award-winning internationally-renowned Canadian photographer and author, will discuss his collected body of work, including his work in El Salvador, the Middle East, and the war in Afghanistan. This will conclude the fall lecture series, but *a winter series of three lectures will also be announced when the schedule is finalized*. The cost is \$10 per lecture, \$25 for three lectures, or \$50 for all six fall and winter lectures. Student pricing is \$7 per lecture, \$15 for three, or \$35 for all six. All of the lectures will be held at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre meeting room, 3476 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra. To purchase tickets or obtain more information, call 519-892-3982. The museum can also be contacted via email at: sombramuseum@hotmail.com

or on Facebook at: [facebook.com/SombraMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum).

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 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.

Cooking Buddies classes for children planned

The West Lambton Community Health Centre, in partnership with the Lambton County Peer Nutrition program, will present *Cooking Buddies*, a FREE series of age-appropriate cooking classes for children ages six through 11, in Corunna and in Port Lambton. Children will learn to cook, measure ingredients, read a recipe, assess nutritional information, and enjoy fun activities. The **Corunna classes** will be held the **last Thursday of each month from October through April** at All Saints Anglican Church, 393 Lyndoch Street at the intersection of Hill Street. The first class is slated for **Oct. 25** from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The **Port Lambton classes** will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 466 John Street, on **Oct. 24 and 30, and Nov. 7 and 14** from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Spaces are limited, so to register for this program, call the West Lambton Community Health Centre at 519-344-3017, ext. 237.

Lambton Dragons hold beef draw

The Lambton Dragons Sledge Hockey team is holding a raffle fundraiser with the grand prize of a freezer full of beef valued at approximately \$1,000. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a book of five and only 600 tickets will be sold. The draw will be held at the Mooretown Sports Complex on **Sunday, Oct. 7** at 12:30 p.m. but ticket holders need not be present to win. The winner will be contacted by telephone. For tickets, contact team treasurer Jackie White at 519-862-4039 or 519-402-0876. Proceeds benefit the team.

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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Corunna Legion Notice of Motion given

Notice of Motion is hereby given that a general meeting of members will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 4** at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 in Corunna. Members will be asked for consideration, discussion, and a vote of acceptance on the cost, which exceeds \$5,000, to resurface the parking lots at 350 Albert Street, Corunna. Consideration, discussion, and a vote of acceptance will also take place to approve the expense from the building fund.

Cruikshank Centre to host bus trip

The Cruikshank Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna will host 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.

Moore Skate Club & Power Skating registration

The Moore Skate Club and Power Skating will hold registration at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, go online to: www.mooreskateclub.ca

Tri-County Horse Club plans show

The Tri-County Horse Club (formerly the Tri-County Appaloosa Club) will host a horse show at the Brigden fairgrounds on **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.

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.

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.

Teentown reunion planned

Hey, Teentowners! Bring back memories of the 50s and 60s at the 3rd Annual Courtright-Corunna Teentown Reunion being held on **Saturday, Sept. 15** from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall at the intersection of Albert and Beckwith Streets in Corunna. This will be an opportunity to see friends from Teentown and revisit the past as well as get caught up with the present. Many Teentowners still live in this area and organizers are hoping everyone will spread the word about this great event, both locally and out of town. A local DJ will be providing the music, and there will be door prizes and a light lunch. A cash bar will also be available and tickets are \$12 per person. For more information and tickets, call Sharon at 519-336-4659, Al at 519-867-5494, Jim at 519-867-2098, Jack at 519-867-2049, or Jody at 519-383-7078.

Battle of Britain service set

A service commemorating the Battle of Britain will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 16** at 1330 hrs (1:30 p.m.) at the west end of Germaine Park at the Golden Hawk fighter plane monument, which is accessible from East Street. A reception will be held at the 403 Wing, 415 Exmouth Street, corner of Exmouth and Capel Streets, after the parade. The Battle of Britain, which took place July 10 to Oct. 31, 1940, was the first major campaign to be fought entirely by air forces. *Note of interest: The Snowbirds aerobatic team will stage a flyover in honour of the Golden Hawk fighter plane monument on Tuesday, Sept. 11 between noon and 2 p.m. The monument will then be taken down and rebuilt.*

St. Joseph/St.Charles Parish to hold Mass and activities celebrating 150th anniversary

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. Attending this service will be many past pastors and parish assistants. Following the Mass, a parish photo will be taken on the steps of the church. The photo will be an attempt to replicate the photo of one of the very first parish groups, taken in the 1800s, which currently can be seen in the parish office. A social hour will take place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall at Albert and Beck-