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Dedication ceremony honours dedicated community volunteers

The Port Lambton Athletic Association (PLAA) recently honoured four dedicated volunteers who worked hard for the betterment of their community. At a dedication ceremony in McDonald Park, Port Lambton, a crowd was on hand to hear Phil Johnston praise Joe Dedecker, Ron Ross and Jim Moran for “the countless hours that these individuals donated.” He cited them for their fundraising, coaching, grass-cutting, and maintenance efforts, and for the way they touched so many lives throughout the years, noting it “was an investment in our community and our youth that we must continue today.” All three men held positions with the PLAA through the years. Another man honoured during the ceremony was Joey Authier, who spent many hours caring for and spending time in McDonald Park. A bench was installed in the park as a tribute to him.

Left: PLAA committee members Christine Pelletier, left, Phil Johnston, Frank Johnston, Janet Stirling and Diane Ross stand with monument to Joe Dedecker, Ron Ross and Jim Moran. **Right:** Joey Authier's grandparents, Oscar and Beulah, with the bench installed in his name.



Halloween starts early as paranormal researchers visit

On Sept. 14, an unusual team of visitors entered the Bury House in Sombra armed with a battery of electronic devices and over 14 years of paranormal study experience.

Members of the Canadian Haunting and Paranormal Society (CHAPS) were there to check out unusual phenomena that have been reported in the former Sombra Museum over the years. The house, which served as the main Sombra Museum building for decades, began as a private home built in 1880 and occupied by John and Sarah Bury. Both died in the house, as did their daughter, Sarah Katherine Jane (Bury) Stokes.

Sombra Museum Curator Shelley Lucier says the team found nothing out of the ordinary downstairs. At one point, investigator Nicole Fritz noticed a slight increase in the reading on her detection device, but the spike was found to be due to interference from electrical wiring that ran under the floor directly below her.

The investigation eventually led upstairs and Mrs. Lucier says she was able to accompany the group. She was asked to address the spirit denizens of the Bury House but there were no immediate results. However, after about 20 minutes, she says two of the investigators, Kevin Davidson and Bryce Giroux, said they heard two women speaking. One of them swatted the air in front of him and said he felt pressure on his arm. Another team member eventually admitted she heard it, too.

Mrs. Lucier says the investigation continued until midnight and no firm findings were revealed at that time. The investigators told her they would have to analyze the information they had collected on their equipment before they would be able to offer any definite results.

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Canadian Haunting and Paranormal Society investigators Nicole Fritz, left, Bryce Giroux and investigator-in-training Suzy Howick take time to calibrate their detection devices before setting off on their light-out tour of the Bury House in Sombra.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

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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.

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.

Public park firearm by-law upheld

In response to a letter from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, council considered a request to allow hunters to carry firearms to their boats when using a boat launch located in a public park. A St. Clair Township by-law currently in effect prohibits this.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that there are two boat launches on the St. Clair River within St. Clair Township that are not within a public park. They are located in Corunna at the ferry dock and in Mooretown. Hunters are legally allowed to transport their firearms to their boats at these sites as long as all safety precautions are observed. Council upheld the current by-law, stating that it was a valid way to protect everyone who uses the township's public parks.

Council meeting schedule

The October meetings of St. Clair Township Council will be held on Monday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. and on Monday, Oct. 15 at approximately 7 p.m. after 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 Oct. 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

2012 Autumn Yard Waste Schedule

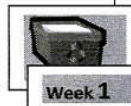


The Township of St Clair offers weekly garbage, bi-weekly recycling and seasonal yard and brush collection. These collections are indicated by symbols below and your area is shown on the map.

Blue Box 	Blue Box 	Yard Waste 	Brush Day 	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days 
Week 1	Week 2			

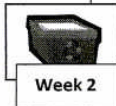
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October 2012

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28	29	30	31			



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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30	31					

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

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HERITAGE CORNER

Old-Fashioned Christmas school program old-time fun for modern kids

Moore Museum's most popular school program is currently being prepared to usher in the holiday season.

Each year, *An Old-Fashioned Christmas* provides lots of old-time Yuletide sights and fascinating hands-on fun for about 1,000 elementary school children. The log cabin is decorated for a pioneer family Christmas, while trees and toys in the main building bring the traditions of the Victorian Era to life.

Students also taste history when they participate in a taffy pull and sample the results. A pioneer or Victorian-style decoration is created by each student, giving each one a souvenir to take home with them so they can add something to their own family's Christmas tradition.



Museum Curator Laurie Mason says some adults who visit the museum during this time often recall when they participated in *An Old-Fashioned Christmas* as children and made decorations that still hang on their Christmas trees today. This year, the program will be available for school groups from **Nov. 26 to Dec. 20**. Morning and afternoon bookings are offered, and evening bookings for children's groups can be arranged. Programs must be booked in advance and the schedule fills up quickly so teachers should call as soon as possible to ensure the best choice of dates. The cost of the program is \$4.05 per student. Further details are available by calling the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or by visiting the museum Website at: www.mooremuseum.ca.



Moore Museum's Downriver Craft Sale attracts good crowd

The annual Downriver Craft Sale held Sept. 16 at the Moore Museum attracted a good crowd of shoppers anxious to check out all of the handcrafted and specialty items on display. Museum curator Laurie Mason says the crowd equalled last year's attendance, with Mother Nature providing perfect weather for the occasion.

Left: One of the many vendors displaying their wares at the sale was the Moore Agricultural Society (MAS). Here, MAS member Marie Gorton stands with the stunning red, white and black patterned handcrafted quilt now being raffled off as a fundraiser. The draw for the quilt will be made at this year's Brigden Fair on Thanksgiving weekend.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Corunna Minor Baseball teams excel - Mosquitos chalk up season shut-out

All three of the Corunna Minor Baseball teams excelled during their season this year, with the Mosquitos team (age 11 and 12) winning the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) provincial championship title after a season of straight wins.

The Bantam team (age 14 and 15) and the Peewee team (age 12 and 13) also played great ball to reach the OBA provincial finals.

Of the Mosquitos' excellent performance, coach Craig Prudom said, "It was such a team effort. Some of our big hitters weren't hitting early on...and some of the other guys that don't normally

carry us sort of carried us for the first for games."

Prudom expected his team to be contenders after many of the same players won the rookie ball OBAs two years ago. He says he was also buoyed by a strong showing earlier in the year at an AA and AAA tournament in Ancaster, where they made the final of the AA side. "I thought, if we can compete with these guys, we can compete with anybody," he said. "I just figured if they played to their potential, we would definitely have a chance to win."

The entire coaching staff expressed pride in the way their teams performed during the season.



Important notice regarding Froomfield sewer and water main 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 water main 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, water main 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

**FRIDAY****OCTOBER 5TH**

Seniors/Student Day

Admission \$4.00 until 5 pm then \$10.00

BRIGDEN FAIR**~ 2012 PROGRAM OF EVENTS ~****SATURDAY****OCTOBER 6TH**

Admission \$8.00

Elementary Students Free

SUNDAY**OCTOBER 7TH**

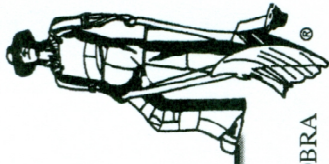
Admission \$8.00

Elementary Students Free

MONDAY**OCTOBER 8TH**

Admission \$8.00

Elementary Students Free



FREE PARKING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS ALL WEEKEND

MIDWAY OPEN EVERY DAY - 10:00 A.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
 9:30 Agriculture in the Classroom (C)
 Emergency Response Displays
 10:00 Ice Cream making demo (ExH)
 11:00 Crystal Gage (ET)
11:30 Official Fair Opening (ET)
 12:45 Crystal Gage (ET)
 1:30 Ice Cream making demo (ExH)
 2:00 Pickin' N' Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)
 -Marilyn Whiting & Friends

Demonstrations in Exhibition Hall

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday

**7:00 South Western Ontario
 Truck & Tractor Pull**

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS CLOSE 8:00 P.M.**Ploughman's Farmyard***Located in Cattle Barn - all weekend*

Interactive Children's Activities
 Live Animal Displays
 Equimania Farm Safety
 Fri - Horse Shoeing & Rope Making
 Sat - Spinners & Weavers
 Sun - Rabbit Show 10:00
 Mon - Pottery demo

Jr Fair/Fruits & Vegetable Building

Heaviest Pumpkin, Home Department
 Fruits, Vegetables, School Displays,
 Educational Features, 4-H Displays,

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
 9:00 Haflinger Show
 9:00 Open Hunter Horse Show
 9:00 Mid Western Horse Show
 9:30 Children's Mutt Show (ET)
 10:00-Noon Hand Quilting demo (ExH)
 10:30 Poultry Show
 10:30 Saddlebred Horse Point Show
 11:00 Open Sheep Show (C)
 11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show
 11:00 CHOK Garden Show - Live (CS)
PARADE at NOON
 12:30 Christine Storey & Friends (ET)
 1:00 Little Buckeroos (CS)
 1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show
 1:00 IPM Awards Presentation (C)
 1:00 Beef Cattle (C)
 2:00 **Canadian Cowgirls** -grandstand
 2:00 - 4:00 Hand Quilting demo (ExH)
 2:20 Steppin' Up Dance Club (ET)
 3:00 Little Buckeroos (CS)
 3:00 The Black Family (ET)
 4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show
 5:00 Lambton Kent Mini Pullers
 7:00 Team Sorting (C)
 Encore Presentation at half time

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS CLOSE 8:00 P.M.

9:00 Light Horse NBHA/OBRA
 Sanctioned Show
 9:00 Open Light Horse Show
 9:00 Miniature Horse Show
 9:00 Brigden 4-H Beef (C)
 9:00 Heavy Horse Show
 9:30 Brigden Speed Show
 10:30 Pigeon Show
 11:00 Pastry Making demo (ExH)
 11:00 Little Buckeroos (CS)
 11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show
 11:00 Beef/Hog/Lamb Auction (C)
 11:30 Joan Spalding & Friends (ET)
 12:00 Culinary Fun with Chef
 Alastair MacKay (CS)
 1:00 Workshop with Dan
 the Balloon Man (CS)
 1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show
 1:00 4-H Beef Regional Show
 1:15 Key of G - Gagnon Family (ET)
 1:30 Gardening with Windover's (CS)
 2:00 Little Buckeroos (CS)
 2:15 Neufeld School of Highland Dance (ET)
 3:00 LaPier Flowers workshop (CS)
 3:00 Winterline (ET)
 4:00 Little Buckeroos (CS)
 4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show
 4:00 Always Quilting workshop (CS)

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS CLOSE 6:00 P.M.

(CS) Community Showcase
 (C) Coliseum/83

Exhibition Hall

Culinary Crafts, Fine Arts
 Quilts, Creative Crafts
 Photography, Junior Department
Brigden Fair Lunch Counter
 Homemade Lunches
 'Pie Served Everyday'

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS CLOSE 4:30 P.M.

Get fit and feel fine this fall at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Get fit and feel fine this fall at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Here are some of the terrific programs and classes being offered this fall.

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. The program begins on Oct. 17. 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.

Lawrence House after school art program

This eight-week art adventure program will be held at the Mooretown Sports Complex. It begins on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. To register, call the Lawrence House at 519-337-0507. This program is sponsored by Watson Tim-Br Mart.

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 Tuesdays 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 aerobic/Swim Halloween Fun

Put on your favourite Halloween costume and join the great group at the Mooretown Sports Complex after water aerobics class on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 11:15 a.m. to enjoy pizza, a raffle, and some Halloween fun. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, donations and proceeds from the raffle will go to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

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.

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

CHSD warns of West Nile virus in Lambton County

The Lambton County Community Health Services Department is warning all residents to take precautions against West Nile virus. "Now is the time of year when people are most at risk of becoming infected with West Nile virus," said Dr. Christopher Greensmith, acting Medical Officer of Health for Lambton County. There has been one confirmed human case of the virus here so far, three birds have tested positive for it, and 10 mosquito pools have also tested

positive. Dr. Greensmith urges everyone to avoid areas where high mosquito populations are found, take extra precautions from dusk to dawn when mosquitos are most active, wear protective, light-coloured clothing, and use insect repellents containing DEET, being sure to carefully follow the directions on the label. So far in 2012, 116 confirmed and/or probable human cases of the virus have been reported in Ontario.

United Way of Sarnia-Lambton kicks off 2012 campaign

The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton has begun its 2012 fundraising campaign by setting a target goal of \$1,850,000. Campaign Chair Brian Black says it will be a challenge to meet this goal. "We had hoped to increase our goal this year in response to the increasing client loads with the agencies, but with the recent business closings at workplaces such as Hiawatha Slots, NCO, and others, we felt the \$1.85 million is a huge challenge for us."

The campaign kicked off with the annual Day of Caring, which saw 220 volunteers donating time, supplies and manpower to assist individu-

als and non-profit organizations at 37 jobsites throughout Lambton County. In St. Clair Township, the volunteers took on maintenance projects at three sites, including two Lambton County Developmental Services (LCDS) group homes in Corunna and the home of an elderly resident who lives along the St. Clair Parkway in the north end of the township. Some of the industries that gave employees paid time away from their jobs to help with the Day of Caring included Shell Canada, Pembina, Enbridge Gas Storage, NOVA, Suncor Energy, St. Clair Ethanol Plant, and Cargill AgHorizons.

MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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8:30 a.m. Call 519-862-1213, ext. 28.

Christmas Tea set for Sombra Museum

The Sombra Museum will host a Christmas Tea on **Saturday, Nov. 17** at 2 p.m. The special guest for this occasion will be Brenda Davis, who has collected over 300 black dolls. The collection includes eight new dolls she has created to reflect black Canadian women of interest. The Bury House will also be decorated for Christmas by local businesses and will be on view. The Bury house will be open for family viewing on **Friday, Nov. 16** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on **Sunday, Nov. 18** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be crafts and decorated cookies for the children.

Corunna Santa Claus Parade

The Corunna Santa Claus Parade is set for **Saturday, Nov. 24** beginning at Thomson Gardens on Beckwith Street and proceeding along Lyndoch Street. *For more information, check The Beacon's November issue.*

Annual Brigden tree lighting date set

Start your Christmas 'to do' list by penciling in **Sunday, Dec. 2** on your calendar. That's when the Brigden Park at the corner of Courtright Line and Brigden Road will take on brilliant Christmas colour during the annual Brigden tree-lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. This delightful community event includes tasty treats and cheerful community spirit, so don't miss it.

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 for submissions is on the third Monday of every month at 4 p.m.

Email: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca



COMMUNITY NOTES

Photo I.D. cards now issued at Corunna license office

People aged 16 and over who do not hold a valid driver's license can now obtain a government-issued photo I.D. card at the Corunna Motor Vehicle License office at 379 Lyndoch Street.

Foster Family Week time to express thanks

October 21 to 27 is Foster Family Week and the Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society has expressed heartfelt thanks to all foster families for their dedication, love and commitment to the children and youth in their care. Foster families come from all walks of life and a diversity of cultures, religions and lifestyles. The one thing they all share is a genuine interest in children and a sense of community responsibility. For more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact the Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society at 519-336-0623, ext. 309, or go online to: www.useyourvoice.ca.

Corunna Legion observing winter hours

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall is now ob-

serving winter hours. The hall will be open as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Friday - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. *Staff has the discretion to extend closing time as required.* The hall is closed on Sundays unless there is a special event being held.

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.

Ghost hunters explore Bury House for signs of after-

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The CHAPS team does not charge for their service and urges the public never to pay for such a service. Kevin Davidson says the team's goal is to disprove the presence of a haunting. "We see mostly homeowners (concerned about odd phenomena that has occurred in their homes). Bryce Giroux added that, if a presence is detected, their goal is mainly to assure the homeowner that it is not a threat.

Mr. Davidson also pointed out that the team likes to return to an investigation site a second time because that is often when a presence will finally reveal itself. "We might go the first time and get

nothing, but the second time we get lots," he said.

The issue of paranormal research is a subject that some groups find unsettling, but Mr. Davidson says the team has never encountered a problem, even from religious groups. "They're very cooperative," he said.

In the Bury House, the most prominent anomaly reported has been upstairs, where a woman reported feeling a force trying to prevent her from entering the second floor area. Mrs. Lucier says the woman was not from this area.

The team will issue a report to the Sombra Museum when all findings have been analyzed.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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.

Echre parties at Sombra Community Centre

The Sombra Community Centre will host a series of echre parties in October and November at 1 p.m. on Fridays - **Oct. 12, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. Admission is \$2 per session. For more information, please call 519-892-3964.

Demolition Derby in Brigden

Enjoy the exciting sound of crashing cars, whining tires, and the gasps and cheers of an enthusiastic crowd as the Moore Agricultural Society presents its Fall Demolition Derby at the Brigden Fairgrounds on **Sunday, Oct. 14** beginning at noon. Admission is \$10 per person. Bring the whole family. For those who like to be part of the action, please check out the rules and regulations at www.brigdenfair.ca under the heading *At The Fairgrounds - Demolition Derby*.

Luncheon and card party planned

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge will host a luncheon and card party at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna, on **Monday, Oct. 15** at noon. Everyone is welcome.

Lecture series to be presented in Sombra

The Sombra Museum is currently presenting a monthly lecture series through the fall and winter. The second lecture will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 16** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. as Dr. John C. Carter 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. The winter series will be offered on the **last Tuesday of the month**. It will feature a lecture on learning your way around *Ancestry.com* in **January**, a lecture on the subject of shipwreck treasures in **February**, and an especially powerful lecture on the *Storm of 1913* by guest speaker Jim Clary in **March**. 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).

55 Alive driver refresher course offered

Lambton Elderly Outreach will hold a 55 Alive Driver Refresher Course in Corunna on **Monday, Oct. 22 and Tuesday, Oct. 23**.

The course is designed to help seniors maintain their independence and their driving privileges. For more information or to register, call Kyrach at 519-845-1353 or toll-free at 1-800-265-0203. The courses will also be offered in Wyoming on **Oct. 29 and 30**.

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.

Brigden Legion to host Halloween party

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden branch will host the second annual Halloween party on **Saturday, Oct. 27** from 7 p.m. to closing time. There will be prizes for the best costume and all those attending must be legal drinking age. Come out and have a spook-tacular time.

Corunna Legion to host open jam sessions

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 at the intersection of Albert and Beckwith Streets will host a series of monthly open jam sessions during the coming months. On the last Saturday of each month beginning at 3 p.m., everyone is welcome to attend this lively event to play along or just listen and enjoy some terrific local talent. Food will be available during these events. These enjoyable afternoons will be held on: **Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 29, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 30, April 27 and May 25**. For timely news from the Corunna Legion, go online to: www.corunna.ca/legion/.

Annual Harvest Home Dinner set

The annual Harvest Home Dinner is slated for the Wilkesport Community Centre on **Friday, Nov. 2**. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by entertainment by the *Myers Family*. The event, sponsored by the Wilkesport United Church and Wilkesport Community Centre, will cost \$17 per adult and \$8 per child ages six through 12. For tickets call Doris at 519-892-3974, Sharon at 519-867-5275, Lois at 519-864-4669, or Marilyn at 519-627-3793.

Sunday Breakfasts return to St. Joseph's Parish

St. Joseph's Parish Centre in Corunna on Lyndoch Street will once again host a series of Sunday breakfasts and meat raffles from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on: **Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 7, and May 5**. These popular breakfasts feature pancakes, sausage, bacon, ham, eggs, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea at a cost of \$7 per adult, \$3 for children six through 12, and free for children under age 6. Take-out orders are available from