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St. Clair River “area of concern” redesignated

Canadian and American representatives for the St. Clair River Area of Concern (AOC) recently announced the redesignation of the *Degradation of Aesthetics* (U.S. only) and *Added Costs to Agriculture or Industry* (Canada and U.S.) beneficial use impairments (BUIs). Both have been reviewed and found to be “not impaired.” “The announcements made today are a testament to the continued efforts and investments of our dedicated partners,” said Kris Lee, Canadian Chair for the St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council.

The St. Clair River is one of 43 AOCs originally designated in 1987 throughout the Great Lakes basin under the Canada-United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Areas of concern are sites on the Great Lakes system where environmental quality is significantly degraded and beneficial uses are impaired. There are currently nine such designated areas on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes, 24 in the United States, and five, including the St. Clair River, that are shared by both countries.

In this local shared AOC, the Govern-

ments of Canada, the United States, Ontario and Michigan, along with community, agriculture, industry and First Nation partners, are working together to restore environmental quality and beneficial uses through a Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The St. Clair River re-designation of the *Added Costs to Agriculture or Industry* and *Degradation of Aesthetics* BUIs to “not impaired status” represents another step towards delisting the St. Clair River AOC on both sides of the river.

In 1995, Canada identified the *Added Costs to Agriculture or Industry* BUI as impaired in the St. Clair River AOC due to the temporary shut-down of two food processors in Wallaceburg following an ethylbenzene spill from Dow Chemical in 1990. On the U. S. side of the border, the shut-down of the Akzo Salt (now Cargill) water intake in 1989 led to the same designation. These shut-downs resulted in additional costs required to run their facilities. Pollution reduction regulations, source control programs, and remedial actions have improved raw water taken from the St. Clair River. In Canada, water

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Alpaca trio charms Brigden Fair-goers



A trio of young alpacas from Brier Run Alpacas of Oil Springs charmed visitors to the Ploughman's Farmyard during the 162nd Brigden Fair. For more photographic memories of the fair, see pages 6 and 7.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Help make Christmas truly merry

Operation Christmas Tree and the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas hamper program are both about to kick off their annual donation drives to help make the lives of St. Clair Township's less fortunate residents brighter this Christmas. See page 4 and find out how you can help.

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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

Council meeting schedule

The November meetings of St. Clair Township Council will be held on Monday, Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 19 at approximately 7 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



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

Public meeting planned for proposed Sombra subdivision

A public meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19 to review the proposed Plan of Subdivision for Part Lot "E", Concession 5, Geographic Township of Sombra, Township of St. Clair in accordance with Ontario Regulation 544/06. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

An application and draft Plan of Subdivision has been submitted to the Corporation of the County of Lambton for approval and was deemed a complete application on Sept. 26, 2012. The applicant proposes to develop a subdivision for 32 single detached dwellings and 135 townhouse/semi-detached units.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal submissions either in support or in opposition to the proposed plan of subdivision. Written submissions are to be made to the Manager, Planning and Development Services Department at the County of Lambton Planning and Development Services Office, County Administration Building, 789 Broadway Street, Wyoming, Ontario, N0N 1T0, or to the Township of St. Clair Municipal Office, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ontario, N0N 1M0.

Additional information about the application is available for public inspection during regular office hours at either of these two locations.

MOE to report to council in December

Ministry of the Environment (MOE) representatives have requested an opportunity to report to council about the current state of operations at the Clean Harbors facility on Petrolia Line. A delegation is expected to attend council during a regularly scheduled council meeting in December.

Council meeting time changing

In the December Beacon, changes to council meeting times will be noted. Please watch the December **Municipal Notes** column here on page 2 for further information regarding this change.

Notice of public meeting

The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course is hosting a public meeting to present its Annual Report on Class 9 pesticide use as required by Ontario Regulation 63/09 under the Pesticides Act. The Annual Report summarizes the use of Class 9 pesticides used at St. Clair Golf Course in 2011.

The meeting will take place at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course clubhouse at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Kendall Lindsay

St. Clair Parkway Golf Course Superintendent
519-867-2010



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 construction.

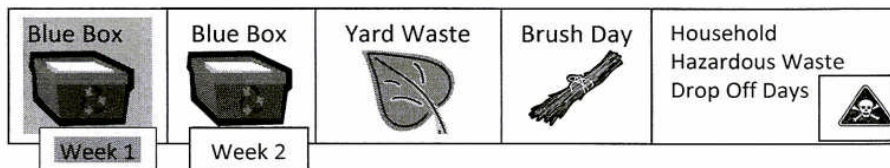
We ask that motorists slow down within the construction zones for safety reasons and follow the appropriate detours and/or Traffic Control Person(s) as required.

St. Clair Township Engineering Department

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.



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

*Remembrance Day
 services slated for
 Corunna
 and
 Brigden*



Royal Canadian Legion branches in Corunna and Brigden will hold Remembrance Day services on **Sunday, Nov. 11**.

In Corunna, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, including supported members from the public, will form up at 10:30 a.m. at Thompson Gardens on Beckwith Street. From there, they will march to the Corunna clock tower cenotaph on Lyndoch Street, arriving at approximately 10:45 a.m. There will be a 45 minute ceremony, honouring our armed forces and fallen soldiers with respect and dedi-

cations. At the stroke of 11 a.m., the last post will be played, followed by prayers and the laying of memorial wreaths. All attending are invited back to the Legion hall for a time of fellowship.

Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 members and supporters will form up at the cenotaph at Jane and Brigden Road at 10:45 a.m. for a commemorative service. Following the service, all attending are invited to the Legion hall for a time of fellowship.

Everyone attending these services should remember to dress for the weather conditions.

HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges community support

By Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason

In 2012, Moore Museum has continued its "adopt-a-project" program, seeking donations to its projects and activities. This program offers the opportunity to adopt a specific project or purchase. These projects have received financial support from many community-minded organizations, industries and individuals, and we gratefully acknowledge their support.

The following industries adopted the project of installing the exhibits in our newly-developed model train display room. Collectors and enthusiasts of all ages will be fascinated by a large working exhibit of model railroads that is being developed thanks to: Chemfab Industries Inc.; NOVA Chemicals (Canada) Ltd.; CN Railroaders in the community (in recognition of the volunteer work of CN retired employee Leo Griffiths); and Vidal Street Industrial Park Inc.

Shell Canada Community Service Fund (in recognition of the volunteer work of Shell retirees Dan Mullen and Jim Roache) adopted the purchase of green cotton roller blinds for the new general store as well as a scanner and printer for scanning negatives for research and exhibits.

Imperial Oil Foundation (in recognition of the volunteer work of Imperial Oil retirees Dave Beer and Dave Pattenden) adopted the purchase of materials for the construction of a shed on the museum grounds to free up space for volunteers to work in the shop area. This

foundation also adopted the purchase of vented glass covers to protect historic stained glass windows in Trinity Anglican Church on the museum grounds.

Ontario Power Generation's Lambton Generating Station adopted the purchase of a portable loom to allow demonstrations of weaving in the log cabin for school groups. This further adds to the demonstrations and hands-on activities that provide authentic heritage experiences for visitors.

Lambton Financial Credit Union Limited and the Optimist Club of Brigden adopted the purchase of plaque-mounted copies of photographs to provide interpretive exhibits in the range light.

And the following donors contributed to 2012 capital project and operating costs, including completion of the early 20th century general store, public programming, artifact preservation, and building maintenance: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.; LANXESS Inc.; Hon. Bryan L. Cathcart Chapter IOOE; Southwest Regional Credit Union Ltd.; Knights of Columbus Council 9447; Bruce and Margaret MacPherson; Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324; Shirley Warner; Theresa M. G. Crosswell; Neil and Debby Fulkerson; Leopold Lodge #397, Brigden; Olga Murray; St. Clair Study Group; Geraldine Phair; Eleanor Vargo.

Thanks to the support of these donors, the Moore Museum can continue to preserve and promote the heritage of this community.

Christmas hamper programs brighten the lives of needy residents

Two important annual Christmas hamper programs will once again work their holiday magic in St. Clair Township.

In south St. Clair Township, residents in need will be receiving Christmas hampers through the annual St. Vincent De Paul hamper program. With the help of community groups that include the Sombra Optimist Club, Knights of Columbus, local Scouts and the Sombra Youth Group, the St. Vincent De Paul effort will begin with an afternoon door-to-door can drive on **Sunday, Nov. 25** beginning at 1 p.m. The collection will extend from Bickford Line south along the St. Clair Parkway to the county line and over to Highway 40.

In conjunction with this hamper program, the annual *Cookie Walk* is planned for **Saturday, Nov. 17** from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Once again this year, Carol Dedecker is at the helm of this tasty event and all proceeds will be used to buy items for the hampers.

The hampers will be ready for delivery on **Saturday, Dec. 22**. Anyone who wishes to make a cash or food donation to the St. Vincent De Paul hamper program can contact George Moran at 519-677-5773.

In north St. Clair Township, Operation Christmas Tree will kick into high gear on **Thursday, Nov. 15** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the annual Poor Boy lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. The event features a tasty lunch prepared and funded by the branch's Ladies Auxiliary and admission is by free will donation. Additional donations of non-perishable food items will be welcome. All proceeds will go to

support Operation Christmas Tree. Then, on **Saturday, Dec. 8** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the OPP food and toy drive-thru event will be held in the parking lot of the St. Clair Township Emergency Services building at the corner of Hill and Lyndoch Streets in Corunna. Food and toy items can also be dropped off at that building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from mid-November until mid-December. One of the vacant meeting rooms will be set up as a collection and processing depot. Volunteers will start assembling the hampers on **Nov. 26** with delivery of the hampers slated for **Saturday, Dec. 15**. There will be no pickups allowed.

Operation Christmas Tree President Fred Strickland from the Optimist Club of Moore reports that, in 2011, 132 Operation Christmas Tree hampers, valued at about \$500 each, were delivered to needy families of north St. Clair Township, brightening the lives of 197 adults and 125 children. The 2011 budget was \$49,000. He added, "We are expecting the same numbers again this year."

Donations can also be made in several locations in St. Clair Township, including schools and some businesses. Volunteers from many service clubs and community groups, as well as kind individuals, will all be involved in this worthy effort.

Please support these Christmas hamper programs and help put the "Merry" in Merry Christmas for the less fortunate residents of St. Clair Township.



New town signs proudly boast of fair's presence

A new town sign graces the north side of Brigden along Brigden Road. The sign, supplied by St. Clair Township, was designed by Barbara Leaper and township Director of Community Services Gary Hackett. The Brigden History Book committee purchased the dirt, stones, evergreens, mums and bushes to construct the base the sign is anchored in, which was planted by three members of the Brigden Horticultural Society including Rae and Evelyn Japp, and Myra South.

The committee that spearheaded the sign's placement extends a special thank you to Windover Nurseries of Petrolia for the delivery, special pricing and design work that helped beautify the sign.

It is hoped that the remaining town signs will be replaced with new, smaller ones next year.



Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Fatal Vision system reveals the perils of impaired driving

Students visiting the Brigden Fair during the *Agriculture In The Classroom* sessions on Friday, Oct. 5 had an eye-opening opportunity to discover the dangers of impaired driving while participating in the *Need For Speed* program. The OPP information area was equipped with the Fatal Vision system. The person using the system wears a pair of special goggles that alter vision while the user drives along a virtual roadway at various speeds. The unanimous consensus of the students after they had experienced the system was that it is impossible to drive safely while impaired.

The system consists of a laptop computer loaded with a special program that controls what is shown on a large TV screen. Since this equipment is very expensive, NOVA donated a special *Moose* hard-sided, padded case in which to carry it.

OPP Cst. John Reurink says well over 200 students used the system during the first four hours of the fair, but added that peo-



A student learns a valuable lesson about the dangers of driving while impaired.

ple of all ages receive a valuable education through its use.

Cst. Reurink says groups wanting to book the use of the Fatal Vision system can call the MADD office at 519-339-9962.

International consensus endorses re-designation

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quality guidelines have been met for use in agriculture. In addition, facilities surveyed along both sides of the St. Clair River reported no additional cost in treating water for their agricultural and industrial uses over recent years.

The U.S. identification of the *Degradation of Aesthetics* BUI stemmed from the unsightly presence of combined sewer overflows and oil sheens in the St. Clair River. Through the efforts of municipalities and cities, many of the combined sewers have been separated, eliminating overflows to the river. A review by the Michigan government found that the aesthetics of the river had improved

substantially, promoting re-designation of this BUI to "not impaired". Currently, this BUI is being assessed on the Canadian side with hopes that a re-designation recommendation will occur in the near future.

The decision to re-designate these BUIs to "not impaired" status was reached through consensus with the Remedial Action Plan partners and was endorsed by the St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council, First Nations, and government agencies. Two events, one on each side of the river, were slated to be held on Sept. 28 to celebrate this achievement.

-This information was made public in a media release distributed by the St. Clair River Bi-national Public Advisory Council.

162nd Brigden Fair marks another terrific year



It was another stellar year for the 162nd Annual Brigden Fair. An estimated 38,000 people enjoyed the sights and sounds of one of Ontario's biggest and oldest fall fairs over the Thanksgiving weekend. **Above:** The excitement began with opening ceremonies on Friday morning. Dignitaries including MP Pat Davidson, MPP Bob Bailey, Lambton County Warden/St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, and others took the stage to bring greetings. Moore Agricultural Society President John Scott emceed the event.



Above: Dave Robinson celebrated his 50th year with the Brigden Fair working at the entry gate. Here, he proudly wears the golden apron he was given to mark this special anniversary. **Left:** Emma, a Grade 6 student from Brigden Public School, gets a roping lesson from Earl Foster. She and several hundred other students visited the fair on Friday as part of the *Agriculture In The Classroom* educational program.





In Orbit by Evelyn Evers gave fairgoers a "no glasses required" 3D experience.

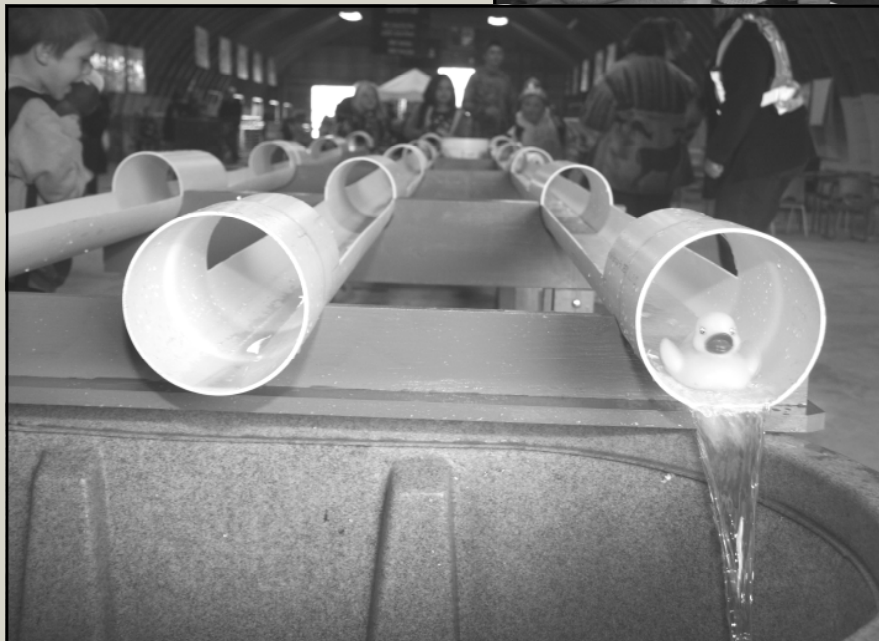
Above: The craft displays at the fair were, as always, examples of precision, skill, and superior workmanship, but the first place winning quilt by Evelyn Evers, entitled *In Orbit*, was a 3D work of sheer genius.



Above: The women of the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division dished up some tasty fare at their booth in the exhibition hall. The nippy autumn air made fair-goers especially appreciative of the warm beverages and tummy-filling meals they enjoyed there.

Left: There was an intriguing new interactive game featured at the Ploughman's Farmyard this year. The rubber ducky race pitted three players against each other. The game involved old-fashioned hand pumps which the players used to feed water down a length of plastic tubing. Each player used the flow of the water to carry a tiny rubber duck down the length of the tube and the first ducky to emerge at the other end was the winner. Here, the young player in lane three won the race.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Free tutoring available in Corunna

Free tutoring in reading and math is available in Corunna for children in Grades 1 through 7. A Skill and Drill program is offered at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration is ongoing throughout the school year based on availability.

This program is sponsored by the Organization for Literacy in Lambton. To register your child, call 519-332-4876.

Online vote may generate some funding for Lambton Children's Safety Village

The \$3 million Lambton Children's Safety Village slated to be built in Mooretown adjacent to the St. Clair Township Civic Centre is currently in the fundraising stage. One of the recent strategies organizers have used to help raise money for the project has been through an online program sponsored by Aviva Insurance.

The program involves a voting process where several projects are suggested for funding and members of the public vote on the project they want to support. There are several stages to the voting process and the first stage has been completed, although the results of that vote were not known at press time.

However, this is just one fundraising strategy the Lambton Children's Safety Village committee is exploring.

The Children's Safety Village concept has been embraced by municipalities throughout North America, with Ontario communities such as London, Windsor, Chatham-Kent, Niagara, Waterloo and Brant County already operating the program. OPP Cst. John Reurink, a member of the Lambton Children's Safety Village committee, says, "These communities saw the need for a safety village and built one...It is recognized as a necessary program and one that is essential to this area."

Of the Aviva Insurance grant vote, Cst. Reurink notes that the online voting program has provided a lot of helpful publicity in the electronic and print media, which helps to raise public awareness about the safety village.

The goal of the village is to help reduce childhood injuries within Lambton County by creating a setting where young people will learn safety awareness and will be motivated to learn how to make smart choices in their daily lives. The village will introduce students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 to safety issues related to the following: the streets, bicycle safety, fire safety, drug awareness, street-proofing, bullying, farm safety, water safety, stranger safety, and Internet safety.

The safety village is not yet a reality, and yet Cst. Reurink says it has already been the subject of local support and acknowledgement. "The Sarnia District Labour Council has nominated the safety village for another award and it has already received an award from Safe Communities Sarnia-Lambton," he said.

Statistics show that 90 to 95 per cent of childhood injuries are preventable and the Lambton Children's Safety Village will provide a powerful defense against them. Through the use of reality-based training and hands-on practice, children will be able to better cope with the complicated and, sometimes, dangerous world we live in.



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Enbridge donates to fire department

The St. Clair Township Fire Department recently received a donation of \$11,000 from Enbridge Pipelines Inc. through the company's Enbridge Safe Community Program. The funds will allow each fire hall in the township to purchase a natural gas generator to act as a backup power source during power outages. The unit is shown in the photograph above, which was taken during the presentation of the cheque to Deputy Chief Steve Bicum, above left, and Mayor Steve Arnold, right, by Enbridge representative Ken Hall in mid-September.

The Enbridge Safe Community Program, which has been in operation across Canada for over three years, provides financial support to first responders and safety-driven organizations so they can acquire new equipment, obtain professional training, or deliver educational programs. "We are pleased to support each of the fire halls in the Township of St. Clair that help keep the community safe," said Mr. Hall, Enbridge's Senior Advisor, Community Relations. "The natural gas generators will ensure each fire hall has a reliable source of power, allowing them to provide first responder services even when the power is out." He added the Safe Community Program recognizes the important contributions that first responder organizations like the St. Clair Township Fire Department make in Enbridge's right-of-way communities.

The St. Clair Township Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency response services to over 14,000 people within the municipality.

Fundraising is still a major priority for the Lambton Children's Safety Village committee and those who wish to donate to this worthwhile project can send a cheque made out to the *Lambton Children's Safety Village* to: Mary Ann Buntrock, 1010 Kenwood Ave., Sarnia, Ontario, N7V 3S2. A tax receipt will be issued for any and all donations.

Tell me and I will forget; Show me and I may remember; Involve me and I WILL remember - Children's Safety Village Motto

Golf tournament benefits St. Clair Township Fire Department

The 4th Annual St. Clair Township Emergency Services golf fundraiser, held in September at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course, raised over \$22,000 to help fund the St. Clair Township Fire Department's emergency services initiatives. The fundraiser is sponsored by Enbridge Gas Storage. The winning foursome was from the department's Port Lambton station. The team, shown here from the left, includes: Steen Marcussen, Sr.; Steen Marcussen, Jr.; Peter Devries; and Nate Talsma; with Brad Pilon representing Enbridge Gas Storage and St. Clair Township Fire Chief Roy Dewhirst. These events have been so successful that the 5th annual tournament is already slated for Sept. 12, 2013.

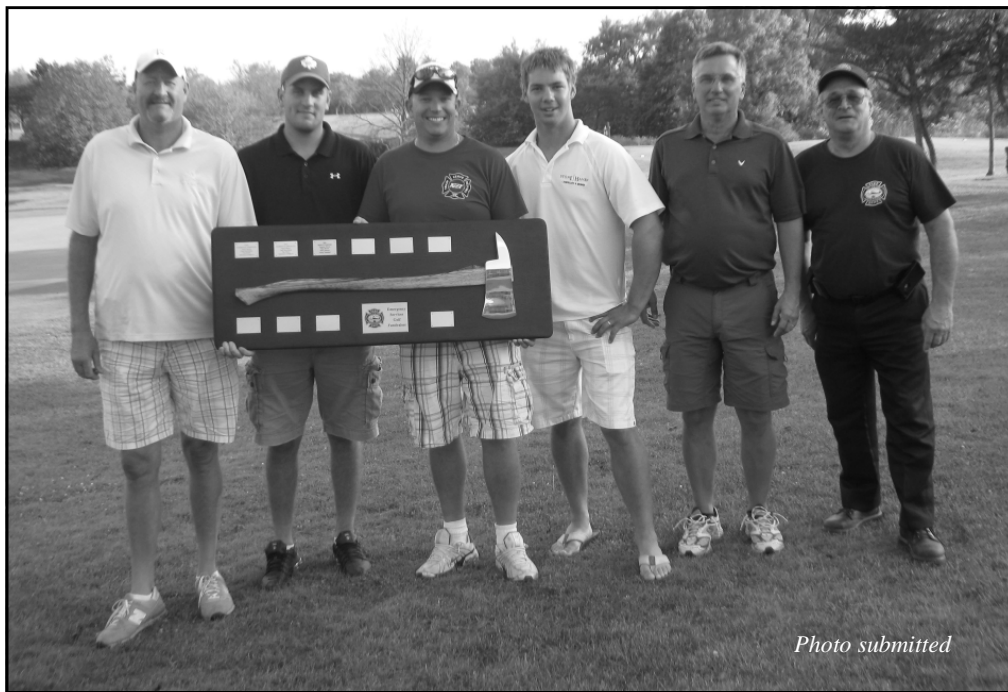


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COMMUNITY NOTES

Voice your concerns over school issues

For those who have concerns or comments about local school issues, your local school trustee is the person to speak to. In St. Clair Township, Judy Krall is the person to contact, either by email at jkrall@ciaccess.com or by phone at 519-882-1055.

Brigden History book still on sale

The Brigden History Book has already sold over 700 copies and there are still some available at The Book Keeper in Sarnia and from Barb Leaper. The book would be a great Christmas gift for local history buffs so get yours before the stock runs out.

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.

Corunna Legion observing winter hours

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall is now observing 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.

3rd Annual Elimination Draw now underway

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 is now selling tickets for its 3rd annual Elimination Draw, with proceeds from the draw going to Corunna Legion programs (35 per cent of the net proceeds will go to the local firefighters' charity of choice.) Tickets are \$20 each and only 250 will be sold. The grand prize is \$2,000 and the draw will be held on Sept. 21, 2013. There will also be \$50 prizes for tickets

numbered 1, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, and 225 during the grand prize draw. Weekly draws for \$20 will be held every Saturday beginning on May 4, 2013 and ending Sept. 14 at the meat draw. Those who are at the meat draw may win an attendance prize as well. Tickets from weekly winners will go right back into the draw so you might win more than once. Doors will open for the Sept. 21, 2013 draw at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to begin at 6:30 p.m. and the draw at 7:30 p.m. Your ticket will include admission, dinner and door prizes. Guest admission will be \$10. This is an age-of-majority event, lottery license #M688247.

For tickets or more information, call the Legion at 519-862-1240.

The 2012 Elimination Draw list of winners included: \$50 winners - Diane Murray (168), Gord Allen (135), Patrice Flett (137), Janice McDonald (045), Mark Krone (079), Lisa Girard (093), Michelle Fraser (193), Robyn Boczek (101), Jackie Miller (229), Paul Mortier (083), and Pat Stevens (158). The Grand Prize of \$2,000 was split four ways between Erika Taege (69), John Cormier (103), Ron Skreptak (146), and Douglas Stacey (215).

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.

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.

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. The cost is \$5 per person.

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

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will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 27** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with Larry Towell, an award-winning internationally-renowned Canadian photographer and author, discussing 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).

Citrus fruit fundraiser set

The Corunna United Church, 198 Hill Street, will be selling citrus fruit **until Friday, Nov. 30**. The selection of fruit will include navel oranges, red grapefruit, tangerines, and a variety pack. For information or to place an order, please call: Larry at 519-862-3789; Brenda at 519-344-8626; or Mary at 519-862-1052.

Annual Brigden tree lighting date set

Be in Brigden on **Sunday, Dec. 2** when the Brigden Park at the corner of Courtright Line and Brigden Road will take on brilliant Christmas colour. It's time for 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.

Fowl bingo in Sombra

The Sombra St. John's C. W. L. will host a Fowl Bingo on **Monday, Dec. 3** at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$2 per person and everyone is welcome.

Turkey bingo at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will hold a turkey bingo on **Wednesday, Dec. 5** starting at 7 p.m. The cost will be \$15 for three cards, with 25 games plus one special game planned and three prizes up for grabs. There will be door prizes and a grand prize of \$650 in Lambton Mall Bucks. Food will be available and everyone is welcome.

Christmas Tea and Bake Sale in Corunna

The congregation of All Saints Anglican Church at the corner of Hill and Lyndoch Streets will hold a Christmas Tea and Bake Sale on **Saturday, Dec. 8** from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will include baking, preserves, crafts, stained glass, books and attic treasures, fruit, turkey and beef pies, and carrot puddings. Tea, coffee and dessert will also be served for \$3 per person. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

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.

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at the Courtright Community Hall on **Saturday, Nov. 17** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This event will include snacks and the children will have fun making age-appropriate Christmas crafts. Volunteers are needed and this is a great way for high school students to earn volunteer hours. For more details and to register, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950 before Nov. 15.

Christmas Bazaar at Courtright church

St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 70 Milton Street in Courtright, will host a Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, Nov. 17** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include baked goods, a white elephant table, preserves, knitting and crafts, and a tea room where you can relax and find refreshment for \$4 per person.

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. In addition, a display called *Hooked In The Country* will feature rugs by Patti Truesdale. 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.

Christmas Show and Crafts benefit

A Christmas Show and Sale to benefit the Inn Of The Good Shepherd will take place at the Port Lambton Community Hall, 506 Stoddard Street in Port Lambton on **Saturday, Nov. 17** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local vendors with various home-based businesses will be on hand for this event. Admission is \$2 at the door and there will be a door prize table. All proceeds will be donated to the Inn Of The Good Shepherd. Those attending are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for donation which will make them eligible to receive a ballot for a door prize.

Cruickshank Centre plans events

The Cruickshank Centre in Corunna has two events planned for autumn. The first will feature Country Fun musical entertainment with Joan Spalding and Doug Springstead on **Monday, Nov. 19** at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes light refreshment. The second event will be a day trip to the Imperial Theatre in Sarnia for a matinee performance of *Nightingale Chorus Christmas Show* on **Saturday, Dec. 15**. Dinner will follow at Waggs Restaurant. The cost is \$55 per person, which includes transportation from and back to Thompson Gardens. The registration deadline is **Wednesday, Nov. 14**. Register by calling Denise or Liz at Thompson Gardens. For additional information call 519-862-1628. Availability is limited, so register soon.

Candy Cane Christmas bazaar

The annual Candy Cane Christmas bazaar will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna, on **Saturday, Nov. 24** from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event

will include: crafts, turkey and beef pies, baked goods, a cookie walk, a silent quilt auction, preserved items, Christmas items, and a Buck-a-Block quilt. Last year's tied quilt was designed by the community and donated to the Sarnia-Lambton Women's Interval Home. It is hoped that this year's quilt will be donated to the Interval Home as well. Blocks are \$1 per block or three for \$2. The silent auction will include hand-quilted baby quilts as well as a hand-quilted twin-sized quilt made by the ladies of the church's quilting group. A soup lunch will be available for \$5. The church is a barrier-free facility.

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: **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/.

Corunna Santa Claus Parade

The Corunna Santa Claus Parade is set for 6 p.m. on **Saturday, Nov. 24**. It will begin at *Simon and Sherrol's No Frills* parking lot south of Corunna and proceed along Lyndoch Street north to Beckwith Street. Refreshments and visits with Santa will be held at the Corunna Clock Tower immediately after the parade. For more information or to register an entry, call Tracy at 519-862-2333 or Mary Lou at 519-862-3950. The parade is organized by the Optimist Club of Moore with the kind support of NOVA Chemicals and Ontario Power Generation.

Moore Museum to host *Old-Fashioned Christmas*

Once again this year, the Moore Museum will present the popular seasonal program, *An Old-Fashioned Christmas*. The program provides lots of old-time Yuletide sights and fascinating hands-on fun for everyone who participates. The log cabin is decorated for a pioneer family Christmas, and 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. 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.

Lecture series to be presented in Sombra

The Sombra Museum is currently presenting a monthly lecture series through the fall and winter. The third lecture in the fall series

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Moore Optimists to hold Pumpkinfest

The Optimist Club of Moore will host its annual Pumpkinfest for children ages 12 and under at the Corunna fire hall on Hill Street on **Sunday, Oct. 28** at 1 p.m. sharp. The event will include pumpkin carving, face painting, games and surprises.

Echre parties at Sombra Community Centre

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

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.

Knox Moore Presbyterian Church bazaar set

The annual Country Bazaar will be held at Knox Moore Presbyterian Church, 1354 Rokeby Line, on **Saturday, Nov. 3** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature baked goods, baby quilts, crafts, sewing and other good stuff, as well as delicious muffins and coffee available for purchase.

Gala will benefit St. Joseph's Hospice

The third annual *Dancing Under The Stars Gala* will be held at DeGroot's Nurseries on London Road in Sarnia on **Saturday, Nov. 3** at 6 p.m. This elegant evening will include dinner, an auction, and live entertainment, plus dancing in the atrium under the stars. All proceeds will support St. Joseph's Hospice. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available by calling Lesley at 519-337-0537 or emailing lcoene@sjhospice.ca.

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

Memorial crib tourney planned

The Harold and Florence Johnson Memorial Crib Tournament will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on **Sunday, Nov. 4** beginning with registration from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per person.

Sir John Moore hosts holiday fundraiser

A Home Party holiday fundraiser will be held at Sir John

Moore Community School on **Thursday, Nov. 8** from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All your favourite Home Parties will be on display in the Community Room during this event. Shop, mingle and get some holiday shopping out of the way. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of new indoor and outdoor equipment for the school students.

Remembrance Day services

Royal Canadian Legion branches in Corunna and Brigidon are both planning local Remembrance Day services on **Sunday, Nov. 11**. For details, see page 3.

Jamborees begin at Brigidon fairgrounds

Country jamborees are starting again at the Brigidon fairgrounds exhibition hall. The first event will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 11** beginning at 1 p.m., so come out, enjoy the music and dance the afternoon away. After that, enjoy a ham and scalloped potato meal beginning at 5 p.m. Limited tickets for the meal will be sold at the door so come early. Admission is \$2 for those who just want to listen to the music and those who sing or play an instrument are invited to join in. Proceeds from this event will be used towards the cost of upgrades to the exhibition hall. *Be sure to watch this column in The Beacon for details of other upcoming jamborees.*

Luncheon/card parties planned

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge will host a series of luncheon and card parties at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna at noon on the following dates: **Monday, Nov. 12; Monday Jan. 14; Monday, Feb. 11; Monday, March 4; Monday, April 22; and Monday, May 27**. Everyone is welcome.

Operation Christmas Tree Poor Boy lunch

The annual Operation Christmas Tree program kicks off on **Thursday, Nov. 15** with its popular Poor Boy Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. All proceeds will be used in support of the Optimist Club of Moore's Operation Christmas Tree hamper program, which ensures a merrier Christmas for the less fortunate residents of north St. Clair Township. *(For more information about St. Clair Township's two Christmas hamper programs, see page 4.)*

A Windswept Christmas in Port Lambton

A special holiday fundraiser, *A Windswept Christmas*, will be held at 4296 St. Clair Parkway in Port Lambton on **Saturday, Nov. 17** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This sale will include hand-crafted quilting, nautical items, pottery, jewelry, vintage aprons, soaps, garden ornaments, stained glass and designer bags. Partial proceeds from this fundraiser, which is being hosted by the Moran family and friends, will be donated to the south Lambton Christmas food basket drive.

Craft Morning for kids in Corunna

The Optimist Club of Moore presents a free Craft Morning for kids ages five through 13 (parents welcome)