



# The St. Clair Township BEACON

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Thursday, Feb. 14

## St. Clair Township youth receives Queen's Jubilee Medal

St. Clair Township resident Kaitlyn Anderson was one of several township citizens to receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. What makes her stand out from the other recipients is the fact that Kaitlyn is only 18 years old. After starting her charity efforts at age 12, she has already become a driving force behind a number of fundraising efforts aimed at easing the lives of people around the world. For instance, she has raised over \$20,000 toward clean water projects in Africa and, closer to home, she helps provide prom dresses for girls who would otherwise be unable to afford them through the *Cinderella Story* program.

On hand for the presentation was Sarnia-Lambton M.P. Pat Davidson, who commented that youth is our future but "Kaitlyn isn't waiting for the future." Kaitlyn was also commended for her compassion and concern for others.

Mayor Steve Arnold noted Kaitlyn was a role model for youth who wanted to make a difference. "Kaitlyn is a fantastic example of what our young men and women are, and what they continue to do to make our world a better place," he said. In addition to her important work on the African clean water



On hand for the medal presentation were, from left: proud parents Chad and Debbie Anderson; Kaitlyn Anderson with her medal; MP Pat Davidson with the medal certificate; St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.  
*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

project, Mayor Arnold applauded her efforts with community projects like the *Cinderella Story* and her work with the 4-H Club, caring for the environment through efforts such as park and community clean-ups. "We are very proud of her and pleased she has been recognized by receiving the

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal."

Kaitlyn is currently studying at the University of Western Ontario, Brescia campus, and would eventually like to work in a children's hospital researching dietary/nutritional needs.

## St. Clair River Trail receives significant funding boost

The St. Clair River Trail recently received a significant grant that will be used to construct the southern section of trail from Brander Park in Port Lambton to the Chatham-Kent border at Whitebread Line.

The \$135,000 grant was obtained by applying to the Feddev Ontario Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, a process that was handled by trail committee member Rose Atkins. The official announcement of this funding was slated to be made during a ceremony held at Brander Park on Jan. 25.

The funding will allow for the expansion of the existing 30 kilometre trail by

about 2.44 kilometres. With this section of trail in place, the St. Clair River Trail will connect with the municipality of Chatham-Kent and, ultimately, to the Trans-Canada Trail.

It is hoped that the trail's completion and its subsequent connection to the Trans-Canada Trail will promote increased cycling tourism, forming an international cycling loop with Michigan's Bridge to Bay Trail. Increased tourism is expected to have a positive impact on local businesses as well as the Sombra and Walpole Island ferries, Sombra and Moore Museums, and other amenities.

It should be noted that a 10 kilometre segment of the river trail is certified by Athletics Canada and is used for the annual St. Clair River Run which attracted an estimated 600 participants in 2012 and continues to gain popularity within the running/fitness community.

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## Municipal Notes



### Notice of 2013 Budget Meeting

The St. Clair Township 2013 draft budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. The budget meeting is open to the public and all ratepayers are welcome to attend.

Charles Quenneville  
Director of Finance

### Beacon receives service award



At the Dec. 17 meeting of St. Clair Township Council, Bonnie Stevenson, editor of the *St. Clair Township BEACON*, was recognized for five years of service to the residents of St. Clair Township. Stevenson noted the mandate of *The Beacon* is to provide information of interest to municipal residents and to acknowledge their community activities and achievements. She expressed gratitude to council for its support and cooperation in keeping the publication relevant and useful. The first issue of *The Beacon* was published in October, 2007.

Presenting the award to Ms. Stevenson is St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold. Watching the presentation are: Councillor Pat Alexander; Deputy Clerk Jeff Baranek; Councillor Steve Miller; Councillor Jeff Agar; Clerk John DeMars; CAO John Rodey; Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland; Councillor Jim DeGurse; and Councillor Darrell Randell.

Photo by Heather Linda Young

### MPAC reps to meet with property

Property Assessment Notices were sent out by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in the fall of 2012. St. Clair Township property owners who have questions about their assessments (taxation years 2013 - 2016) will soon have two opportunities to discuss them with an MPAC representative. St. Clair Township has scheduled two dates for these meetings: Thursday, Feb. 21 and Tuesday, March 5. The meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

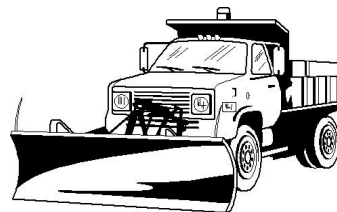
**An appointment is required to meet with the MPAC representative.** Anyone wishing to schedule a meeting can call MPAC directly at 1-866-296-6722. Property owners must indicate they are calling to set up an appointment and specify the date they want it slated for. On the day of the meeting, property owners must bring their Property Assessment Notice to the appointment.

### Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held the first and third Mondays of each month. The next meetings are slated for Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 19 (to accommodate Family Day on Monday) at approximately 4:30 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting which begins at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for more information.

### Overnight parking on streets prohibited

Motorists are reminded that overnight parking on all municipal streets is now prohibited until April 1, 2013. This ensures that snow plow crews will be able to clear the roads safely and efficiently. Vehicles left parked on the streets will be ticketed.



### Property owners warned to avoid shoveling snow onto public thoroughfares

Property owners are warned that they must avoid shoveling snow out onto public roads, streets and sidewalks. The Ontario Highway Traffic Act prohibits this practice and penalties will be levied on those who break this law. Unexpected quantities of snow on public roads are hazardous to vehicle traffic. This snow also hampers the efforts of municipal road crews that often work long hours to keep the roads clear and safe for public use.

## Residential Recycling & Waste Calendar 2013 now available

The Residential Recycling & Waste Calendar for 2013 has been mailed out to St. Clair Township residences. Those who have not yet received a calendar can obtain one at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown or go online to: [www.twp.stclair.on.ca](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca)

### Hockey team photo addition

In the January 2013 issue of The Beacon, the names of three members of the Mooretown Storm Midgets Ae team were not included in the cutline. These players were: Keenan Smith, Kyle Smith, and Eric Kennedy. The team's photo acknowledged its big Regional Silver Stick Tournament win in South Huron.

## Association aims to promote local businesses

A group of business people in St. Clair Township is working to form the St. Clair Township Business Association. Spokesperson and current Chair Tracy Kingston of Kay's Petals and Plants says the goal of the association is to promote local products and services. "We will be working on joint promotions and special events to entice people to shop local," she said. "We will also have guest speakers to keep owners and employees abreast of current trends and concerns."

Anyone interested in getting more information about this group or attending a meeting can contact Mrs. Kingston at 519-862-2333.

## Sombra Optimists award bursaries to local students



Four lucky Sombra area students recently received a bursary from the Sombra Township Optimist Club to be used toward the cost of their first year college or university education. Sombra Optimist President Joahne Leach, center, is shown here with students Brad Johnston, left, Scott Johnston, Jeremy Taylor and Torey DePooter.

*Photo submitted*

### St. Vincent De Paul thanks donors and volunteers

St. Vincent De Paul extends thanks to the St. Clair Township Ward 2 churches, schools, service clubs, industries, small businesses, and youth for their generous donations of time, food, gifts and monetary gifts. As a result of this generosity and strong community support, 61 struggling families received food hampers and gifts so that they might have a Merry Christmas.

St. Vincent De Paul Society,  
George Moran, President, Port Lambton

## 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.

## Open Houses discuss contaminated sediments

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority will host a series of open houses to discuss options for managing contaminated sediments in the St. Clair River. The public is encouraged to attend one of the following meetings:

- ♦ St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown - Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ♦ Sarnia Clearwater Arena, 1400 Wellington Street in Sarnia - Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ♦ Canadian Belgian Dutch Club, 1342 Dufferin Avenue in Wallaceburg - Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ♦ Aamjiwnaang First Nation Community Centre, 1972 Virgil Avenue - Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ♦ Walpole Island First Nation, Walpole Island Sports Complex, Tecumseh Road - Monday, March 4 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Presentations at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. will be followed by a question and answer session. For more information, call 519-245-3710, ext. 228 or go online to: [http://www.scrca.on.ca/sediment/sed\\_management.html](http://www.scrca.on.ca/sediment/sed_management.html).



## Annual 4-H Awards Banquet showcases future leaders in local agriculture

The Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) which sponsors the Lambton Youth Fair each year at the Brigden Fair, hosted its Annual 4-H Awards Banquet in November. The banquet honoured all members who completed their specific 4-H Club training and each young adult attending received monies and a place for them to showcase what they have learned in their individual clubs. This year, a donation was also made to each member by the County of Lambton and MacKenzie Oil of Sarnia. Organiz-

ers say there was a great turnout for the banquet.

The 4-H programs are a wonderful way for children to learn about agriculture, homemaking, care of livestock, and many other topics of interest to those who are considering a future in agriculture.

Here are photos of the hard-working young people who were honoured at this year's banquet.

*Photos submitted*



**Left: 4-H Horse Club** - Back left: Leader Joane Sanderson, Alicia Wilkins, Katie Johnson, Lydia Smith, Amber McLachlan, Leader Nancy VanPoole. Front left: Sherry Burnley, Maggie Annett, Elliot Smith, Kyle Hebert, Nadine Smith. Absent: Leader Krystal Johnston, Amber Allen, Matthew McPherson, Christie Annett, Chloe Duffy, Carly VanDaele, Kaley Hebert.

**Right: 4-H Sheep Club** - Front left: Jocelyn Stewart, Mitchell Callaghan, Makayla Callaghan, Cleo Code, Eve Pettit, Cassie Philips. Back left: Darlene Pettit, James Callaghan, Jessie Thrower, Michael Thrower, Nathan Beaulieu, Jamie Callaghan, Bobbie Callaghan, Pat Callaghan. Absent: Brody Callaghan, Taylor Callaghan.



**Left: 4-H Beef Club** - Front left: Laura Langstaff, Clayton Shaw, Cameron Shaw, Madison Robbins. Back left: Grant Langstaff, Mark Langstaff, Leader Debbie Coke, Carolyn Langstaff, Leader Clarence Coke, Dan Anderson, Cole Robbins. Absent: Leader Megan Coke, Clinton Ostrander, Wayne Langstaff, Joe Anderson, Mark Anderson, Ashlyn Ostrander, Colin Eyre, Casey Bruton.

See 4-H Club members honoured, page 5



## HERITAGE CORNER



### Bentpath Women's Institute celebrates 100th anniversary this year

The Bentpath Women's Institute was organized on Thursday, Feb. 11, 1913 and since that time, its members have brought about positive changes in the health and welfare of local children, and in the community in general.

At the time of its creation, the men of the community held regular meetings through the Farmer's Institute. The women's equivalent of this group came about when the Department of Agriculture asked the men if they would like to have a lady speaker address one of their meetings. Mrs. Norman was sent out from the department and was responsible for organizing the Bentpath W.I.

According to current member Alice Langstaff, since the group's creation, it has hosted many courses, conferences, and special speakers on subjects ranging from nursing, canning, and sewing to cooking and education in all branches of home economics. The group also kept the community scene lively with parties, plays, socials, suppers and picnics.

During World War I, the women used their crafting skills in support

of the war effort, canning, knitting, sewing and making bandages to be shipped overseas, as well as raising large sums of money to fund soldier comforts as well as Belgian relief and other war-related concerns. They worked with the local Red Cross as well. Through the years, the Bentpath W. I. was instrumental in promoting health inspections in the schools, and also launched a lending library. It also sponsored the Girls Homemaking Clubs, or 4-H Clubs as they are now called. Many girls have received county and provincial honours through this effort.

One of the group's important contributions to the heritage of the area is the Tweedsmuir History Book, which has taken on an almost legendary reputation within the community. It is a carefully kept record of local events, many illustrated with historical photos and data.

The members of the Bentpath W. I., past and present, have always lived up to the Institute Motto, *For Home and Country*.

**The group will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Monday, Feb. 11. See page 7 for more information.**

### Council approves creation of Heritage St. Clair Committee

It's official. At the Jan. 7 meeting of Clair Township council, approval was given to a new heritage committee to be known as Heritage St. Clair. A group of dedicated volunteers will now begin to identify projects that will preserve and sustain the municipality's heritage sites and lore for future generations. Councillor Jeff Agar will represent council on the committee, acting as a liaison to provide an efficient line of communication between the two parties.

Committee spokesperson Ian Mason says the committee recently discussed several potential projects, but recognizes that little gets done when too many projects are attempted at one time. "We have to be care-

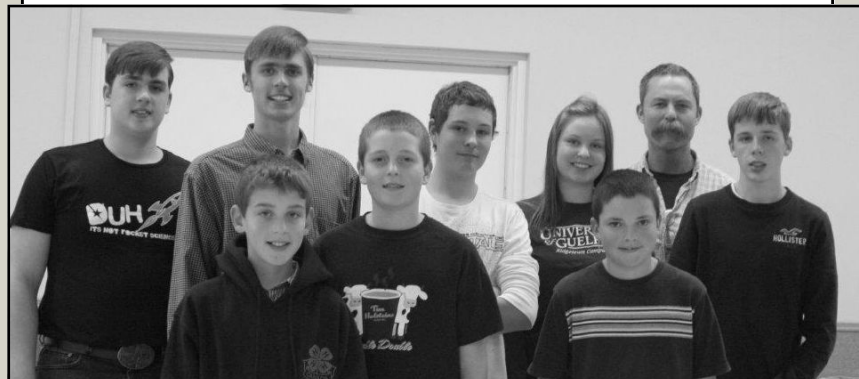
ful not to get too scattered among too many projects," he said. "Our challenge will be to pick just one or two projects, then proceed to completion with the ones we choose." A new group of officers was slated to be elected during the month of January, after which the group can proceed with their work. A volunteer application form has been drafted for those who would like to join the group.

Mayor Steve Arnold welcomes the committee's initiatives. "From my point of view, it is a great step in recognizing places, people and events that are part of our community's heritage and part of what we are," he said.

### 4-H Club members honoured

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**Below: 4-H Week Killers** - Front left: Travis Nicholson, Clayton Shaw, Cameron Shaw. Back left: Mark Langstaff, Grant Langstaff, Daniel Anderson, Kaitlyn Anderson, leader Chad Anderson. Absent: Ralph Eyre, Colin Eyre, Casey Bruton.



**Above: 4-H Canning and Agricultural Awareness Club** - Tony Goodwin, Lindsay Bourgeois, Maggie Annett, leader Nancy Bourgeois, Gwen Bourgeois. Absent: Leader Melissa Forbes, Jenna Simpson, youth leader Blair Williams, Josh Duffy, Melissa Krohn.

# Shake the Winter blahs at Mooretown Sports Complex

Shake the Winter blahs with one or more of the great programs offered at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

## ***Heads Up for Healthier Brains seminar offered***

Learn to reduce your risk for Alzheimer disease and dementia by attending the *Heads Up For Healthier Brains* seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. in the upstairs hall. To register, call 519-344-3017.

## ***Stretch & Strengthen fitness classes***

Have fun while getting fit at these group fitness classes. Improve your strength and flexibility, and make new friends who share your fitness goals. Classes are Monday and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$4.50 per class, \$45 for a 12 visit pass, or \$243 per year for a full fitness membership.

## ***Shinny hockey is in full swing***

There's fun and action on the Mooretown Sports Complex rink when the adult shinny hockey players take to the ice. This activity, which is open to people age 18 and over, takes place on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at a cost of \$5 per person, or Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$6 per person.

## ***Adult swim lessons***

It's never too late to learn to swim or to improve your technique or fitness level. Join the adult swim class for lessons on Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$5.40 per class or \$53 for 10 weeks. Private lessons are available for \$85 for 10 classes.

## ***Shallow and deep water aerobics***

Use the rejuvenating power of water to accomplish 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 held 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 for arthritis and fibromyalgia***

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

## ***Fitness centre***

Shake that cabin fever with an invigorating workout, swim, sauna, and soak in the hot tub, all for \$4.50 per visit, \$45 for a 12 visit interchangeable pass, or \$243 for a full year. In addition, personal trainer Andy Ysebaert can develop a personal program tailored to your individual needs.

## ***March Break day camp***

March Break will be fun for kids ages five through 12 as they swim, skate, do crafts, play games and listen to special visitors. The March Break Day camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with early drop-off at 7:30 a.m. and late pick up at 5:30 p.m. available. The program costs \$25 per child per day or \$100 per week. A family plan is available.

## ***Coming soon...Yoga!***

Improve your flexibility and your general health through the new yoga program, coming soon to the Mooretown Sports Complex. Call the number below to register.

**For more information, call 519-867-2651.**

## Community Contact

### ***Cinderella Story volunteers sought***

Organizers of *Cinderella Story*, a group that offers formal attire and accessories for girls who cannot otherwise afford to attend their school proms, are looking for volunteers for their fourth annual Dress Boutique next spring. Volunteers must be 19 years of age or older. They will greet the young ladies who attend the boutique and assist them with selecting their dresses. They will also make sure each girl receives the products and services available to them. Those who wish to volunteer can email: [cinderellasmarnialambton@live.ca](mailto:cinderellasmarnialambton@live.ca) or call 519-864-1161. *NOTE: Gently-used formal or semi-formal dresses can be dropped off all year long at the Samia Lambton Business Development Corporation, 109 Durand Street in Sarnia. The Cinderella Story Dress Drive will be held in late March, 2013.*

### ***Lambton Dragons invite challengers***

The Lambton Dragons Sledge Hockey team invites any hockey team, sports group, or work group to come to the Mooretown Sports Complex on Sunday mornings to enjoy a friendly game with the Dragons. Extra sledges and equipment are available. To participate, call Karen or Jim McNeil at 519-862-4756 or Jackie White at 519-862-4039.

### ***Voice your concern over school issues***

Anyone who has concerns or comments about local school issues can contact local school trustee Judy Krall at 519-882-1055 or via email at: [jkrall@ciaccess.com](mailto:jkrall@ciaccess.com).

### ***Photo I.D. cards available***

Anyone over age 16 who does not have a valid driver's license can

obtain a government-issued photo I.D. card at the Corunna Motor Vehicle License office at 379 Lyndoch Street.

### ***Elimination draw at Corunna Legion***

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 is now selling tickets for its third annual Elimination Draw, with proceeds going to Corunna Legion programs. Tickets are \$20 each and only 250 will be sold. For tickets and more information, call the Legion at 519-862-1240 during hours of operation (see above).

### ***Pennies for Pavement program***

Your spare change can help the St. Clair River Trail Committee raise funds for the trail's upkeep and maintenance. Drop off your spare pennies (and other spare jingly coins) 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. Invest your pennies in the good health of your community.

### ***Handyman/Handywoman program helps seniors***

Seniors who require help with household maintenance and minor repairs can call the United Way-funded Lambton Seniors Association (LSA) Handyman/Handywoman program. For more information, call the LSA at 519-339-8866 or 1-800-219-4717.

### ***Couple grateful to good Samaritans***

Bruce and June Strangway of Mooretown recently received some much-needed and appreciated help clearing heavy snow from their property. The couple, both medically unable to shovel snow, wrote to *The Beacon* to thank the good Samaritans who did the work, showing their Christmas spirit in such a generous and meaningful way.

This time of year, many people have difficulty keeping the snow cleared from driveways and doorsteps. Please help them with this chore and keep the Christmas spirit alive a little while longer.

## More Around The Township

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is available during these events. For timely information from the Corunna Legion, go online to: [www.corunna.ca/legion/](http://www.corunna.ca/legion/).

### Sombra Museum winter lecture series set

The winter lecture series at the Sombra Museum is offered on the last Tuesday of the Winter months. Enjoy learning more about shipwreck treasures in February and in March, guest speaker Jim Clary will present the *Storm of 1913*. Hear the story of a devastating storm that sent many ships to the bottom of the Great Lakes and took many lives. The cost is \$10 per lecture, or \$25 for all three. Student prices are \$7 per lecture or \$15 for all three. All lectures will be presented in the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre meeting room, 3476 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra village. To purchase tickets or obtain more information, call 519-892-3982 or email: [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com). You can also access Facebook at: [facebook.com/SombraMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum).

### Bentpath W.I. marks 100th anniversary

The Bentpath Women's Institute will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Monday, Feb. 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Zion Free Methodist Church on Bentpath Line. The event will feature musical presentations as well as celebratory comments by local dignitaries and Women's Institute officials. Refreshments will also be served. See page 5 for more information.

### Free Family Fun Day in Courtright

The Optimist Club of Moore will present a free Family Fun Day at Airey Lanes in Courtright on Monday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be free 10-pin bowling and a free lunch will be provided at the Courtright Community Centre. For those who don't want to bowl, a craft session will be held across the road at the Courtright Community Centre. Please register for this family event by Feb. 13. Call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950. *Note: This is an opportunity for students to acquire some school volunteer hours. Call the number above for more information.*

### Shamrock Country Jamboree in Brigden

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy the Shamrock Country Jamboree slated for the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, March 10 beginning at 1 p.m. Musicians are always welcome to bring an instrument or vocalize during the jamboree. Admission to the jamboree is \$2 per person and a cash bar is available. A ham and scalloped potato meal is offered at 5 p.m. but there are limited tickets for the dinner. They are sold at the door, so come early to be sure there will be one left for you. For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or go online to [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca).

### Homecraft MAS beef dinner set

The Moore Agricultural Society's annual homecraft beef dinner will be held on Sunday, March 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per adult, \$6 per child aged six through 10, and free for children aged five and under. Tickets are available in advance only through a homecraft member, MAS director, or at the Brigden fairgrounds office at 519-864-1197.

### Easter brunch at Brigden fairgrounds

Enjoy Easter brunch with family and friends at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Easter Sunday, March 31. Seating will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Watch The Beacon for more details.*

### Moore Skating Club ice show slated

The 40th Anniversary Moore Skating Club ice show is slated for

Saturday, April 13, with two shows planned for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Mooretown Sports Complex beginning in March on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Forever Fit classes offered

*Forever Fit* classes, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO), are held in Sombra and Corunna each week. In Sombra, the classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Sombra Community Hall. In Corunna, classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street. These classes will be offered until early May. For more information, call LEO toll-free at 1-800-265-0203.

### Seniors luncheons offered in Corunna and Port Lambton

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) is sponsoring an on-going series of seniors lunches in Corunna and Port Lambton throughout the winter. In Corunna, the lunches are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 hall, with doors open at 11:30 a.m. In Port Lambton, the lunches are held at the Community Hall on Stoddard Street with doors open at 11:30 a.m. Both events feature a speaker or entertainer. These lunches will be held until June. For more information, call LEO toll-free at 1-800-265-0203.

### Indoor walking and fitness in Brigden

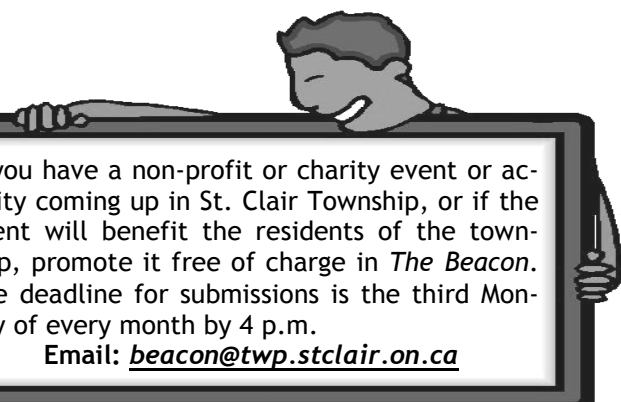
Let it snow outside and still enjoy your walking and fitness routine by going to the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Indoor shoes are required for this activity. For more information or to register for the program, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. This program is sponsored by the West Lambton Health Centre, the Moore Agricultural Society, and Ontario's Community Health Centres.

### Corunna coffee club meets at Thompson Gardens

The Corunna Coffee Club meets at Thompson Gardens Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m. The club is open to everyone.

### Think Spring at Moore Museum

Think Spring by marking your calendar now so you won't miss the Moore Museum's annual Victorian Tea on Sunday, May 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy time with family and friends over scrumptious home-baked scones, tea, coffee and juice, in the charming Victorian cottage located on the museum site in Mooretown. And while you're there, enjoy touring the other 12 historic and exhibit buildings on the site. Admission is \$6.50 per adult, \$2.50 per child and \$1.50 per preschooler. And later this year, look for news of the grand opening of the general store and the Lionel model train exhibit, as well as the always popular Downriver Craft Sale on Sunday, Sept. 15.



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

Email: [beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca)



# Around The Township

## Euchre parties planned for Sombra

A series of euchre parties are planned for the Sombra Community Centre on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22; March 8, 15 and 22; April 5, 12, 19 and 26. All are welcome.

## Kids Craft Classes in Port Lambton

The Sombra Township Optimist Club is sponsoring a free Kids Crafts Class for children ages five through 11. The classes are slated for the Port Lambton Community Hall, Stoddard Street in Port Lambton, on Saturdays, Feb. 2, March 9, and April 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To register, call Louise at 519-892-3459 or email: [leklreek@gmail.com](mailto:leklreek@gmail.com).

## Dart tournament at Corunna Legion

The Barb Griffin Memorial Ladies Open Dart Tournament will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall, Albert and Beckwith Streets, on Saturday, Feb. 2. Registration for the event will be held from 11:15 a.m. to noon. The tournament will start shortly after noon for doubles and team play. The cost is \$5 per event and all proceeds will be returned as prizes. Refreshments and food will be available. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this event.

## Lady Martha Rebekahs to hold events

The Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge of Brigden will host two events this month. The first will be a Valentine's roast beef luncheon set for Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Brigden Optimist Hall on Main Street. The second will be a lunch and card party on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at noon at the same location. Everyone is welcome.

## Pickereel fry at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a Pickereel Fry and Dance on Feb. 9 with entertainment by the *Plank Road Hammers*. The menu will include: Jolly Roger's seafood chowder, pickereel, baked potato, baked beans, Italian bread, coleslaw, vegetable, and pickle tray. Dinner is served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with dancing from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$18 per person (\$16 per Legion member). Tickets are limited and are available at the Corunna Legion branch, 519-862-1240. Proceeds are used to support St. Clair Township Minor Sports, Silver Stick, Girl Guides, Cubs, Scouts and more. Everyone is welcome.

## Free program will promote healthy brains

The Alzheimer Society of Samia-Lambton will present *Heads Up For Healthier Brains*, a free program aimed at reducing the risk of Alzheimer disease and dementia, at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. To register for this program, call 519-867-2651 or 519-344-3017. Sponsors include the Alzheimer Society, the West Lambton Community Health Centre, Ontario's Community Health Centres, and St. Clair Township.

## Food grains project appreciation night

The Sixth Line Community Food Grains Project Appreciation Night is set for Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Samia Public Library Theatre (Christina Street at Wellington, second floor). Doors open at 6 p.m. with the Lambton Youth Choir starting the program at 6:15 p.m. During the program, volunteers will be recognized for their service and Canada Food Grains Bank (CFGB) officials will speak. Light refreshments will be available. This program is free and donations to the CFGB will be accepted. For more information, call 519-864-1161.

## Skating club to hold 40th anniversary celebration

The Moore Skating Club will host the Casino Night fundraiser to celebrate its 40th anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. The event is slated for the Mooretown Sports Complex. Tickets will be \$7

per person and will be available at the door. There will be games, food, raffles and a cash bar, and everyone is invited to attend.

## Valentine's Jamboree in Brigden

Impress your sweetheart or just treat yourself to an afternoon of music and dancing at the **Valentine's Jamboree** on Sunday, Feb. 10 beginning at 1 p.m. Musicians are always welcome to bring an instrument or vocalize during the jamboree. Admission to the jamboree is \$2 per person and a cash bar is available. A ham and scalloped potato meal is offered at 5 p.m. but there are limited tickets for the dinner and they are sold at the door, so come early. For more information, call Bill or Kathy Myers at 519-627-5065 or the fair office at 519-864-1197.

## Valentine's Day dinner offered

The congregation of LaSalle Road Community of Christ Church, corner of Brigden Road and LaSalle Line, will host a Valentine's Day dinner on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult with reservations or \$12 at the door. The cost for children ages five through 11 will be \$5. Proceeds from this event will help support youth camping. For reservations, call Kelly at 519-882-8741, Connie at 519-862-1714, or email: [k\\_knight@msn.com](mailto:k_knight@msn.com) or [connie.heath@hotmail.com](mailto:connie.heath@hotmail.com).

## Sunday Breakfasts at St. Joseph's Parish

St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna continues to host its popular Sunday breakfasts. The breakfasts are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 10; March 10; April 7; and May 5. The 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 ages six through 12, and free for children under six. Take-out orders are available from 8:30 a.m. Call 519-862-1213, ext. 28.

## Luncheon/card parties continue

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 Mondays: Feb. 11; March 4; March 25; April 22; and May 27. Everyone is welcome.

## Parish breakfasts in Port Lambton

A series of Sunday parish breakfasts are planned for Sacred Heart Parish in Port Lambton from 10 a.m. to noon on the following dates: Feb. 17; and April 28. The breakfasts include eggs made to order, bacon, ham, sausage, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee or tea. The cost is \$7 per adult, \$3.50 for children ages 12 and under, and free for children under the age of five. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Father Joseph P. Nelligan Council No. 10873.

## Indoor garage sale set for Courtright

The Courtright United Church will host the Courtright Community Indoor Garage Sale on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale will offer items such as household goods, books and crafts, and coffee and muffins will be sold. All are welcome. Anyone wishing to 'rent' a large table for this event can call 519-882-4236. An offering for the Youth Mission Trip 2014 will be appreciated.

## Jam sessions continue at Corunna Legion

A series of open jam sessions is currently being held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall at the intersection of Albert and Beckwith Streets. The sessions are slated for the last Saturday of each month beginning at 3 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 23; March 30; April 27; and May 25. Everyone is invited to attend and join in with an instrument or their voice, or just sit and listen to the great tunes. Food