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## Creative campers

Children who attended Camp Creations at the Mooretown Sports Complex during March Break had a lot of fun participating in activities like playing dress-up at the nearby Moore Museum. Dressed in vintage clothing, the kids had vintage photos taken which were used to create individually decorated portraits. Showing off their old-time finery here are: Jessica, left, Olivia, Amelia, Colin, and Tucker.

*Photo submitted*

## Rapids Family Health Team opens satellite office in St. Clair Township

St. Clair Township welcomes the new satellite location of the Rapids Family Health Team (RFHT) which is slated to start seeing patients on Tuesday, April 2. The new site at 233 Cameron Street in Corunna, will offer a full-time dietician, registered nurse educators, a registered social worker and laboratory services.

Mayor Steve Arnold believes the opening of the new facility is a big step forward in providing a broader range of health care services for the township. "We are excited that the Rapids Family Health Team is growing and that it has partnered with the municipality to establish this facility in a totally accessible site," he said. "Their programs, as well as the new blood letting station, will be available to everyone. It replaces the current station that is being shut down at the Lyndoch Street clinic and it is a much-needed asset for our community."

Mayor Arnold went on to thank the people involved in expediting the start-up process. "I would like to personally thank everyone that has worked so hard to bring this project together in such a short time frame," he said.

Corunna physician Dr. William O'Mahony said, "The doctors in the Corunna Medical Clinic welcome this addition and support the existence of these services in Corunna."

Family Health Teams are funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The goal of the health team, as stated in a recent media release, is to work with family physicians to provide residents with primary health care and education designed to help each person achieve their own optimal health.

Services are provided as one-on-one counselling and, where applicable, as group education sessions. Services offered include counselling and education regarding COPD (chronic

obstructive pulmonary disease), diabetes, weight loss, chronic pain, hypertension (high blood pressure), smoking cessation, depression, cognitive issues, and more.

The RFHT anticipates five full-time equivalent staff members and will offer services to all residents. A formal opening will be held later this year.

*The main site of the Rapids Family Health Team is located at 1155 Pontiac Drive with a satellite location at 481 London Road, both in Sarnia.*

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## Municipal Notes

Representatives from the Ministry of the Environment attended council on March 18 to report on progress being made at the Clean Harbors facility. MOE representative Mike Moroney said an MOE inspector is on-site almost every day and a second inspector is on duty after hours. The facility is currently undergoing a rigorous environmental assessment to address issues that have previously caused serious problems for residents who live in the area. Mr. Moroney pointed out work being done by the company has brought about a marked reduction in odor complaints.

Mayor Arnold acknowledged the positive changes that have been effected by improvements made at the facility, but stressed there must continue to be a constant MOE presence there to ensure that the improvements will continue. He noted that there must be tangible proof available to answer inquiries and questions residents may have.

### NOVA reports on Project 2020

Representatives from NOVA Chemical and consulting engineering firm, Stantec, attended council on March 4 to report on a new project slated for the Corunna site. The project, known as Project 2020, will see the completion of the Genesis pipeline later this year. This line will bring shale gas from the United States into the facility to be used in NOVA's manufacturing process.

NOVA is also considering a second phase to the project. This would involve the construction of a new processing facility at an esti-

## MOE reports on Clean Harbors progress

mated cost of \$1.5 billion. This phase of the project must receive the approval of the NOVA board by the third quarter of 2014 before it can continue and, if approved, it is estimated that construction would begin in the fourth quarter of 2017 with completion slated for 2018. NOVA has already started the permitting process for the work that has been

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## 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, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, April 15 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.**

## Mayor Arnold elected Chair of SCRCA

St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold was elected Chair of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) during its 2013 annual meeting on Feb. 21. Mayor Arnold is the township's representative on the SCRCA. Terry Burrell, representing the City of Sarnia, was elected Vice-Chair.

According to a media release, the board voted unanimously to accept the 2013 budget of \$5,724,666. In his role as board chair, Mayor Arnold said, "This budget represents a great deal of conservation work for our region...It includes environmental monitoring, grants for landowners to implement conservation projects, erosion protection along the St. Clair River, managing over 2,500 hectares of land, and much more." He added the SCRCA levy comprises about 11 per cent of the total budget, with the balance coming from self-generated revenue, government grants, and fundraised dollars.

Expressing satisfaction with the SCRCA's ability to address the needs of this area, Mayor Arnold said, "We are proud of our record of providing a cost-effective yet comprehensive conservation program for our region that continually meets the needs of our member municipalities and the region."

*- with thanks to Heather Wright for her input.*

## St. Clair Township 2013 Property Tax Due Dates

**The last of two 2013 Interim Tax due dates is May 1, 2013.**

**The Interim Tax notices were mailed out the first week of February, 2013.**

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 and/or Water payments may be utilized:

- ◇ Automatic bank machines
- ◇ Telephone and Internet payments through bank
- ◇ Payment at most financial institutions
- ◇ Post-dated cheques
- ◇ Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- ◇ Mail to or drop off at: 1155 Emily St., Mooretown, Ontario, N0N 1M0

**Preauthorized payment plans are also available and encouraged.**

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

## Household hazardous waste disposal dates set

Household hazardous waste items must be disposed of by dropping them off at Clean Harbors Canada Inc. located at 4090 Telfer Road just south of Petrolia Line on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: April 27; May 25; June 29; Sept. 28; Oct. 26. These items include: batteries, drain and oven cleaners, pesticides, rat poison, pharmaceuticals, cleaning fluids, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach, aerosols, gasoline, paints, barbecue starter, solvents, and propane cylinders.

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approved and it will be carried out beginning later this year.

In response to council's questions, the NOVA representative said NOVA's domestic water requirement would only be used for domestic purposes and no potable water would be used in the process.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Arnold pointed out that there could be legacy project opportunities available for NOVA to participate in. He then thanked the representatives for their presentation and wished them well acquiring the approvals for the project.

### Concern for Riverview school students continues

Councillor Randell reported on a proposal by the Lambton Kent District School Board to move Grade 7 and 8 students from Riverview Public School to the Wallaceburg District Secondary School. He has been attending meetings of the school board and says that there seems to be no plans to move the students at this time. However, council attendance at the school board meetings will continue and reports made to council about this issue of concern.

### Teen spearheads community garden effort

Adelaide Bicum, a 13-year-old Scout who is currently working on her Chief Scout designation, addressed council about the possibility of creating a community garden at the north end of Cathcart Park. The project, which requires the Scout to think globally and act locally, is a requirement for Adelaide to become a Chief Scout.

The garden will be comprised of several 16-foot by 4-foot raised wooden modules which Adelaide said could be easily removed if and when their use was no longer required.

The purpose of the garden is to reduce dependence on produce that must be trucked to stores from a great distance. Adelaide pointed out that cities all over Canada and around the world are building urban plots such as this to reduce truck traffic and the carbon emissions they produce. The cost of the gardens will be covered by the Bicum family and by donations, and Adelaide hopes campers in Cathcart Park will not only enjoy the produce grown there, but may enjoy working in the garden.

Council approved Adelaide's request and gave permission for her to begin building the garden before the park officially opens for the season so that the crops she plants will have the benefit of a full growing season.

### Appointment of heritage committee praised

Council received a letter of congratulations from Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Chan which cited the recent passing of a by-law appointing a municipal heritage committee.

Mr. Chan wrote, "This important step demonstrates the value your community places on conserving its heritage. Conserving heritage helps communities to remember and understand their past, and encourages a deeper sense of identity. This by-law will help protect invaluable heritage resources for the enjoyment of future generations of Ontarians."

Heritage St. Clair was officially acknowledged at the Jan. 7, 2013 meeting of St. Clair Township Council.

### Donation helps fund robotics program at St. Joseph Catholic School



A \$750 donation from TransAlta Generation Partnership to St. Joseph Catholic School in Corunna will be used towards the entrance fee for the *First LEGO League*. The league is a robotics program designed to get students excited about science and technology as they build, test and program a robot to solve a set of missions. Students involved will be able to compete in the 2013 challenge, *Nature's Fury*, where they will explore natural disasters and discover what can be done when these natural events negatively affect the places where people live, work and play. On hand for the cheque presentation, from the left, are: Gerry Cadotte, team coach and employee of TransAlta; Vice-principal Colleen Cogghe; and Principal Jean Mantha.

*Photo submitted*

### Homeowners, do you need a building or plumbing permit?

The County of Lambton Building Services Department issues permits for St. Clair Township. To view building permit information, go online to:

[www.lambtononline.com](http://www.lambtononline.com)

### 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.

# Community Contact

## ***New book documents Sombra farm stories***

The new *Sombra Township Farm Stories, Volume One*, will be available this spring and will be launched at the Sombra Museum. Plans for the book launch and sale will be published in the May Beacon.

## ***Brigden Fair Feeder Club seeks young members***

The Brigden Fair Feeder Club is looking for farm-related youth between the ages of 10 and 22 for hands-on experience in raising beef cattle. They would be responsible for the care, feeding, training, and housing of the animal. Members will show their animal on Monday, Oct. 14 at the fair and will participate in the livestock auction. Anyone interested can call the Brigden Fair office at 519-864-1197 or email: [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca), or call Dennis Robinson at 519-892-3316. Registration forms are available at the fair office. The deadline for registration is April 30.

## ***Brigden Fair advance prize lists now available***

Brigden Fair Homecraft Division advance prize lists are now available at the Brigden Fair office. If you're looking for a project to work on, now is the time to get the information you need to produce those award-worthy entries. Is there a red ribbon in your future?

## ***Quilt tickets now on sale***

Tickets for the annual quilt draw, sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division, are now on sale at a cost of \$2 per ticket or three for \$5. The draw for this beautiful, hand-made masterpiece will take place during the Brigden Fair on Thanksgiving weekend. Tickets are available through the Homecraft Division, the Brigden Fair office, or at the brunches, jamborees or fairground events held during the year. For more information, contact the Brigden Fair office at 519-864-1197.

## ***Brigden Public School anniversary planned***

Brigden Public School students and alumni are invited to participate in the school's 50th anniversary celebration slated for Nov. 23. Complete plans have not been finalized to date, but an open house will be part of the celebration and organizers are now seeking copies of photos and memorabilia relating to the school's past to be used as part of the events being planned. Copies of photos would be best, but if originals are submitted, they should have the contributor's name and contact info noted on the backs so they can be returned. Former students are encouraged to mark Nov. 23 on their calendars and to pass along the information to those who may have moved away from the area so that they can renew old friendships and share school day memories. As information becomes available, it will be published in *The Beacon*.

Organizers say the school's 25th anniversary celebration had an attendance of over 3,000 people and the dinner sold out very quickly. They are expecting numbers to be much larger for this half-century celebration.

## ***Lambton Heritage Museum to host SHINE exhibit***

The Lambton Heritage Museum will host *Shine: Spotlight On Women of Lambton*, from May 12 to Nov. 8 this year. The exhibit pays tribute to women who have played important roles in shaping their communities. Nominations are currently being taken to acknowledge women who deserve recognition for their accomplishments and contributions to their communities and nomination forms are available. The deadline for submissions is March 15. For more information, call 519-243-2600, go online to [www.lclmg.org](http://www.lclmg.org), or email: [heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca).

## ***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 slated for Friday, April 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place at 109 Durand Street in Sarnia. 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: [cinderellasarnialambton@live.ca](mailto:cinderellasarnialambton@live.ca) or call 519-864-1161. Girls who wish to register for the boutique can go online to: [www.cinderellasarnia.org](http://www.cinderellasarnia.org). The first 60 girls who register will each receive a gift bag.

**NOTE:** *Gently-used formal or semi-formal dresses can be dropped off all year long at the Sarnia 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 or the Canada Post office 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.

## **Remedy for golf fever discovered**

Golf fever is sweeping through the land. For the remedy, go online to the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course Website for opening day information at: [www.stclairparkwaygolf.ca](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.ca). All those who wish to book tee times or arrange event dates right now can call 519-867-2810.

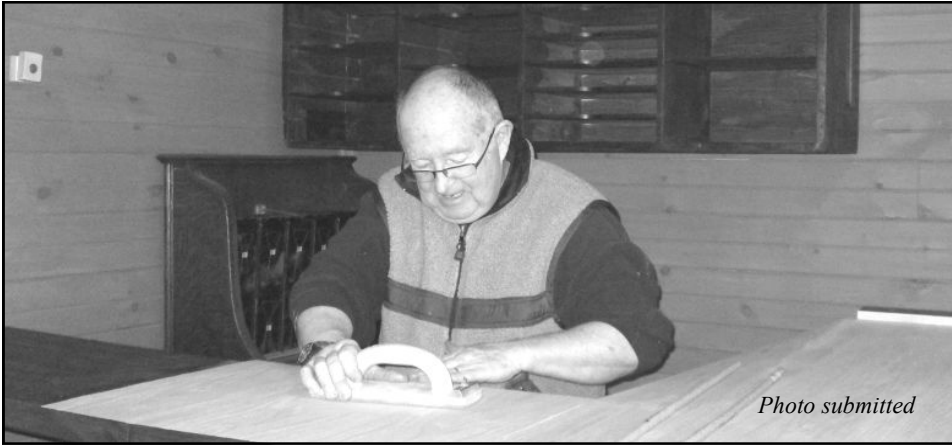




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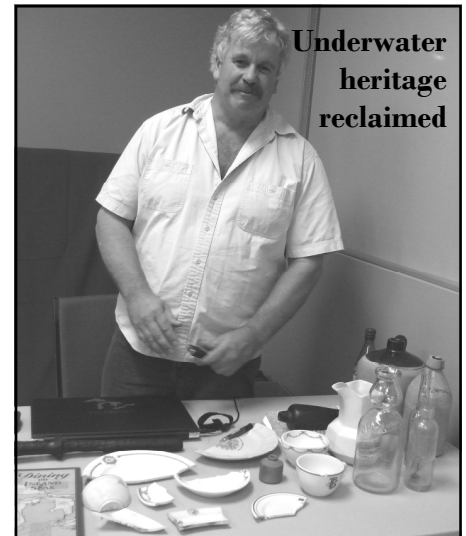


### Local museums still active during Winter months



*Photo submitted*

The Moore and Sombra Museums have been hives of activity even through the Winter months. Visitors to the Moore Museum this year will be able to explore the *new* old general store, which is currently receiving the final details it will need to wow museum guests. The store has been meticulously crafted in the style of the stores that used to be the hub of activity for many local towns and villages, and it will be furnished with many authentic artifacts from those stores. **Above: Moore Museum volunteer Dan Hayward puts the finishing touches on the general store's postal counter.** See *Around The Township*, page 7, for information about the grand opening event in June.



**Underwater  
heritage  
reclaimed**

Scuba diver Tim Moran spoke to a group of about 30 people about his experiences exploring beneath the waves of the St. Clair River during the February Sombra Museum lecture series. He is shown here with some of the artifacts he has brought to the surface from various shipwrecks during his dives. *Photo submitted*

### Community donations keep the Ploughman's Farmyard a kid-tastic part of the Brigden Fair

The Ploughman's Farmyard at the Brigden Fair is always buzzing with enjoyable and educational kid-tastic activities, which include the intriguing *Equimania* display. This display uses interactive and static displays to teach children about horses, and it's always a popular part of the Farmyard. But to keep it going, funds are needed and the community has been generous in its support. The Shell Community Fund is one of the generous community donors who keep *Equimania* in the Ploughman's Farmyard.

*Left:* Percy Metcalf, representing the Shell Community Fund, presents a \$1,000 cheque to Kathy Myers at the *Ploughman's Farmyard* during the 2012 Brigden Fair. The donation will be used to help support the *Equimania* Farm Safety presentation. The Ploughman's Farmyard and Activity Centre also appreciates the support of Armstrong Construction, Cornish Construction, Lanxess, and the Optimist Club of Sombra Township.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating to this worthwhile project is invited to contact Ploughman's Farmyard Committee Chair Kathy Myers at [kathy.myers@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:kathy.myers@brigdenfair.ca).



### Annual meeting set for Wilkesport Community Centre

The annual meeting of the Wilkesport Community Centre will be held on Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the centre. The purpose of the meeting is three-fold: to receive financial statements for the past year; to elect directors for a two year term; and to discuss other business of concern to the community centre.

Public attendance and support is encouraged so that the community centre can remain strong and viable in the years to come. Anyone who cannot attend the meeting but would like further information can call 519-864-4221.

# Spring into summer at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Spring is here and, if you've been cooped up indoors all winter, a few extra pounds may be threatening your ability to fit into all of those light summer clothes you rocked last year. Get ready to strut your stuff this summer by taking advantage of the many fitness opportunities available right now at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

## **Spring 2013 swim lesson session**

Registrations are now being accepted for the Spring 2013 swim lesson session. Learn to swim or develop the swimming skills you already have. The session begins the week of April 8.

## **New for this season - yoga!**

Improve your flexibility, circulation and your general outlook on life by enjoying yoga classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$60 for a six-week session.

## **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.

## **Adult swim lessons**

It's never too late to learn how 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 offers many options**

Treat your body to 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.

## **Are you organizing arena floor activities?**

Anyone interested in starting a children's, men's or women's ball hockey, inline hockey or lacrosse league should call the Mooretown Sports Complex. Names are now being taken so that league organization can begin. Call the complex at the number listed below for more information and available floor times.

## **Summer ice not available**

The Mooretown Sports Complex **will not** offer summer ice this year.

## **Shinny hockey season ends**

The shinny hockey season has come to an end. This activity, open to people age 18 and over, ended for the season on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, April 3.

## **Moore Skate Club carnival**



The Moore Skate Club will host its annual skate carnival on Saturday, April 13 with shows planned for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Come out and support this talented group of skaters. Check [www.moore skate club.ca](http://www.moore skate club.ca) for more information.

## **For more information,**

**call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.**

## Still More Around The Township

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special activities and refreshments. *Watch The Beacon for details of this long-anticipated event.*

## **Brigden Public School 50th Anniversary Celebration**

2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the Brigden Public School and a celebration is planned for Nov. 23. **See Community Contact, page 4, for more information.**

## **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.

## **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.

**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)**

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## More Around The Township

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port of the *Med Outreach Program*. Money raised will help support the team of University of Western Ontario medical students, including doctors, nurses and dentists, who travel to Tanzania to provide medical care for suffering people there. The first event is set for Saturday, April 20, when a garage sale will be held at the church on Hill Street. Items for the sale will be gratefully accepted. The second event on Sunday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. will be a ham dinner featuring homemade pies, with a silent auction. After dinner, entertainment will be provided by Pedro and Olga Quintina at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Quintina is a gifted pianist who is also the Director of Music at Strathroy United Church. The cost for dinner and entertainment will be \$20 per person, advanced tickets only. Admission for the entertainment only will be \$10 at the door. For tickets, please contact Brenda Lucas at 519-344-8626.

### Talent Show and Art Display in Wilkesport

The Wilkesport and Port Lambton United Churches will sponsor a Talent Show and Art Display on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Wilkesport Community Centre. Refreshments and fun for the whole family will be featured as local visual and performing talent is featured. Admission is \$5 per adult at the door with no charge for students and children. For more information or tickets, call Bob at 519-627-8287, Barb at 519-892-3958, or Marilyn at 519-627-3793.

### LEO offers 55 *Alive* driver refresher course

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) will offer the 55 *Alive* driver refresher course beginning in mid-April, with the firm date and location within Lambton County to be announced. The cost will be \$30 per person and will include a workbook. Registration is required and adults 55 and over are encouraged to refresh their driving skills by attending. For more information or to register, call Kyrah at 519-845-1353.

### Parish breakfast in Port Lambton

Sacred Heart Parish in Port Lambton will hold a parish breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon on April 28. The breakfast includes 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.

### Neat family activity at *Messy Church* event

Families are invited to attend the *Messy Church* event happening at the Brigden United Church on Tuesday, April 30 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This neat family activity will feature crafts, a Bible story, and a meal. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Sandra or Christina at 519-864-1747.

### Craft Morning in Courtright

The Optimist Club of Moore will present Craft Morning fun for children ages four through 13, with parents welcome to participate. Be at the Courtright Community Centre on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to enjoy making age-appropriate Mother's Day crafts and eating tasty snacks. For more information or to register, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950 before May 1. *Attention high school students: This is a perfect opportunity for you to get volunteer hours.* For a better look at all of

the great things the Moore Optimists are up to, go online to [www.mooreoptimist.ca](http://www.mooreoptimist.ca).

### Community Shred Day

The annual Community Shred Day will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the St. Clair Township OPP office, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. Everyone is invited to bring all unnecessary personal confidential material to have it shredded. A SHRED-IT mobile truck will handle the shredding of your documents free of charge. Personnel will also be on-site to offer tips on how to protect yourself against identity theft. Prevent fraud and identity theft by disposing of your confidential documents the safe way - shred them.

### Spring means fun at Moore Museum

It's time for some old-fashioned fun at the Moore Museum. Don't miss the 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, make plans to attend the always popular Downriver Craft Sale on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where you will find over 50 tables boasting unique hand-crafted items, as well as a food booth where you can fuel up and refresh for hours of shopping enjoyment. Admission is \$2 per adult and free for children under age 13 when accompanied by an adult.

### Tri-County Horse Club shows in Brigden

The Tri-County Horse Club (formerly the Tri-County Appaloosa Club) will host a series of horse shows at the Brigden fairgrounds throughout the summer on the following dates: Sunday, May 13; Sunday, June 16; Sunday, July 14; Sunday, Aug. 11; and Sunday, Sept. 8. The club is open to all types of horses with a variety of classes for gaming, pleasure, and showmanship, as well as miniature horses. For more information, to volunteer with the club, or to become a sponsor, call President Cheryl Weese at 519-864-1373 or Secretary Kathy Myers at 519-627-5065.

### Corunna Arts and Crafts sale

The annual St. Clair Arts and Crafts show is slated for the Corunna Athletic Park on Hill Street on Sunday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Moore Flags Community Group is organizing this fundraiser to help support local sports organizations. Interested vendors are now being registered. Get more information or reserve your spot today by calling Bob Barnes at 519-867-2136 or emailing: [barnesrd@sympatico.ca](mailto:barnesrd@sympatico.ca). Craft vendor forms and further information are also available at [www.stclairartsandcrafts.com](http://www.stclairartsandcrafts.com).

### Moore Museum plans grand opening for two new exhibits

Excitement is building as the staff and volunteers at the Moore Museum prepare for the grand opening of two new exhibits this summer. The general store and the Lionel model train room will both make their public debut on Sunday, June 23 with

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# Around The Township

## Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge to host events

Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge of Bridgen will host a luncheon and card party on Tuesday, April 2 beginning at noon in the Bridgen Optimist Hall.

## 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: April 5, 12, 19 and 26. All are welcome.

## Women's Day Out in Courtright

An uplifting day of information and exotic shopping will be held when the *Women's Day Out* event comes to Courtright United Church on Saturday, April 6 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rev. Jill Rogers will moderate this enjoyable afternoon, which will feature guest speaker Liz Watson from Canadians in Support of Afghan Women (CSAW), a volunteer Canadian women's group committed to making women's rights and protection a priority in Afghanistan. There will also be an opportunity to shop for unique items offered by Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit trade organization that creates opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn an income. Healthy snacks and refreshments will be served, there will be a raffle and door prizes, and information booths featuring women's health issues will be on-site. For more information or tickets, call 519-867-3165.

## Banquet and auction set for Bridgen

The Lambton Upland Game Bird Chapter will hold its 3rd Annual National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet and Auction on Saturday, April 6 at the Bridgen fairgrounds exhibition hall, 2976 Bridgen Road. The event will feature a roast beef and chicken dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and admission is by advance tickets only. For more information, call 519-864-1465 or go online to: [lambtonuplandgamebird@ebtech.net](mailto:lambtonuplandgamebird@ebtech.net).

## 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 April 7 and May 5. They 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 luncheon and card party afternoon at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna at noon on Monday, April 8 and Monday, May 13. Everyone is welcome. Luncheons will then be discontinued through the summer, but will resume on Monday, Sept. 9.

## 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.

## 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 next class is slated for the Port Lambton Community Hall, Stoddard Street in Port Lambton, on Saturday, 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).

## Chili Cook-Off in Port Lambton

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township will host a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at the Community Hall in Port Lambton. Cooks who wish to register their chili entries free of charge can call Johanne at 519-677-5176. Chili lovers who wish to feast on this delicious fare can enjoy the all-you-can-eat event for just \$5. Proceeds will be donated to the Bravery Bead Program at London's Sick Children's Hospital. Prizes, games and fun everyone will be featured.

## Dance set for Wilkesport hall

A dance featuring the band, *The Mammals*, will be held at the Wilkesport Community Centre on Saturday, April 13 beginning at 8 p.m. I.D. is required for this event and attendees must be over age 19. The dance will include a late lunch and door prizes, and all proceeds will help fund the new spray and sport pad.

## Spring Country Jamboree in Bridgen

Celebrate the coming of spring at the Bridgen fairgrounds exhibition hall when the Spring Country Jamboree takes to the stage on Sunday, April 14. The fun begins at 1 p.m., admission is just \$2 per person, and a cash bar will be available. And if you work up an appetite, a ham and scalloped potato meal will be offered starting at 5 p.m. Limited tickets for the meal will be sold at the door, so get there early. Whether you want to sing, play an instrument or just listen to the music, the jamboree promises to be the right way to say farewell to Old Man Winter. For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or go online to: [www.bridgenfair.ca](http://www.bridgenfair.ca).

## Bluewater Sharks weekend

## hockey tournament planned

The Bluewater Sharks Adult Recreational Weekend Hockey Tournament is slated for April 19-21 at the RBC Centre in Sarnia. The tournament has two recreational men's divisions - men ages 19 and over, and men ages 35 and over - plus a women's 18 and over division. For more information contact Ed Marcy at 519-344-8624 (email [emarcy@sympatico.ca](mailto:emarcy@sympatico.ca)) or Lance Marcy at 519-344-2205 (email [lmarcy@cogeco.ca](mailto:lmarcy@cogeco.ca)). Applications are available online at: [www.bluewatersharkshockey.com](http://www.bluewatersharkshockey.com).

## Annual beef dinner in Bridgen

The congregation of Bridgen United Church will host its annual beef dinner on Sunday, April 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission will be by advance tickets only at a cost of \$15 per adult, \$5 per child under age 12, and free for children under age five. For tickets, call Marie at 519-864-1747.

## 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 the month beginning at 3 p.m. on April 27 and May 25. Everyone is invited to attend and join in with an instrument or their voice, or just listen to the great tunes. Food is available during these events. For timely information from the Corunna Legion, go online to: [www.corunna.ca/legion/](http://www.corunna.ca/legion/).

## Med Outreach fundraisers planned

The Corunna United Church will host two fundraisers in sup-

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