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Bullies beware the awesome power of pink



Photo submitted

The students at Mooretown-Courtright Public School are fed up with bullying and they aren't going to tolerate it any more. They made their point recently by celebrating the Day of Pink, a concept introduced to the Grade 7/8 class by teacher Shelley Swan.

Ms. Swan had her students work on art projects to show the rest of the school what the Day of Pink represents. The projects took a number of forms, including posters, announcements, slide shows, a skit, a banner, a dance, a song and a rap, engaging the whole school in a united campaign against bullying. Most of the students, shown here in a

group photo with their teachers, wore pink and a *Bullying Stops Here* badge to show their support.

Ms. Swan noted that April 10 marked the International Day of Pink, a time when communities across Canada and around the world can unite to celebrate diversity and raise awareness to stop all forms of bullying. This day got its start in Nova Scotia when two high school students saw a student wearing a pink shirt being bullied. The two students not only intervened, but they decided to buy pink shirts and a few days later, they got everyone at the school to arrive wearing pink shirts. The message

they wished to convey was this: anyone can bully and anyone can be victimized by bullying but together, we can stop it. Each year on the second Wednesday of April, millions of people wear pink to remember that positive actions make a difference. Change begins with each one of us.

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Municipal Notes

St. Clair Township council has opted to become a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, a coalition of mayors and other local officials advocating for the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The organization, founded in 2003, currently includes 71 member cities in Canada and the United States that demonstrate stewardship and a responsibility at the local level to enhance and sustain the lakes and rivers.

Mayor Arnold said membership was a good way “to ensure the interests of the township are being served” since the St. Clair River is such an integral part of the municipality’s environment.

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River comprise the world’s largest freshwater resource and are considered an international treasure, essential to the continued vitality of the cities, townships, villages and counties along their shores. This waterway supports critical aquatic and costal ecosystems, provides fresh drinking water for millions of people, allow the development of valuable tourism opportunities, and supports agricultural and industrial activities. The coalition gives mayors an active voice in the development and implementation of policies and programs that impact these waterways, plus a network for restoration and protection best practices sharing between cities.

Veterans honoured with street name

An initiative is currently underway to honour veterans who fought and often made the supreme sacrifice in defence of their country. A local request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 in Corunna has been submitted to council, asking that Hill Street between Highway 40 and Lyndoch Street be recognized as Veterans’ Way. The letter pointed out that the Town of Petrolia has already received permission from the county to have Petrolia Line from the town to Highway 40 recognized in this way.

Since Hill Street and Petrolia Line are county roads, the county must be consulted on this matter. St. Clair Township council has endorsed the Legion’s letter and forwarded it to the County of Lambton for consideration.

In the Legion’s letter, the road’s designation as Veterans’ Way “would help perpetuate remembrance and foster a continued reminder that ‘We Will Remember Them’.”

Power line upgrade of concern

Council expressed concern over information submitted by Hydro One regarding the upgrade of Hydro One’s Lambton Generating Station to Longwood Transmission Station. Seventy kilometres of high voltage transmission line will be replaced during this upgrade. The power line runs overhead through Brigden very close to Brigden Public School and council is concerned about the safety and noise issues that will need to be addressed during the upgrade process.

Moore Community & Recreational Foundation (MCRF) -Application deadline

The deadline for Moore Community & Recreational Foundation financial assistance is May 31, 2013. For detailed information about the foundation along with the grant request form, visit the St. Clair Township Website at: www.twp.stclair.on.ca

Anyone who requires further information should contact St. Clair Township Treasurer Charles Quenneville or Mayor Steve Arnold at 519-867-2021 or 1-800-809-0301.

Council approves membership in waterways protection initiative

For more information about this project, go online to: www.HydroOne.com/Projects/Lambton.

Proposal to remove Grade 7/8 students causes concern

Parents and other concerned residents of the Port Lambton/Sombra area fear the relocation of Grade 7/8 students from Riverview Public School to the Wallaceburg District Secondary School will have far reaching negative repercussions on the school and local families. On behalf of council, St. Clair Township Councillor Darrell Randell has been monitoring the situation since it began. He says the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) recommendation to include Riverview in the Wallaceburg group of schools is “flawed.” Riverview is considered a feeder school for the Wallaceburg high school even though many of the Riverview students end up attending other high schools instead.

Councillor Randell said, “I hope the board will not accept that part of the recommendation.” He says relocating the Riverview students to Wallaceburg will be expensive and present a hardship for many of the affected families, and he expressed hope that everyone concerned about this proposed move will let the board know how they feel. The board is due to vote on this matter at its June 11 meeting, but there are still two meetings left at which concerned residents voice their opinions of the proposal.

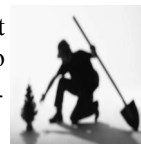
Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held the first and third Mondays of each month. The next meetings are slated for Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. and, due to the holiday, Tuesday, May 21 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.

Call before you dig this summer

Be sure you know what lies beneath the soil before you stick a shovel in the ground. Any time you are planning to dig anywhere in your yard, be sure the first thing on your “to do” list is a call to have all utility and service lines buried beneath your property located. This is a simple thing to do.

Just call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 at least one week in advance of your work and you’ll be able to avoid making a costly and perhaps dangerous mistake. For more information go to: www.on1call.com



Household hazardous waste disposal dates

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.: 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.

Community Contact

Decoration Day at Bear Creek Cemetery

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 635 Decoration Day will be held Sunday, June 16 at 11 a.m. at the Bear Creek Cemetery. After the Act of Remembrance service, flags will be placed on the resting places of Canadian and Commonwealth Veterans. Flags will also be given to family members to place. Everyone is welcome to attend to "Remember Them."

New book documents Sombra farm stories

The new *Sombra Township Farm Stories, Volume One*, will be available for sale at the Sombra Museum and will be launched there this spring. See Heritage Corner, page 6, for museum contact information.

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, 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 de-

serve 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, or email: heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca.

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.

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.

MAS wins Award of Excellence



The Moore Agricultural Society (MAS), the organization behind the annual Brigden Fair, was named winner of the 2012 Ontario Agri-Urban Food Education Inc. Award of Excellence in Agricultural and Food Education during the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention in February. Above: A delegation from the fair board attended the convention, with Mona May Thompson, right, chairperson of the Agriculture In The Classroom program, accepting the award on behalf of the MAS from Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. Outreach Coordinator Katelyn Larmer.

Photo submitted

Optimist Club of Moore helps fund beneficial youth programs



Left: The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) received a cheque for \$500 from the Moore Optimists to help fund its Kids' Circle program, which assists youth who are dealing with a tragic family loss. VON representatives Bobbi and Laurie, left and right of photo, received the cheque from Vice-chair Tracy Kingston during the Moore Optimist dinner meeting on March 11.



Right: The Lambton Children's Safety Village, slated for construction in Mooretown, received a welcome donation from Optimist Club of Moore Vice-Chair Tracy Kingston when she presented the final \$5,000 installment of the \$15,000 donation the club had pledged. Receiving the donation is Kurt Nieuwenhuis, who represented the Safety Village. The purpose of the village is to teach children all aspects of safety, from riding a bicycle safely and to negotiating the often treacherous Internet.

Lambton Creative County Fund supports 12 projects

A project being undertaken by the Moore Museum is one of the 12 projects chosen to receive funding from the County of Lambton's Creative County Fund. The museum will receive \$1,500 toward the development of a railway history exhibit room.

A total of \$36,500 in funding was awarded to projects which included: \$2,000 to the Lambton County Food Coalition to support the 30-day Local Food Challenge; \$10,000 to One Tomato, a farm-to-classroom program which teaches Grade 7 students about healthy eating and local foods through hands-on cooking sessions and *Meet The Farmer* days; and \$1,250 to the Bluewater Chamber Choir for its workshop entitled *Healthy Singing For all Ages*.

The 12 projects were chosen from the 30 applications that were received. For more information about the Creative County Committee, go online to www.lambtononline.ca.

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

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.

Keep community beautiful by doing outdoor spring cleaning



A community care message from The Beacon.

When you're working around the house taking care of your spring cleaning chores, take a look out the window and notice the negative changes Winter has made to your neighbourhood. Chances are you'll see debris left by the brisk Winter winds, litter thrown down by thoughtless passers-by or, if you live along the St. Clair River, wood and garbage that has been left high and dry along the shoreline by the low water levels.

This spring, or any time at all, if you aren't pleased with the view you see from your window, please take a few minutes to take your spring cleaning outside and help undo what Winter has done.

Great things happen when the community cares.



HERITAGE CORNER



Sombra Museum speaker relates the incredible facts surrounding the Storm of 1913

Painter James Clary was a wealth of information on how a perfect storm can devastate ships and tear apart families long before the movie, *The Perfect Storm*, and the events that inspired it ever happened.

Mr. Clary spoke to an enthusiastic audience when he presented *The Storm of 1913*, one of the six fall and winter lectures presented by the Sombra Museum this season. He noted it was the most destructive storm to grip the Great Lakes since the beginning of commercial shipping. It began on Nov. 7, 1913 and raged for four days.

He says the greatest force of the storm was felt on Lake Huron, where eight freighters were lost with no survivors and over a dozen vessels were blown ashore. The blinding snowstorm and gigantic waves whipped up by 70 mile-an-hour winds assaulted every ship on the Great Lakes, damaging vessels and forcing them to seek safety.

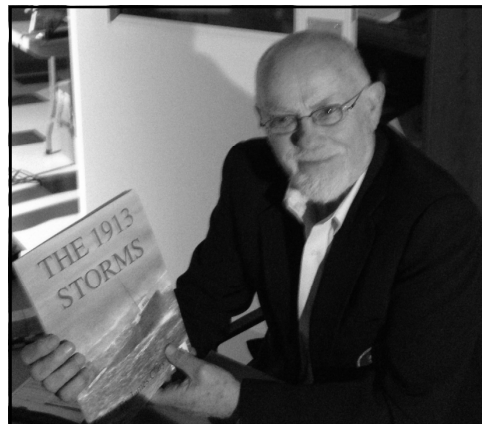
The Sombra Museum's exhibition on the *Storm of 1913*, currently being displayed in the Sydenham/St. Clair Room, draws the visitor into that desperate time through the use of newspaper front pages and news reports of the storm. Unlike today, when we experience immediate news coverage, the news of the disaster was slow to reach the eyes and ears of a concerned public. Sombra Museum Curator Shelley Lucier notes, "It must have been unbelievably agonizing for family and loved ones as they waited for what must have

seemed an eternity to learn the fate of the ships and their crews."

The display also demonstrates the effect of the storm within our own community. A number of prints by James Clary are also on display to illustrate the fury, the violence and the horror inspired by the storm of 1913, as well as the valiant effort of ships as they fought for their survival against the fury of the storm.

The Sombra Museum opens for the 2013 season on Victoria Day Weekend from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in June, July and August.

The Storm of 1913 display will be on exhibit all season.



Painter James Clary

Moore Museum volunteers receive service awards



Seven Moore Museum volunteers were recently honoured with Volunteer Service Awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship. From left: 15 year recipients Arnold Pole and Joyce Brock; 20 year recipients Bob and Marilyn Johnson; and youth recipient Lisa Ritchie. Offering his congratulations is Moore Museum Advisory Committee Chairperson James Townsend. Missing from the photo are: 10 year recipient Gary Smith and 5 year recipient Bruce Strangway. Moore Museum is pleased to recognize its volunteers for their long-term dedication as they contribute their skills and their time to the museum's projects and programs.

Photo submitted

Heritage St. Clair considers projects

Heritage St. Clair is considering the following projects for 2013: Thornyhurst School, French Line and Hwy. 40; Waddell House, Port Lambton; Babys Point; the site of Maude Menten's home in Brander Park; a story based on the time when the township was discovered.

The committee meets every third Wednesday of the month alternating between Sombra and Moore Museums.

St. Clair River Run and Running clinic

The 4th annual St. Clair River Run is slated for Saturday, July 20 this year. Categories available to participate in include the 10K run, 5K run, 5K walk, and Minnow Run for the kids ages four through seven. The run will follow the St. Clair River through Sombra and Port Lambton in support of the St. Clair River Trail. Runners will enjoy a certified course, chip timing, a paved trail, scenic river views and breezes.



To prepare for this event, a Learn To Run clinic is being offered in Port Lambton at Brander Park beginning on Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m. and extending through May, June and July. The program will be facilitated by local community members with running club and training experience. Participants goals include participation in the St. Clair River Run on July 20. In addition to a running club, the clinic will offer seminars on topics such as nutrition, injury prevention, running form, and equipment. To find out more or to register for this program, go online to www.StClairRiverRun.ca.

Put some Spring in your step at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Don't let those pounds you collected during the Winter ruin your fabulous summer. Get ready to strut your stuff in the warm sunshine by taking advantage of the many fitness opportunities available right now at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

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.

For more information,
call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Hawthorne's now open at St. Clair Parkway Golf

Sharpen up your taste buds and get ready to enjoy the tasty fare offered at the newly-updated *Hawthorne's*, located in the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course club house. The eatery is slated to open on May 1.

The new menu includes gourmet sandwiches and fresh house-made burgers along with daily and nightly features that are sure to satisfy everyone in the family. Is breakfast more to your liking? Rise and shine as you enjoy breakfast at *Hawthorne's*, as well as brunch on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The restaurant is fully licensed and offers a patio that wraps around the entire restaurant, providing a stunning view of the 18th green. It's a perfect place to enjoy a cool drink on a hot summer's afternoon.

Enjoy the perfect summer dining experience at *Hawthorne's*. Don't miss the grand opening weekend, May 3-5. For reservations, call 519-867-2810.



Rapids Family Health Team offers free health sessions

The Rapids Family Health Team clinic, located at 233 Cameron Street in Corunna, will offer several free health sessions in May. These sessions are open to anyone living in St. Clair Township and registration is required. Space is limited. Those who cannot be accommodated during these sessions will be put on a list to attend future sessions.

Healthy Weights by Healthy Means is a program aimed at helping those with weight concerns to make positive, permanent lifestyle changes. This program, which is led by a registered dietitian, does not constitute a diet. It includes topics such as: what amounts and types of carbohydrates, protein and fats, and physical activities are beneficial; emotional eating strategies; sensible portions and portion control strategies, and more. The group will work on weekly action plans and problem-solving exercises to facilitate healthy eating and physical activities goals. Each participant will receive a copy of a healthy weight manual to keep. This program of five two-hour sessions will begin Wednesday, May 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Living with Diabetes is a two-hour session providing a general overview of diabetes. It will include a discussion about the most common myths about diabetes, what "good control" is,

and some things you can do to manage diabetes. The session, led by a diabetes educator, will be held Tuesday, May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Diabetes Healthy Eating and Physical Activity is a two-hour session for people who have already attended the *Living with Diabetes* class or who have had past education on the basics of diabetes and want more information on diet. The discussion will include the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your activity level. This session will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Master Your Health is a six-session living well program that will help those who have a chronic condition or those who are caring for a loved one with a chronic condition such as diabetes, arthritis, chronic pain, heart disease, COPD (lung disease), stroke, kidney disease, etc. Each participant will receive a copy of the book *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions*. The program will be led by a registered dietitian and a social worker. The sessions will be held beginning May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information or to register,
call 519-813-9800.

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forms and further information are also available at www.stclairartsandcrafts.com.

LSA annual general meeting open to public

The Lambton Seniors Association annual general meeting is set for Wednesday, May 29 at 10 a.m. at the Chris Dawson Centre, second floor, 420 East St. N. in Sarnia. This meeting is open to the public and the topic will be wills, powers of attorney, and estate planning. Barrister D'Arcy Bell will be the guest speaker.

Mooretown Flags host annual golf tournament

The Mooretown Flags will hold their 15th annual golf tournament at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Saturday, June 1. The four-man scramble will feature a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 per person with lower rates for Parkway golf course members. Single players and hole sponsors are welcome. Contact Doug at 519-862-2173 (email: djmelts@hotmail.com) or Ken at 519-862-5365.

Firefighters Field Day set

The 35th annual Firefighters Field Day in Corunna is set for June 7, 8 and 9. The event includes a Saturday parade, children's activities, a two-pitch tournament at CAP park on Hill Street, fire demonstrations, a beer tent and a dance.

Wilkesport 8th annual jamboree slated

The Wilkesport 8th annual Jamboree, Tractor and Classic Car Show will be held at the Wilkesport Community Centre on Saturday, June 18 beginning at 7 a.m. The firemen's breakfast will kick things off from 8 a.m. until noon and there will be dash plaques, door prizes, trophies and awards. The event will feature the vintage tractor and classic car parade, a 50/50 draw, town yard sale and bake sale, and a Saturday night dance featuring the Unity Band. This jamboree is sponsored by the Wilkesport Community Centre and the Optimist Club of Brigden. For more information, call Ken at 519-704-1454 or Jim at 519-627-8637, or go online to: www.wilkesportjamboree.com.

Brigden Public School

LSA 24th annual picnic

The Lambton Seniors Association will host its 24th annual picnic on Wednesday, June 19 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Lions Pavilion, Petrolia fairgrounds. The cost is \$3 per person.

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 special activities and refreshments.

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 3, 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, Wednes-

days 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

Teams sought for Big Bike fundraiser

That big red mega bike is on its way to Corunna and teams of 29 are being sought to ride it to fundraising glory. The annual Big Bike ride to raise



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money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be in Corunna on Tuesday, May 21 and teams are being sought to ride it. This annual event, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Canada, invites volunteer riders from local businesses and organizations to *Take a Seat to Extend a Life*.

Samia-Lambton Program Coordinator Mary Jane Samela says, "Events like Big Bike allow the Foundation to continue funding world-class heart disease and stroke research, advocacy, and health promotion that is improving the lives of all Canadians." Last year, the Big Bike ride in Samia-Lambton alone raised over \$120,000 and these funds have helped place 24 life-saving Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in public spaces throughout Sarnia and Lambton County. There are now 65 AEDs placed throughout Samia and Lambton County.

To see what the Big Bike looks like, visit the Foundation Website at www.bigbike.ca. And to register a team for the ride, please call Mary Jane Samela at 519-332-1415.

Around The Township

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.

Craft sale planned

A craft sale is planned for Lambton Meadowview Villa on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor space is available for a reservation fee of \$20. Call Debra at 519-882-1470, ext. 5089 to reserve.

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.

Sunday breakfast at St. Joseph's Parish

St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna will host the final Sunday breakfast of the season on May 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

Support kids at family fundraiser

The *Walk So Kids Can Talk* fundraiser is slated for Centennial Park on Sunday, May 5. This fun family event is in support of the *Kids Help Phone*, which provides caring, accessible, confidential support for all children who are hurting. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. rain or shine. For more information, go online to: walksokidscantalk.ca.

14th annual LSA Seniors Info Fair

The 14th annual Lambton Seniors Association *Seniors Information Fair* is slated for Tuesday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Point Edward Arena, 210 Monk Street in Point Edward. Admission is free. The fair is packed with informational booths that cover subjects from health for older adults to vacation and leisure pursuits to government and emergency services.

Mother's Day brunch in Brigden

Treat Mom to a scrumptious Sunday brunch this Mother's Day. Take her to the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to share time with the family while everyone enjoys pancakes, eggs, hashbrowns, scalloped potatoes, bacon, ham, sausages, toast, beverages and muffins. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages six to 10, and free

for children age five and under. For more information, call the Brigden fair office at 519-864-1197.

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.

Women's health evening in Mooretown

A women's health evening entitled *Self-Care for Today's Woman* will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Emily Street in Mooretown. Guest speakers will include: nurse practitioner Cheryl DeGroot discussing topics such as shingles vaccination; Marion Clouse speaking about *Physical Activity - Why Do I Need It?*; and fitness and health coach Amy Dinell demonstrating the fitness dance sensation, Zumba. The evening, sponsored by the West Lambton Community Health Centre and St. Clair Township, will include door prizes and a free workshop. To register, call 519-867-2651 or 519-344-3017, ext. 237.

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.

Jam session at Corunna Legion

The final jam session of the season will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Saturday, May 25 beginning at 3 p.m. 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/.

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. Craft vendor