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Shell Health Centre provides new location for Rapids FHT

A large crowd of visitors turned out at the new Shell Health Centre facility at 233 Cameron Street on June 4 to take in the official opening of the Rapids Family Health Team's new Corunna location.

The occasion was marked by a barbecue and representatives from all stakeholders, including the Township of St. Clair, were on hand to chat with visitors and answer any questions they might have concerning the facility's use.

The centre houses a new blood-letting office, which is available to all residents. Mayor Steve Arnold notes that, for the past 10 years, only people served by the town's doctors could have blood drawn at the local office, and that the new office will be a great benefit to everyone.

He explained that the need for a facility like the new Shell Health Centre was identified years ago, but no immediate solution was available. However, Shell Canada's involvement changed that. "Shell has been super generous to us," he said, commending Michele Harradence, General Manager of the Shell Corunna site, for her hard work and advocacy toward the creation of the centre. He also commended municipal staff and council for their support throughout the development process.

Ms. Harradence said the process leading up to the creation of the health centre began with Shell's request that the township submit



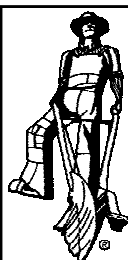
The official ribbon-cutting ceremony included Rapids Family Health Team Board Chair Wayne Carpani, left; Shell Corunna General Manager Michele Harradence; and St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.
Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

a list of benefits for the community. "The next day, Steve presented us with 10 pages of benefits," she said. She told visitors on hand for the ribbon-cutting that Shell donates about a half-million dollars throughout the county each year, with a quarter-million alone going to the local United-Way.

The Rapids FHT not only oversees the blood-letting office, it also offers

access to health care professionals including a registered dietician and a social worker. Counselling and education on issues such as diabetes, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), weight loss, chronic pain, hypertension (high blood pressure), smoking cessation, stress, depression, cognitive issues and much more.

See page 5 to meet the staff of the new Shell Health Centre.



Who will be the 2013-14 Brigden Fair Ambassador?

That question will be answered at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Wednesday, Aug. 14 beginning at 7 p.m. when the annual Fair Ambassador Contest is held. Contestants must be age 18-23 as of Aug. 1. Contact the fair office at 519-864-1197 for more information. A pre-contest meet-and-greet for all contestants is slated for Tuesday, July 30 at 7 p.m.

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Municipal Notes



Hydrant flushing underway

St. Clair Township residents should be advised that the Public Works Department is now doing annual flushing of all fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The flushing, which will continue through the fall, may cause discolouration when residents use taps, flush toilets, do laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into the residence. It is recommended that the cold water tap be allowed to run for a few minutes or until discolouration disappears. If discolouration continues after 10 to 15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

St. Clair Township Operations



Sewer main flushing underway

The St. Clair Township Public Works Department will be flushing all sewer mains connected to the township sewer system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. well into the autumn months. During this maintenance procedure, residents may notice some gurgling noise in the drains. If this condition persists after 24 to 48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

St. Clair Township Operations

Building permits available from Lambton County

Building or plumbing permits can be obtained from the County of Lambton Building Services Department. The department issues permits for St. Clair Township. To view building permit information, go online to: www.lambtononline.com

Call before you dig this summer

Be sure you know what lies beneath the soil before you dig.

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.: Sept. 28 and 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. ***Please do your community and the environment a favour – recycle. Future generations will thank you.***



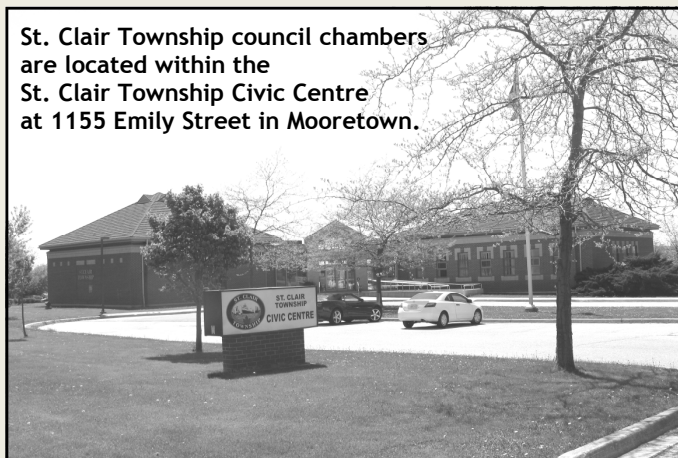
Council meeting schedule

Meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. Summer meeting dates are as follows: Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, July 22 at 3 p.m. Only one meeting is slated for August on Monday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. In September, meetings are planned for Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m.

Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for more information.

~ Please note the starting times of each meeting. ~

St. Clair Township council chambers are located within the St. Clair Township Civic Centre at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.



Notice to property owners to destroy weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Section 3, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$50.)

The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Eric Bezanson
Weed Inspector

J. DeMars
Clerk

Park bookings available for camping & events

Bookings for St. Clair Township parks are now being taken for the summer season. If you are planning an outdoor event (wedding, family reunion, special event) at one of these parks, please book a space by calling 519-867-2651.

Township campsites at the Mooretown, Cathcart, and Branton-Cundick campgrounds can be booked by calling:

Mooretown, 519-867-2951; Cathcart, 519-892-3342; Branton-Cundick, 519-892-3968.



HERITAGE CORNER



Sombra Twp. native takes medical skills to the battlefields of WWI France

Among the many noteworthy figures who have their roots here in St. Clair Township is Heber Havelock Moshier, a Sombra native whose medical career took him from the halls of notable universities and hospitals to the horror of the World War I battlefield.

Moshier was born Jan. 11, 1889 in Sombra Township to David Dingman Moshier and Mary Jane Coulter, but the family eventually moved to Toronto. It was there that Moshier married Ida Winifred Griffith in May, 1914. He received his early education in Sarnia, then studied medicine and was on the staff of Toronto General Hospital from 1909 to 1911. He practiced in Calgary from 1912 to 1913, became a Professor of Physiology at the University of Alberta from 1914 to 1916, and became the first chair of the university's Department of Physiology. He was only there until 1916, but he retained his title until his untimely death at the age of 29. In 1915, he was responsible for hiring James Bertram Collip to the department. Collip eventually went on to become co-discoverer of insulin along side Frederick Banting in 1920-21.

In March, 1916, Moshier joined the Canadian Medical Corps and was given the rank of major with the 11th Canadian Field Ambulance. While serving overseas, he kept a journal entitled *Diary of the Eleventh*, which can be still be read at some Canadian libraries or by visiting the Website of the University of Alberta. The diary provides an account of locations where the 11th served, including The Somme, Vimy Ridge, and Passchendaele. By 1918, he had attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel and he is mentioned in dispatches for his service in the field. After surviving the battle of Amiens, he died in France on Aug 29, 1918, killed while serving at an advanced dressing station during a military advance near Wancourt. He is buried in the Villers Station Cemetery, Pas de Calais.

Lieutenant-Colonel Heber Havelock Moshier is still honoured annually by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta through the presentation of the Moshier Memorial Gold Medal to the top graduating medical student. It is the most prestigious award the faculty presents.



ENJOY LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC AT THE ANNUAL
SOMBRA MUSEUM LAWN CONCERT. SEE PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION.

Summer's in the bag at Moore Museum

Summer fun is in the bag (*a free bag*) at the Moore Museum right now. When you make the trip to Mooretown and enjoy all of the sights and fascinating displays the Moore Museum has to offer, you'll come away with treasured memories and a handsome tote bag. **While quantities last, just mention that you saw this article in *The Beacon* and receive this handsome and practical memento of your visit.**

The Moore Museum building contains a wide range of theme rooms that highlight local heritage dating back to pioneer and Victorian times, plus special interest rooms such as the Marine Room. You can even find mastodon bones and other oddities gathered from the surrounding communities.

Look further and you will find a museum site that has been turned into a 12-building historic village where visitors can become immersed in lives and work of past generations. Your heritage journey takes you through a one-room schoolhouse, an pioneer log cabin, a Victorian cottage, wooden caboose, historic church and several more intriguing buildings. Most have been moved onto the museum site from the original locations of their construction and have been lovingly restored by the museum's dedicated group of volunteers, lending a true sense of authenticity to the village and to your experience.

The Moore Museum guest book contains glowing comments like, "Very interesting", "Fantastic", "Great displays", "Love it!", and "Awesome", written by visitors from around the world who have been enchanted by their time spent browsing around the museum's halls and pathways.

The Moore Museum at 94 Moore Line in Mooretown is now open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the end of August. For more information, call 519-867-2020 or go the Website at: www.mooremuseum.ca



Moore Museum summer volunteers Nicole Selman, left, and Nicole Kingston with the new-for-2013 museum tote bag. Photo submitted

Local Scouts learn sport shooting



Fourteen Scouts from the 32nd Sarnia troop recently took part in an evening of supervised sports shooting, hosted by the Lambton Sportsman's Club located in St. Clair Township. Under the supervision of qualified club members and Scout leader John Silvistri, the Scouts took to the rifle and archery ranges where they learned to use the weapons safely and accurately. The club provides a safe shooting environment where experienced club members teach novices to shoot. Above: Scout Riley takes careful aim at his target guided by a Lambton Sportsman's Club member.

Photo submitted

Community Contact

Exciting times at Brigden Fairgrounds

The Beacon has learned there are exciting times ahead for the Brigden Fairgrounds. Upcoming events include the grand re-opening of the Exhibition Hall, but that's just the beginning. It's a great time to be a volunteer there, too, so if you're community-minded and want to get involved in something that boasts a history spanning over a century and a half, why not call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or visit the Website at www.brigdenfair.ca.

Shared church services set

The congregations of the Moore Presbyterian Charge invite you to worship with them this summer as two churches share services. Worship will be held at St. Andrew's Church, 94 St. James Street in Mooretown on June 30 and July 7-28, then from August 4-25, services will be held at Knox Moore Church, 1354 Rokeby Line. All services are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Forever Fit group leaders sought

The Lambton Elderly Outreach *Forever Fit* program is now recruiting group leaders in Corunna, Sombra, Petrolia, Oil Springs, Forest, Alvinston, and Wyoming. Leaders must be certified seniors fitness instructors and all necessary training will be provided. The one-hour classes are low impact and run from fall to spring. For more information or to apply, call 519-845-1353 or 1-800-265-0203.

Bicycle rodeo a big success

Thirty-five young cyclists participated in the annual Corunna Community Policing Bike Rodeo held recently at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. Two new bicycles, donated by Shaun Antle of Fabien Jagoo Co-operators Insurance, were won by participants Casidie Flesher and Liam Rovers. Thanks are extended to the Corunna Legion for hosting this event.

Mooretown-Courtright school 50th anniversary

Mooretown-Courtright Public School will hold its 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 19, with an open house slated to begin at 1 p.m. Complete celebration plans are still being finalized. Students, parents and alumni are invited to attend the event. Anyone who wants to help organize or assist with this event can contact the school at 519-867-2836. Copies of photos and memorabilia relating to the school's past are being sought to use during the event. Former students are asked to pass along this information to those who have moved away from the area so that they can attend, renew old friendships, and share school memories. The school was built in 1963.

WorkPlace Group has new Corunna location

The WorkPlace Group is now located at 392 Lyndoch Street in Corunna. This group, which provides professional employment services, is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Drop in or call 519-882-3724 to book an appointment.

New book documents Sombra farm stories

The new *Sombra Farms, Volume One*, is now available for purchase at the Sombra Museum. The book documents 17 family stories about the early days of farming in Sombra

Township. To contact the Sombra Museum about this book, call 519-892-3982.

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 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 Saturday, 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.

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

Information sessions offered by Rapids Family Health Team

Important information sessions that deal with topics such as diabetes care, weight management and other health-related subjects are offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic at 233 Cameron Street. These sessions are open to anyone living in St. Clair Township, however, registration is required. Please note that space is limited. For more information on upcoming sessions or to register for any of them, call 519-813-9800 to speak to reception.

Healthy Kids and the Keys to Good Health summer camp

The Rapids Family Health Team and the Optimist Club of Moore will offer a *Healthy Kids and the Keys to Good Health* summer camp for children ages seven through 11 in July and August. The goal of the program is to empower children to make good decisions related to eating and physical activity.

Children will have the opportunity to:

- ◆ Enter into an adventure world and receive a mission to find the keys to good health through vari-

ous interactive activities and games.

- ◆ Prepare and enjoy nutritious snacks and gain an appreciation for new foods.
- ◆ Enjoy some active play through fun games and activities.
- ◆ Make new friends.

The camps will be two-and-a-half hours in length each day and parents will have a choice of signing their children up for one of the following two weeks: July 8 to 12 **OR** Aug. 26 to 30.

The program will accommodate 30 children per camp on a first-come, first-served basis and there will be no cost to participants.

To register, please come to the clinic to pick up a registration form. Registrations will be accepted until June 27 for the July camp and up to Aug. 16 for the August camp.



More Community Contact

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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. From yard work to minor household repair, house cleaning to lawn care, a wide variety of services are offered at a reasonable cost. For more information, call the LSA at 519-339-8866 or 1-800-219-4717.

New faces of the Rapids FHT



The new Shell Health Centre on Cameron Street in Corunna is staffed by Rapids Family Health Team. Some of the friendly faces you'll see when you visit the centre include, clockwise from top left: Somer Robinson (phlebotomy); Nadine Devin (registered dietitian); Hemaxi Patel (phlebotomy); and Carolynne Fyfe (reception). Absent from photo: Grace Bozek (phlebotomy).

Are you prepared for an emergency?

If you can't answer this question, go online to: www.GetPrepared.ca or call 1-800-622-6232. You'll find out what it takes to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in the event of an emergency, either natural or man-made.

Cure for summer boredom - Mooretown Sports Complex

School's out for the summer and the Mooretown Sports Complex is the place to find a cure for your child's summer boredom as well as your own.

Summer day camp

Summer day camp is offered for children ages five and up on week days from July 2 to Aug. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost per child is \$27 per day, \$110 per week, or \$775 per summer. Early drop-off at 7:30 a.m. and late pick-up at 5:30 p.m. are available for an additional \$15 per week. Family rates are also available.

Summer sports camps

For the aspiring athletes in the family, sports camps are available for children ages seven and up. Camps include: Basketball - July 2 to 5; Golf - July 8 to 12, July 22 to 26, Aug. 12 to 16; Sports combo - July 15 to 19, July 29 to Aug. 2, Aug. 19 to 23; Track and field - Aug. 6 to 9. The cost per child is \$110 per week.

Summer swim lessons

Summer swim lessons are available as follows: Day-time classes - 4 sessions: July 2 to 12, July 15 to 26, July 29 to Aug. 9, Aug. 12 to 23; Evening classes - beginning the week of July 2, these classes will be held once a week for eight weeks. Private lessons are also available.

Summer water aerobics/therapy & adult swims

Shallow water aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday from 7 p.m. to

8 p.m. *Deep water aerobics:* Monday, Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. *Water therapy:* Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. *Adult swim:* Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or noon to 1 p.m.; Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tim Horton's sponsored free swims

Free swims will be sponsored by Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the summer from July 7 to Aug. 25. **Reminder:** Adult supervision is required for any children unable to comfortably swim two widths of the Mooretown Sports Complex pool, all children under the age of 7 or under 48 inches tall, and non-swimmers or weak swimmers. The maximum is two children per adult.

Arena floor rentals/August summer ice

Arena floor rentals: Adult - \$55 per hour; Minor - \$45 per hour; Special event rates available. Please call to book your lacrosse, ball hockey or special event.

August summer ice: Prime time - Monday to Friday after 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday all day - \$125 per hour; Non-prime time - Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. - \$95 per hour.

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

St. Clair River Run is set to go

The 4th annual St. Clair River Run is slated for Saturday, July 20 this year. Participation categories include the 10K run, 5K run, 5K walk, and *Minnow Run* for children 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 find out more or to register for this program, go online to www.StClairRiverRun.ca

Port Lambton has new crop of qualified babysitters



The Port Lambton Athletic and Community Services, along with the Sombra Township Optimist Club, co-sponsored a Red Cross babysitting course for local children on June 8. This annual event teaches important information the kids will need to provide responsible care for young children, but this year, there was an added level of training. Volunteer firefighters from the St. Clair Township Fire Department made an appearance to provide hands-on training with fire extinguishers. Thanks are extended to all groups that helped make this course a success.

Photo submitted

More Around The Township

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ree admission is only \$2. Then, at 5 p.m., you can enjoy a delicious dinner of scalloped potatoes and ham. Just be sure to come early to get your dinner tickets at the door because there is only a limited number available.

Kingdom Rock kids' camp in Corunna

Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God will be held from Monday, Aug. 12 to Friday, Aug. 16 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna. Each day will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m. and the opening Sing & Play Rock, and the camp will run until noon. The camp will offer Bible-learning activities, songs, games, and treats, as well as a chance to enjoy science-oriented fun with gizmos they'll be able to take home and play with all summer long. The kids will participate in a mission project to benefit the community. Parents and guardians are invited to stop in to participate in the opening, then enjoy *Snack & Yak* (coffee and muffins) each day. The day will conclude with Fanfare Finale, a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in this special time at 11:40 a.m. For more information or to register, call the church at 519-862-3641 or Beth at 519-862-2307.

Two local schools plan 50th Anniversary Celebrations

2013 marks the 50th anniversary for two St. Clair Township public schools. **Brigden Public School** will be celebrating its anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 23 and **Mooretown-Courtright Public School** has its celebration planned for Saturday, Oct. 19. See **Community Contact**, page 4, for more information about both of these anniversary celebrations.

Indoor walking and fitness in Brigden

Indoor walking in Brigden has finished for the season. It will resume in the fall. *Watch The Beacon* for details.

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.

Mark your calendar...

Moore Museum plans annual craft sale

It's not too early to 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. Why not make out a Christmas list and bring it along? The unique, handcrafted, and exotic wares that comprise the merchandise offered during the Downriver Craft Sale will give you lots of special things to choose from, making gift-giving a breeze no matter what the occasion.

Dessert Night fundraiser set

The Corunna branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is currently seeing hostesses for tables of eight of their friends in anticipation of the 4th Annual Great Dessert Night for Breast Cancer. The event, slated for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m., will have a Western theme this year so enjoy delicious desserts along with the great country music of Gary Parker, plus a cash bar and silent auction. There will be fun, laughter, door prizes and prizes for the best-dressed tables. For more information call Val at 519-862-1935 or Lesley at 519-862-1842.

Get in touch with *The Beacon*

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



Enbridge donates to conservation program



A new conservation education program, now available at Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area through the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA), recently received a generous donation from Enbridge Pipelines Inc. The program will receive \$10,000 for each of the next three years. Melissa Gill, Conservation Education and Community Partnership Technician with the SCRCA, says, "This program looks at the science of alternative energy and examines the pros and cons of the different technologies." She added this is a free program targeted at students in Grades 4 through 12. Ken Hall, Senior Advisor-Community Relations for Eastern Region Enbridge Pipelines Inc., says the funds will allow the SCRCA to offer the program free of charge to students. "We are pleased...to be able to help in their (SCRCA) efforts to reach out to school children." St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, who is also the Chair of the SCRCA, thanked Enbridge for the funding. "Our corporate citizens have been strong supporters of our education program and Enbridge's generous contribution helps us bring our conservation message to these young people." **Above: Melissa Gill explains the solar mini-boats these students will use in the program. Watching the lesson is Ken Hall, left, and Steve Arnold.**

Photo submitted

Around The Township

Lawn concert planned for Sombra Museum

The popular annual lawn concert will be held on the Sombra Museum grounds on Sunday, July 7 beginning at 7 p.m. *rain or shine*. Enjoy a live country band and light refreshments, and don't forget to bring a lawn chair. More information is available by calling 519-892-3982.

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, 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.

Theatre presentation at Lambton Heritage Museum

A theatre presentation based on one of Canada's most beloved writers, Lucy Maud Montgomery, will be held at the Lambton Heritage Museum the weekends of July 13/14 and July 20/21. *Maud: A portrait of L.M. Montgomery* will be presented at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Don't miss a chance to become acquainted with the P.E.I. native who gave *Anne of Green Gables* to the world. Regular admission applies.

Vacation Bible Camp in Courtright

Children from JK to Grade 7 are invited to attend Vacation Bible Camp at the Courtright United Church on Tuesday, July 16 and Wednesday, July 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The camp theme is *Diving Even Deeper* and kids can enjoy music, kids' cookery, drama, story-telling and crafts. Lunch will be provided. To register, call Jill at 519-882-4236.

Wilkesport Spray & Sports pad grand opening

The grand opening of the new Spray & Sports pad at the Wilkesport Community Centre is set for Saturday, July 20 at 11:30 a.m. The event will include hamburgers, hot dogs, and pop, and everyone is invited to attend. Bring your bathing suit and help put the new facility through its paces. For more information, call Chuck at 519-864-4221.

St. Clair River Run hits the trail

The 4th annual St. Clair River Run hits the St. Clair Parkway on Saturday, July 20. Residents of St. Clair Township and beyond are encouraged to come out and participate or just support the runners and walkers by making noise and letting them know you're rooting for them. The run will go through Sombra and Port Lambton to end in Brander Park. Motorists are asked to extend courtesy to all participants and to obey the directions of the OPP officers who will be operating barricades along the route. For more information, go online to: www.StClairRiverRun.ca

St. Clair River Classic Offshore races

The St. Clair River Classic Offshore Powerboat Races will be held the weekend of July 25-July 28 in the St. Clair River. The races can be viewed from the Mooretown/Courtright shorelines. Owners of pleasure and fishing craft should be warned that river closures will be in place on Saturday and Sunday, and will be enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard. Tentative race times are set for: noon, 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.

Girls' hockey registration now underway

Registration for the St. Clair Girls' Hockey Association is now underway until July 30. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Mooretown Minor Hockey Website and the mailing address can be found on the form. The organization will run teams in the Novice (born 2005/06), Atom (born 2003/04), and Midget (1996-1998) divisions. Younger girls may be accepted depending on the number of girls who register for the season. It is hoped that more than one team at each age level can be created. Girls who are registering or who are new to hockey are invited to attend a skate on the following dates: Tuesday, Aug. 20 and Thursday, Aug. 22: Novice, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Atom, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Midget, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, go to the Mooretown Minor Hockey Website.

Port Lambton Gala Days on the way

It's almost time for the annual Port Lambton *Gala Days* celebration. McDonald Park will come alive on Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 4 with sports competitions, a Saturday parade, a beer tent, dance, good food and family fun.

Shiver me timbers, it's Captain Kidd Days

Captain Kidd and his scurvy crew will be invading Corunna for the 28th time from Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 4. Corunna Athletic Park on Hill Street will be the scene of the captain's hijinks, with sports competitions, fun for the children, entertainment and, of course, a Saturday morning parade.

Model airplane rally slated

The public is invited to enjoy some airborne excitement as the Bluewater Radio Control Flyers hold their annual Scale Model Airplane Rally on Saturday, Aug. 3 (rain date Aug. 4) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event will be held at the flying field, 2590 Petrolia Line (north side of road east of Plank Road). Airplane models from the early 30s, war planes to aerobatic planes, as well as (hopefully) helicopters and a Quadcopter, will be featured. A hands-on opportunity will be available to those who wish to try their hand at flying a trainer plane. The event has been held for 35 years. The charge will be \$5 for parking.

Summer Country Jamboree in Brigden

Get ready for an afternoon of great music at the Summer Country Jamboree on Saturday, Aug. 10 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. Jambo-