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Summer celebration marks two openings at Moore Museum



The opening of not one but two new exhibits at the Moore Museum drew a large crowd of people anxious to join in the festivities on June 23. The weather was hot and sunny, just the kind of weather that cries out for refreshing lemonade and some barbecued delicacies. At the lemonade table, Susanne Hodgins, right, provides a frosty glass of lemony goodness to Joyce Brock. Both women are Moore Museum Advisory Board members. For more photos and information from the opening of the new old General Store and the fantastic Lionel train room, see page 5.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Many Township improvements seen this summer

St. Clair Township has witnessed an unusual but welcome burst of improvements this summer, with wide-ranging benefit to the community. These improvements demonstrate the positive effect of Provincial and Federal governments working in partnership with local government.

The culmination of the projects that now add to the quality of life for all municipal residents has been documented and are unveiled in this month's Beacon on pages 5, 6, and 7.

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Municipal Notes

Foundation seeking committee members

The Moore Community and Recreational Foundation was formed in 1990 for those who wish to express their community pride through donations, bequests and other gifts. Funds received by the foundation are used to benefit worthy community initiatives. Grant applications for funding are reviewed each year by the foundation committee members who represent the entire Township of St. Clair. New committee members are currently being sought and anyone who would like to be part of the committee can contact the township office at 519-867-2021.

Donations to the Moore Community and Recreational Foundation are always welcome. They allow the foundation fund to grow and to continue to assist initiatives that contribute to the on-going improvement of the quality of life for all St. Clair Township residents.



St. Clair Township 2013 Property Tax Due Dates

**The final tax due dates will be
August 7, 2013 and October 2, 2013**

The 2013 Final Tax Notices for non-capped properties were mailed out the first week of July, 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.

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The following methods of tax payments may be utilized:

- ◆ Automatic Bank Machines
- ◆ Telephone & Internet payments through bank
- ◆ Payment at most financial institutions
- ◆ Post-dated cheques
- ◆ Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- ◆ Mail to, or use the drop box at:

St. Clair Township Civic Centre,  
1155 Emily Street,  
Mooretown, Ontario,  
N0N 1M0

**Pre-authorized payment plans are also  
available and encouraged.**

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



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 continue with one meeting 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. ~



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



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



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



HERITAGE CORNER



Dedicated volunteers receive Ontario Heritage Awards

Two deserving volunteers from St. Clair Township were recently honoured with Ontario Cultural Heritage Awards during the July 3 meeting of St. Clair Township Council.

Catherine Bouman was recognized with the Certificate of Achievement for over 10 years of volunteer work as a dedicated volunteer member of the Sombra Museum board and the Sombra Historical Society. She undertook the reorganization of the Reference/Research room at the museum and updates the files when information becomes available. She assists visitors with genealogy research and spends many hours answering email requests. The value of her work helping visitors discover the missing pieces of their roots is obvious from the appreciative reactions her efforts receive.

Catherine's greatest achievement was participating on the Vision Committee for over two-and-a-half years, assisting with the arduous task of moving artefacts from the old Sombra Museum building into the new facility, helping assemble the exhibits and then assisting with the grand opening of the facility. She helps with fundraising efforts as well. Outside the museum, Catherine is involved in the community, participating in the conservation and preservation of the Sombra area. She and her husband recently planted 100 trees in a local natural habitat area.

Bob Johnson received the Certificate of Lifetime Achievement for his exceptional contributions to cultural heritage during his 20 years as an outstanding volunteer at the Moore Museum. Bob has played an important role in helping to double the number of historic exhibit buildings on the museum site. He has volunteered thousands of hours to moving heritage buildings onto the site and to helping restore them. Some of the buildings he has worked on include the blacksmith shop, the former Mooretown railroad station, the former Trinity Anglican Church in



Moore Museum volunteer Robert (Bob) Johnson, left, and Sombra Museum volunteer Catherine Bouman were honoured for their extensive, long-time involvement in helping to maintain local heritage. Certificates of Achievement were awarded by Mayor Steve Arnold during the July 3 meeting of St. Clair Township Council.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Mooretown, the wooden CNR caboose, benefits from Bob's involvement. He and the Basswood Block.

Bob is also involved in general maintenance, an ongoing job that includes the care of 13 buildings. And for 19 years, Bob served on the Moore Museum Advisory Committee, as well as the Building Sub-Committee. Even though he recently retired from this role, he continues to actively volunteer.

Moore Museum programming also

has demonstrated rope-making for hundreds of visitors over the years and is a useful helper in the fundraising food booth when there is barbecuing to be done.

During the presentation of these awards, Mayor Arnold said, "It is an honour to recognize people who have worked so hard and done so much for the community over the years."

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 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

Volunteers rally in support of Relay for Life



The recent Relay For Life fundraiser in support of the Canadian Cancer Society brought out the best in the community. Volunteers from the Corunna Coffee Club (CCC) and the Mooretown Flags turned out to help out at the event, which was held at the Clearwater Arena on June 14.

Above: CCC members include, from left: Lorraine Boss, Gerry Haley, Ruth Ann Piggott, Bob Haley, Mary Melton, Liz Haley, Erika Taize and Bev Breakevelt.

Left: Mooretown Flags personnel (The Flag Men), from left: Larry Lecour, Charles Martley Wood, Pete Humble, Bob Haley, Randy Mair, and Larry Taylor.

Photos submitted

Hill Street School Reunion held

A happy reunion took place on June 12 as 21 of the 28 Hill Street School's Grads of 1955 met at the home of Peter and Bev Cassel.

Attendees included Alex MacIntyre (Halifax, N.S.), Elma (Sunaitis) Charalambous (London, England), John Sunaitis (Sarnia), Mary Jane and Robert Marsh (Mooretown), Lynn Dobson (Corunna), Ken

Ball, Dave Hicks, Gary Robertson, Robert and Isabel Smith, Bruce and Kathleen Knight, Mike and Jeanette Watson (Mooretown), Robert and Marilyn Hodgins, and the hosts, Peter and Bev Cassel.

The group remembered those who could not attend as well as seven of their peers who have passed away.

Building permits available from Lambton County

Got some building to do? 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

Park bookings available for camping & events

Bookings for St. Clair Township parks are still 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.

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 can 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.***

Moore Museum celebrates opening of two new exhibits



This large inflatable Lionel engine was one of two that welcomed visitors.

The weather was warm and the guests were many as the Moore Museum held the grand opening of two new exhibits. Visitors were greeted by two huge inflatable train engines in honour of the big reveal of the Lionel Model Train room. Volunteers have been working tirelessly to create a display that inspires curiosity and a train-enthusiasts spirit with trains of various gauges operating on a huge landscape layout that used to tour the U.S. to promote Lionel trains.

The second exhibit being introduced was the new old general store. This fine example of turn-of-the-century commerce took shape when a group of dedicated Moore Museum volunteers took an empty plot of land on the Moore Museum grounds and built an authentic general store that now holds hundreds of artefacts from the days when big box stores weren't even an idea in the corporate landscape. Before the festivities began, the crowd was treated to an entertaining outdoor concert by *Sounds of Summer*, a duo comprised of Sarah Caraher on percussion and vocals, left, and Riley Martin on guitar and vocals. The musicians are both studying their craft in post-secondary program. Town crier Gary Smith came out of retirement to preside over the opening ceremonies. Among the dignitaries on hand for the occasion were St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, who brought greetings from municipal and provincial levels of government. The ribbon-cutting for the new general store building was handled by the dignitaries assisted by the volunteers who worked on the project. Volunteer Dan Hayward couldn't attend the event and his wife, Gladis, and granddaughter, River Blair of Toronto filled in for him.

Then it was on to the second event of the day - the opening of the Lionel train display. Again, volunteers who worked on the project were called upon to help unveil the special room that holds a huge landscaped model train environment as well as many artefacts dating back to the heyday of model trains. The display is noteworthy, having traveled North America as part of the Lionel Company's promotional strategy. The display, plus two almost life-size inflatable engines, were donated by Bruce Weatherby.



Sounds of Summer entertain.



Town crier Gary Smith



Project volunteers help dignitaries, Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, fourth from left, and Mayor Steve Arnold, seventh from left, cut the ribbon to officially open the general store.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS, SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS

The Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the support of the following donors and volunteers who helped make these two projects a reality.

Financial contributors to the General Store: Ontario Trillium Foundation (agency of Government of Ontario); Shell Canada Community Service Fund; Chemfab Industries Inc.; Moore Community & Recreational Foundation; Imperial Oil Foundation; LANXESS Inc.; Optimist Club of Moore; McCormick Canada Co.; Ruby Bailey; NOVA Chemicals (Canada) Ltd.; Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.; Knights of Columbus Council 9447; Southwest Regional Credit Union Ltd.; Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Corunna; Hon. Bryan L. Cathcart Chapter IODE; Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324; Eleanor Vargo; Union Gas Ltd.; Royal Canadian Legion Br. 635 Brigden; Clean Harbors Canada Inc.; Leopold Lodge #397; Ella Norton; Theresa M.G. Crosswell; St. Clair Study Group; Olga Murray; Geraldine Phair; Donald Dawson; Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge #245; Kay's Petals and Plants; Lloyd & Wilhemine Mason; Air Liquide Canada Inc.; Earle & Margaret MacPherson; Dave Robinson; Sarnia Handweavers & Spinners Guild; Corunna United Church Women; Shirley Warner; Brigden Women's Institute; Advanced Finishing Technologies Inc.; Grace Woods; Optimist Club of Brigden; George B. Cann; Wendy Dunn; Linda Hoffner.

Financial contributors to Lionel Model Train Room project: Bruce Weatherby; Shaw Foundation; CN Railroaders in the community; Lambton Creative County Fund; Chemfab Industries Inc.; NOVA Chemicals (Canada) Ltd.; OPG Lambton Generating Station; Vidal Street Industrial Park Inc.; Watson TIM-BR Mart.

Thank you to the volunteers who worked on these projects: Dave Beer, Dan Hayward, Bob McPhee, Fred Strickland, Tom Walter, George Chase, Bob Johnson, Dave Pattenden, Dave Taylor, Leo Girffiths, Del Knight, Gary Smith, Jim Townsend.

Moore Museum also appreciates everyone who has donated artefacts to the museum's collections over the past 40+ years. Your generosity has provided a wealth of intriguing items that allow us to create exhibits to engage visitors in exploring our community's heritage.

The Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of the Council of the Township of St. Clair.

Special thanks to the following people from everyone who enjoys and values their work at the Moore Museum:

Moore Museum curator Laurie Mason; Staff members Linda Woods, Cathy Seward, and Denise Fortin; and Summer students Nicole Selman and Nicole Kingston.

"Without a firm foundation, a structure cannot stand."



Project volunteers plus Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey (second from left) and Mayor Steve Arnold, foreground, officially open the train room.



Curious visitors file into the new Lionel train room.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

Three significant municipal projects celebrated with ribbon-cuttings

An afternoon of ceremonies on June 24 marked the official unveiling of three significant municipal projects.

The largest of the projects is the new Courtright Waste Water Treatment plant. **Right:** Attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony were, from left: Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, Councillor Darrell Randell; Councillor Jeff Agar; Councillor Jim DeGurse; Sarnia-Lambton MP Pat Davidson; St. Clair Township Clerk John DeMars; Councillor Steve Miller; St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey; Mayor Steve Arnold; and Director of Public Works Larry Burnham.



The Port Lambton Athletic Association (PLAA) proudly showed off the fabulous new baseball park that has been created in Van Damn Park. **Left:** Attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony were, from the left: PLAA member Frank Johnston, left, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, PLAA members Matt Johnston and Craig Bezaire, Sarnia-Lambton MP Pat Davidson, Councillors Steve Miller and Jeff Agar, St. Clair Township Clerk John DeMars, PLAA member Diane Ross, Councillor Jim DeGurse, Warden Todd Case (background), Councillor Darrell Randell, and Mayor Steve Arnold.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

The Wilkesport library received a much-needed facelift inside and out, ensuring that community residents will continue to have the valuable resource of knowledge at their fingertips. **Right:** The ribbon-cutting was attended by, from the left: Warden Todd Case, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, Councillors Darrell Randell, Jeff Agar, and Jim DeGurse, Sarnia-Lambton MPP Pat Davidson, library staff member Shelley Lucier, Councillor Darrell Randell, and Mayor Steve Arnold.



The projects being unveiled in these photos were the result of hard work, and long hours spent researching the availability of government grants and developing effective grant applications. Mayor Steve Arnold says St. Clair

staff is be commended for their efforts in obtaining the information that was used to bring these projects to the municipality. He also expressed thanks to Sarnia-Lambton MP Pat Davidson for her valuable assistance in advocating for the municipality during the application process and beyond. Two of the projects, the Wilkesport Library building and the Port Lambton ball park, were created with partnerships between the township and the Federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF), with the Van Damn ball park also receiving funds from

the Port Lambton Athletic Association through its ongoing fundraising efforts. The Courtright Waste Treatment Plant project total cost was \$34,545,753, with \$3,015,990 coming from the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) and \$30,527,763 from the Building Canada Fund (BCF). The funding was comprised of 1/3 Federal, 1/3 Provincial, and 1/3 Municipal contributions. The new wastewater treatment plant in Courtright, as well as the revamped Corunna sewage

Projects the product of inter-government cooperation and hard work

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pumping station and force main, are all in operation now and have been built with provisions that will allow further expansion in the future. Mayor Steve Arnold says the new facilities will contribute to the future growth of St. Clair Township. "The township will be able to look after the needs of this community because (the system) can be expanded," he said.

One of the unexpected aspects of the upgraded sewer and water improvements is that there was money left from the initial project to cover the cost of modernizing the water and sewer system in the Froomfield area. Mayor Arnold says the completion of this project means the entire township is now completely separated from the St. Clair River. He expressed thanks to Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey and to MP Pat Davidson for her ongoing advocacy. "Without your involvement, we wouldn't have been able to do this on our own," he said. He also recognized the new facility's project manager of operations, Randy Clendenning, for his efforts to see that the plant remains a good neighbour to the residents that live around it.

Sarnia-Lambton MP Pat Davidson commended the township council and staff for being selective in the projects it embarks upon. "The municipality is doing things for the right reasons," she said. "This is good for the township and for the environment." Impressed with the state-of-the-art facility, she also complimented Randy Clendenning on his efforts running treatment plant.

Warden Todd Case was on hand to tour the facility and he applauded the township's efforts to stay ahead of the environmental issues that challenge this area. "St. Clair Township is a way-forward community," he said. "You've done a terrific job. This township is the jewel of the area." He congratulated staff and council for their proactive stance on environmental issues.

The second project visited during the day of ceremonies was the newly refurbished Van Damn Park ball park in Port Lambton. The field has been completely remodeled with an immaculately groomed field, proper sheltered dugouts and a multi-use field house. The facility puts Port Lambton in a class of its own among the rest of the baseball fields

in this area. The park was conceived of and worked for by the Port Lambton Athletic Association (PLAA). The group has mounted many fundraisers during the past years to fund such a baseball park, and it welcomed the \$40,000 CIIF grant from the Federal government. The remaining \$40,000 of the total cost was raised locally.

Mayor Steve Arnold once again thanked MPP Pat Davidson for her support. He also commended the community and the PLAA for its commitment to the community and to the project in particular. "This stuff can't happen on its own," he said. He acknowledged long-time PLAA member Frank Johnston for his hard work in keeping the parks in the village in good shape. He also noted members Craig Bezaire and "fundraising queen" Diane Ross for their parts in the success of the group. MPP Pat Davidson congratulated the association and pointed out that such efforts strengthen the community and the country. "It's what we need to keep our country vital," she said. "It's the heart of the community that makes something like this successful."

Warden Todd Case noted the park was now "worthy of AA and AAA ball."

PLAA member Craig Bezaire says there are now 13 teams, from t-ball to peewee ball for the boys, and from squirt to bantam ball for the girls, using the park on a regular basis plus tournaments that are attracted to the professional-grade field.

The third ceremony of the day was held at the Wilkesport library, where the building has received a much-needed renovation inside and out, plus other upgrades that include a fully-accessible washroom. The total cost of the project was \$80,000, with the Federal CIIF chipping in \$37,500 of that cost. The building was originally built in 1916 as a municipal office for Sombra and was used until 1967, when it became a storage building for municipal documents. In the mid 1980s, a library was set up there and has continued to provide resources and reading enjoyment since then. Shelley Lucier, who has worked in the library for 30 years, was recognized by Mayor Steve Arnold for her commitment and hard work at the facility.

All three of these projects demonstrate the power of community action when there is a will to affect change.

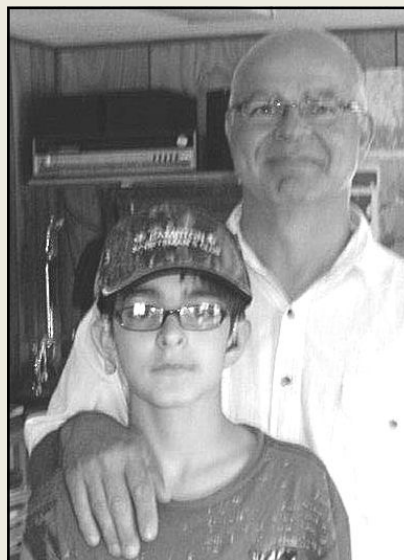
Bad weather? What bad weather...



The inclement weather couldn't dampen spirits as the Sombra Museum hosted its annual lawn concert. Thanks to the new community room inside the new Sombra Museum Cultural Centre, an afternoon of great music banished all thoughts of the rain. The room was filled with visitors ready for some fine entertainment and they weren't disappointed. The band, shown here in full swing, was comprised of Jake Zoller, left, Guy Dion, Christine Storey, Lindsey Myers (guitar) Bill Myers and singer, Cathy Myers (not in photo).

Photo submitted

3-D Archery Shoot yields two winners



At the inaugural Lambton Sportsman Club 3-D Archery Shoot, two archers reigned supreme. Pictured here is one of them, 12-year-old Ellis Ethier, shown with his proud dad, Todd Monaghan. The second winner was Len Lemaire. The club's next 3-D Archery Shoot will be Sept. 14 and shooters age 15 and under can participate free of charge provided they submit a 3-D Shoot registration form signed by a parent.

Photo submitted

Community Contact

Corunna Soccer Wildcats extend thanks

The Corunna Soccer Wildcats extend thanks to Corunna and all of St. Clair Township for volunteering to help make the 2013 season a success. The Corunna Soccer Committee is also commended for its commitment to the organization.

So-Co-Mo Bowling League appreciates support

The So-Co-Mo bowling club from Airey Lanes in Courtright would like to thank its 2012/2013 sponsors for their support. Sponsors include: Optimist Club of Moore, OPG Lambton G.S., Crystal Clear Janitorial, R.C.L. Branch 635, Downriver Arts and Crafts, Courtright Variety Store, Antonio's Pizza, St. Clair Township Fire Department's Corunna and Courtright Stations, Corunna Chiropractic, Chuck Dawson Trucking, St. Clair Riverview Restaurant, Watson Tim-Br Mart, Preece Enterprises, SDB Telecom, Airey Lanes, and the Optimist Club of Brigden. With the help of these sponsors, the club was able to send 15 bowlers to the provincial tournament in St. Catharines in May. There was a lot of good bowling that weekend and the team of Chantal Legere, Katherine Demarsh, Nikki Wood, and Delainey Brooks were C Division champions, earning \$100 scholarships toward their post-secondary educations. Registration for the upcoming season will be held in September, with bowling starting in October. Details will be released as they are decided.

Annual lawn concert draws full house

The Sombra Museum's annual lawn concert drew a full house on July 7 even though it was held indoors due to inclement weather. Once again, the band, comprised of Jake Zoller, Guy Dion, Christine Storey, Lindsey Myers, Bill Myers, and singer Cathy Myers, delivered a great show which the audience enjoyed immensely. *Photo on page 6.*

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 continue

The congregations of the Moore Presbyterian Charge invite you to worship with them this summer as two churches share services. Worship services from August 4-25 are slated for 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.

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.

New book documents Sombra farm stories

The new *Sombra Farms, Volume One*, is 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 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? While you're there, be sure to pick up a ticket on the draw for the gorgeous handmade quilt. *See below.*

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

Lots of summer left at the Mooretown Sports Complex

The kids are still out of school and there's lots of summer left to enjoy, so help them get the most out of their holiday at the Mooretown Sports Complex. It's the healthy, fun fix 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 until 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 still available for children ages seven and up. Camps include: Golf - Aug. 12 to 16; Sports combo - 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 still available as follows: Daytime classes - Aug. 12 to 23; Evening classes - continue into August and private lessons are also available. Call the complex for more information.

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 until 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.



More Community Contact

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memories. As information becomes available, it will be published in *The Beacon*.

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.

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.

Hey, stargazers, this one's for you!

If you're outside in the early hours of Aug. 12 and the stars are beaming overhead, keep your eyes on the sky and you might see some *shooting stars*. To be exact, you'll see a meteor

shower courtesy of the Perseids asteroid belt. The earth's orbit takes it through several belts each year but according to *Discover* magazine, this one should be a "stunner".

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.

Living with diabetes

This two-hour session, set for Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., provides a general overview of diabetes. The most common myths about diabetes and things that can be done to manage diabetes are discussed, and those who attend will also learn what "good control" really is. The discussion is led by a diabetes educator.

Diabetes Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

This two-hour session, set for Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., is 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. We will discuss 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 physical activity level. The session will be led by a registered dietitian.

Healthy Weights by Healthy Means

This five-session program, slated to begin on Sept. 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., aims to help you make permanent lifestyle changes. It is not a diet program. Some topics that will be discussed include: carbohydrate, protein and fats; physical activity and what types and amounts are beneficial; emotional eating strategies; sensible portions and portion control strategies, and more. Group discussions will help you

learn from others' experiences. The group will work on weekly actions plans and problem-solving exercises to help you reach your healthy eating and physical activity goals. Each participant will receive a copy of a manual to keep. The session will be led by a registered dietitian.

Healthy Kids and the Keys to Good Health summer camp

The Rapids Family Health Team will offer a *Healthy Kids and the Keys to Good Health* summer camp for children ages seven through 11 the week of Aug. 26 to Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Up to 30 children will be accepted for this camp on a first-come, first-serve basis at no cost to the participants. 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 various 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.

To register, please come to the clinic to pick up a registration form. Registrations will be accepted up until Aug. 16.

This program is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Moore and St. Clair Township.

Healthy Kids camp creates happy campers



The Healthy Kids camp offered by the Rapids Family Health Team this summer gives local children a chance to get a head start on a healthy life. Left: Eryn, left, and Alexis work on a 'conversation map', a large illustration of images and metaphors set out like a road map that encourages discussion about information they have learned during the camp. Above: Emily, left, Maggie, and Elisha get some healthy cooking guidance from leader, Katie, while learning to make healthy food choices. The recipes they use are kid-friendly.

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Dion. This event is being held in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and will take place rain or shine. A tent will ensure those who attend the event will stay dry. Gates open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at about 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person or two for \$25, \$5 each for children ages three to 11, and free for children ages three and under. The full buffet of roasted pig will include all the trimmings and delicious desserts. There will be live local entertainment, a 50/50 draw, raffles and door prizes. This event is BYOB and everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair for comfort. There will be free rough camping available but please reserve your space in advance. For tickets call 519-627-3473 or to reserve tickets or get more information you can also visit the event Website at www.cbcpigroast.webs.com. Only 250 tickets will be available.

Meet the Women of Lambton weekend set

An afternoon of networking, lunch and conversation with Lambton's *Guiding Beacons and Leading Ladies* is planned for the Lambton Heritage Museum on Saturday, Aug. 24. Pre-registration is required and the \$20 admission includes lunch. For those who only want to attend the assembly, regular museum admission applies. And on Sunday, Aug. 25, women take center stage again beginning at 1 p.m. as Dana Thorne presents *Remembering and Celebrating the Women of Lambton*, followed at 2 p.m. by Bob McCarthy presenting Case 666: Travesty of Justice - the Elizabeth Workman Story, and concluding at 3 p.m. with a guided tour of *Shine: Spotlight on Women of Lambton*. Regular admission applies. For more information, call 519-243-2600 or go online to: www.lclmg.org.

3rd Annual Veterans Motorcycle Poker Run

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host its 3rd Annual

Veterans' Motorcycle Poker Run on Saturday, Aug. 31. Registration will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Corunna Legion, corner of Albert and Beckwith Streets at a cost of \$10 per person. The run will begin at 11:45 a.m. with the route running through Wyoming, Alvinston, Thamesville, and Wallaceburg. Breakfast will be available from 10 a.m. to noon and there will be entertainment, food,



beverages and prizes at the Corunna Legion.

125 Anniversary Supper at Sixth Line United

The Sixth Line United Church on Moore Line is celebrating its 125th anniversary with a pickerel fish fry on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. The meal will include: fish, baked beans, baked potato, coleslaw, bun with butter, relish tray, tartar sauce and dessert. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$10 for children ages seven through 12, and free for children ages six and under. For tickets, call Jane Marsh at 519-864-1531.

St. Joseph's Hospice Charity golf tourney

The 3rd Annual Ladies' Fore Hospice Charity Golf Tournament is slated for Thursday, Sept. 12 at Huron Oaks Golf Course. The tourney includes: 3 p.m. shotgun start, nine holes of golf with cart, and dinner. To register, call Lesley at 519-337-0537 or go online to lcoe-ne@sjhospice.ca.

Heritage Quilt Show planned

The Sixth Line United Church will host its Heritage Quilt Show on Friday, Sept. 13 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2. Quilts made by Sixth Line Hand Quilters are being sought. Contact Barb at 519-864-1347 or

Cheryl at 519-864-1280.

The Fidgets coming to Courtright Community Centre

The acting troupe, The Fidgets, are coming to the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. An evening of family fun and mayhem will ensue as the troupe entertains. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available by calling 519-882-4236. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the evening will include a silent auction, dessert and punch or coffee at intermission. All proceeds will go to the Courtright Sixth Line United Church Mission Dominican Republic March 2013 trip.

Annual Fall Bridge Luncheon planned

The Annual Fall Bridge Luncheon hosted by the Corunna United Church Women (UCW) is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 2 at noon. The cost will be \$48 per table and reservations must be made by Sept. 25. To reserve a table, call Sylvia at 519-862-1040 or Gillian at 519-862-3172.

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.



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.

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

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Tri-County Horse Club shows in Brigden

The Tri-County Horse Club (formerly the Tri-County Appaloosa Club) will horse shows at the Brigden fairgrounds on 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.

Port Lambton Gala Days 2013 on the way

It's almost time for the annual Port Lambton *Gala Days* celebration. MacDonald Park will come alive on Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 4 with sports competitions (slow pitch begins 5 p.m. Friday and wraps up Sunday; volleyball begins Saturday at 9 a.m. and wraps up Sunday), a Saturday parade at 11 a.m., a beer tent, dances (Gala dance Friday night 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Kids' dance for children in Grades 3 through 8 on Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Port Lambton Community Hall), family fun (Slimy Creature Race on Sunday at 2 p.m. and Kids' Water Fight Sunday at 2:30 p.m.), a penny table, Gala Days 50/50 draw, the *Amazing Galadazing Race* Sunday at noon, Sunday afternoon entertainment by Shirley McIlroy and Big Pappa and the Machine, and much more. For information call 519-677-5731.



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.



Blueberry social at Sombra Museum

The Sombra Museum will host the annual Blueberry Social on Sunday, Aug. 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre, 3470 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra. The event will feature homemade blueberry desserts, coffee, tea, and juice, plus activities for the whole family to enjoy. There will be an antique boat from the ACBS, Blake Mann's model boat display, nautical knot tying, and much more. For more information, call 519-892-3982.

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 the possible appearance of 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. Jamboree 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.

Moore Museum plans annual craft sale

It's not too early to make plans to attend the always popular Downriver Craft Sale at the Moore Museum 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? Unique, handcrafted, and exotic wares from driftwood clocks to hand-stamped metal jewelry, from garden whimsies to woodworking, and from fudge to felted woolen mittens can be found at the Downriver Craft Sale, giving you lots of special things to choose from, making gift-giving a breeze no matter what the occasion. *Applications from craftspeople interested in selling their creations are currently being accepted. All indoor tables are already booked, but outdoor spaces are still available at a cost of \$20 for a 10-by-10 foot space. Potential vendors may call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 to request a registration package, or may download registration forms at:*

www.mooremuseum.ca/event/downriver-craft-sale.

8th annual Brigden Community Fest

The 8th annual Brigden Community Fest is slated for Saturday, Aug. 17 and everyone is invited to enjoy a day filled with fun. The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with registration for the Royal Canadian Legion Brigden branch *Show & Shine*. See the best in cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles. The show will run until 1 p.m. with prize draws for entries only. All day, the town will be a target rich environment for those who love bargains and/or good yard sales, and roast beef on a bun will be available for lunch. The Legion will host a licensed LCBO outdoor area from 2 p.m. to midnight and a free street dance from 8 p.m. to midnight will feature the music of the *Twang Buzzers* band. Don't miss this day-long community party.



Breast Cancer fundraiser planned

The 10th annual *Cook for the Cure Pig Roast* will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 1256 Lambton Line, the home of Bev and Guy

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