



# The St. Clair Township BEACON

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## The kids are back in school

Motorists, please watch for stopped school buses and maintain a safe distance behind them. It's good safety practice and it's the law.

## New Brigden Fair Ambassador crowned

A beaming Kaitlynn Anderson donned her ambassador's tiara for the first time on Aug. 14 after being chosen as the new Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2013-14. Four candidates vied for the title, with Taylor Myers taking the title of runner-up. The two also excelled during the speeches competition, with Taylor Myers' speech taking top honours and Kaitlynn Anderson's speech taking the second place 'reserve' designation.

The 18-year-old Ambassador will take on a host of duties during this year's 163rd Brigden Fair on Thanksgiving weekend, but she will also be busy throughout the

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Right: Newly-crowned Brigden Fair Ambassador Kaitlynn Anderson, left, with runner-up Taylor Myers.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



## Continued growth within St. Clair Township bodes well for a good year

The second quarter building permit figures for 2013 continue to indicate healthy growth in St. Clair Township. As of June, 2013 permits for new residential construction stand at 24, far ahead of the meager 3 registered by this time in 2012. The current value of this construction stands at \$5,562,000 compared to last year's total value of \$625,000.

The overall picture looks much the

same. Total permits issued in the first six months stand at 91 compared to last year's total of 82, with the total value of construction to date standing at \$9,498,400 compared to the yearly 2012 total of \$6,896,200.

Mayor Steve Arnold says this trend bodes well for sustained future growth. He also noted community infrastructure improvements are also adding to the over-

all quality of life within the municipality.

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## Municipal Notes

### Growth in municipality provides better community for all

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"We have strived to make sure our infrastructure continues to be improved, both in hard services like roads, bridges, water and sewer service as well as soft services such as splash pads, library improvements and so on," he said. "We're also making sure that we do whatever is needed to expedite positive long-term job growth in our community, long-term full-time employment as well as shorter term construction jobs."

With this effort to make sweeping improvements and positive quality-of-life changes within St. Clair Township, Mayor Arnold says there will be a firm foundation upon which to build an even better community. "These are some of the building blocks for growth," he said. "Staff and council are committed to ensure we help to make an even better community in which to live, work and raise a family."



### St. Clair Township 2013 Property Tax Due Dates

**The final tax due date will be  
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.

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.**

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



### Council meeting schedule

Meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held every first and third Monday of the month (unless otherwise stated) at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. September meetings are slated for Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 23 at 4:30 p.m. after Committee of the Whole. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for more information.



### 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**

# Township of St. Clair

## Yard Waste/Brush Collection 2013

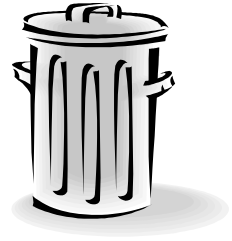
The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste/brush collection program for defined areas in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill site.

**Yard Waste** is collected separately from regular waste on a weekly basis in urbanized areas of the township, with collection starting at 7 a.m. Yard waste from the balance of the township is collected with the regular waste collection.

### COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Collection will be on Wednesday or Friday of each week depending on the service area.

- Wednesday:
- \* Corunna (including Froomfield area)
  - \* St. Clair Parkway (North of Emily Street, Mooretown)
- Friday:
- \* Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton
  - \* Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens
  - \* St. Clair Parkway (South of Emily Street, Mooretown)



During the month of September, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection, subject to the six (6) item limit.

**Fall yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, Oct. 9 and Friday, Oct. 11  
and will continue until Wednesday, Nov. 13 and Friday, Nov. 15.**

### WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

**Yard waste includes the following:** grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings, and twigs (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil).

**Items NOT PERMITTED, include:** kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached. (*See Brush Collection below.*)

Yard waste placed at the roadside for collection must be bagged in clear or transparent plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers marked with an "X" on both sides, and must be free of all non-compostable material such as plastic, glass, metal, or other debris. The term "open containers" does **NOT** include blue boxes or cardboard boxes.

Containers must not exceed 23 kg / 50 lb.

Yard waste placed in regular garbage bags **will not be collected.**



### BRUSH COLLECTION

Small brush bundles will also be collected on Oct. 18 with the following guidelines: 4 feet maximum length, 1 inch maximum diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled), tied and placed at curb.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:

St. Clair Township Public Works Department at 519-867-2125  
or visit the Public Works Website at: [www.twp.st.clair.on.ca](http://www.twp.st.clair.on.ca)



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page for future reference***

## Fall programs ready to go at Mooretown Sports Complex

This fall, promise yourself that you won't let Winter hibernation pack on those unwanted pounds. No matter what your age or fitness level might be right now, the Mooretown Sports Complex has the answer to your wellness needs. Here are some of the programs you can choose from.

### Fall swim lessons

Register now for fall swim lessons including: private lessons, group, adult, parent and tot. Lessons begin the week of Sept. 16. For more information, see the Fall brochure online at [www.twp.stclair.on.ca/brochure.htm](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/brochure.htm).

### Virtual Grocery Store tour - free

A West Lambton CHC registered dietitian will take you on a *virtual tour* of a grocery store as you learn about proper nutrition and how to understand and read labels. The tour is set for Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register, call the West Lambton CHC at 519-344-3017, ext 237 or the Mooretown Sports Complex (see contact information below.)

### Diabetes and Caring For Your Feet - free

Learn how diabetes affects your feet and what you can do to keep them healthy. This session is set for Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register, call the West Lambton CHC at 519-344-3017, ext 237 or the Mooretown Sports Complex (see contact information below.)

### Seniors On The Move - free

**Seniors On The Move** is a half-day program that focuses on healthy lifestyle and falls prevention for older adults. **For more information, see page 12.**

### De-stress yourself through Yoga

Stress is a fact of life for everyone and its consequences can be life-threatening if not addressed. Yoga has been used for centuries to promote tranquility and wellness, and it is now available at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Feel rejuvenated as you release life's physical and emotional stress. This six-week program will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. beginning on Sept. 17. The cost is \$60 for the program.

### Stretch and Strengthen - fitness classes

These group fitness classes focus on fun and fitness while

improving strength and flexibility. Classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 per class, \$45 for a 12-visit pass, or \$243 per year for full fitness centre membership.

### Shallow and Deep Water Aerobics

Experience and enjoy the rejuvenating power of water. Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow water classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 per class, \$45 per 12-visit pass, or \$195 per year.

### Water Therapy: arthritis and fibromyalgia water exercise

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

### Red Cross Babysitting Course slated

This course will be offered on PA Day Friday, Nov. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is designed for youth 11 years of age and older who want to acquire the skills necessary to be a competent babysitter. The course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in case of an emergency. The cost of the program, including the manual, is \$45 per child.

### Shinny hockey is back!

Adult shinny hockey will be played every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1. The cost is \$5 per person. Air out that hockey bag, sharpen your skates and get ready to rock the ice!

**For more information or to register for a program listed above, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.**

## New Brigden Fair Ambassador active in local community and in Third World initiatives

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year of her reign visiting local schools and attending social and promotional functions to represent the fair. Kaitlynn will also be coping with her second year of study at the University of Western Ontario handling a double major program of accounting and psychology.

Kaitlynn has been active in many community initiatives as well as efforts that benefit less fortunate people half a world away. She was recognized at the national level for her fundraising efforts to help fund clean water wells in Africa. She has also been active with the 4-H Club, participating in many of its programs, and says she

hopes to become a leader some day. She received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2012 in recognition of her ongoing community activism.

Runner-up Taylor Myers will also be busy with duties at the fair this year, but she will also be attending the University of Windsor studying Human Kinetics with the goal of becoming a physiotherapist.

In her final official address to the audience, Courtlyn Fiddler, Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2012-2013, thanked Moore Agricultural Society past president John Scott and all of the people who helped and advised her during her reign.

**See page 5 for more Brigden Fair news.**

## Brigden Fair News - new contest, new *Ag In The Classroom* format

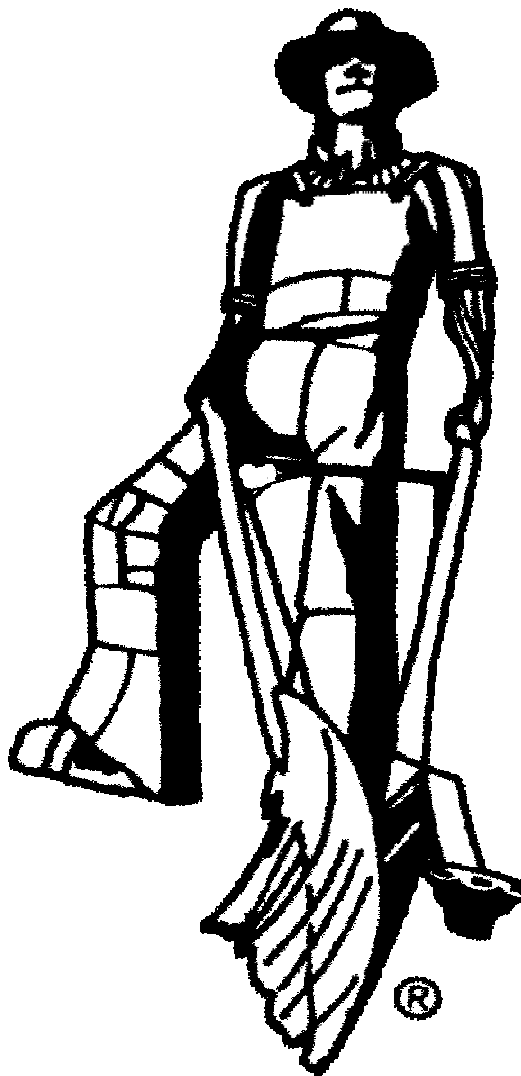
### 163rd Brigden Fair - October 11, 12, 13 & 14

The 163rd Brigden Fair is keeping up with the times, adapting to changing circumstances and offering an exciting new contest that will engage and delight the whole family.

**Agriculture In The Classroom program**, slated for Friday, Oct. 11 morning of Brigden Fair weekend, will have a change of format this year because it coincides with the elementary school professional development day. Spokesperson Mona Mae Thompson says this year, parents, caregivers, and those who home-school their children are encouraged to bring the students to the Brigden fairgrounds on Friday, Oct. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to experience educational displays and hands-on activities. The program covers a wide variety of information that meets the social studies, science, technology, health and physical education segments of the elementary school curriculum. Children will be admitted free but must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$4. Organizations participating in this year's program include Lambton Egg Farmers, Lambton Farm Safety, Lambton County Pork Producers, Brigden 4-H Sheep Club, Honey, Bluewater Milk Transportation, Lambton Cattlemen's Association, Lambton Milk Committee, and the St. Clair Conservation Authority.

A new contest being tried for the first year is the **Best Big Bale promotional display contest**. The contest is open to all organizations, businesses, or families within a 30 km radius from the Bridgen fairgrounds. A cash prize will be awarded to each of the top three Big Bale displays chosen. The display can include one or more large round or rectangular bales of hay (or straw if hay is not available to you.) Full details can be obtained by acquiring the 2013 Brigden Fair prize book.

This is a tremendous team-building opportunity for local businesses and industries, and it's also a terrific way for families to expend that wonderful



## THE PLOUGHMAN WELCOMES YOU

nervous energy that always precedes Brigden Fair weekend. Let your imagination run wild and have fun!

Along with the new Big Bale contest, the Best Decorated Yard contest is also being held. It is open to homes and businesses in the town of Brigden plus along Courtright Line from Kimball Road to Mandaumin Road, and along Brigden Line from Oil Springs Line to Moore Line. Judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 10 by noon.

For more information about these programs or any other fair activities, call the fair office at 519-864-1197, go online to [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or email [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca).

This year's fair will offer all of the excitement and good old-fashioned fall fair fun you've come to expect. *The Ploughman's Farmyard* will be open all weekend to offer hands-on fun for children of all ages and the World's Finest Shows midway will be on hand to create a true carnival atmosphere. Helicopter rides will be available for the adventurous visitors and power fans will enjoy the tractor pull. Music will fill the air and vendors will offer an endless variety of treasures to tempt every taste. And as always, there will be parades and plenty of competition as homecraft exhibits and livestock entries are judged and ribbons presented to the best entries in each category.

**This year's fair theme is**  
*Hometown Pride, Country Wide.*

The cost of a weekend gate pass will be \$20 per adult with elementary school children free each day. Individual day passes will cost: Friday until 5 p.m.-\$4 per adult; Friday after 5 p.m.-\$10 per adult; Saturday to Monday-\$8 per adult. Parking will be free all weekend and handicap parking will be available.

**Mark your calendar - Oct. 11-14 - and don't miss the chance to attend one of Ontario's premier fall fairs.**





## HERITAGE CORNER



### Marine mishaps part of life on the St. Clair River

Life on the St. Clair River runs smoothly most of the time thanks to modern day navigational devices, dependable water craft and constant vigilance on the part of Coast Guard units from both sides of the river.

But at the turn of the century, river mariners had their share of trials and tribulations to endure. Take this example submitted by history buff, Mr. A. Ander.

He writes this account of an incident that illustrates how dicey things could get. "100 years ago, Aug. 17, 1913, the steamer Atikokan, a whale-back freighter down bound in the St. Clair River, suddenly lost steering control."

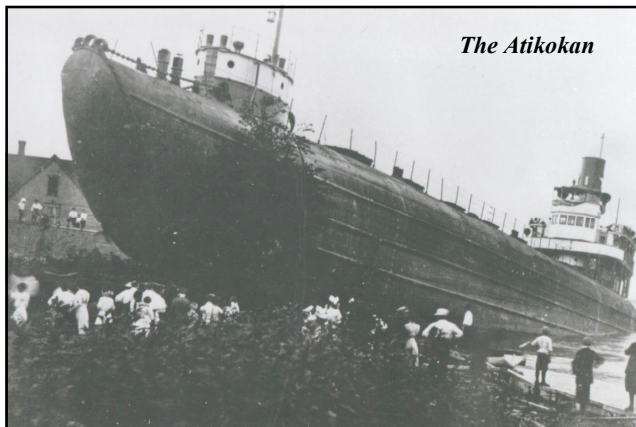
"With a whistle blowing danger, the freighter was headed for Marine City, Michigan, directly opposite Sombra. With a crash, bang, and boom, the freighter ran right out of the water, wiping out several waterfront buildings. Fortunately, no one was hurt or killed, but the Atikokan was high and dry, and in need of help."

"The Sombra shore proved a great viewing ground for this spectacle. Three tugs arrived later in the day to provide assistance in towing her (the Atikokan) from her dry land perch. Members of the Sarnia Yacht Club made a trip downriver to view this spectacle. When they arrived in Sombra, they docked at the Whitely ferry dock opposite the Grand Union Hotel and had a front row seat to the action."

Mr. Ander says the Atikokan was freed later in the afternoon and was deemed safe enough to continue on its way, and with the drama resolved, the Sarnia yachtsmen headed back upriver to the club.

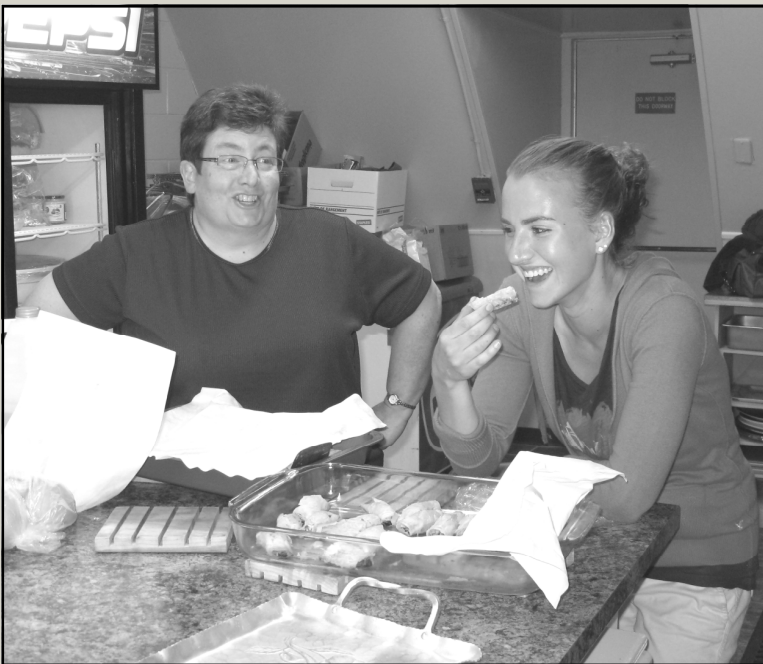
**The photo below records that exciting afternoon in 1913. Here is the Atikokan grounded and awaiting rescue.**

*The Beacon thanks Mr. Ander for contributing this great snippet of historic St. Clair River lore.*



*The Atikokan*

### *Quality control = great eats at volunteer dinner*



The Moore Museum really knows how to show its appreciation to those who donate their time, efforts, and materials toward the upkeep and betterment of the museum. A volunteer appreciation dinner, held recently at the Courtright Community Centre, featured a full menu of appetizers, main courses and sides, as well as a huge selection of mouth-watering desserts.

As you would expect, this kind of event isn't easy to present, so great care was taken to exercise strict quality control. That enviable chore fell to summer student Nicole Selman, right, of Courtright, who will be attending Brescia University College in London this fall to study Nutrition.

**Above: As Ms. Selman samples one of the delectable spinach rolls before they leave the kitchen, Moore Museum curator Laurie Mason waits for her decision.**

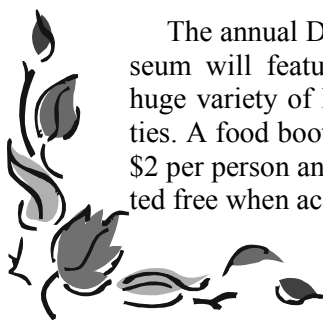
The Moore Museum Advisory Committee currently consists of: Chair Jim Townsend; Vice-Chair Arnold Pole; Secretary Joyce Brock; St. Clair Township Council representative Jim DeGurse; Marg Griffiths; Susanne Hodgins; Marilyn Johnson; Bob McPhee; David Pattenden; Judy Rausa; Dave Robinson; Fred Strickland; Dave Taylor; and Shirley Warner.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

### Downriver Craft Sale at Moore Museum

The annual Downriver Craft Sale at the Moore Museum will feature over 50 vendor tables offering a huge variety of handcrafted items and artisan specialties. A food booth will also be available. Admission is \$2 per person and children under age 13 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Be there on:

**Sunday, Sept. 15  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



## Information sessions offered by Rapids Family Health Team

The following information sessions are being offered starting in September at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic at 233 Cameron Street in Corunna. There is no charge for these sessions and they are open to anyone living in St. Clair Township, however, registration is required. Please note that space is limited.

### 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 will be discussed, and you 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 Weights Support Group

This support group is for persons who have previously attended the Healthy Weights by Healthy Means group program or have received individual nutrition counseling with one of our registered dietitians. It will be held the last Wednesday of every

month from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the first session starting on Sept. 25.

The Weight Loss Support Group is a drop-in program offering support, problem solving and the opportunity to ask questions and review strategies for achieving and maintaining a healthy weight. Sessions will be facilitated by a registered dietitian but the format will be casual.

Participants will determine what is discussed by bringing forth topics of interest. They will also have the opportunity to check their weight, if desired. Participants do not need to register to attend. Just show up for the scheduled time and date, and show your health card at reception.

### Master Your Health: Managing Chronic Conditions

Master Your Health is a six-week workshop series designed to help clients living with chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart disease to build confidence to manage their own health care. The ultimate goal is to assist clients in becoming better advocates of their own health. Emphasis is placed on goal-setting. These goals may be as simple as making the bed in the morning.

As clients succeed in obtaining their goals, it builds on their self-confidence and they proceed to take on larger challenges. Many of the daily challenges that clients living with chronic conditions deal with are discussed during the six weeks. These may include: depression, breathing exercises, physical activity, healthy eating, pain, fatigue, treatment decisions, goal-setting, action planning, etc. Clients are invited to bring friends, family members, a neighbour or loved one.

**For more information on upcoming sessions or to register for any of them, call 519-813-9800 to speak to reception.** If the session and day of your choice is not available, your name will be put on a waiting list for a future session.

### On-site laboratory access

All residents of St. Clair Township have access to the on-site laboratory, which is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



## Corunna 1 Crushers triumph 5-0 at Wallaceburg tournament

The Corunna 1 Crushers strutted their stuff as they went undefeated at the St. Clair Rookie Ball Tournament in Wallaceburg recently. The exuberant team is shown here after their 5-0 performance.

**Back row (from left):** Coach Brent McManus, Mark Moosberger, Roger Schram, Rick Leonard. **Middle row:** Ian Snedden, Christian Musson, Ryan Stewart, Ceager MacDonald, Nash Demoter, James Snedden, Noah Leonard. **Front row:** Zack Schram, Tyler Coe, Steven Switzer, Tyler Moosberger, Logan Durance.

*Photo submitted*

## Local Ontario Early Years Satellite Sarnia-Lambton locations

The OEYC Sarnia-Lambton is a free family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. It is part of the Ontario government's commitment to families with children ages 0 to 6 years of age. The goal of this program is to provide a learning environment in which parents and children can interact and learn from each other.



### **Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School**

3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton  
519-892-3151

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Best Start Hub - St. Joseph's School, Corunna**

535 Birchbank Drive, Corunna  
519-862-5071, ext. 224

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Brigden United Church**

2420 Jane Street, Brigden  
519-892-3151

**Re-opens on Sept. 6**

#### **Hours of Operation**

Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



All OEYC programs are free of charge. For a complete listing of hours and parent/caregiver workshops, go online to: [www.ontarioearlyyears.ca](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).

## Sombra Township Child Care promotes development and learning skills

The world is a complex place and it's important for children to be prepared for the challenges ahead. Sombra Township Child Care provides child care for children ages three months to 12 years, but it also helps to prepare children for these challenges through the Preschool Early Learning Program (PELP).

This program helps each child by developing five age-appropriate school readiness skills: physical, emotional, social,

language, and cognitive development. PELP is open to Lambton County children between the ages of 31 months and 4 years of age who are not yet eligible for junior or senior kindergarten.

The program is offered eight days per month from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for \$7 per day. Call 519-892-3031 for more information.

### ***Gala Days rocked Port Lambton***

Port Lambton Gala Days registered another successful season this summer and the annual parade was one of the highlights. Keeping things merry were members of the band, *84 Special*, who filled the village streets with music.

*Photo submitted*

### **United Way announces 2013 campaign goal**

The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton 2013 fundraising campaign goal has been set at \$1,870,000. This is a 1.1% increase over the 2012 goal. 2013 Campaign Chair Brian Black says the increase is needed to cover rising costs at United Way funded agencies. The campaign kicks off Sept. 17 with the annual Day of Caring.





# Community Contact

## ***The Workplace assists job seekers***

The staff at The Workplace Group understands that looking for work is a tough job and trying to find a job on your own is even tougher. The Workplace Group will be hosting free general information sessions in Corunna and Petrolia where they will take the fear out of the job search and help you discover the many programs and services available to support you. Whether you want to retrain, open your own business, or you need help to discover a job that's right for you, the staff at The Workplace Group can help. To register for an upcoming General Information Session and start the journey toward rewarding employment, call 519-882-3724.

## ***Clock repair course at Sombra Museum***

A 10-week clock course will be offered at Sombra Museum beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The instructor will be Eldon Grant and the cost will be \$100 per person. Call 519-627-5870 for more information or to register.

## ***Strategic plan for county museums underway***

A strategic plan is now being developed for the Lambton Heritage Museum, Oil Museum of Canada, and the Lambton County Archives. The public is being asked to participate in a survey that will help shape the plan, so hard copies of it are available at any library branch in Lambton County. It can also be completed online at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/QM63GXQ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QM63GXQ). For more information: call 519-243-2600; go online to: <http://tinyurl.com/MuseumsStrategicPlan>; or email: [heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca). The process will also include a series of three workshops in mid-September that will engage the public in discussions about their vision for the museums. They will be held as follows: Sept. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lambton Heritage Museum; Sept 17 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Sarnia Library; and Sept. 17 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Oil Museum of Canada.

## ***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.

## ***Mooretown-Courtright Public 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.

## ***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*.

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

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

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

Anyone over age 16 who does not have a valid driver's license can obtain a government-issued photo

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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 Lamb-

ton 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.

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this activity). Children are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes and there will be free juice and hot chocolate, and hot dogs will be \$1 each. ***High school students are reminded that volunteers are being sought for this event and the time spent can be used toward their volunteer hours.***

### **Two local schools plan 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

2013 marks the 50th anniversary for two St. Clair Township public schools. ***Mooretown-Courtright Public School*** has its celebration planned for Saturday, Oct. 19 and ***Brigden Public School*** will be celebrating its anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 23. See **Community Contact**, page 9 for more information about both of these anniversary celebrations.

### **Lambton Fall Colour & Craft Festival**

The Lambton Fall Colour & Craft Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Lambton Heritage Museum on Hwy. 21 south of Grand Bend and the Legacy Recreation Centre, 16

Allen Street in Thedford. Admission is \$4 per person. For more information, call 519-243-2600 or go online to: [www.lclmg.org](http://www.lclmg.org).

### **Sombra Museum to host Harvest Tea**

The Sombra Museum will host a Harvest Tea on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. The guest will be Maryellen Lusk.

### **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](mailto:beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca)**

## ***Mooretown Flags Jr. C team provide local Winter hockey excitement***

Don't miss a moment of hockey excitement as the Mooretown Flags Jr. C team enters its 2013-2014 season.

**The team will play home games at the Mooretown Sports Complex on the following dates:** Sept. 14 (Wallaceburg) 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 21 (Alvinston) 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 25 (Essex) 8 p.m.; Sept. 28 (Blenheim) 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 2 (Wheatley) 8 p.m.; Oct. 5 (Essex) 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 19 (Wheatley) 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 2 (Dresden) 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 6 (Belle River) 8 p.m.; Nov. 16 (Amherstburg) 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 23 (Wheatley) 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 30 (Blenheim) 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7 (Essex) 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 21 (Alvinston) 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 28 (Dresden) 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 4 (Amherstburg) 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 8 (Belle River) 8 p.m.; Jan. 18 (Blenheim) 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 25 (Wallaceburg) 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 1 (Amherstburg) 7:30 p.m.

**The team's away schedule is as follows:** Sept. 13 at Dresden, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 23 at Wheatley, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 3 at Wallaceburg (Walpole Island), 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 11 at Belle River, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 15 at Essex, 7:15 p.m.; Oct. 20 at Blenheim, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 27 at Amherstburg, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 13 at Wallaceburg, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 22 at Alvinston, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 29 at Dresden, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 2 at Wheatley, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 8 at Blenheim, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 13 at Belle River, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 15 at Amherstburg, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 20 at Belle River, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 11 at Alvinston, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 15 at Wallaceburg, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 17 at Dresden, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 21 at Essex, 7:15 p.m.; Jan. 24 at Alvinston, 7:30 p.m.

The Mooretown Flags are entering their 42nd year in the Great Lakes Jr. C. Hockey League.

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gion Corunna Branch 447 will be held Saturday, Sept. 21. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the draw begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is by draw ticket stub, but a \$10 admission can also be paid for those without a ticket stub. Tickets for the 4th Annual Elimination Draw will be available at this event. For more information, call the Corunna Legion hall at 519-862-1240 or event coordinator Marg Emery at 519-862-1613.

### Legion jam sessions resume in Corunna

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a series of musical jam sessions on the last Saturday of each month from September, 2013 through May, 2014. All jams will start at 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome to come, play along, or listen to some great local entertainment. There is no cover charge and food is available. *Be sure to watch for news of a new talent contest being held this year. It's still in the planning stage, but it promises to be an exciting new showcase for budding local stars.*

### Sombra Museum offers lecture series

For the second year, the Sombra Museum will offer the popular fall/winter lecture series on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The series kicks off with a visit from two generations of Seaway captains: Captain Jim Sullivan and Captain Lars Bouman on Sept. 24. On Oct. 29, Tim Moran will present *Ship Wrecks on the St. Clair River Continued*, and on Nov. 26, the ACBS (Antique and Classic Boat Society) will present *Boat Building in the St. Clair area*. In 2014, the series will present: *Sydenham Naturalist* on Jan. 28; *Arctic Safari* with Don and Kris Lee on Feb. 25; and *Community Stories* on March 25. Admission is \$10 per lecture or three lectures for \$25. Student admission is \$7 per lecture or \$16 for three. For more information, call 519-892-3982.

### 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.

### St. Joseph's Parish breakfasts begin

St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna will once again be the site of the parish's popular Sunday breakfasts and meat raffles beginning on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Diners can enjoy pancakes, sausages, bacon, ham, eggs, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7 per adult and \$3 per child ages six to 12. Children under the age of six eat free. Take-out orders are available from 8:30 a.m. The breakfasts, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will continue on the following Sun-

days: Nov. 3; Dec. 8; Jan. 12, 2014; Feb. 9; March 9; April 6; and May 4. For more information call 519-862-1213, ext. 28.

### Dessert Night fundraiser set

The Corunna branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is currently seeking 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.

### Latest styles featured at Fall Fashion Show

The Community of Christ Church, corner of Brigden Road and LaSalle Line, will be the scene of the Fall Fair Fashion show on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Men's and ladies' fashions from Petrolia will be featured. The event will include refreshments and door prizes and tickets are \$10 per person. They can be purchased by calling Carol at 519-738-0693 or Connie at 519-862-1714.

### Seniors On The Move program offered

One of the biggest fears seniors have is the fear of falling. Falls can cause catastrophic damage to bones and add unwelcome challenges to a senior's daily life. To help seniors address this issue, a free fall prevention and risk assessment program called *Seniors On The Move* will be presented at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will include a social question-and-answer period with door prizes and a free lunch. To register, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651. This program is sponsored by: Rapids Family Health Team, VHA Home Healthcare, CNIB, VON Canada, Motion Specialties, Canadian Hearing Society, and Libraries, Museums, Galleries County of Lambton.

### Sombra Museum to host Harvest Tea

A Harvest Tea is planned for the Sombra Museum on Saturday, Oct. 26 beginning at 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mary Ellen Lusk, who will speak about Victorian traditions, designs and customs. She is the former owner of Victoria Gardens in Wallaceburg. Attendees are encouraged to wear Victorian style clothing in keeping with the theme of the event, but this is optional.

### Moore Optimist Pumpkinfest planned

The Optimist Club of Moore will host the annual Pumpkinfest for children up to the age of 12 on Sunday, Oct. 27 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre. There will be games, face-painting, bobbing for apples, pumpkin bowling and Halloween crafts. The children can carve a pumpkin and decorate a Halloween cupcake, and dress a child-sized scarecrow (bring kid-sized clothes for



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## 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.

## Moore Skate Club to hold registration



The Moore Skate Club will hold its Can-Skate (beginners), CanFigure (learn basics of figure skating), and Power Skating (for Tyke, Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, Midget and Bantam) registration for the 2013-2014 season on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex. For more information, go online to: [www.moore skate club.ca](http://www.moore skate club.ca).

## Tri-County Horse Club shows in Brigden

The Tri-County Horse Club (formerly the Tri-County Apaloosa Club) will hold the last horse show of the series at the Brigden fairgrounds on 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.

## Clock repair course offered

The Sombra Museum will offer a clock repair course beginning Sept. 10. For more information, see Community Contact on page 9.

## Fostering open house planned

The Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society will host an open house at the North Lambton Health Centre, 3-59 King St. W. in Forest on Sept. 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event will provide information for anyone who has ever considered fostering or adoption. To register for this open house, call 519-0623, ext. 225.

## St. Joseph's Hospice fundraisers planned

St. Joseph's Hospice will host two fundraisers this fall. The 3rd Annual Ladies' Fore Hospice Charity Golf Tournament is slated for Thursday, Sept. 12 at Huron Oaks Golf Course. And if you're in the mood for something more formal, enjoy the Dancing Under the Stars Gala on Saturday, Nov. 2 in the atrium at DeGroot's Nursery. For more information or to register, call Lesley at 519-337-0537 or go online to [lcoene@sjhospice.ca](mailto:lcoene@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.

## Courtright firefighters to host End of Summer Bash

The end of summer is reason to celebrate as the Courtright volun-

teer firefighters host the End of Summer Bash at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) on Friday, Sept. 13 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event will feature food, drinks, raffles and live music by *The Maggie's Mountain Band*. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new Courtright fire station van. Tickets will be \$5 per person and free rides home will be available. Tickets will be available at the Courtright Variety Store or from any Courtright volunteer firefighter.

## Soccer registration set for CAP park

Soccer registration for district boys' and girls' teams will be held Friday, Sept. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the CAP park pavilion. Registrants must be 9 years of age (as of 2014) to 13 years old. Skill-building and practices are held year 'round, with indoor locations yet to be announced.

## So-Co-Mo Registration

So-Co-Mo bowling registration for ages five through 21 is slated for Saturday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept. 21 at Airey Bowling Lanes, 1595 Third Street in Courtright from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$40 per bowler with a weekly fee of \$7.50. Bowling will begin on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. More details will be available at the time of registration.



## Drumhead Service set for Brigden

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 will host the Legion Zone 4A Drumhead Service on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. Legion Parade Form-up will be at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Legion hall, 3021 Brigden Road. Refreshments will be served at the Branch hall after the service. For more information, call Louise at 519-864-1463.

## Moore Museum plans Downriver Craft Sale

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. Make a Christmas and birthday 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](http://www.mooremuseum.ca/event/downriver-craft-sale).

## Annual Elimination Draw event at Corunna Legion

The 3rd Annual Elimination Draw for the Royal Canadian Le-