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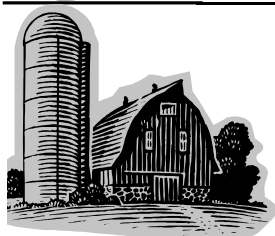
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IT'S BRIGDEN FAIR TIME AGAIN!

Oct. 11 to 14, follow The Ploughman to Brigden on Thanksgiving Weekend to experience one of Ontario's premier fall fairs.

See page 5 for more information.



St. Clair Township volunteer firefighters take road toll for MDA

Local volunteer firefighters from the St. Clair Township Fire Department's Corunna station were out taking road tolls on Aug. 31 as part of the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drive fundraiser. At the end of their effort, the firefighters had raised over \$3,200 for the cause.

This is the first MDA boot toll held locally in many years according to Beacon source Scott Brown. However, in light of the tremendous support the effort received this year, he says the toll will definitely be repeated in 2014. Firefighters in Ontario have been associated with the MDA since 1954 and in 2012 alone, Ontario fire departments raised over \$1.2 million to help fund research and support for those who wage a daily battle with these debilitating muscular disorders.

The Volunteer Firefighters of the St. Clair Township Fire Department Corunna station extend thanks to their friends, neighbours, and co-workers in St. Clair Township for their unfailing generosity.



Photo submitted

On Lyndoch Street, Corunna station volunteer firefighter, Captain Dave Yorke, accepts a donation from a generous motorist.

Distracted driving and walking due to electronic devices carries unnecessary risk

Unless you've been on a desert island for the past several years, you will have noticed an alarming habit growing worse by day - texting while walking (officially referred to as TWW). Law enforcement is already coping with the often fatal results of motorists texting while driving (TWD), but the dangers posed by texting also apply to those who insist on strolling along with both thumbs pounding out the latest gossip or playing an irresistible game on hand-held devices.

OPP Cst. Chrystal Jones says both texting while driving and texting while walking pose serious threats which the OPP is taking steps to discourage. "Distracted driving is against the law," she said. "The fine for using hand-held phones and entertainment devices while driving is \$155 including the victim assistance surcharge. Drivers who drive without

due care and attention, and allow themselves to be distracted by other activities can also be charged with the more serious offence of Careless Driving, pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act."

Even hands-free devices are now the object of intense study, and the results of these studies indicate that these also have the ability to distract drivers from concentrating on the road and traffic around them.

Cst. Jones says the responsibility for individual safety is something everyone must take seriously in order to avoid the mishaps and the potentially dangerous consequences posed by distracted driving and walking.

"The OPP encourages everyone to be aware of their surroundings at all times," she said. "When people are looking at an electronic device, whether they are driving or

walking, their attention is not on the task at hand and they run the risk of seriously injuring themselves or another person."

Be aware of your surroundings at all times whether you are driving or walking. Distractions caused by that electronic wonder you carry in your pocket may be hazardous to your health and to the health of those around you. They may also pose a threat to your bank account and driving record.

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Municipal Notes

Veterans Way signage to be added

Lambton County Council has supported the installation of commemorative Veterans Way street signs as an additional tab to existing 911 signage along Hill Street in Corunna. The signs will appear from Brooktree Drive to Lyndoch Street.



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



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. October meetings are slated for Monday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 21 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

For the latest information about St. Clair Township, its departments and associated services, go online to: www.twp.stclair.on.ca

Moore Foundation 2013 grants presented

Moore Foundation Chair Mary Jane Marsh presented three foundation grants to worthy applicants during the Sept. 9 meeting of St. Clair Township Council. Grants were presented to: 1) the Brigden Community Decoration team who kept the town looking beautiful all summer by planting and caring for flowers purchased with their grant; 2) the committee that is currently raising money toward the installation of a splash pad in Brander Park south of Port Lambton; and 3) the Moore Museum's newest exhibit of models of vintage agricultural vehicles and instruments. The Foundation, comprised of volunteer members from across St. Clair Township, meets about twice a year to consider applications from groups proposing projects that will benefit and/or enhance the community.



Moore Foundation grant recipients included, rear left: Moore Museum representatives Dave Taylor, Kathleen Smith, Jim Townsend and Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason. Front left: Brigden Community Decoration team representative Darlene Pepper; Moore Foundation Chair Mary Jane Marsh; and Brander Park Splash Pad Committee Co-Chair Anne Hazzard.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Township of St. Clair

Yard Waste/Brush Collection 2013

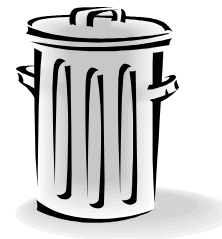
The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste/brush collection program for defined areas in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill site.

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)



**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



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page for future reference***

Fall programs ready to go at Mooretown Sports Complex

Fall wellness and fitness programs are now underway at the Mooretown Sports Complex. This Winter, don't hibernate - invigorate!

Virtual Grocery Store tour - free

A West Lambton Community Health Centre registered dietitian will take you on a free *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 free 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.)

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.

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.

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 11.**

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!



See the Fall brochure online at:

www.twp.stclair.on.ca/brochure.htm

For more information or to register for a program listed above,

Creative County Fund applications now being accepted

A second round of funding applications is now being accepted by the County of Lambton's *Creative County* Committee. Examples of projects eligible for funding include: neighbourhood beautification, new festivals, special events, public art, and local food celebrations.

Up to \$8,500 will be made available for applications from South Lambton (St. Clair Township, Dawn-Euphemia, and Brooke-Alvinston).

An additional \$22,000 may be allocated to projects that can demonstrate cultural benefits to all areas of Lambton County. Eligible projects in this category must include one or more local partners, and be able to engage the entire Lambton community.

Funding guidelines and application forms can be found on the County Website at www.lambtononline.ca, by clicking on the *Creative County* bullet under the *Residents* heading.

Applications will be received until Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m. The committee will make the remaining funds available in November, 2013 with the intent to fund projects that require an early start in 2014.

Lambton County Launches Local Food Game

Lambton County has begun the implementation of its new Integrated Community Sustainability Plan with the production of an online community engagement game, *Lambton Eats Locally*. The game can be found at: https://communityplanit.org/lambton_eats_local/

The game is also available through the County's Website: www.lambtononline.ca - click on "Government" - then click on the "Sustainable Lambton" tab.

163rd Brigden Fall Fair offers *Hometown Pride, Country Wide!*

**It's time to follow The Ploughman to the
163rd edition of the Brigden Fair!
-Oct. 11 through 14-**

As always, the fair will be buzzing with exciting events, great entertainment and the very best of the livestock, crops and agricultural products Ontario has to offer. The theme for 2013 is *Hometown Pride, Country Wide*.

This year, the thrilling Monster Truck Ride will be carrying excited passengers on an exciting excursion they won't soon forget. For the young set, Dan the Balloon Man will be roaming the grounds creating whimsical balloon creatures for his young audience. Midway enthusiasts will be happy to know that, after a five year hiatus, the majestic ferris wheel will be returning to the World's Finest Midway site.

Don't miss the opening fair parade at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. All of the colour and fun of the fair is on display aboard the many floats and vehicles that line the route, as well as in the costumes and on the faces of the people who walk or ride along with it.

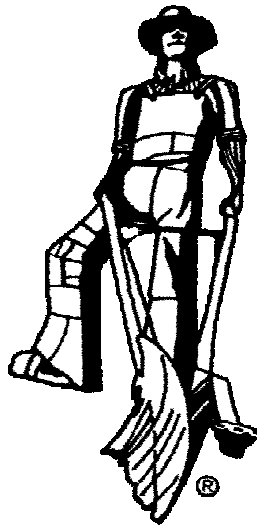
All weekend, see all of the agricultural wonders that allow us to eat well and enjoy Nature's bounty. See prime examples of luscious local fruits, vegetables, and grains, and the impressive livestock our farmers produce, as well as the tempting products that are made with those raw materials. In the exhibition hall, take in the myriad examples of the crafts, photos and handiwork our talented local population turns out. Take a ride in the midway and stroll through the vendors buildings to see what's new.

On Friday, Oct. 11 morning beginning at 9:30 a.m., *Agriculture In The Classroom* will be presented for school-aged children. Since the elementary school teachers' professional development day falls on Brigden Fair Friday this year, parents and caregivers are invited to bring the children to this event. A host of educational exhibits, displays, and hands-on activities, as well as knowledgeable presenters, will be there to provide an enjoyable experience for the children. The morning will be especially memorable if it is done as a family experience that everyone can enjoy and treasure. Children will be admitted free of charge but must be accompanied by an adult. Admission will be \$4.

On Friday night at 7 p.m., hear the roar and feel the power of the Tractor Pull. Big, brawny machines from all over the area will fill the night with thunder.

Beverly Hillbillies fans will be pleased to know that special guest Donna Douglas, (also known as *Elly May Clampett*), will be paying a visit to the Brigden Fair's Entertainment Tent on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10:45 a.m. for a Thanksgiving Church Service.

Also on Saturday at 7 p.m., enjoy the skill and intensity of Team Sorting in the Coliseum. Or if something small but mighty is your speed, enjoy the Lambton Kent Mini-Pullers at the Grandstand at 6 p.m.



On Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Ma-sons' IDenti-Kid program will be held at the fair. Parents who wish to have an identification card developed for their child can have the child finger-printed, photographed, and documented. This identification package provides parents and law enforcement with crucial information should a child become lost or go missing. Parents keep the card or eKid card with them at all times and, in an emergency, can immediately provide relevant information for law enforcement.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, *Follow The Fibre Trail* will provide an informative, exciting display of fibre-bearing animals and plants. Exhibits will show the process used to create useable fibres from plants and animals to finished product. Artisans who work with these fibres will be on hand to demonstrate crafts such as spinning, weaving, felting and knitting. The exhibit will be located in Cattle Barn #1.

Also on Sunday at 11 a.m., get ready for a huge helping of cute as the Baby Show toddles its way into the Community Showcase.

On Monday, Oct. 14, a number of great special events will take place. Tickets for the gorgeous handmade quilt draw will be available at the fair throughout the weekend until draw time on Monday, Oct. 14. The draw is sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division.

Also on Monday at 11 a.m. in the Coliseum, a Charity Auction will be held to benefit St. Joseph's Hospice. Auction items have been donated by the Moore Agricultural Society's Executive, Board of Directors, and members. Following this event, a livestock auction will take place with proceeds going to 4-H-sponsored clubs under the Youth Fair Association of the Brigden Fair. For more information, call the Brigden Fair office at 519-864-1197.

The West Coast Lumberjacks Show will once again visit the fair on Saturday at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.; and Monday at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. The 8 Six Six Industries Freestyle Motocross Team featuring Billy Van Vugt and X Games athlete Bruce Cook will be at the grandstand on Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Other treats that will keep the fairgrounds lively on Thanksgiving Weekend include the Trick Riders, My Little Pony Show, Lumberjacks Woodcarving, Thomas the Tank Engine, Mike the Knight, Jess & Olivia, and so much more, not to mention the many delicious varieties of food and treats that can be found throughout the fairgrounds.

Don't miss this chance to spend some quality time with family and make memories to last a lifetime at the 2013 Brigden Fair.

**FOR LATE BREAKING NEWS AND UPDATES ON THE 2013 BRIGDEN FAIR,
check out the Brigden Fair Webpage at <http://www.brigdenfair.ca/> or the Brigden Fair Facebook page.**

**Winter storage
available at
Brigden fairgrounds**

Winter storage will be available at the Brigden Fairgrounds beginning on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. Placement is on a first-come, first-served basis and items (e.g. RVs, cars, boats, etc.) will be accepted until all livestock buildings (except horse barn) are filled. The cost of storage will be \$2 per linear foot (including trailer tongue) per month. For more information, call the Brigden Fair office at 519-864-1197.





HERITAGE CORNER



THE COMING OF FALL BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF PAST COMMUNITY FAIRS

With files submitted by Allan Anderson

October is a big fair month here in St. Clair Township. This year, the 163rd Brigden Fair will once again carry on a tradition that has fascinated and thrilled area residents since agriculture first became a driving force here.

Allan Anderson, a member of the Heritage St. Clair Committee, writes that, although the Brigden Fair is the biggest and oldest small town fair in the province, the former Sombra Township also boasted a pretty spiffy fair of its own once upon a time.

The annual fair was held each September for 51 years until 1943 and it was often the first fair of the season. It was such a popular local event that the Sombra Township council of 1918 passed a motion to make Fair Day a township holiday.

Records indicate that the Second World War and the ensuing war effort throughout the first half of the 1940s greatly affected the volunteer commitment of the Fair Board and it was eventually forced to shut down operation. But while it ran, the Sombra Fair, hosted by the Sombra Agricultural Society, provided a place for people to meet, compete, show off, and share their wares, farming achievements, and crafts, just as the Brigden Fair continues to do today. Horse racing was always a feature attraction.

Unlike fairs of the modern era, old time fall fairs also gave everyone a chance to show off their finest outfits. Men's work clothes were re-



The Sombra Fair shown here at the Wilkesport fairgrounds, ran for 51 years and ended in 1943.
Photo submitted

placed with suits and well-blocked hats, and women's house dresses were left in the closet in favour of their Sunday best dresses and fetching hats of all descriptions. A fall fair was a grand occasion, a place to socialize before the Winter snows made travel difficult.

The Brigden fairgrounds have continued to expand and grow, while the Wilkesport fairgrounds, once the site of annual fall excitement, now accommodates the St. Clair Township public works yards.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas a holiday tradition at the Moore Museum

The Moore Museum's most popular school program is *An Old-Fashioned Christmas*. Approximately 1,000 children attend this program each year, experiencing the traditions and the spirit of Christmases long past.

The log cabin is decorated for a homespun pioneer family Christmas. Trees and toys in the main building bring the traditions and elegance of the Victorian Era to life. Students taste history when they participate in a taffy pull and sample the results. They are able to create a pioneer or Victorian-style decoration, giving each student a souvenir to take home to add to their own family's Christmas traditions.

These decorations often become treasured heirlooms to be enjoyed

by generations yet to be. Adults who visit during this Christmas celebration often recall when they came to the museum as children and made the decoration that still hangs on their family tree each year.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas is available for school groups from Nov. 25 to Dec. 19 this year. Morning and afternoon bookings are offered, and evenings for children's groups can be arranged. Programs must be booked in advance. Program dates fill up quickly so teachers are encouraged to call soon to ensure the best time slots. The cost of the program is \$4.05 per student.

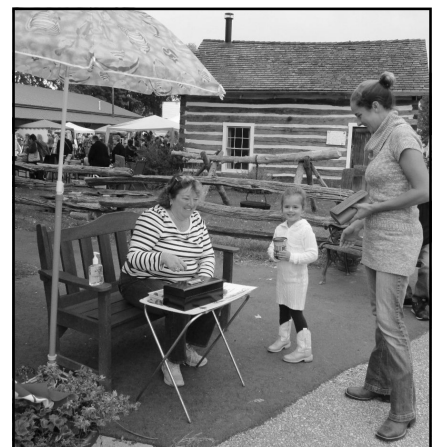
Further details are available by calling the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visiting the museum Website at www.mooremuseum.ca.

Downriver Craft Sale at Moore Museum draws an appreciative crowd



The Moore Museum's annual Downriver Craft Sale drew an impressive crowd of about 1,200 adults and 200 children on Sept. 15. The sale boasted over 50 vendors and gave shoppers a huge variety of wares to choose from. And when the hungry shoppers decided to take a break and fuel their efforts, they stopped off at the new bright yellow food trailer, left, to buy something to keep their energy levels up. The trailer was on loan from Preferred Electric, who offers it for use by charitable groups. Hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers and cheeseburgers, as well as chips, pop, coffee and cotton candy, were on the menu. Upon entering the event, dedicated volunteers like Kathy Roswell, right, accepted the \$2 price of admission.

Photos submitted



Information sessions offered by Rapids Family Health Team

The following information sessions are being offered starting in October at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic at 233 Cameron Street in Corunna. There is no charge for participation and sessions are open to anyone living in St. Clair Township. However, registration is required and space is limited. If a space is not available in the session you wish to attend, you will be placed on a list to attend a future session. For more information or to register, call 519-813-9800.

Living with diabetes

This two-hour session, set for Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., provides a general overview of diabetes. The discussion will include the most common myths about diabetes, what 'good control' means, and some things that can be done to manage diabetes. The session is led by a Diabetes Educator.

Diabetes Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

This two-hour session, set for Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.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 Support Group

This support group is for people 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 noon to 1 p.m. with the first session starting on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

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. Simply 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 to be held on Thursdays beginning Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The workshop is 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. The 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.

Quit Smoking Workshop

The *Quit Smoking Workshop* is a two-hour session for people who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco. We will discuss strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nicotine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications. We will also work on finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent a relapse. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our nurse educators. This session is slated for Friday, Oct. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information on upcoming sessions or to register for any of them, call 519-813-9800 to speak to reception.

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.



WorkPlace Group offers employment search assistance and connects job seekers with employers

The WorkPlace Group provides free employment search services to those who are laid off, unemployed, underemployed, or living with a disability. The group assists people from every occupational background and level of experience.

Services include: information and referral services; resumes; cover letters; marketing strategies; job search assistance and support; career planning and assessments; job placement services and much more.

For those who are considering self-employment, the group can show you how the Ontario Self Employment

Benefit may be able to give you the support you need to get your business ideas off the ground.

Job seekers living with a disability can receive specialized supports. The WorkPlace Group staff takes the time to work with you, identify your strengths, build your confidence, and help you move toward your career goals.

The WorkPlace Group has been helping job seekers since 1976 and is part of the Employment Ontario Network. For more information, go online to www.theworkplacegroup.ca.

Community Contact

Lambton Dragons invite challengers

The Lambton Dragons Sledge Hockey team invites any hockey team, sports group, or work group to come to the Mooretown Sports Complex on Sunday mornings to enjoy a friendly game with the Dragons. Extra sledges and equipment are available and the playing season begins on the first weekend of October. The first two weeks of play are free. To participate or for more information, call Karen or Jim McNeil at 519-862-4756 or Jackie White at 519-862-4039.



An Old-Fashioned Christmas can be found at Moore Museum

This popular school program will be presented at the Moore Museum from Nov. 25 to Dec. 19. Teachers and children's group leaders are encouraged to give their kids the fun and wonder that can be found in *An Old-Fashioned Christmas*. See Heritage Corner, page 6, for full details.

Sombra farm stories are the subject of new book

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.

Mooretown-Courtright Public School 50th anniversary

The 50th anniversary of Mooretown-Courtright Public School is close at hand now, with the celebration coming up 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 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. 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.

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 snow removal, even shopping, 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.



Santa Claus Parade date set - entries now being accepted

The Corunna Santa Claus Parade is slated for Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. Organizers are currently accepting entries to participate in this popular kick-off to the holiday season.

Once again, the parade entries will muster in the parking lot at Simon & Sherrol's No Frills at the south end of Corunna, with the parade route leading north along Lyndoch Street to Beckwith Street. Organizers say they expect two to three bands, 20 to 30 floats and various other entries.

The parade is traditionally viewed by thousands. Everyone is invited to join the Moore Optimist Club and the Corunna Horticultural Group at the Corunna clock tower park north of the lights at Hill Street after the event for a visit



with Santa, a piece of cake and a cup of hot chocolate.

For more information about the parade go online to www.corunnasantaclausparade.ca (note that the parade date listed there **should** be Nov. 23). Forms for donations and entries can be found on this site. Entrants and donors can also contact Tracy at 519-862-2333 or 519-862-1193, or at: moore.optimist.tracy@gmail.com for more information.

The parade is organized and presented by the Optimist Club of Moore. The club also arranges for Santa to be there to ride on the float the club provides for him. However, many local industries and businesses generously support this fantastic, family-pleasing parade.

Corunna Midget Giants capture Ontario Baseball Association's Midget "C" Championship



Team players, no particular order, are: Jeremy Devereaux; Kyle Scott; Jake Dolbear; Kurtis Brown; Derek Williams; Zack Sutherland; Jordan Pavey; Devin Butler; Jamie Devereaux; Jake Romphf; Lauchie MacDonald; Mark McLachlin; Keenan Smith; Kyle Smith; Mike Fisher; Colton Osborne. Coaching staff: Ken Williams; Joe Lavers; Keith Brown; Chad Sutherland.

Photo submitted

The Corunna Midget Giants recently captured the Ontario Baseball Association's Midget "C" Championship with a 5-1 victory. The team hosted the 10-team tournament in Corunna and Courtright.

The Giants began by beating Kincardine 10-0, then won against Amherstburg with a score of 6-4. Amherstburg had recently won the WCBA/SPBA League (the league the Giants play in.) The team then played Hanover. This team had previously bested the Corunna squad at a tournament in June, but the Giants avenged that insult by chalking up a 13-7 win. Next, it was a tough battle against the Port Dover team, who won 4-3. Due to the double knockout format of the tournament, Corunna was called upon to play Port Dover again, but this time, the Giants pulled off a 4-2 victory. The win led to a rematch against Amherstburg in the championship game, which Corunna took with a decisive 5-1 victory. The Giants extend thanks to Cliff Scott for his work in convening the OBA tournament, as well as all of the parents and volunteers, and all of the fans who came out to support the team. And finally, thanks to Eric MacKenzie whose tireless efforts perfected the ball diamond and made it a pleasure to play on.

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: 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: 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.

For more information about Mooretown Minor Hockey, go online to: www.mooretownminorhockey.com.

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-3974, Lois at 519-864-4669, Sharon at 519-867-5275, or Marilyn at 519-627-3793.

Country Jamborees planned for this fall

Country Jamborees are back at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall starting on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. with the Fall Jamboree and continuing on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. with the Country Christmas Jamboree. Tap your toes and dance the afternoon away, all for a mere \$2 admission. If you feel like helping out with the entertainment, bring your instrument or your voice to play and/or sing. When you pay your admission, don't forget to pick up some tickets to enjoy the delicious ham and scalloped potato meal starting at 5 p.m. Tickets for the meal will be limited, so come early. For more information call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or watch The Beacon for details as they are made available.

2nd Annual Artisan Sale planned

The Second annual Artisan Sale to benefit the South Lambton Christmas Food Hamper Drive will take place on Saturday, Nov. 16 at *Windswept*, 4296 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton. The sale will feature hand-crafted items including quilting, stone art, preserves, jewelry, pottery, baked goods, garden décor, fresh greenery, stained glass, and more. Do some Christmas shopping, pamper yourself, and feel good that you are helping to make Christmas brighter for many through the Christmas hamper program.

Corunna Santa Claus Parade slated

Mark your calendar so you don't forget to be on hand for the popular Corunna Santa Claus Parade, slated for Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. The parade will proceed from the No Frills parking lot north along Lyndoch Street to Beckwith Street, and the Corunna clock tower will be jumping with activity after the parade as Santa visits local children and the crowd enjoys cake and hot chocolate. **More information about entering the parade can be found on page 9.**

Community Christmas dinner dance planned

A Community Christmas Dinner Dance, complete with live band, is slated for Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. The event is open to everyone and tickets are \$25 by advance sale

only. Companies can book complete tables for their employee Christmas celebration, and groups of friends are encouraged to get together to celebrate together at this Yuletide event. Call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or watch The Beacon for details as they become available.

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 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.***

Cribbage played at Corunna United Church

Cribbage is now being played every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Corunna United Church on Hill Street. Come out, test your skills, and enjoy a morning of fun.

Messy Church Tuesdays at Brigden United

Messy Church is being held on the last Tuesday of each month through June, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Brigden United Church. Come and join congregation members for a fun and messy evening of worship, crafts and supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult or grandparents.

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

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.

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Deborah and Kaitlyn Kahouteck.

Demolition Derby in Brigden

The Brigden Fair Demolition Derby is slated for Sunday, Oct. 20 at noon. Gentlemen (and ladies) start your engines! For information about rules and regulations, go online to: <http://www.brigdenfair.ca/> or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

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 unwellcome 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.

Karaoke Costume Party at Brigden Legion

Get into the Halloween spirit on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. by attending the Karaoke Costume Party hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 519-864-1463.

Pork Harvest Dinner set

The annual Fall Pork Harvest Dinner at the Brigden United Church is slated for Sunday, Oct. 27 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children under age five. Admission is by advanced tickets only. For tickets and information, please call the Brigden U.C. at 519-864-1747, Marie at 519-864-4016, or any Brigden United Church member.

Just a reminder that regular services are held at the Brigden United Church every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend for worship and coffee. The church is also on Facebook.

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 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.

Cooking Buddies back for another season

Cooking Buddies, a cooking class for kids ages six through 11, is back for another season at three locations. In **Brigden**, this class will be held at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on the last Monday of each month from October through April beginning Monday, Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so register soon at 519-344-3017, ext. 237. In **Corunna**, the class will be held at All Saints Church on the last Thursday of each month from October through April starting Thursday, Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so register soon at 519-344-3017, ext. 237. In **Port Lambton**, a children's four-week cooking class for ages six through 22 will run Wednesdays on Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6 and 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Space is limited so call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 to register.

Sombra Museum offers lecture series

For the second year, the Sombra Museum is presenting the popular fall/winter lecture series on the last Tuesday of the month at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre meeting room, 3476 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra. The series continues on Oct. 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. when Tim Moran presents *Ship Wrecks on the St. Clair River Continued*. On Nov. 26 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., share your story about "the good old days", one of your own or perhaps a story passed down to you by your parents or grandparents. *Community Stories* will be a relaxed, open-mic discussion about the local community and its history, and you will be one of the lecturers. Some speakers are already slated to begin the session, but the more stories told, the more enjoyable the evening will be. In 2014, the series will include the *Sydenham Field Naturalists* on Jan. 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. These dedicated people aim to preserve and enjoy the natural heritage of the Chatham-Kent and Lambton County areas. They will be speaking about their work. *Arctic Safari* with Don and Kris Lee on Feb. 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. will give the audience insights into Canada's far North. While many people travel South, the Lee's addition to the lands of the Arctic Circle have lured them North six times. Discover icebergs, fjords, wildlife, Inuit cultures, and life aboard Adventure Canada's *MV Clipper Adventurer*. And on March 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., enjoy the Antique and Classic Boat Society's presentation of *Pleasure Boat Builders of the Wallaceburg Area*. Admission is \$10 per lecture, three lectures for \$25 or \$50 for all of the lectures. Student admission is \$7 per lecture, \$16 for three, or \$35 for all of the lectures. For more tickets and information, call 519-892-3982. The Sombra Museum can be found at: facebook.com/SombraMuseum and twitter.com/SombraMuseum.

Rebekah Lodge holds benefit bingo

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge will hold a bingo in support of the Youth Pilgrimage at All Saints Church in Corunna on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Players must be 18 years of age and over. There will be lots of bingo played plus door prizes. Join the fun and support the good work of youth.

Annual Harvest Home Dinner in Wilkesport

The Annual Harvest Home Dinner will be held at the Wilkesport Community Centre on Friday, Nov. 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Wilkesport United Church and W.C.C., will feature chicken, roast beef and all the trimmings, plus pie. Entertainment provided by *The Five Guys* will follow. Tickets are \$17.50 per adult and \$8 per child aged six through 12. They are available by calling Doris at 519-892

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Christmas bazaars and events?

Churches, service groups and other non-profit organizations planning Christmas bazaars and other seasonal activities that are open to the public can spread the word by placing a notice in **The Beacon**. How? Just email your event information to: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca by Monday, Oct. 21 by 4 p.m.

Corunna Rebekah Lodge hosts luncheons

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge of Corunna will host a series of monthly luncheon/card parties at the Cruickshank Centre, Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna at noon on the following Mondays: Sept. 30; Nov. 4; Dec. 2; Jan. 13, 2014; Feb. 10; March 10; April 7; May 12; Sept. 8, 2014. Tickets are \$10 per person to dine in or take out.

Rebekah Lodge hosts lunch in Brigden

The Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge No. 245 of Brigden is hosting a series of luncheon/card party events this fall at the Lodge Hall (Brigden Community Hall) on the following Tuesdays: Oct. 1; Nov. 5; and Dec. 3. The cost will be \$7 per person per event.

The Lodge will also host a hot roast beef dinner at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 17, with homemade pies as dessert. The cost will be \$12 per person and take-out meals will be available for all of the above dates.

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.

Nerf Night at Parkway Church

Parkway Church at 551 Murray Street in Corunna will host *Nerf Night* and the junior high group, Collision, for ages 10 through 13 on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Nerf gun and get ready for some fun. For those who don't have a Nerf gun, the cost will be \$2 per child. And on Oct. 31, kids can enjoy *Trunk Or Treat* in the church parking lot. There will be games and lots of candy, and parents are invited to attend to enjoy hot chocolate while their children enjoy what's planned for them. For more information, call 519-862-3380.

Walking With The Prophets planned for October

Experience the story *Walking With The Prophets* on Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24 at Brigden United Church. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a potluck supper, followed at 7 p.m. with an inspiring program. Everyone is welcome to all events and more information is available by calling 519-864-1747.

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 Sundays: 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 226-738-0693 or Connie at 519-862-1714.

132nd Anniversary slated for Brigden United Church

The Fall season at Brigden United Church will kick off with its 132nd Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Brigden United Church Minister Rev. Anne Meredith. All former members and guests are invited to attend this special celebration. Lunch will follow the service.

Euchre parties set for Sombra

A series of euchre parties are planned for the Sombra Community Hall this autumn. The parties will be held on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

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 8 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. For more information, call 519-243-2600 or go online to: www.lclmg.org.

Anniversary Sunday at Brigden United Church

The congregation of Brigden United Church will hold its 132nd Anniversary Sunday service on Oct. 20 at 10:30 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Robert Gibson and special music by