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Moore Museum makes room for big donation

The Moore Museum recently welcomed a new addition to its fire station equipment.

Thanks to a very large artifact donation from LanXess, the museum is now the proud owner of a 1946 Ford fire truck that was completely restored by Bayer employees when it was first acquired by the company. This huge acquisition has made it necessary to make a few major changes to the museum's on-suit fire house. The south end of the structure has been altered, with the roof being raised several feet and the rest of the structure renovated to comply with modern building codes. All of the work has been done by enthusiastic museum volunteers, who have toiled long hours to get the fire house ready to accommodate the new truck before the Winter weather closes in.

The museum has an earlier model fire truck, but it is still in need of restoration.

See **Heritage Corner**, page 7, for more about the new LanXess donation.

See LanXess donates, page 7



Moore Museum volunteer Dave Pattenden admires the new old 1946 Ford fire truck.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

New street signs in Corunna honour Canadian veterans



Standing with a newly-installed Veteran's Way sign at the corner of Hill Street and Albert Street are, from left: Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 members Dan Klompstra, a veteran who served in Afghanistan; Jim Noyle; Br. 447 President Dan Watson; and Mayor Steve Arnold.

New street signs honouring Canadian veterans are being installed along Hill Street from Lyndoch Street to Polymoore Drive. The **Veteran's Way** signs were applied for through St. Clair Township Council and approved by Lambton County. Mayor Steve Arnold says the new signs represent a tangible way to thank our veterans. "It's one small way we can give them recognition," he said. "We feel strongly that we want to honour our veterans."

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

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Lest We Forget

On Monday, Nov. 11,
please take time to pause
and remember those who
died to keep us free.



Municipal Notes



Got property assessment questions?

A representative from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) will be at the St. Clair Township office in the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown, on Monday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents who have questions pertaining to the assessment of their property can meet with the MPAC representative to have their questions answered. The meetings will take place in the Council Chambers.



Notice of 2014 Capital Budget Meeting

The St. Clair Township 2014 Capital Budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 in the Council Chambers at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and it is open to the public. All ratepayers are welcome to attend.

Winter parking by-law takes effect Dec. 1

The Winter parking by-law takes effect on Dec. 1 and motorists are advised that it is against the law to leave vehicles parked on public streets and roads overnight. This allows snow plow crews to do their job effectively without having to dodge parked cars.



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. November meetings are slated for Monday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. (following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m.) Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for more information.



Sale of land by public tender

The Corporation of the Township of St. Clair

Take notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3 p.m. local time **Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013** in the Treasury Department at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ontario, N0N 1M0. The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3 p.m. at the Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Ontario, N0N 1M0.

Minimum tender: \$24,966.58

Description of Lands: Roll No. 3805 220 091 03400 0000

Plan 413, Lot 361 St. Clair

176 Hill Street, Corunna

PIN 43428-0067 (LT)

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or a trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001, and the Municipal Tax Sales rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser. For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact: Olga DePooter, Tax Collector for the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ontario, N0N 1M0.

Note: This document need not be registered.

Township Website lists Property Tax Sales

For up-to-date information about current property tax sales, the St. Clair Township Website, www.twp.stclair.on.ca, is the place to start your search. On the left side of the home screen, click on *Finance/Tax*, and at the left side of the next screen, click on *Tax Sales*.

Township of St. Clair

Yard Waste/Brush Collection 2013

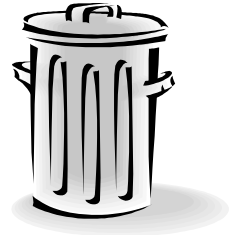
The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste/brush collection program for defined areas in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill site.

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 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.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:

St. Clair Township Public Works Department at 519-867-2125
or visit the Public Works Website at: www.twp.stclair.on.ca



Tender of Township Farm Properties for 2014



St. Clair Township has a number of farm properties for rent beginning in 2014. The tender deadline for these properties is Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013.

For details about the tender, please go online to the St. Clair Township Website: www.twp.stclair.on.ca. On the right hand side of the home page, click on the blue icon for **Tender/RFP**.

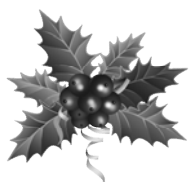
Notice of Public Meeting



The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course is hosting a public meeting to present its Annual Report on Class 9 pesticide use as required by Ontario Regulation 63/09 under the Pesticides Act. The Annual Report summarizes the use of Class 9 pesticides used at St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in 2012.

The meeting will take place at Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ontario in Hall 1 at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14.

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



**Christmas events galore
in St. Clair Township!**
See page 13
for all the details.

Give yourself better health for Christmas at the Mooretown Sports Complex

No gift you can receive will do you as much good as the gift of good health. Why not give yourself that gift by participating in some of the wellness and fitness programs offered by the Mooretown Sports Complex? Here's a sample of the kind of activities that can put you on the way to a healthier, happier future.

Fitness centre memberships available

A membership at the Mooretown Sports Complex includes the use of the fitness centre, the 25 metre swimming pool (during adult and recreational swim times), water aerobics, water therapy, stretch and strengthen classes, whirlpool, and sauna. The cost is: \$243 for 1 year, which can be divided into 12 payments of \$20.25; \$162 for six months; \$120 for three months; \$45 for a 12-visit pass; and \$4.50 for drop-ins. Couple and family memberships are also available.

Winter swimming lessons

Register now for winter swimming lessons. The winter swim session begins on Jan. 2, 2014.

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. with instructor Diane Tuckey. The cost is \$4.50 per class, \$45 for a 12-visit pass, or included as part of the full fitness centre membership.

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 continues

Adult shinny hockey is played every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1. The cost is \$5 per person. Grab that hockey bag, sharpen your skates and rock the rink!

Public skating available on Sundays

Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. are a lot of fun when you and your family take your skates and head for the Mooretown Sports Complex for the weekly public skate. For the cost of just \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, or \$6.50 per family, you can make memories to last a lifetime. *(Due to a hockey tournament slated for Sunday, Nov. 10, there will be no public skate on that day.)*

Parents, Tots, and Seniors Skate

Parents, tots and seniors can skate free of charge on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

See the Fall brochure online at:

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

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

Shell Canada Corunna facility wins beautification competition

The Shell Canada Corunna facility recently won the Business Beautification Recognition Competition in the Large Industrial category. The 6th annual *Put A Shine On Sarnia Lambton* competition was first introduced to recognize those businesses that look good, adding to the overall beauty of Sarnia Lambton. There were award winning companies in eight categories. The competition is sponsored by the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce.

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: 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: Nov. 13 at Wal-

laceburg, 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.

Lambton County Local Food Game online

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.

Splash pad means summer fun for Wilkesport kids



The children of Wilkesport were overjoyed with the grand opening of the newly-installed splash pad and concrete sports pad at the Wilkesport Community Centre grounds in late July. The event included a terrific barbecue with food supplied by the Wilkesport Community Centre Board. About 45 people including Wilkesport Community Centre Board Chairman Chuck Lauwereys, St. Clair Township Councillors Steve Miller and Darrell Randell, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, and Mayor Steve Arnold, enjoyed the day and the gorgeous summer weather. Above: Some of the youngsters assisted with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new summer paradise.

Photo submitted



Tech librarian Brian Bowley

Lambton County launches new *zinio* e-digital magazine program

The County of Lambton has launched a brilliant new free e-digital magazine program that offers 50 different magazines for download to personal computers or tablets. To access the *zinio* e-digital magazine program, residents just have to go online to: <http://www.lclibrary.ca>, go to the eLibrary section, and click on *zinio*. Lambton County's technical services librarian Brian Bowley, shown here with some of the magazines that are available, says you will be asked to register, setting up an account and password that will allow you access whenever you wish. You can download as many magazines as you want, some with interactive content. Even back issues are available. A few of the titles available include: Canadian Business, Canadian Living, Canadian Geographic, chickadee, Clin d'oeil, Elle Canada, Elle Quebec, Economist, Food Network Magazine, Hockey News, Men's Health, Walrus, Popular Science, Rolling Stone, Seventeen, Sportsnet Magazine, Vegetarian Times, and more.

Community Contact

Citrus fruit sale fundraiser

The congregation of Corunna United Church will be taking orders for grove-fresh grapefruit, oranges, and tangerines until Nov. 28. Orders will be delivered Dec. 12 - 15. To place an order, call Mary at 519-862-1052, Vicki at 519-862-1068, or Larry at 519-862-3789.

Moore Skate Club raffles now in progress

Moore Skate Club raffle tickets are now being sold for Saige, the American Girl Doll of the Year 2013. Tickets are \$5 each or \$10 for three and can be purchased by emailing: mscfundraising@gmail.com. A Pandora Bangle Bracelet with three charms is also being raffled off at \$5 each or \$10 for three. The draw will be held Friday, Dec. 20 and proceeds go to the Moore Skate Club.

Cow chip bingo winner announced

The recent first annual Cow Chip Bingo fundraiser to benefit the Moore Skate Club resulted in lucky winners Darren and Janet Metcalfe receiving \$625 when the solo bovine player chose their square, #178, to answer the call of nature in. The club will receive the other \$625 that was raised through the event. Thanks are extended to the DeGurse family for letting the club borrow a cow for the occasion and to all of the volunteers who worked hard to sell every square on the field.

Corunna Legion Br. 447 2013 draw winners

The winners of the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 elimination draw for 2013 are: **Weekly Draw Winners:** Mike Derry, Percy Parker, Robert Waitson, Louise McCorquodale, Erin Hogan, Peg Cormier, Mike McCollough, Mim Monk, Diane Vrooman, Tom Mitchell, Shannon Blackmore, Leona Jeannotte, Dale Skeritt, Richard Trevor, Ken Tullock, Sue Brunton, Berte Lefebvre, John Cormier, Jim Mitchell, Esther Waybrant. **Draw Held Sept. 21, 2013:** \$50 winners - Ann Kuipers, Anita Listhaeghe, Byron Newby, Tory Rose George, Mike McCullough, Karen Grant, Jocelyn Gray, Bill Korstanje, J.D. Parker, Marnie Crone. \$500 winners: Brian White, Mildred Beggs, Diane Vrooman, and Johnna Johansen.

United Nations Pilgrimage applicants invited

The Oddfellows and Rebekahs are sponsoring an all-expenses paid trip to the United Nations, Toronto, Ottawa, New York City and Washington, D.C. Students 16-17 years of age who have one year of school left to complete are invited to apply for the *United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth*. Applicants will be invited to participate in a speaking contest in Forest on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. where they will each speak for five minutes. Applications are available at high schools in Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Dresden, and Wallaceburg or by calling 519-677-5515.

Weight loss group TOPS Corunna meets weekly

TOPS Corunna 5056 branch is a non-profit weight-loss group that meets every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Pres-

byterian Church on Colborne Street in Corunna. Weigh-in is at 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a short meeting at 7 p.m. Drop in for a meeting or call 519-862-2185 or 519-862-4119. Kelly Graham will be the guest speaker on the topic of yoga and chair yoga at the Nov. 12 meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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 7, 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.

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.



HERITAGE CORNER



LanXess donates vintage fire truck

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The Moore Museum's newest major exhibit, a 1946 Ford fire truck donated by LanXess, will take its place in the newly-expanded fire hall in November. On hand for the recent hand-over of the vehicle were, from left: LanXess (Sarnia) Fire Chief Bruce Morrison; LanXess Manager of Bioindustrial Park (Sarnia) Karen Genoway; Moore Museum Chairperson Jim Townsend; museum volunteer Pat Brown; Bernie Taylor, LanXess PR/Communications; St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold; Township Councillor Jim DeGurse; museum volunteer Dave Taylor. Right: Moore Museum volunteer Leo Griffiths nails strapping to the newly installed outer wall of the fire hall.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



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 visiting the museum as children and making 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.

Four local schools heralded new philosophy of education

With files from Allan Anderson

Brigden Public School and Mooretown-Courtright Public School are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Other schools of this era include the former East Sombra School which was opened in 1963 and closed in 1999, and Riverview School, opened in 1964. When newly-built, these structures and the new philosophy of education that accompanied them replaced the one, two, and three-room schools that were dotted across the township. The concept of small community schools had been the core of public education since pioneer times.

The former Sombra Township was the first to have a public-supported school. One is believed to have been erected in 1830 on Lot One of Concession 9 and James Henderson was the first teacher there. In the former Moore Township, Thomas Sutherland built the first school in 1835 in Sutherland's Landing between Mooretown and Courtright. It

was a two-storey building measuring seven metres by nine metres, with the school on the first floor and the Commissioner's Court on the second. John Pullman was the teacher there.

Captain William Wright, a retired British naval officer, settled with a land grant in the former Moore Township in a home he called Oaklands. He brought his wife and seven daughters with him to Upper Canada, but his wife died of cholera along the way to Corunna. Captain Wright brought a governess, Miss Clark, over from England to look after the children. She ended up teaching the children of several neighbours, who were also British naval officers, in addition to the Wright family.

In this way, Captain Wright was able to offset the cost of employing a governess. Since he and his neighbours were thought of as local aristocracy, the girls' education was no doubt focused on becoming a proper English lady.

Photo memories of the 2013 Brigden Fair



Metcalf Photography

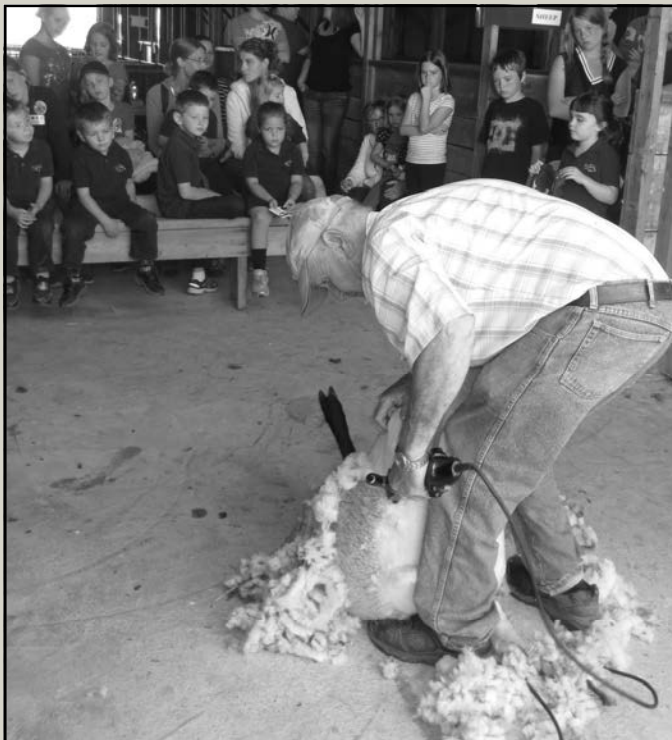
Good weather was made to order this year as the 163rd Brigden Fair made its debut on Oct. 11. A large crowd of children and their parents were out on opening day to enjoy the *Agriculture In The Classroom* program, with its many agricultural demonstrations, hands-on activities, and special kid-friendly things to do and see in the Ploughman's Farmyard Educational Activity Centre.

In the adorable baby contest on Sunday morning, 72 babies competed for top honours.

The winner of the draw for the beautiful hand-made quilt from the Homecraft Division was Joyce Corry.

Upper left: During the Agriculture In The Classroom program, a group of children and adults pit their skills against one another as they launch their ducks down the long watery tubes toward the finish line in the Rubber Ducky Race.

Photo by Metcalfe Photography



Middle left: A sheep shearing demonstration holds the attention of a group of elementary students in the sheep barn. The man with the clippers, Terry Callaghan of Oil Springs, is a sheep breeder who knows his stuff when it comes to removing the soft, bulky wool from a less-than-willing animal.

Bottom left: During the Saturday Fair Parade, a wagon full of loveliness carried many of the fair's former Fair Queens and Ambassadors.

Below: The West Coast Lumberjack Show kept the audience laughing at the daring feats of climbing and chopping the performers provided. In the cross-cut saw race, two teams duked it out to be the first to saw through their log, but a bit of grandstanding by the red team slowed them enough that they lost out to their green opponents.

Most photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Fair weather brings out the crowds



Right: The World's Finest Shows Midway came alive as children and their parents took advantage of the good weather to sample the thrilling rides and the scrumptious mid-way food.



Above: Dan the Balloon Man wowed the crowd with his intricate inflated creations. Tayte, 7, was fascinated by the alien he was given. Below: Dennis Robinson handles the reins on team *Misty and Molly* as his wagon passengers get seated for their ride around the fairgrounds.

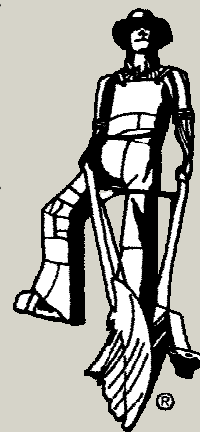


Note of Thanks

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the 2013 Brigden Fair such a huge success. It takes a great number of dedicated people to pull off such a great fair.

Hats off to each and every one.

Bill Myers
President, 2013 Moore
Agricultural Society



OAAS Service Award presented at Brigden Fair



OAAS President
Robert Hargrave

Donna and Don Pierce were awarded the 2013 Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Service Award during the recent Brigden Fair. The couple has volunteered with the Moore Agricultural Society for 23 years, although they have both been attending the fair for much longer. Donna says she has been attending for 55 years, missing only three during that time, and Don says he's been enjoying the fair for over 70 years.

Visiting OAAS President Robert Hargrave commended the Pierces and all of the fair workers for their efforts over the fair's 163 years. "You've done an amazing job of preserving the past," he said.



Long-time volunteers Donna and Don Pierce

Winter storage available at Brigden fairgrounds

Winter storage is now available at the Brigden Fairgrounds. Placement of stored items is done 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.

Commander Chris Hadfield wows Lambton County Students at special event

Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield visited Lambton County recently to make a special presentation to some very fortunate school children. Ten students from every school in Lambton County were selected to attend the presentation at SCITS auditorium in Sarnia on Oct. 17.

The event kicked off with music as Commander Hadfield and a band comprised of the local band, *CDDC*, and other talented local musicians and singers, sang "*Is Somebody Singing*", a song he wrote, then recorded with Ed Robertson and the *Barenaked Ladies* on Feb. 5, 2013 while he was still orbiting Earth in command of the International Space Station.

Commander Hadfield encouraged the students to "start turning yourself into the person you want to become", and he answered questions ranging from space-bound personal hygiene strategies to the daily challenges the crew faces when operating in zero gravity.

Now retired from his decades-long space odyssey, Commander Hadfield, an accomplished musician, poet, and composer, says he will continue to pursue music now that he has the time to do so.



Commander
Chris Hadfield

Photos by Bonnie
Stevenson

On stage at SCITS auditorium, Commander Chris Hadfield speaks to Lambton County students about his life aboard the International Space Station (I.S.S.) and answers questions from his young fans.

The Cooperators donate to Cruickshank Centre



Photo submitted

The Cooperators office in Corunna held a barbecue in August to raise money in support of the Cruickshank Centre's seniors activities programs. Cooperators representative Shaun Antle recently visited the Cruickshank Centre to present a cheque for \$350 to the Centre's Recreation Coordinator, Denise Olah.

Business Enterprise Centre of Sarnia Lambton now has Corunna location

The Business Enterprise Centre of Sarnia Lambton (BEC) now has a location in St. Clair Township in the Emergency Services Building at 392 Lyndoch Street in Corunna. The office is open the second Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The next consultations will be on Nov. 12.

The BEC business counsellors are available to meet with and offer free consulting services to new and existing business owners, and those who are contemplating starting businesses of their own. These free consulting services include assistance with questions relating to any pertinent business or business start-up, including: starting a business; registering a business; buying an existing business; and building a business plan. One-hour appointments can be reserved by calling the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership at 519-332-1820 or 1-800-972-7642.

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

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.

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.

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

Living with Diabetes

This two-hour session, slated for Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., will provide a general overview of diabetes. The session will cover some of the most common myths about diabetes, what "good control" is, and some of the things you can do to manage your diabetes. The session is led by a diabetes educator.

Diabetes: Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

This two-hour session will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for people who have already attended our Living With Diabetes class or who have had past education on the basics of diabetes and want more information on diet. The session will cover the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level. The session is led by a registered dietitian.

Healthy Weights by Healthy Means

This program begins Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and is comprised of five sessions lasting two hours each. It aims to help you make permanent lifestyle changes. This is not a 'diet' program. Some topics that will be discussed include: carbohydrates, 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 action 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 is 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. The group meets the last Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., and the November meeting is slated for Nov. 27.

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. Participants 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.

Quit smoking workshop

This 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, manage withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent a relapse.

Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments with one of our nurse educators to receive further support and information. The session is set for Friday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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.

Pickin' N' Fiddlin' event at Brigden Fair benefits Petrolia food bank



Funds raised during the 6th annual Pickin' N' Fiddlin' event at the Brigden Fair benefited the Petrolia food bank as it does each year.

This year, Moore Agricultural Society President Bill Myers, left, was proud to present a cheque for \$300 to Petrolia food bank representative Brian McManaman. The fiddlers and pickers entertained at the fair on Friday afternoon uniting talented individual musicians from all across the county in one big, joyful musical presentation. The program was organized by Marilyn Whiting.

Photo submitted

Public vote helps raise funds for Lambton Children's Safety Village

The Children's Safety Village project committee is currently seeking a grant from Aviva Insurance and to win, the project must receive the support of the public through online votes. Committee Chair Nina Strickland says all you have to do is go online to: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf17046> and cast your vote each day while the votes are being collected. You can vote once a day from each one of your email accounts as well as on Facebook. The committee is urging everyone to vote and to tell their friends and family members to vote as well.

The goal of the village is to help make the children of Lambton County aware of the many safety issues that face them each day. This, in turn, will help them avoid injury and the potentially dangerous situations that cause them. They are taught a wide range of safety lessons, from bike safety, fire safety and farm safety to Internet safety.

Mrs. Strickland says, "Your vote will make a difference and assist the committee in becoming one of the grant prize winners from Aviva Insurance. The grant will help put the shovel in the ground so that our dreams may become a reality for our kids."

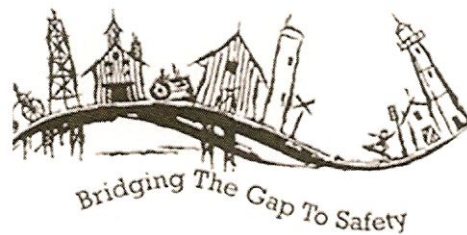
The grant is only one way the committee is raising funds toward the building of the new children's village. The committee hopes to raise \$1.5 million with the rest of the projected \$2,050,000 to be raised through "in kind" donations such as supplies, building materials, etc. from businesses, industries and individuals.

Lambton Children's Safety Village Committee Chair Mary Ann Buntrock says several local sports organizations are helping with fundraising events during home games. The Sarnia Legionaires recently held a "pail drop" during their home game against Chatham, and the Mooretown Flags will be holding a "pail drop" at their home game on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The committee has done a feasibility study in the county to find out if there is support for this project and the findings are encouraging. "Ninety-two per cent of the valley companies support the project," said Mrs. Buntrock. "The support is there, we just need to find the funding." The group is currently contacting local businesses regarding support for the project. Online contact with the committee is available at: web.mab@ebtech.net

A 2.2 acre site for the village has already been secured in Mooretown to the south of the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on Emily Street. This location is ideal since it is within a 30 minute drive of the majority of Lambton County schools.

Today's world can be a dangerous place for children. Parents cannot always be present to prevent their children from falling victim to those dangers, but with the right kind of safety preparation like the kind afforded by the Lambton Children's Safety Village program, children will be better equipped to identify those dangers and give them the skills they need to be safe. Injury prevention experts estimate that 90 to 95 per cent of childhood injuries are preventable and by teaching safety awareness to children and adults alike, overall hospital costs can be vastly reduced. The motto of the safety village program reflects this philosophy: *Tell me and I will forget; Show me and I may re-*



member; Involve me and I will understand.

In addition to the village, which will include a miniature street layout complete with railway crossings, traffic lights and intersections plus kid-sized buildings, there will be a full scale on-site educational centre containing two classrooms, kitchen facilities and the Mooretown branch of the Lambton County Library.

The Moore Museum and the Mooretown Sports Complex are located across the street from the proposed site, providing additional teaching opportunities for the students that visit.

The facilities will be built to accommodate people with disabilities and special needs, and other structures will be built according to the wishes of financial supporters as long as they meet the requirements of the safety village. Contributors that make substantial monetary donations to the project will have the opportunity to name the structure or feature they fund.

The Lambton Children's Safety Village can be contacted at: lambtonsafetyvillage@gmail.com.



Lambton Children's Safety Village Chair Mary Ann Buntrock, left, and Fundraising Chair Nina Strickland hold a strategy session.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Cow chip bingo bonanza

The Moore Skate Club's whimsical fundraiser, cow chip bingo, was held at the Briden Fair in October. It allowed participants to bet on where a cow would answer the call of nature within a



Photo by Metcalfe Photography

grid layout set up in a field. Here, Members of the Moore Skate Club stand with the divine dropping, centre of oval on bottom left side of photo, that won Darren and Janet Metcalfe \$625 and made \$625 for the club as well.

Merry Christmas

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Country Christmas Bazaar at Knox Moore

The congregation of Knox Moore Presbyterian Church will hold their Country Christmas Bazaar at the church, 1354 Rokeby Line, on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include baked goods, preserves, baby quilts and crafts for sale, plus delicious baked goods, coffee and tea to enjoy with friends.

Santa's Workshop sale in Mooretown

The Advisory Council of Mooretown-Courtright Public School will hold a *Santa's Workshop* event featuring a variety of wares for sale on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the school. About 21 tables have already been booked offering items from clothing and jewelry to homemade goodies, purses, wreaths, and more. Come out and have fun Christmas shopping or just treat yourself.

2nd Annual Artisan Sale at Windswept

The Second annual Artisan Sale to benefit the south St. Clair Township St. Vincent de Paul Christmas food hamper drive will take place on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper program activities slated

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper program activities get underway on Saturday, Nov. 16 with the popular annual Cookie Walk put on by Carole Dedecker and friends. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Also on Nov. 16 is the fundraiser at *Windswept* (see item above). The door-to-door can drive will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24 beginning at 1 p.m. from St. James Anglican Church in Port Lambton. The drive will include the area between Highway 40 and the St. Clair River, and from Bickford Line to Lambton County line. Those who cannot be home to make their donation can leave the bag at their front door where it will be picked up. The Sombra Optimist Club, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts and other community groups will be lending their support to the hamper program, but volunteers are needed to help with the can drive and drivers would be much appreciated. The Christmas hampers will be delivered on Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Residents of south St. Clair Township are encouraged to contribute to this worthwhile cause so that everyone will be able to enjoy a bright, hunger-free Christmas.

Operation Christmas Tree hamper program activities

The north St. Clair Township Christmas hamper program, Operation Christmas Tree, (OCT) kicks off on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the annual Poor Boy Luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall at Beckwith and Albert Streets. The annual OPP drive-through donation event is slated for the parking lot of the Emergency Services Building, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets, on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations can be dropped off at the OCT collection area inside the Emergency Services Building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Use the west (Lyndoch Street) door to access the building. Applications to receive a Christmas hamper will be received at the St. Vincent de Paul store in Corunna from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Volunteers helping with this program include the Moore Optimist Club, Knights of Columbus, Corunna, Brigden, and Courtright volunteer firefighters, Corunna and Brigden Legion branches. In addition,

many local businesses, industries and individuals contribute in-kind or monetary donations. To all, a vote of thanks is heartily extended.

Christmas Bazaar at St. Stephen's Church

A Christmas Bazaar is slated for St. Stephen's Church, 70 Milton Street in Courtright, on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include gift items, baked goods, preserves, a tea room (\$4), knitting and crafts, and a white elephant sale.

Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar at St. Andrew's

The Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna, on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Included in the event will be: crafts; turkey, beef and fruit pies; baked goods; a cookie walk; preserved items; Christmas items; and a Buck-a-Block quilt. New for 2013 will be Christmas outdoor planters. The silent auction will include a hand-quilted baby quilt, pies, and theme baskets. A soup lunch will be available for \$5. The church is a barrier-free facility.

Corunna Santa Claus Parade slated

The popular Corunna Santa Claus Parade, slated for Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. rain or shine. 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 mini cakes and hot chocolate. The parade is organized and presented by the Optimist Club of Moore. 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.

Community Christmas dinner dance planned

A Community Christmas Dinner Dance, complete with the live band, *Borderline*, 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. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. (licensed bar) and dinner will be at 7 p.m., with music starting at 8 p.m. (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, but couples and individuals are welcome as well. For more information, please call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

Turkey raffle to benefit OCT

The Corunna fire station of the St. Clair Fire Department will host its annual turkey raffle on Friday, Dec. 6 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. All proceeds from this event will be used in support of the Operation Christmas Tree Christmas hamper program.

All Saints Christmas Bazaar & bake sale

The congregation of All Saints Anglican Church in Corunna, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets, will host a Christmas Bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The event will feature baked goods, frozen pies, books, treasures, knitting and more, and tea, coffee and dessert will be available for \$3. Every is welcome to attend and enjoy.

Breakfast with Santa at Corunna United

Corunna United Church will host *Breakfast With Santa* on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. All kids accompanied by an adult are invited to attend at a cost of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child. The cost will include a photo with Santa. For tickets, call Sharon at 519-862-1957.

New Year's Day Levee in Corunna

The general public is invited to enjoy an afternoon of friendship at the New Year's Day Levee slated for the Royal Canadian Legion, Corunna, Branch 447 hall at Beckwith and Albert Street. Start the New Year off right on Jan. 1, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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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 Wal-laceburg 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](https://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum) and twitter.com/SombraMuseum.

moore.optimist.tracy@gmail.com for more information.

Optimist children's craft morning

The Optimist Club of Moore will host a free craft morning for children ages five through 13 at the Courtright Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Age-appropriate crafts will be made and snacks will be provided. Registration for this activity is required before Nov. 26 and can be done by calling Mary Lou at 519-862-3950. *High school students take note - volunteering to help with this event is a great way to get volunteer hours.*

Have fun at Fowl Bingo in Sombra

The Sombra Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. for a \$2 per person admission. The event is sponsored by the Sombra St. John's CWL and everyone is welcome.

Moore Museum exhibit recalls Storm of 1913

The vicious Storm of 1913 is recalled in a photo exhibit now on display at the Moore Museum. 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of this unprecedented tragedy. Hours of operation through the fall are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

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.

Indoor walking offered in Mooretown and Brigden

Indoor walking and fitness classes will resume again in Mooretown and Brigden. Classes in Mooretown begin on Wednesday, Nov. 6 and continue every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Classes will begin in Brigden on Tuesday, Nov. 5 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. These classes are FREE and participants are asked to bring indoor walking shoes. For information and to register, please call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. This program is sponsored by the West Lambton Community Health Centre, the Moore Agricultural Society, and Ontario's Community Health Centres.

Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre every

Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and Pepper every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the hall located at 1533 Fourth Street in Courtright. Everyone is welcome to attend and try out their card skills.

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

Historical stone dedication ceremony set for S. S. No. 7 Moore School

In late November (date not available at time of publication), a dedication ceremony will be held for a new historical stone that is being installed at the former site of S. S. No. 7 Moore School on Rokeby Line.

Clean Harbors currently owns the property and maintains the acre of land where the school was located. However, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, a former student of the school, has approached Clean Harbors about the having the stone placed on their property. The company has agreed to allow this and the committee entrusted with arranging the dedication notes that it is deeply grateful to Clean Harbors for its interest in preserving the history of the community on land they now own.

It has been 50 years since the school was closed and students from S. S. No. 7 School Section East began attending a new central school in Brigden. All former pupils, students, teachers, friends, and residents of the S. S. No. 7 School Section East are invited to attend the dedication ceremony on Rokeby Line with a reception to follow at the Brigden fire hall. For more information, please contact Marilyn at 519-864-1643 or Peter at 519-862-3534.

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from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The new location for this year will be at the Bayside Mall, 150 Christina Street North. Admission is \$5 per person and free underground parking is available. All proceeds go to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Sarnia-Lambton.

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.

Remembrance Day services planned

Local Remembrance Day services are slated for Brigden and Corunna on the morning of Monday, Nov. 11. In **Brigden**, a public Remembrance Service will begin at 10:50 a.m. at the Brigden Cenotaph on Jane Street. Lunch will be served at the Brigden Legion hall after the event. For more information, call Louise at 519-864-1463. In **Corunna**, a short parade will take place at 10:40 a.m. from Beckwith Street along Lyndoch Street to the Corunna Clock Tower Memorial where a Remembrance Service will take place and wreaths laid in honour of those who died in the service of their country. A social hour will be held at the Legion hall after the service.

Free back care seminars mark anniversary

An evening open house, complete with free back care seminars, will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to mark the 10th anniversary of Corunna Chiropractic, located beside Shopper's Drug Mart on Lyndoch Street. Dr. Beth Hodgins says she and her team are holding this event to thank the community for its support over the past 10 years. Seminars will include: *How To Plant and Rake Without The Ache*; *How To Pack It Light And Wear It Right* (school back packs, luggage, and purses); and *Lift Light And Shovel Right*, a seminar aimed at preparing you for the upcoming snow shovelling season. Enjoy light refreshments while you arm yourself with preventative back care tips and, while you're there, meet the team's two newest members: Registered Massage Therapist Courtney Thompson and Chiropractor Dr. Jillian Drouin, who is currently pursuing a sports specialty in chiropractic.

Art auction will benefit CCMF

The 7th annual *Celebrities on Canvas* art auction to benefit the Community Concerns for the Medically Fragile will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Lambton Inn, 1485 London Road in Sarnia. Art by celebrities such as Leonard Cohen, Nikki Yanofsky, Arlo Guthrie, and Fred Penner will be auctioned off during this live event and there will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres available. Stylish attire is requested. For more information, go online to: www.ccmfonline.com.

Cancer fundraiser planned

The third annual *Win It In A Minute for Cancer* is set for Friday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. at SCITS in Sarnia. All proceeds support local pediatric cancer research. The event is an evening of head-to-head challenges based on the TV show Minute

To Win It. Participants are encouraged to raise donations. For more information or to register, call 519-332-0042 or go online to: www.cancer.ca/winitinaminute

Brigden Public School to hold 50th Anniversary Celebration

Brigden Public School students, staff, and alumni are invited to participate in the school's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 23. An Open House at the school from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. will feature "Decade" photos, memorabilia, and refreshments. This will provide a perfect time to reconnect with friends and to share school day memories. The evening of Nov. 23, the Anniversary Committee will host a fabulous dinner and evening celebration at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall, with music, entertainment, photos, memorabilia, a silent auction table, and time to enjoy catching up with friends and reminiscing. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner to be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are available in advance only for \$25 per adult and \$10 per youth (10 and under). Tickets are available in Brigden at Wayne McCormick Insurance and Lambton Financial Credit Union during regular office hours. Tickets can also be ordered by email at: brigden.50th@gmail.com. Spread the word to former students and staff. For more information about the celebration, check the school Website at: brigden.lkdsb.net or on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/Brigden-Public-School

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 is being held at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on the last Monday of each month through April, 2014 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 is being held at All Saints Church on the last Thursday of each month through April, 2014 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 12 is underway and will continue on Wednesday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 to register.

Sombra Museum offers lecture series

The Sombra Museum's popular fall/winter lecture series is underway 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 Nov. 26 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., when attendees will be able to share stories about "the good old days", either one of their own or perhaps a story passed down to them by their 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

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Euchre parties set for Sombra

A series of euchre parties are currently being held at the Sombra Community Hall. The parties are slated for Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

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.

Bingo to benefit youth pilgrimage planned

A fundraising bingo to benefit the United Nations Youth Pilgrimage will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, 498 Lyndoch Street in Corunna on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. There will be lots of bingo and door prizes (no cash prizes) and players must be 18 years of age or over. All proceeds from this event, sponsored by the Rebekah Lodge of Ontario, will support an all-expenses paid trip for one high school student to the United Nations.

St. Stephen's Church to host centennial memorial

A memorial service commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Great Storm of 1913 will be held at St. Stephen's Church on Milton Street in Courtright on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. Nineteen ships were sent to the bottom of the Great Lakes and over 250 lives were lost when the worst storm in recorded history hit the Great Lakes and beyond. A historical ship's bell will be sounded for each ship lost and an old poem about the storm has been adapted as lyrics for a new song to be introduced during the service. Many marine groups are being invited and we encourage people to come dressed in period clothing or in marine uniforms. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served in the parish Memorial Hall after the service.

St. Joseph's Parish breakfasts begin

St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna will continue the popular Sunday breakfasts and meat raffles 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. 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 are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Memorial Cribbage Tournament planned

The Harold and Florence Johnson Memorial Cribbage Tournament will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 Hall on Sunday, Nov. 3. Registration is set for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at \$10 per person. Games will begin at 1 p.m. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, call the Legion at 519-862-1240.

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: 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: 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.

55 Alive driving course offered

Adults aged 55 and older are invited to polish up rusty driving skills at the 55 Alive driving course on Tuesday, Nov. 5 and Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The course will be held at the Lambton Elderly Outreach office located in Reece's Corners at 4486 London Line. Space is limited and registration is required by calling Laura at 519-845-1353. Plans are being made to offer the course in the Corunna area in the spring, but Winter driving will require your best efforts and 55 Alive is the place to get prepared to meet those challenges.

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 519-892-3974, Lois at 519-864-4669, Sharon at 519-867-5275, or Marilyn at 519-627-3793.

Fish fry planned for Brigden

The Brigden Firemen's Association and the Leopold Lodge Temple Association will host a fish fry on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Brigden fire hall. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. with dinner set for 6 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person and children under age six are free. Tickets can be purchased from Andy Steadman, 519-864-1193, or Bill Miller, 519-864-1838.

Great Storm of 1913 remembered

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Great Storm of 1913 that hit the Great Lakes and took over 250 lives before the skies cleared. The storm is being remembered in a special display at the Lambton Heritage Museum, on Highway 21 just 8km south of Grand Bend on Saturday, Nov. 9 and Sunday, Nov. 10. Explore stories of the sailors and ships caught along Lambton's Lake Huron coast.

Jamborees slated through Winter in Brigden

The ever popular jamborees held at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall will resume on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes supper, or you may purchase a Jamboree Pass for \$50 that is good for six jamborees from November through April. For more information, contact Kathy at Kathy.Myers@brigdenfair.ca or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

Big Sisters Show & Sale

The annual Big Sisters Show & Sale is slated for Saturday, Nov. 9