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The 41st  
Provincial  
General Election  
Is  
June 12  
Please vote!  
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## Q105 warship's helm standing by for action



Photo submitted

By Bonnie Stevenson

Landlubbers and old salts alike are going to enjoy the newest addition to the Sombra Museum's marine display. Artifacts from the Q105 sub chaser, a sleek ocean-worthy war ship built in 1943 by Mac-Craft Company Limited in Sarnia, are now on display there.

Not only can you look, but you can touch as well thanks to an interactive mock helm built with actual Q105 components, including the ship's wheel, the chadburn (speed control device located to the right of the wheel in this photo), the voice pipe/speaking tube, located directly behind wheel, and the ship's compass, not seen here, is now located to the left of the wheel.

Visitors are encouraged to take the wheel and embark on a perilous patrol with one of the many supply convoys that risked submarine attack while navigating the shipping

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Above: George Klompstra with the Q105 console he designed and built with original artifacts.

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### CRIME STOPPERS alert targets mailbox vandalism

A cash reward is being offered to stop the senseless vandalism of mailboxes in the Corunna area. See page 4 for more information.

Contact The Beacon at:  
[beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca)



## Municipal Notes

### Council approves 2014 operating/capital budget

The 2014 operating and capital budget for St. Clair Township, approved by council on April 28, will maintain the same level of service. The net budget increase, after factoring the assessment growth, is 2.39 per cent. This translates into \$12.33 in additional taxes per \$100,000 residential assessment for the Township portion of the property tax bill.

On a yearly basis, since 2009, the Province of Ontario has been reducing the Township operating grant. This translates into a 1 per cent loss of revenue on the overall budget. The closure of Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright has resulted in lower property tax revenues of 1.7 per cent of the overall budget, and more loss revenues are expected in future years.

Council has approved 73 capital projects with a gross cost

of \$10,109,000. Some of the major projects include \$250,000 for the replacement of a fire tanker for the Wilkesport fire station and \$280,000 for a tandem axle dump truck for the public works department. Road resurfacing and water main replacement in the amount of \$1,235,000 for work on the St. Clair Parkway between Frog Point and Courtright Line is planned. The budget includes \$800,000 for the replacement of 1,230 high pressure lamps with LED lights. This will result in an energy saving of 65 per cent, with an expected pay-back in 4.5 years. There is \$1,100,000 planned for use on the water main loop on LaSalle Line, with a 66 per cent grant being received.

**Charlie Quenneville**

Director of Finance/Treasurer

### Retirement Open House

*St. Clair Township Council*

*and staff*

*invite you to join us*

*in honouring*

**John DeMars**

*for 38 years of dedicated service.*

**When:** Thursday, June 26

**Where:** St. Clair Parkway Golf

*Club in Mooretown*

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*Presentations will be made*

*at 5 p.m.*

### 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. June, 2014 council meetings are slated for: Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, June 16 at about 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.



### Sewer Mains Flushing

**Attention St. Clair Township residents**

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning May, 2014 and continuing into the fall. During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some gurgling noises in the drains. If conditions persist after 24 to 48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Nova VanderSlagt

Water/Wastewater Specialist

### 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.



### Hydrant Flushing

**Attention St. Clair Township residents**

Public Works will conduct annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water system from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning May, 2014 and continuing into the fall. During this maintenance, you may notice some discolouration when using your taps, flushing the toilet, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears. If it continues after 10 to 15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Nova VanderSlagt

Water/Wastewater Specialist



**Provincial election polling stations**  
St. Clair Township polling stations for the provincial election are: the St. Clair Township Civic Centre at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown and 3420 Railway Street in Sombra.  
**Please remember to vote on June 12.**

# St. Clair Township Election 2014

In the coming months leading up to the October 27, 2014 municipal election, *The Beacon* will include a candidate statement as each new candidate files nomination papers. Our intention is to help St. Clair Township residents gain a sense of what the prospective candidates stand for and their expectations for their term in office if they are elected.

**Candidates registered to date include:** Steve Arnold (Mayor); Darrell Randell (Councillor); Peter Gilliland (Deputy Mayor); Steve Miller

(Councillor - Ward 2); Tracy Kingston (Councillor - Ward 1); Jeff Agar (Councillor - Ward 1).

## Candidate Statements

Incumbent Jeff Agar says he's proud of the projects that have been accomplished during his first term as a township councillor. If re-elected, he says, "It is going to be a challenge to continue to move forward as we have lost a great deal of senior government funding, and with

the revenue loss of OPG that St. Clair Township has faced and continues to face. It will take someone with past experience and dedication to continue to move forward, and a serious commitment to deal with the challenging issues that lay ahead. My hope is to bring a positive attitude to council, to continue to aid in all committees that I am currently involved with, and to see future residential, commercial, and employment growth within our community."

## Road crews help monitor indigenous species

Lambton County road crews recently received a crash course in how to identify native snake and turtle species, and the important role reptiles play in the environment.

The presentation was made by St. Clair Region Conservation Authority staff, assisted by Jenny Pearce of *Sciensational Ssnakes*. It is hoped that by teaching the crews how to identify specific species during their daily tasks they will be able to provide valuable information about species sightings, including road kills, to gain a better understanding of the population of reptiles, especially those at risk.



Dave Cummings gets acquainted with an endangered Eastern Fox snake.

*Photo submitted*



## 2014 Municipal election registration

Municipal Election Day in Ontario is set for Monday, Oct. 27, 2014.

Nomination papers may be filled out at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre any time during normal office hours until Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nominations are subject to a \$100 fee for a position as a member of Council or a School Board Trustee, and \$200 for the position of head of Council.

Nomination papers for the following positions may be filed in person with the Clerk of the Township of St. Clair:

### Township of St. Clair

Mayor .....	1
Deputy Mayor .....	1
Council Members - Ward 1 .....	3
- Ward 2 .....	2

### Boards of Education:

#### English Language - Lambton Kent District School

Central Lambton: .....1 Trustee

#### English Language - St. Clair Catholic District

South Lambton / East Kent .....1 Trustee

Inquiries can be directed to: St. Clair Township Clerks Department  
St. Clair Township Civic Centre  
1155 Emily Street, Mooretown  
519-862-2021

**Clerk John DeMars**

**ST. CLAIR  
TOWNSHIP  
ONLINE**

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



## St. Clair Township Election webpages

To keep St. Clair Township residents supplied with up-to-date election information, two new Webpages have been developed. They can be found under the St. Clair Township Website or accessed at:

**General information:** [http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/2014\\_election.htm](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/2014_election.htm)

**Candidate list:** <http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/candidates.htm>

## Subchaser saw service beyond wartime hunter/killer role

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route between North America and Europe.

This clever interactive demonstration device was designed and built by local finish carpenter George Klompstra, who volunteered his time, talent, and effort to the piece. In the cabinet that serves as the ship's control console, Mr. Klompstra has sealed a time capsule containing every available newspaper clipping about the Q105 and how artifacts from the ship found a home at the Sombra Museum, as well as some pertinent Klompstra family history.

The console and the placement of the artifacts has been carefully recreated by Mr. Klompstra using actual photos of the Q105 control console, so those who take the wheel will be treated to a life-like experience, minus the incoming torpedoes and pinging sonar detectors of course.

The experience is enhanced by the placement of a scale model of the Q105 which has been placed directly in line with the wheel. You can look out over the bow and scour the horizon for the narrow tell-tale periscope wake of one of the Third Reich's marauding "wolf pack" submarines.

According to museum volunteer Allan Anderson, the display will play an important role in demonstrating what life was like on the bridge of a war ship. "We want people to get the feel for the ship," he said. "We wanted to make it interactive so that everyone, including children, could see what it was like."

The Q105 was classified as a Fairmile, a small war ship that could be built in a relatively small shipyard. It was one of 456 merchant ships and about 300 naval vessels designed by the British Fairmile Company. Of these, 59 were built at small Canadian ship yards on the Great Lakes, 14 were built in B.C. and seven were built in Nova Scotia during WWII. The Canadian subchasers were designed as sister ships to the submarine chasers found in the United States Navy. The ships were not named. Instead, they were known as "HMC ML" (motor launch) followed by their identifying number which began with "50" and terminated at "129". Their pendant began with the letter

Q followed by their assigned identifying number, as in Q105, so they came to be known as "Q Boat" or "Q Fifty".

The crew of 15 aboard the Q105 included: two officers; one chief stoker; one leading seaman coxswain; two stokers; two gunners; two ordinary seamen; one telegraphist; one signalman; one Asdic operator; one torpedo rate; and one cook. The ship was equipped with: three twenty-millimeter Oerlikon guns; one nine-millimeter Sten gun; two .303 machine guns; two .303 rifles; three .45 revolvers; and twenty depth charges of 300 pounds each.

In addition, each vessel was sheathed for operation in ice. This was a prudent development, since the hull of these ships was comprised of a layer of waterproofed fabric sandwiched between two opposing diagonal plys of 5/8 inch wooden planks and held together with thousands of rivets. That was all that separated the courageous sailors from the icy North Atlantic waters, although the Q105 was assigned to a flotilla that operated out of Bermuda.

The Q105 was launched in 1943 on Aug. 7 from the Sarnia Mac-Craft facility, and display organizers hope to hold the dedication of the ship's propellers on that date this year.

After the war, the ship was loaned to the Quebec Provincial Government, then sold privately to become Sarnia's *Duc d'Orleans* river cruise ship. For many years, it was a common summer sight as it sliced through the waters of the St. Clair River playing host to many events, parties, company outings, and sight-seeing tours. The *Duc* spent many years docked along Sarnia's waterfront less than a kilometre from where she was built.

For more information about the Q105 or the many fascinating exhibits and displays now installed at the Sombra Museum, just head for Sombra Village and look for 3470 St. Clair Parkway at Smith Street.

**Hours of operation are: June, July, August - 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily; by appointment (call curator) 519-627-2622. Admission: adults \$5; seniors \$4; students \$3; family \$15; preschool free.**

-with files from Sombra Museum

## Mailbox vandals being sought: **CRIME STOPPERS** offers cash reward

**Sarnia-Lambton CRIME STOPPERS** is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the ongoing mischief to mailboxes in the Corunna area. Recently, there has been a rash of **mailboxes being smashed with baseball bats**. This is not just harmless mischief: it is considered a crime under the law. If you have any information about this crime or any other serious crime, please call **CRIME STOPPERS**. You will never have to appear in court or reveal your identity, and **CRIME STOPPERS** does not use call display or call trace. If your information leads to an arrest, you may receive a cash reward.

**Sarnia-Lambton CRIME STOPPERS can be reached toll-free at:**

**1-800-222-8477 (1-800-222-TIPS)**

## HERITAGE CORNER

### *Oh, how times have changed in Corunna!*

*For present-day Corunna residents, it's difficult to visualize the Corunna of a century ago. Even residents born and raised in the town will not remember it as it was in February, 1879. But thanks to vintage Sarnia Observer files transcribed and submitted to Heritage Corner by Allan Anderson of the Heritage St. Clair Committee, The Beacon will now give you a glimpse into the Corunna of yesteryear.*

It is an average day in the bustling town of Corunna, its tree-lined streets shaded from the summer sun by thick green foliage. Horse-drawn wagons and carriages ply the rough dirt streets moving people and goods to their respective destinations. The blacksmith's hammer can be heard ringing with a steady rhythm within the smithy's shop as it beats a rod of molten iron into a new horse shoe or a sturdy gate latch. A group of ladies dressed in ankle-length skirts and starched white shirtwaist blouses hurry along the sidewalk on the way to Mr. Proctor's shop to buy new hats for the upcoming Methodist church social, while another group enters Mr. McGuire's store to pick up some baking supplies to make pastries for the same social.

From the east, a large passenger wagon carrying some finely-dressed oil executives enters the town on the way to the Fitzgibbon Hotel for a meeting with the local reeve and councillors. The cheap land and handy river transport holds promise for new petroleum-based business ventures. Along the way, they are impressed to see a thriving community that boasts three harness makers, two shoemakers, and a tinsmith. One of the men comments that such a town, located in such a beautiful river setting, might be a lovely place to build a summer home, a respite from the hustle and bustle of the oil business.

Meanwhile, at the Tobin Hotel, the local constable is reading the riot act to a pair of slightly inebriated sailors who have come to blows over the affections of the winsome miss who serves up lunch and wanton smiles in the hotel restaurant.

In the belfry of the Roman Catholic Church, a mournful funeral chime

reminds the town that one of their own has fallen victim to the merciless passage of time, while in another part of town, the angelic voices of the Presbyterian church choir can be heard practicing for Sunday service. And down the road, the Episcopal church is the scene of much activity as traps are set to foil an invasion of field mice that have been nibbling holes in the bellows of the church's pump organ.

At four o'clock, the raucous squeals of children newly liberated from their desks in the large, commodious schoolhouse spread throughout the town. Their studies are now forgotten in favour of hide-and-go-seek or cops and robbers. They have a whole summer ahead of them and not a minute of play must be missed.

In front of the post office, a young woman quickly opens a letter that bears a Toronto postmark. She smiles as she reads of the birth of her first niece and of her sister's first days of motherhood.

From the river comes the sound of men shouting as they set the sails on a river barge bound downriver for Sombra to pick up a load of lumber.

At dusk, the warm glow of kerosene lamps shine their welcoming light from every household and the setting sun adorns the river with a wide ribbon of sparkling gold. Corunna settles down for another day, all commerce ceased, all labours ended until the rising sun brings it one step closer to the future.

It is a future that will see combustion engine-powered vehicles glide along paved streets past computerized businesses, stores that offer an unimaginable selection of food and flowers regardless of the season, restaurants that offer exotic fare from faraway places like Greece, China, and Italy, and people who talk into tiny electronic devices while they walk along the street.

It is the Corunna that over 6,000 people will call home in a new municipality that will blend Moore and Sombra Townships into one beautiful place called St. Clair Township.

### **Century-old Wurlitzer military band organ opens Sombra Museum summer season**

If you were anywhere near the St. Clair Parkway between Corunna and Port Lambton on May 17, you may have thought there was a carnival nearby. The music was actually coming from a Wurlitzer military band organ owned by Gerry and Cathy Koolen of Port Franks. The couple traversed the route to draw attention to the summer season opening of the Sombra Museum. The Koolen's bought the merry music maker in August, 2013, but the organ was built in 1916 by C.W. Parker of Kansas. Originally steam-driven, the organ spent years setting a jolly mood for a carousel. It was restored in 1986 and is one of only six Model 147 organs known to have been made. Gerry and Cathy enjoy taking the organ to special events and meeting other vintage band organ enthusiasts.

#### **Sombra Museum seeks WWI items**

World War I items, memorabilia or stories are being sought for the Sombra Museum's new exhibit to commemorate the 100th anniversary of "the war to end all wars". Call 519-892-3982 for more information.



Gerry Koolen of Port Franks explains the inner workings of the fully-mobile Wurlitzer model 147 military band organ. The instrument, once steam-driven, is now powered by a portable electrical generator.

Photo by Bonnie

# Community Contact

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

Your child's school experience is crucial to his or her future. Anyone who has concerns or comments about local school issues can contact local school trustee Judy Krall at 519-882-1055 or via email at: [jkrall@ciaccess.com](mailto:jkrall@ciaccess.com).

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

Anyone over age 16 who does not have a valid driver's license can obtain a government-issued photo I.D. card at the Corunna Motor Vehicle License office at 379 Lyndoch Street.

## ***Pennies for Pavement program***

Lighten your purse or your trouser pockets while you show support for the upkeep of the St. Clair River Trail. Drop off your spare change 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.

## ***Study of The Bible underway in Sombra***

The congregation of St. Clair Community Church invites anyone who doesn't already regularly attend church to join them for *The Story*, an on-going study of The Bible. The 31-week series consists of two study services per month. Sunday services are held at the Sombra Community Centre beginning at 10 a.m. For more information and a schedule of *The Story*, go online to: [www.stclaircc.ca](http://www.stclaircc.ca).

## ***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 Presbyterian 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 519-862-4119. All ages are welcome to attend.

## ***TOPS group meets Thursdays in Port Lambton***

The Port Lambton TOPS weight loss group meets every Thursday night at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Weigh-in is from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the meeting and fellowship held from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This support group is a good way to help you meet your resolution to get healthy and achieve your weight goals. For more information, call Margaret Ann at 519-677-5665 or just come out on Thursday nights. Everyone is welcome.

## ***Brander Park splash pad donations sought***

The Brander Park Splash Pad Committee is still seeking donations for the project with contributions being matched by St. Clair Township. Donations are being gratefully accepted by contacting Anne at 519-677-1623 or going online to: <http://www.branderparksplashpad.com/donate.html>

## ***Chili fundraiser benefits Cancer Society***



On April 24, chili and desserts were on the menu as the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 held a luncheon to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) Sarnia-Lambton branch. The auxiliary donated the food, prepared it and hosted the event. Greeting hungry attendees at the admission table were, from left: Susan Morphew, Community Connector for the S-L branch CCS; Shirley Campbell and Jeanie Wiggergangs, Auxiliary members and long-time volunteers.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

## ***Do you have a snow blower to spare?***

If you're planning on moving to a condo or becoming a *snowbird*, and you are getting rid of your working snow blower, please consider donating it to the Moore Museum. Volunteers will use it to keep paths clear around the museum site to facilitate the repairs and ongoing check-ups on the historic buildings, as well as winter weddings in the chapel.

If you have a snow blower to donate, please contact the Moore



# Summer shape awaits at Mooretown Sports Complex

Time to blossom this Spring with fitness classes and activities at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

## Spinning classes

Join the certified spinning instructors for a great workout that improves cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Call 519-867-2651 for more information.

## Restore yourself with Yoga

Experience the calming, restorative powers of Yoga. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$60 for 6 weeks.

## Shape up with Muscle Mix

Classes are Monday and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Your trainer will be Diane Tuckey.

## Arena floor use

Are you interested in starting a children's, men's or ladies' ball hockey, inline hockey, or lacrosse league? The staff at the Mooretown Sports Complex can help by taking names of those who are interested in playing so that you can organize your league. Contact us at 519-867-2651 for more information and available times.

## Water Aerobic classes

Water classes available this spring include: Shallow Water classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 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. Arthritis/Fibromyalgia/Post-rehab. water exercises are held Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## Fitness/Pool drop-in fitness programs

Water Aerobic/Therapy& Muscle Mix programs are available at

\$4.50 per class or \$45 per 12-visit pass. Full memberships are also available.

## Indoor walking exercise program - free

This program is facilitated by the West Lambton Community Health Centre. Call the Mooretown Sports Complex to register.

## Women's Health Evening - free

To be determined. Call for information or to register.

## Babysitting course set for June 9

The Red Cross Babysitting Course is slated for Monday, June 9 (PA Day) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost per child ages 11 and over will be \$45. For more information, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

## Summer Day Camps July 2 to Aug 29

Summer Day Camps will operate during the weeks of July 2 to Aug. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a cost of \$27 per day or \$110 per week per child. Early drop off and late pick up will be available for an additional \$15 per week. Family rates will be available. Summer fun awaits vacationing students at the Mooretown Sports Complex!

## Summer Sports Camps ages 7 to 14

Summer Sports Camps for students ages 7 through 14 will be available at a cost of \$27 per day, \$110 per week, or \$775 per summer. Available sports camps will include: Golf - July 7-11, 21-25, Aug. 11-15; Basketball - July 2-4; Sports combo - July 14-18, July 28-Aug. 1, Aug. 18-22; Track & Field - Aug. 5-8.

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

## St. Clair Parkway Golf Course

[www.stclairparkwaygolf.com](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com)

# Donations helping to make Children's Safety Village a reality

The Lambton Children's Safety Village (LCSV) recently received a number of generous donations toward the facility's construction. The committee overseeing the fundraising and building of the safety village is pleased to express its thanks to the following donors.

**Right:** Lambton Mutual Insurance presented a very generous donation of \$10,000 toward the project. Shown during the cheque presentation are, left: LCSV Committee member Julie Maw; LCSV /Committee Chair Mary Ann Buntrock; Lambton Mutual President and CEO Deb Van Eyk; and Lambton Mutual Chairman of the Board Jim Duffy.

**Below:** Wyoming Lioness Club members Lioness Linda Reid, left, Lioness Pat Maruscak, and Lioness President Sheila Lavalley, present a much-appreciated \$500 donation to Mary Ann Buntrock, second from right, Chair of the Lambton Children's Safety Village.

And CN came forward with a tremendous donation of \$25,000, with a commitment for another \$25,000 within the next two years - a total of \$50,000!



Further donations are being sought to ensure this important project becomes a reality. To donate, please call 519-332-2686 or email: [web.mab@ebtech.net](mailto:web.mab@ebtech.net)







## TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR YARD WASTE/BRUSH COLLECTION 2014

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 (collection begins at 7:00 AM). Yard waste from the balance of the Township is collected with the regular waste collection.

### COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

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

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

**Spring yard waste collection** will begin Wednesday, April 30th and Friday May 2nd, and will continue until Wednesday, June 18th and Friday June 20th.

During the months of **July** through **September** yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection, subject to the 6 item limit.

**Fall yard waste collection** will begin Wednesday, October 22nd and Friday, October 24th, and will continue until Wednesday, November 26th and Friday, November 28th.

(Note: Fall yard waste collection dates posted in the Township calendar should be the same as above)

### 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). Kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached are not permitted. **(Brush Collection see below)**

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

Containers must not exceed 23kg / 50lb.

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

### BRUSH COLLECTION:

Small **Brush Bundles** will also be collected on **May 23rd, June 13th, and October 24th** with the following guidelines: 4’ maximum length, 1” maximum diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled) and tied & placed at curb.

For further information call: St. Clair Township Public Works 519-867-2125  
or visit our web site at [www.twp.st.clair.on.ca](http://www.twp.st.clair.on.ca)

~ Please pull out and save these two pages for future reference ~





## RECYCLING ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP 2014

Please ensure that materials are placed at the curb by 7:00 AM. The Township now offers Single stream (also known as “fully commingled” or “single-sort”) recycling. Single stream refers to a system in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals, and other containers are mixed in a collection truck, instead of being sorted by the resident into separate commodities (newspaper, paperboard, corrugated fiberboard, plastic, glass, etc.) and handled separately throughout the collection process.

In single stream, both the collection and processing systems are designed to handle this fully commingled mixture of recyclables, with materials being separated for reuse at a materials recovery facility.

The use of a blue box is the most efficient way to assist in the collection of recycling materials. Blue Boxes are available for purchase at the Township office for \$9.25.

### **BLUE BOX:**

**NEWSPAPER:** all newspapers and flyers coloured and black and white

### **FIBRE OR PAPER PRODUCTS:**

**Included:** Computer paper, office paper, envelopes (white or coloured), books (hard cover removed), catalogues, telephone books

**Not Included:** Carbon paper



### **CLEAR AND COLOURED GLASS:**

**Included:** Beverage containers, pop bottles. Any clear or coloured food jars (rinsed).

**Not Included:** Light bulbs, mirrors, dishes, ceramics, sheet glass and broken glass.

### **METAL & ALUMINUM CANS:**

**Included:** Pop, beer, juice, food and pet cans (rinsed), steel paint cans (dry, lids removed with little or no paint) Aerosol cans (empty)

**Not Included:** Aluminum foil, metal pots, disposable cooking tins, coat hangers, oil filters, sheet metal and toys



### **PLASTICS:**

**Included:** All plastic containers coded #1 through #7 pop & water bottles, bleach bottles, juice & vinegar bottles, clean trays, flower pots, grocery clam shell containers (rinsed)

**Not Included:** Plastic bags, toys No containers with no markings on bottom No oil containers (cooking or motor oil)



### **CARDBOARD & BOXBOARD:**

**Included:** 30" x 30" x 8" flattened cardboard i.e. tissue box, cereal box, shoe box, milk cartons, juice boxes, tetra packs, laundry detergent and packing boxes, paper rolls

**Not Included:** Boxes containing any food i.e. pizza box with toppings stuck to lid)

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## Babysitter trainees get fire safety tips

Port Lambton area babysitters-in-training got a chance to try their hand at firefighting as part of the recent Red Cross Babysitting Course, co-sponsored by Port Lambton Community Services and the Sombra Township Optimist Club.

Fire Prevention Officer Jake Taylor, left, from the St. Clair Fire Department Port Lambton Station, helped the trainees negotiate the intricacies of a fire extinguisher.

Janet Sterling, secretary for the Sombra Township Optimist Club, says thanks go out to all of the local groups that support this annual event and help make it such fun for everyone.

*Photo submitted*

## Local Lambton County Library branch information for June

The Lambton County Library's St. Clair Township branches have some great programs and special information sessions planned for the month of June.

The Library Headquarters in Wyoming (787 Broadway Street behind the Lambton County Administration building) also has an event planned that will put a smile on the faces of every book lover in the township. The **Used Book Fair** is set for Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. A donation of 50 cents per children's book and \$1 per adult book is suggested, or patrons can bring along a bag and fill it up for only \$5. The sale will include a wide selection of genres, including cooking, self-help, travel, health, and autobiographies, plus fiction and non-fiction for all ages. Proceeds from the sale will be used to enhance the library system. For more information, call 519-845-3324.

Another service offered by the Lambton County Library is the Ancestry Library Edition. The free online family history resource can be accessed on the public computers at local library branches and at the Lambton County Archives. Users will be able to record the lineage of individuals from Canada, the U.S., the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.

*The following programs require pre-registration unless they are specified as drop-in programs. Preschool programs that require registration are currently underway, but some branches offer the programs as drop-ins and welcome all new participants. Programs are free unless otherwise noted. For more information, go online to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca)*

**Brigden Library** (519-864-1142): Tales for Tots (preschool) pre-register - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25; Financial Literacy Workshop (adult) pre-register - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 19 (Goodwill Industries is offering this workshop with

Financial Literacy Facilitator Malia Gosset); Book Club (adult) pre-register - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

**Corunna Library** (519-862-1132): Tales for Tots (preschool) drop-in - 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23; French Story Hour (up to age 5) pre-register - 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 25; Father's Day Craft (children) drop-in - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 12; Teen Book Club (ages 12 to 18 years) pre-register - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10; Thompson Gardens Book Club (seniors) pre-register - 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, June 2; St. Clair Photography Club (adult) drop-in - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 9; YMCA Settlement Services (adult) drop-in - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, June 9; Adult Book Club, pre-register - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 30.

**Courtright Library** (519-867-2712): Book Club (adult) drop-in - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18.

**Mooretown Library** (519-867-2823): Saturday Morning Crafts (children) drop-in - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14.

**Port Lambton Library** (519-677-5217): Flight (children) drop-in - 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 (Do It Yourself airplanes, rockets and more!)

**Sombra Library** (519-892-3711): Tales for Tots (up to age 3 with caregiver) drop-in - 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25; TAG (teen) drop-in - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17.

**Wilkesport Library** (519-864-4000): Father's Day Craft (children) drop-in - 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14; TAG (teen) pre-register - 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11; Games Day (teen) drop-in - 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18. Teens are invited to come in for traditional and modern games.

**For more information about Lambton County, go online to [www.lambtononline.ca](http://www.lambtononline.ca)**

# Take steps to protect your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

## June 2014 program schedule

The following sessions are being offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic located in the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street, in Corunna. There is no charge for participation and sessions are open to anyone living in St. Clair Township. Space is limited and to participate, you must register. If the team is unable to accommodate you for the day of your choice, you will be put on a waiting list for future sessions.

For more information, go to [www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca). To register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to the receptionist.

### Living with Diabetes

This is a two-hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The session is led by a Diabetes Educator. This session will be held on Tuesday, June 17 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Diabetes Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

This is a two-hour session 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 your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level. The session, led by a Registered Dietitian, will be held on Tuesday, June 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### Pre-Diabetes

If you have Fasting Blood Glucose Levels of 6.1-6.9 mmol/L and/or A1C 6.0 to 6.4% and/or two-hour PG in 75 OGTT (mmol/L) 7.8-11.0 (IGT), this two-hour program is for you. It is taught by a Registered Dietitian and a Registered Nurse, and it will: improve the participant's knowledge of pre-diabetes and diabetes; help participants understand the risk factors for diabetes; and encourage patients to develop healthy lifestyle management goals to prevent/delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. Please ask your family doctor for a referral. The next session is Tuesday, June 10 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Understanding Your Options:

#### Managing chronic constipation

One in four Canadians have a problem with constipation. It can be extremely uncomfortable to live with. Join Dr. David Armstrong, a gastroenterologist, for an entertaining, interesting, and educational Webinar that can help you identify if you are suffering from chronic constipation, understand the possible causes, and explore options for relief. There will be a Registered Dietitian present to answer any additional questions you may have after the presentation. This seminar is set for Thursday, June 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### It's Food For You seminar series

This on-going pilot series features a Registered Dietitian offering seminars on hot topics in nutrition. Relevant information on each topic is presented, products and resources suited to the topic are available, and a question-and-answer period is held. Everyone is welcome and we appreciate pre-registration so we can plan adequate seating. Please call 510-813-9800 for more information or to register.



### Boosting Balance and Bone Health

Boosting Balance and Bone Health is a four-week program designed to gradually improve balance and strength to help you avoid falls and maintain independence as well as educate individuals about keeping bones healthy. The group exercise and education program will be run by a registered occupational therapist. One hour is designated for group exercise, and one hour is designated for education on bone health. Education sessions include an overview of bone health, dietary and medication practices to maintain strong bones, and home safety tips. Individuals who are able to safely take part in a supervised exercise program are invited to register. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays for four consecutive weeks beginning on July 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Space is limited so register soon.

### Healthy Kids and the Keys to Good Health:

#### Summer Camp 2014

With summer on the way, it's time to consider activities that will keep your children entertained and healthy over the summer holidays. The Rapids Family Health Team, in partnership with the Optimist Club of Moore, is offering a free summer day camp on Aug. 25 to Aug. 29 for children entering Grades 1 through 4. The camp will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna. You will have a choice of signing your children up for one of two time slots: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to learn valuable lessons about healthy eating and will prepare and enjoy nutritious snacks. *Please note that we will be preparing peanut-free and nut-free snacks, but we will be using other allergens like milk and soy.* We will be accepting 15 children per session on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no cost to participants. To register, please come to the Rapids Family Health Team, 233 Cameron Street office to pick up a registration form.



### Lab open daily during the week

The lab at the Shell Health Centre at 233 Cameron Street is open on week days from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for all residents of St. Clair Township.





## Homecraft Demo Day was informative and fun



*Photo submitted*

The Homecraft Demo Day held May 3 at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall drew a large talented group that enjoyed learning new skills and honing the ones they already enjoy. Demonstrations in knitting, quilting, sewing, card making, flower arranging, and painting with acrylics were met with enthusiasm by all. Displays of quilts and other crafts brought the hall alive with colour and suggested many new ideas as well. A homemade soup, sandwich, and pie luncheon gave the crafters a chance to restore their energy for the afternoon session.

**Left: At the flower arranging table, Noreen Kells demonstrated a number of arranging styles and techniques to interested onlookers.**

## Don't dig before notifying Ontario One Call

Buried power, water, and sewer lines can be dangerous and lead to considerable expense if struck. Don't take that risk.

Homeowners thinking about making yard improvements that involve any kind of digging need to make one important phone call first.

Call **Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255** or visit the Website at **[www.on1call.com](http://www.on1call.com)** first. This free service is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Notification to Ontario One Call is required at least one week before you plan to dig in order for all locates to be completed.

**What you can't see can hurt you!**

## Lambton Eats Locally food game available 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/](https://communityplanit.org/lambton_eats_local/)

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

## Local Ontario Early Years 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. This program provides 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](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).



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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.

### **Downriver Craft Sale at Moore Museum**

The date for this popular even is set for Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mark your calendar and plant to be at the Moore Museum site to get some early Christmas shopping done and maybe even find a special treat for yourself. Admission is \$2 per adult and free for children under 13 accompanied by an adult.

## **Get in touch with *The Beacon***

*If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or if the event will benefit the residents of the township, promote it free of charge in The Beacon.*

The deadline for submissions is the third Monday of every month by 4 p.m.

Email: [beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca)

## **Leaper Farm among locations showcased on Doors Open Lambton County tour**

When the *Doors Open Lambton County* tour takes place on June 21 and 22, the fascinating farm of Gord and Barb Leaper will be among the St. Clair Township sites showcased. Located at 2566 Moore Line east of the intersection of Moore Line and Brigden Road, the farm has undergone many changes and additions during its lengthy existence.

The little house at the front of the property was moved from Maxwell Street in Sarnia in March of 1956 and cost a fortune - \$1,500 to be exact. It currently serves as the Leaper's home. The blue farm home originally located 1/4 mile east of the farm burned to the ground in 1941.

In 1970, the Leapers bought the former Imperial Oil gun range clubhouse and moved it from the McGregor Side Road in Sarnia. It was restored and is now the Texaco gas station and the gas pumps have been restored. The couple occasionally holds drive-in movies on a screen in front of the station.

The red horse barn was originally the Birkhall cheese factory. It was moved onto the property and converted to a stable. The windmill was moved from Courtright Line in 1995 as a wedding present from Barb to Gord. It was painted to match the one they had on the farm. Inside the buildings, there are many other sights to enjoy, including:

- ◆ Stools from the dairy bar in Brigden.
- ◆ The marble ice cream parlour from a barber shop on Christina Street in Sarnia. The Leapers saved it when the entire block it was located on was being demolished.
- ◆ Original enamel signs.
- ◆ The original enamel and neon sign from the Dairy Queen on

Colborne Road in Sarnia.

- ◆ Petroliana such as original gas signs.
- ◆ An auto collection including a 1931 Auburn once owned by the Lawrence family of Sarnia (Lawrence House Centre for the Arts is on the Open Doors tour as well.)
- ◆ Collection of three tractors originally used on the Leaper farm.
- ◆ Current restoration of a 1936 Ford convertible is located in the red shed.

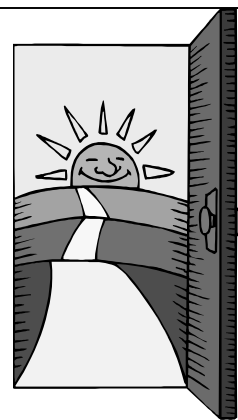
This is just a sample of the sights and artifacts to be found at the Leaper Farm and it's a great example of the fun and informative time you'll have on *Open Doors Lambton County* tour, June 21 and 22.

*Thanks to Barb Leaper for submitting this information.*

## **Doors Open Lambton County**

*The public driving tour that offers a  
peek at some of  
Lambton County's many  
significant locations,  
businesses, and buildings.*  
**Sat. June 21 & Sun. June 22  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

For more information go to:  
[www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca](http://www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca)



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need throughout the community.

## **Ride Don't Hide event will benefit CMHA**

Cycling enthusiasts and leisure cyclists alike are encouraged to participate in the *Ride Don't Hide* Community Bicycle Ride planned for the St. Clair River Trail on Sunday, June 22. This family-oriented event is part of a national fundraiser, and money raised will benefit the work of the Lambton-Kent Mental Health Association. It will begin and end at the Mooretown Sports Complex and will feature 20 km and 50 km routes. The event is being held to raise awareness and to help break the stigma surrounding mental health issues while raising essential funds to support mental health programs. Sponsors are still being sought and sponsor packages are available online at:

[www.cmhalambtonkent.ca/](http://www.cmhalambtonkent.ca/files/2014_Local_Sponsorship_Package_Lambton_Kent.pdf)

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More information will be published in *The Beacon* as it becomes available.

## **Memorial service at Moore Union Cemetery**

A memorial service will be held at Moore Union Cemetery on Sunday, June 29 at 3 p.m. In the event of rain, the service will be moved to the Moore Museum. Please bring lawn chairs.

## **Sombra Museum hosts summer events**

The Sombra Museum at 3470 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra Village will be the scene of several popular annual events this summer. The annual **Lawn Concert will be held rain or shine on Sunday, July 6** at 7 p.m. Live country music will be featured and light refreshments will be served. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy! The next event will be the **Blueberry Social, slated for Sunday, Aug. 3** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Freshly baked desserts will be featured and there will be activities for the whole family. Admission will be by free-will donation. And on **Aug. 16 and 17 weekend, enjoy free admission** to the museum. Newcomers will be fascinated by the many local heritage artifacts, exhibits, and maritime displays, plus this year's World War I display being held to honour the 100th Anniversary of the *Great War*.



Q105 subchaser display

## **Vacation Bible school in Courtright**

Children will enjoy the upcoming vacation Bible school taking place on Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 16 at Courtright United Church. There will be two full days of music, healthy kids' cooking, drama, and story-telling, with messy crafts, and lunch will be provided. To pre-register your child for this awesome program, call the church and leave a message at 519-867-2113.

## **LSA 25th annual picnic**

Seniors from all across Lambton County will be gathering for the 25th annual Lambton Seniors Association picnic at the Lions' Pavilion, Petrolia fairgrounds, on Wednesday, June 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission will be \$3 for a day of music, dancing, food, prizes, and surprises.

## **Model Train Time at Moore Museum**

Whether you've got trains on the brain or you just love reliving childhood memories, the Moore Museum has some afternoons of

fun planned for you this summer. Knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroading with visitors and all of the layouts will be operating. Kids of all ages will want to put on their engineer hats and spend some time with this fantastic train exhibit. Model Train Time will be offered from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays, July 13 and 27, and August 10 and 24. Regular museum admission will apply.

## **St. Clair River Run 2014 set**

The 5th annual St. Clair River Run for 2014 is set for Saturday, July 19. The 10 km course will start at Branton-Cundick Park north of Sombra and the 5 km course will begin at Marshy Creek Park south of Sombra. Both courses will terminate at Brander Park south of Port Lambton. The popular Kids' Minnow Run will also be part of the event. Registration will open soon, with registration fees as follows: 10K - \$35 until May 1; \$40 until June 1; \$45 until July 13; \$55 on race day / 5K - \$30 until May 1; \$35 until June 1; \$40 until July 13; and \$45 on race day. Register by June 1 and save \$5. This year, participants will receive a New Balance running shirt and a medal at the finish line. They will also enjoy entertainment along the river run course. Organizers estimate attendance for this year may reach the 1,000 participants. For more information, go online to:

[www.stclairriverrun.ca](http://www.stclairriverrun.ca)

## **Captain Kidd visits Corunna in August**

Captain Kidd arrives in Corunna on August 2 with a parade starting at 10:30 a.m. The parade will proceed from Beckwith along Lyndoch and terminate at Colborne Street. *Watch The Beacon* for more information.

## **Indoor walking offered in Mooretown and Brighden**

Indoor walking and fitness classes are held in Mooretown every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Classes in Brighden are held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Brighden 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.

## **Ongoing activities offered at Cruickshank Community Centre**

Several ongoing activities are slated for the Cruickshank Community Centre this winter. These include: Bridge on Thursdays at 1 p.m.; Euchre on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. costing \$3 per session which includes light refreshments; and Scrabble on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the fun playing the game or games of their choice.

## **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

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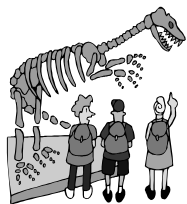
Sports and Rec community activities. To register, call Allan at 519-892-3928.

### Roast beef dinner in Brigden

Treat dad to an early Father's Day meal at the roast beef dinner being served up at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Saturday, June 14 at 5 p.m. Country jamboree music and a cash bar will be available. The meal will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, pickles, a vegetable tray, rolls, coffee and tea, and dessert. Admission is by advance tickets only and they will go on sale at the fair office on June 9. For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or email: [Bill.Myers@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Bill.Myers@brigdenfair.ca); [Cathy.Myers@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Cathy.Myers@brigdenfair.ca); or [Michelle.Evanitski@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Michelle.Evanitski@brigdenfair.ca)

### ROM display now at Lambton Heritage Museum

For many families, it's difficult to get to Toronto to take in the many wonders at the Royal Ontario Museum. But from June 14 to Oct. 12, families are invited to come to the Lambton Heritage Museum just south of Grand Bend to enjoy *Kids Discover: Dinosaurs, Fossils and Heavens Above!*, an activity area where kids can discover artifacts, specimens, models and other object currently on loan from the ROM through the ROM EduKits program. Children can dig into the Age of Reptiles, find out how astronauts go to the bathroom in space, find out what the moon is made of, take a tour of the solar system, and much more. Admission is \$5 per adults, \$4 for seniors and students, \$3 per child, and family rates are available. This summer, don't miss this opportunity to spark your child's love of science and discovery.



### Decoration Day at Bear Creek Cemetery

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 will hold the annual Decoration Day at Bear Creek Cemetery, corner of Moore Line and Telfer Road, on Sunday, June 15 at 11 a.m. Following the Act of Remembrance, Canadian flags will be placed on the veterans' graves. After the service and placement of the flags, lunch will be offered at the branch hall in Brigden. For more information, go online to: [info-legionbrigden@gmail.com](mailto:info-legionbrigden@gmail.com) or contact Louise at 519-864-1463.



### Memorial service set for Black Creek Cemetery

The Black Creek Cemetery board invites everyone to come and share the 59th annual Memorial Service set for Sunday, June 15 at 2 p.m. The cemetery is located on Stanley Line, west of Brigden Road and east of Pretty Road. Please bring lawn chairs. For more information, please call Judy at 519-864-1367.

### Moore Museum & Leaper farm on Doors Open Lambton County tour

The Moore Museum and the Leaper farm near Brigden will be among the many fascinating sites to be found along the Doors Open Lambton County tour on Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Moore Museum will offer heritage demonstrations and free admission during the tour. At the

Leaper farm, enjoy an extensive collection of vehicles and artifacts from the county's past, as well as the history of the farm itself. For more information, go online to: [www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca](http://www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca)

### 10th Anniversary Sombra Township Optimist Car Show slated

The 10th anniversary Sombra Township Optimist Car Show is slated for Brander Park, Port Lambton, on Saturday, June 21 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Spectators will be admitted free and there will be something of interest for the whole family to enjoy. To pre-register your classic or late model car (stock, modified, or special interest vehicle) the cost will be \$10, or \$15 at the gate. Each additional car will be half-price. Contact Lori at 519-330-7904 or email: [lbo-gaert@gmail.com](mailto:lbo-gaert@gmail.com) Home-built soapbox races are scheduled for registration at 9 a.m. and practice at 10 a.m. For more information call Vic at 519-677-5954 or email: [oleary1976@hotmail.com](mailto:oleary1976@hotmail.com).



The new *Kids Corner* will feature crafts, games, prizes, penny tables, food, and more with Dotsy the Clown, face painting, and a craft and vendor show, too. Contact Louise at: [leklreek@gmail.com](mailto:leklreek@gmail.com) to pre-register. A licensed refreshment tent with a live band will be featured. Proceeds from this event will go to a number of community projects supported by the Sombra Optimists, including the Brander Park splash pad.

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### Annual fundraiser will benefit Women's Interval Home

The 2nd Annual Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event, hosted by the Women's Interval Home of Sarnia-Lambton, will be held on Saturday, June 21 at the Lambton Mall, with registration starting at 11 a.m. and the walk starting at noon. Interested persons can walk individually or as a team. Anyone interested can email: [walkamilesarnia@hotmail.com](mailto:walkamilesarnia@hotmail.com) An information package will be sent to you. It will include a pledge sheet and it will request information such as name, shoe size, email, phone number, etc. In addition, further contact information will be supplied. The Interval Home gives refuge to women and children seeking to escape domestic violence and sexual assault.

### Summer Kick Off Party at Corunna Legion

Join your friends and neighbours, rain or shine, at the 4th Annual Summer Kick Off Party at the Corunna Legion on Saturday, June 21. The free event begins at 11 a.m. with barbecue food being served. Live bands will get the joint jumping at 1 p.m. and play until dusk. Featured bands include: The Barn Burners; The Plank Road Hammers; the McBlues Project; and Full Disclosure. There will be a bike Show and Shine, so don't be shy. Enter your own spiffy bike or come out and see some of the beautiful bikes from our area. Bring a lawn chair because seating could be limited. Although the event is free, a free will offering of canned food will be appreciated. Enjoy a terrific community event and help the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 help people in



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# Around The Township

## **Pull and Smash in Brigden**

Hey, gearheads, thundering engine aficionados, and fans of big, noisy entertainment! The **Pull and Smash** is coming to the Brigden Fairgrounds with a tractor pull on Friday, June 6 and a demolition derby on Saturday, June 7. Both events will be held from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. with gates opening at 5 p.m. Rough camping will be available all weekend and a beer garden will be operating both days. Admission is \$10 per day and camping will be \$30 per person per day, which will include a weekend pass. For more information, go online to: <http://pullandsmash.wix.com/pull-and-smash>

## **Celebrity Chef fundraisers in Brigden**

A series of "celebrity chef" charity fundraisers have been taking place at Mrs. B's Barbeque in Brigden. At the end of the summer, Mrs. B will donate \$150 to the chef who sells the most barbecue items. Events are slated for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: June 6, Jerry Pepper, Children's Safety Village; June 27, Calvin Nesbitt, Brigden Optimist Club; July 4, Russ Struck, Brigden Fire Department Children's Fund; July 18, Andy Steadman, Brigden Community Decorating Team; Aug. 1, Lee Irwin, Parent Association of Brigden Public School; Aug. 15, Henry Bergsma, Brigden Horticultural Society.

## **Memorial golf tournament slated**

The First Annual Ken Adams Memorial Golf Tournament, hosted by the Mooretown Flags, will take place at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown on Saturday, June 7 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will feature a Shot Gun Start four man (fun) golf scramble. Please register before May 31 by contacting: Doug at 519-862-2173, [djmelts@hotmail.com](mailto:djmelts@hotmail.com); Chuck at 519-869-4592, [cmelton13@cogeco.ca](mailto:cmelton13@cogeco.ca); or Joe at 519-862-1327, [jhlavers@cogeco.ca](mailto:jhlavers@cogeco.ca)

## **Memorial service at Riverside Cemetery**

The Riverside Cemetery Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m. Those who attend are asked to bring lawn chairs.

## **Lawn mower racing series underway**

They're small but they're mighty! The Western Ontario Outlaw riding lawn mower racers are holding a series of 10 racing events throughout the summer at their new track along Highway 21 beside the landfill near Petrolia. Racers are from all areas of western Ontario, and spokesman Ryan Blankenship of Corunna says new members are always welcome and this year, donations from the club are being made to the Petrolia food bank. Races will be held at 2 p.m. as follows: (race 1 was May 25); June 8; June 22; July 6; July 20; Aug. 3; Aug. 17; Sept. 7; Sept. 21; Oct. 5.

## **Steak bingo at Corunna Legion**

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a steak bingo on Wednesday, June 11 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The cost will be three cards for \$15, with 25 regular games plus a *special game*. Prizes include: 1st - \$350 Lambton Mall Bucks; 2nd - \$100 Lambton Mall Bucks; 3rd - \$50 Lambton Mall Bucks. Doors open at 8 p.m. and food will be available. Everyone is welcome.

## **Brigden campout country jamboree set**

The former Wilkesport Jamboree is now being hosted by the Moore Agricultural Society at the Brigden Fairgrounds. It will be known as the Brigden Campout Country Jamboree. It will begin on Wednesday, June 11 at 10 p.m. and continue to Sunday, June 15.

There will be limited hydro/water access on a first come, first served basis at \$25 per night. There will be daily jamborees in the exhibition hall, plus an antique tractor and car show, a Saturday night roast beef dinner at 5 p.m. (Advanced ticket sales only will be sold beginning on June 9), draws, fun and fellowship. On Sunday, June 15, an open Gospel Sing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the exhibition hall. For more information, please contact the fair office at 519-864-1197 or Bill at 519-627-5065. Organizers say they will strive to stay true to the Wilkesport Jamboree format that campers have enjoyed in years past.

## **Benefit for Courtright cancer patient**

A fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 14 to benefit former Courtright resident Sean Donovan, 21, son of Des and Sue Donovan. Sean has recently been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer, and he is currently undergoing treatment. The benefit will be held at the Navy Club, 1420 Lougar Street in Samia from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 per person from Norma Jean at 519-867-5494 or Lynn at 519-328-2103.

## **Entertainer Mat Gauthier to play Parkway Pentecostal Church**

Award-winning singing impressionist Mat Gauthier will bring a host of celebrity voices and some great music to Parkway Pentecostal Church in Corunna on Saturday, June 14 at 7 p.m. Mat is a talented singer, musician, songwriter and impressionist who is known for his clean entertainment. This hot-ticket show will sell out fast, so reserve tickets by calling 519-862-3380.



## **Bicycle Rodeo planned**

The Corunna Community Policing Committee will host its annual bicycle rodeo on Saturday, June 14 in the parking lot at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year, the CCPC rodeo will be a joint venture with the Moore Optimist Club. A full track will be set up for the rodeo and booths will be set up for organizations and companies that will be promoting safety. Each child who participates will receive a free helmet, there will be free food for children and adults, and an opportunity for one boy and one girl to win a free bicycle thanks to Corunna Home Hardware (providing the bicycles) and The Co-operators Corunna (donating the funds to purchase the bicycles). For more information, contact: Andrew at 519-381-7852.

## **Garage sale at Corunna United**

The congregation of Corunna United Church will host a garage sale on Saturday, June 14 from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will benefit the Med-Outreach program that sends medical students to Tanzania. The sale will include household items as well as good children's clothing. Everyone is welcome.

## **Sombra Sports and Rec to host golf outing**

An enjoyable community golf outing, sponsored by Sombra Sports and Rec, will be held on Saturday, June 14 beginning at 1 p.m. at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. Admission for the scramble format event will be \$80 per person and include: golf, cart, steak dinner, and prize table. All proceeds will benefit Sombra