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*Enjoy Summer
In
St. Clair
Township!*

Big, bold, beautiful People's Choice Award winner!



There were plenty of sharp vehicles to choose from when the Sombra Optimist Car Show rolled into Brander Park on June 21. The beautiful summer day made it a pleasure to take in each vehicle and to appreciate the work and attention to detail that went into their care and upkeep. But the vehicle that stole the most hearts during the show was this grand 1949 Mercury Coupe owned by Chuck Grandbois of Windsor. The mighty Merc was the People's Choice Award winner. For more photos see page 14.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

New Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2014/2015 now being sought

In preparation for the upcoming Brigden Ambassador competition for 2014/2015, both female and male contestants between the ages of 17 and 24 (as of Aug. 1, 2014) are now being sought. You don't have to know about agriculture, live on a farm, or be a Brigden resident. This program is about learning, being seen as a leader in the community, taking on new challenges, and of course, being able to include it on your resume. To learn more about the competition and duties required of an ambassador, an information session is being held on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. No commitment is necessary until the application deadline of Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. Call 519-864-1197 for more information or go to www.brigdenfair.ca. Applications are available online. The annual Brigden Fair Ambassador competition is set for Sunday, Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Municipal Notes

Council welcomed Greer Macdonell, the chair of the Riverview Central School Council, to hear about plans for the school's upcoming 50th anniversary celebration.



St. Clair Township 2014 Property Tax Due Dates

The final tax due dates Will be Aug. 6 and Oct. 1, 2014

The 2014 final tax notices for non-capped properties were mailed out the last week of June.

Most chartered banks and financial institutions will accept payment of your current taxes on or before the due date (any bank charges will be the responsibility of the ratepayer.)

Tax payments by cheque can be mailed to the return address provided on the tax notice.

The following methods of Tax and/or Water payments may be utilized:

- Automatic Bank Machines
- Telephone and Internet payments through bank
- Payment at most financial institutions
- Post-dated cheques
- Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- Mail the payment to or use the drop box at:
St. Clair Township Civic Centre
1155 Emily Street
Mooretown, Ontario
N0N 1M0

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

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

PUBLIC MEETING Hydro One to discuss outages with council

Hydro One has agreed to entertain an open forum at the Sept. 15 meeting of St. Clair Township Council at 5:30 p.m. The company's representatives will make a brief presentation which will be followed by a question period related to recent power outages in the western part of St. Clair Township, as well as other items. **The public is encouraged to attend.**

Commemorative sculpture considered for school anniversary

In addition to an open house, slated for Sept. 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the school council is hoping to install an original commemorative metal sculpture in Marshy Creek Park. The proposed eight-foot high sculpture, featuring a stick-figure child holding a globe of the world aloft, would be designed and built by volunteers from the community. Mrs. Macdonell distributed colour copies of the proposed sculpture for council's review. Council expressed several concerns about the sculpture, including the possibility of vandalism and of safety concerns should children play on the sculpture, which is to be made of two-inch stainless steel tubular pipe. Municipal staff will be asked to work with the committee to determine the best way to proceed with the project.

In addition to the sculpture, all of the students at the school have participated in a collaborative art project, with each contributing a painted square that will be crafted into a large art piece for display at the school.

Council meeting schedule

Meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. Council is now meeting according to a once-per month summer schedule. The next meeting is slated for Monday, Aug. 11 at approximately 5 p.m. immediately 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



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

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); Carol Bryden (Trustee - St. Clair Catholic District School Board).

No other candidates had registered at press time.

Notice to property owners - 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.

Les Fournie receives 45 year services bar



District Deputy Chief Les Fournie (center) of the St. Clair Township Fire Department's Courtright Station recently received his 45 year services bar to go on his long service medal. It was presented by Fire Marshal of Ontario Ted Wieclawek at a recent ceremony in Windsor. With Les are St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson, right, and Mayor Steve Arnold.

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 Kent1 Trustee

Inquiries can be directed to:
St. Clair Township Clerks Department

St. Clair Township Civic Centre
1155 Emily Street, Mooretown
519-867-2021

Clerk Jeff Baranek

**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

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

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



St. Clair Township Yard Waste/Brush Collection



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 (collections begin 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 and Friday, each week, depending on the service area.

Wednesday: * Corunna (Including Froomfield area)

*St. Clair Parkway (north of Emily Street, Mooretown)

Friday: * Bridgen, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton

Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte Leeland Gardens

*St. Clair Parkway (south of Emily Street in Mooretown)

Spring yard waste collection has been completed.

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

The fall yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 24 and will continue until Wednesday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 28.

Please note: Fall yard waste collection dates posted in the Township calendar should be the same as above.

Yard waste includes: 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. (For Brush collection, see below.)

Yard waste placed at the side of the road for collection must be bagged in clear or transparent plastic bag, paper bags, 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.

The term "open containers" DOES NOT include: blue boxes or cardboard boxes.

Containers must not exceed 23 kg/50 lb.

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

Brush collection:

Small brush bundles will be collected again on Oct. 24 with the following guidelines: 4' max. length, 1" max. diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled) and tied and placed at the curb.

Blue Box items include: newspaper; fibre or paper products **except** carbon paper; clear or colour glass **except** light bulbs, mirrors, dishes, ceramics, sheet glass, and broken glass; metal and aluminum cans **except** aluminum foil, metal pots, disposable cooking tins, coat hangers, oil filters, sheet metal, and toys; plastics except plastic bags, toys, containers with no markings on the bottom, no oil containers (cooking or motor); cardboard or boxboard except boxes containing food eg. Pizza box with toppings stuck to lid.

For more information, please contact:

St. Clair Township Public Works at 519-867-2125 or www.twp.stclair.on.ca

Township Clerk John DeMars retires after 36 years of service



St. Clair Township Clerk John DeMars has been the voice of experience in municipal matters for 36 years, beginning his career in Sombra Township, then serving as Clerk of St. Clair Township.

Left: During John's retirement reception at the St. Clair Township Golf Course, St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey presented him with a Sombra Township artifact that is near and dear to his heart - the former township's corporate seal. "Over the years, I have used that seal hundreds of times," said John. It was used on all by-laws and sworn documents.

Right: John and his wife, Tina, cut the retirement cake for service to waiting well-wishers.

Below left: Former and present council members shared the celebration.

Below right: A crowd gathered to extend good wishes to John on his retirement.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Physician Recruitment Taskforce brings new doctor to Corunna

Corunna welcomed a new physician on Aug. 1. Dr. Jacob Abraham is taking over Dr. Kathy Wakely's family practice now that she is retiring.

Dr. Abraham was recruited by the Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia Lambton. Cindy Sholten, part-time recruitment consultant for the taskforce, conducted a tour of Sarnia for the doctor and his wife in April. "It was a perfect site visit with tremendous support from the community," she said. "They (Dr. and Mrs. Abraham) are really friendly and genuine people. They were well-received."

She added that Dr. Abraham was close to purchasing a clinic in Kingston, Ontario, where he and his wife were living at the time, but the decision was put on hold while they considered moving closer to their children.

Initially, Dr. Abraham will not be accepting new patients. However, when he is settled with the current patient base, he will consider accepting new patients in the future.

To date, the Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia-Lambton has brought 19 family physicians to Lambton County. To



Welcoming Dr. Abraham (third from left) to Corunna are, from left: Ken Burchill, Board Chair of the Physician Recruitment Taskforce; Carly Neinhuis, Physician Recruiter (newly returned from maternity leave); and Cindy Sholten, consultant.

Community Contact

Brigden Fair Prize Book 2014 now available

The Brigden Fair Prize Book for 2014 is now available online at www.brigdenfair.ca. For more information, please call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

Corunna Wildcat soccer team extends thanks

All volunteers who helped out on the field during the 2014 Corunna Wildcats soccer season are extended the warmest of thanks for their efforts. It was a great season for Tim Bits soccer, the U7 and U10 divisions. The players worked hard and their work paid off. The Girls and Boys U12 district teams are still playing and their season wraps up in late August. For information about the 2015 season, go online to: www.corunnawildcats.ca.

Knights of Columbus raffle winners announced

The recent Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities Lottery Raffle yielded a number of local winners. One thousand prizes were up for grabs and a Mooretown resident was lucky enough to snag the second prize of \$100,000. Local winners included: Joe Sammon of Mooretown; Jim O'Rourke of Samia; Genny Kwiakowski of Corunna; Paul Bezaire of Sombra; Rob Renders of Dresden; Jeanette Johnston of Port Lambton; Karen Benusik of Petrolia; Jack Renders of Samia; John Huybers of Courtright; Shannon VanLooy of Wallaceburg; Spencer Donald of Bright's Grove; Jim Stapleton of Petrolia; Tom Sitzes of Petrolia; Dixie Morgan of Samia; Linda McFadden of Wallaceburg; Lee Downie of Samia; and Jack Renders of Port Lambton. (See photo below.)

Discuss concerns over school issues with trustee

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.

Pennies for Pavement program

To help support the St. Clair River Trail, just 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.stclairc.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.

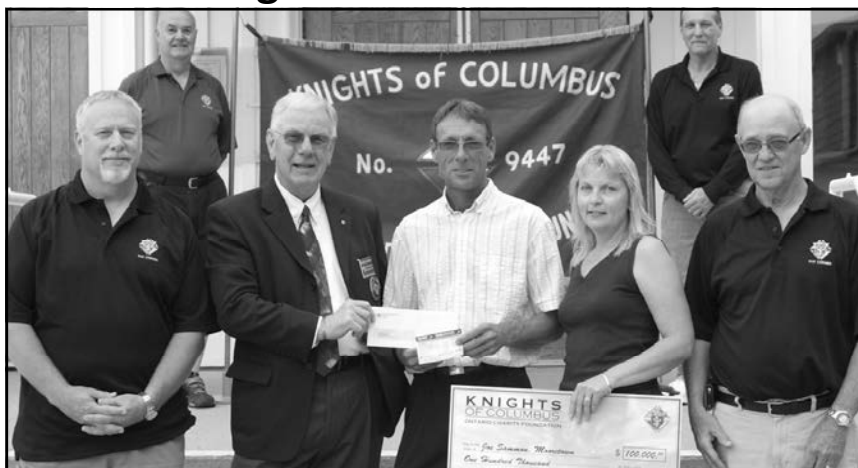
Brander Park splash pad donations sought

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>

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.

Corunna Knights of Columbus Council 9447 draw winner receives prize



The Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities Foundation raffle lottery yielded 1,000 winners this year, and among them was second prize winner Joe Sammon of Mooretown. The lucky St. Clair Township resident won an admirable \$100,000. The raffle is an annual event held since 1972 and since its inception, local charities have received donations for local programs and initiatives that, when combined, total in excess of \$10 million. On hand for the presentation of the second prize cheque are, front left: K of C Council 9447 Grand Knight Christopher Braun; K of C Treasurer Peter Lemon; winners Joe and Kim Sammon; K of C District 40 Deputy Boyd Fraser. Back row left: K of C Council 9447 Member Jay Alexander; K of C 9447 Raffle Chairman Keith St. Jean.

Photo submitted

Summer shape still possible at Mooretown Sports Complex

It's still not too late to make those summer clothes fit better make outdoor life less exhausting. Get moving and get fit at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Summer spin classes

Enjoy biking without the hassle of bugs, rain and traffic this summer by taking spinning classes. They are held Mondays from 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m.; Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$60 for 10 weeks (the cost will be prorated for the remainder of the classes) or \$10 per drop-in session.

Summer swim lessons

Summer swim lessons are offered this season: **Daytime classes:** July 28 to Aug. 8 or Aug. 11 to 22. Cost is \$48 per child. **Evening classes:** Beginning the week of June 30, these lessons run once per week during the summer at a cost of \$43.20. Private lessons are also available.

Summer water aerobics/therapy & adult swims

Shallow water aerobics are offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Deep water aerobics** are offered Monday and Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; **Water therapy** is offered Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; **Adult swim** is offered Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m., Monday to Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer Day Camps continue to Aug 29

Summer Day Camps will operate until 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 continue at a cost of \$27 per day or \$110 per week. Available sports camps will include: Golf - Aug. 11-15; Sports combo - Aug. 18-22; Track & Field - Aug. 5-8.

Tim Horton's sponsors free swims

Every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the summer until Aug. 24, *Tim Horton's* will sponsor free swims. Please be aware that any children unable to comfortably swim two widths of the Mooretown Sports Complex pool, all children under age 7 or under 48 inches tall, plus weak or non-swimmers, must be directly supervised while in the water by an adult (maximum two children per adult.)

Arena floor rentals/August summer ice

Arena floor rentals will be \$55 per adult per hour. Event rates are also available. Call to book your lacrosse, ball hockey, or special event.

August summer ice rates: Prime time Monday through Friday after 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday will cost \$130 per hour; non-prime time Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. will cost \$100 per hour.

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

Mooretown Mayhem wins weekend hockey tournament

The Mooretown Mayhem won the Major Novice/Minor Atom division of the Weekend Hockey Tournament held at the Nottawasaga Resort in Alliston in mid-July. The team went undefeated winning the championship with a 3-1 win over the Toronto Mighty Eagles.

Pictured from bottom, left to right: Goalie Jackson Sterling, Caleb Mesko. Kneeling: Keegan Hornbostle, Chase MacDonald, Casyn Foster, Trevor Anderson, Colin Haskins, Nolan Devine, Steven Switzer. Standing: Casey Schouten, Charlie Brander, Luke Doan, Jaxon Priddle, James Snedden, Geremia Nappi. Coaches: Brent McManus, Case Schouten, Jason Priddle.

Congratulations to the Mayhem for its stellar performance!



Book your spot at St. Clair Township Parks and Campgrounds

St. Clair Township's beautiful parks are the perfect place to hold summer family outings, weddings, reunions and special events. To book your date and area, just call 519-867-2651.

And if camping is your perfect way to spend those lazy summer days, St. Clair Township offers great campgrounds for short or long stays at Mooretown, Cathcart, and Branton-Cundick Parks. To book your campsite, call Mooretown at 519-867-2951; Cathcart at 519-892-3342; or Branton-Cundick at 519-892-3968.



Moore optimist club donates to local school graduations



The Optimist Club of Moore recently gave \$500 each to all four Corunna schools to help with their Grade 8 graduation expenses.

Above: The graduating class of St. Joseph's School receives the cheque from Optimist Club of Moore President Mary Lou Abrams, right, and Optimist Club of Moore Secretary Nina Strickland, left.

Left: Optimist Club of Moore President Mary Lou Abrams and Secretary Nina Strickland present the symbolic cheque to some students representing Mooretown-Courtright Public School, Sir John Moore Community School, and Colonel Cameron Public School. The students enjoyed their graduation event during a cruise aboard the Duc d'Orleans.

Photos submitted

Junior Optimist Club to host kids' dress-up/costume event

HEY, KIDS, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club would like to find out. So on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., come to the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) dressed up as your favourite person, real or imagined, and bring a stuffed animal. This **Free** event is open to kids of any age. There will be games, activities, and surprises. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be just \$1 each.

Give it some thought. Would you like to be an astronaut, princess, doctor, firefighter, karate kid, police officer, super hero, veterinarian, soldier, Olympic athlete, baseball player, dancer, hockey player, nurse, writer, engineer, pilot, entertainer, mayor, prime minister: Your choice is only limited by your imagination.

HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Centre Hall was original Moore Township municipal building

The Moore Centre Hall, a modest 20 x 30 foot structure that stood on the corner of Lot 19, Concession 8, began life as the center of Moore Township political practices in 1868. That year, township voters wishing to cast their ballots did so at the hall.

At that time, Mooretown was a thriving village and the people living along the riverfront thought it would be a big city one day. It should be noted that Brigden and Courtright did not exist as towns at that time. Since the riverfront electorate was in the majority during the election of 1867, they decided to sell the little hall on the 8th Line and build a new, larger city hall in Mooretown so they would be ready for the day when Mooretown became a city.

At the first meeting, the three councillors representing the riverfront passed a by-law to sell the old building and build their new city hall, but the Reeve refused to put it to the vote. The three councillors voted the Reeve out of the chair, put in the Deputy Reeve, passed the by-law, and began the process of obtaining their new city hall. They built it for \$332,000 and it eventually became a school house. It is now the main building of the Moore Museum.

When it was completed, taxpayers had to travel to Mooretown from the farthest reaches of the township, most of them on foot, to nominate candidates and then again to cast their votes. After the election of the first new council after the new building was constructed, the council voted to sell the building and erect one in the middle of the township.

In 1956, the Moore Centre W.I. accepted the gift of the hall from council and agreed to keep it maintained. A marble plaque honouring those who gave their lives in service to their country during the war graces one wall of the building.

When membership declined substantially, the hall was given back to the township and has since been returned to the landowners.



Moore Centre Hall

Model Train Time proving popular



About 60 people turned out for the first of Moore Museum's summer *Model Train Time* afternoons on Sunday, July 13. This family from Sarnia was among the train enthusiasts who packed into the train exhibit room. Some just watched while others tried their hand at running the trains by remote control. Upcoming *Model Train Time* afternoons are slated for Sundays, Aug. 10 and 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Regular museum admission includes entry to this exhibit (\$5/adult, \$4/senior, \$3/high school student, \$2/child, \$15/family).

Sombra and Moore Museums having a busy summer of fun



Above: The Sombra and Moore Museums have been busy this summer. The Sombra Museum recently held its annual lawn concert even though the intense heat and plentiful mosquitoes made the meeting room in the new Sombra Museum Cultural Centre a more comfortable place to enjoy the music. Playing to a full house, the musicians in the band included, from left: Jake Zoller, Sabrina Rankin, Kathy Myers, Laura Annett, Lindsay Myers, Bill Myers.

Left: The Moore Museum hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in mid-July. The food was, as usual, scrumptious and plentiful thanks to the hard work of museum staff and volunteers. Preparing the appetizers was one job assigned to summer student Nicole Selman, program assistant Amanda Moorehouse, and summer student Kaitlin Randall.

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.

Tri-County Horse Club holds competition in Brigden



The Tri-County Midwestern Horse Show at the Brigden fairgrounds on July 5 included entries from all over southwestern Ontario and beyond. Above: Riders line up for a final salute at the conclusion of the competition.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson and summer intern Taylor Laws.



Photo by Taylor Laws

Above: The moment of truth arrives as competitors wait to be judged.

Left: Pam Tops and her horse, *Shadow's Joker*, kick up dust to win their category.

Please consider others as you enjoy outdoor living

After the long, nasty winter township residents endured, most are enjoying the pleasures of outdoor living this summer. But while we're doing that, we need to be mindful that others want to enjoy it as well.

Like most municipalities, St. Clair Township has a by-law that discourages "any unusual noise" at any time of day that will prevent neighbours from enjoying their own property.

Please be a good neighbour this summer.

Be considerate of others while you enjoy your back yard or a public space.

***No matter where you are, read The Beacon online at:
www.twp.stclair.on.ca - click on "Beacon"***

Free outdoor movie and music festival at Mooretown Sports Complex



BSI Advisor Kim Gledhill, left, and Creative County Committee Chair Bev MacDougall, present cheque in support of BSI *Kickin' It Forward* events in Mooretown, Petrolia, and Bright's Grove to BSI Gen Y Committee Chair Naima Raza, and BSI Gen Y Treasurer Brandon Vale.

Photo submitted

A free outdoor movie and music festival will take place at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Friday, Aug. 15. The *Kickin' It Forward* event will be presented by the Bluewater Sustainability Initiative Youth Group (BSI).

The event will feature the movie *Grown Ups* starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock and David Spade, and live music will be provided by *Substream*. The band will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by the movie at 9 p.m. Popcorn, snacks, and beverages will be available. The event is sponsored by the County of Lambton *Creative County Fund* and Investor's Group. For more information about BSI, go online to www.bsigeny.ca or Twitter to [@BSI_GenY](https://twitter.com/BSI_GenY).

Rainfall runoff from fields can affect swimming fun

The St. Clair River offers welcome relief from the heat of summer, but Lambton Public Health has issued a warning that rainfall runoff can cause temporarily polluted water which can cause serious illness when swimmers are exposed to it.

Caution signs advising of high bacterial levels following heavy rainfalls have been permanently placed at Seager Park, Branton-Cundick Park, and Brander Park. Runoff

from agricultural areas can wash E. coli bacteria into the river and create an unhealthy environment for swimmers until the area is cleared by flowing river water.

Water quality information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling Beach Water Quality Information Line at 519-383-3816, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3816. Information is also available online at: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca



Sombra couple celebrates 45 years in business

Charlie and Judy Morosic have been serving up delicious food and great service for 45 years at the Riverview Restaurant in Sombra.

The couple recently celebrated the success of their business with an open house at the restaurant. Friends and guests were treated to deserts, beverages, and a lovely anniversary cake. Among the guests was Mayor Steve Arnold, right, a frequent patron of the restaurant when it's time for coffee and a scrumptious homemade butter tart. Photo submitted

Annual CCPC Bike Rodeo deemed huge success



The annual Corunna Community Policing Committee's Bike Rodeo, held in the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall parking lot, was deemed a huge success after a record 94 young cyclists participated in this year's event. Committee Chair Shaun Antle says the success of the event, held in conjunction with the Moore Optimist Club and Junior Optimist Club Safety Day on June 14, is likely due to the local press notices it received (print, radio, television, etc.).

About 250 people in total showed up and enjoyed beverages and 144 hot dogs donated and cooked by Corunna Legion branch members. Participants received helmets, bells, and lights, and grand prize winners Kristen Rovers and Dougal Routley each received a new bicycle, donated by the Co-operators/Fabien Jagoo & Associates Inc.

Students participating in the event included 38 girls and 56 boys from: Sir John Moore (28); St. Joseph's (33); Hillcrest - Petrolia (3);

Brigden (1); Colonel Cameron (13); Mooretown (2); Sacred Heart (1); King George - Sarnia (1); Lansdowne - Sarnia (1); Fairmont - London (1); Under school age (10).

On hand to assist and educate were members of the Ontario Provincial Police Corunna office, St. Clair Township firefighters, and many other organizations, who staffed 14 information booths on-site. The Drunk Driving Simulator was also available to illustrate the very real hazards of impaired driving.

To all of the organizations, businesses and individuals that helped to make the bicycle rodeo happen, Mr. Antle expressed heart-felt thanks and appreciation. The young riders had fun and hopefully, learned new skills that will keep them safe in the years to come.

DuPont Pioneer donation funds advanced firefighting technology

Thanks to an \$8,500 donation from the Funding Initiative for Rural Emergencies (F.I.R.E.) program of DuPont Pioneer, an international agricultural-based company, the St. Clair Township Fire Department now has two TFT Blitzfire Rapid Attack portable ground monitors. These devices can be quickly deployed and operated by a single firefighter. They are equipped with a safety mechanism so they can be left unattended, freeing personnel to carry out other duties. The monitors will be assets to the Wilkesport and Beecher fire stations.

Shown with the new life-saving equipment are, from left: St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson; DuPont Pioneer representative Jamie Morgan; and St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold.



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Submitted

RBC donation helps volunteer group beautify Corunna



Corunna's core area is alive with beautiful planters and colourful planted areas thanks to the hard work of devoted volunteers from the Corunna Horticultural and Improvement Association (CHIA). The group recently received a welcome donation of \$1,000 from the RBC Royal Bank Corunna branch. It will be used to continue the beautification work of the CHIA. Attending the presentation, from left, are: RBC staff members Jaime Di Giuseppe, Aaron Brant, Manager Rob Vandenende, St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, and CHIA representative Diane Fletcher.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

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** 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/

The game is also available through the County's Website: 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.

Take ownership of your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

August 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. 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, Aug. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.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, Aug. 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Quit Smoking Workshop

This two-hour session is for people who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco.

We will discuss strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nicotine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications.

We will also work on finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent relapse. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our nurse educators.

The session is set for Friday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon.

It's Food and You seminar series

Rapids Family Health Team, Corunna site, is piloting a seminar series. Every three months, a Registered Dietitian will be offering a seminar

on a hot topic of nutrition. Relevant information on that topic will be presented, and products and resources appropriate to the topic of discussion will be available. A question-and-answer period will also be offered. Everyone is welcome to attend. We appreciate pre-registration so that we can plan for adequate seating. Please call 519-813-9800 for more information or to register.

The upcoming seminar on Thursday, Sept. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be on the topic: *Sugar In Your Foods*.

Healthy Kids Chefs In Training - Summer Camp and After School Program

This program will be for children entering Grades 1 through 4. The children will learn about healthy eating and will participate in hands-on cooking activities under the supervision of our Registered Dietitian. Take-home activities will be provided daily. Each family will receive a booklet of activities and recipes.

These programs, partnered with the Optimist Club of Moore, will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna.

Summer Camp is set for Aug. 25 to 29. Spaces are available in the afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The **After School Program** will run for six weeks beginning Sept. 30 to Nov. 4 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Adult Cooking Classes

These hands-on adult cooking classes will be facilitated by a Registered Dietitian. They will help you build familiarity with kitchen tools and ingredients that support a balanced diet.

In Corunna, a class will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 8. The topic will be *Meatless Monday Meals*.

Classes will also be available at the NOVA Chemicals Teaching Kitchen, 1150 Pontiac Drive, Samia from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 18 - Heart Health; Sept. 8 - Brain Foods; Sept. 22 - FOOD MAP (irritable bowel); Oct. 6 - Balance and Bone Health; Oct. 22 - Cooking For One; Nov. 3 - Gut Health: Pre- and Pro-Biotics and Fermented Food; Nov. 17 - Cooking with Pulses - Bean recipes.

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.

Sombra Optimist Club Car Show fills Brander Park with mighty motor vehicle magic



The car show on June 21 displayed the some of the finest vintage and specialty vehicles in the area. It also offered visitors a chance to try their luck at the silent auction, left, and to refresh themselves with a cool, cold one and some tasty munchies.



More Around The Township

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help girls and young women discover the best in themselves. Share your skills, talents, and yourself to help these girls achieve greatness. When you volunteer as a member, you experience personal and professional development opportunities to advance youth engagement, leadership, international travel and post-secondary scholarships. The Sparks, Brownies and Guide unit in Corunna needs adult volunteers. To volunteer or get more information, call 1-800-565-8111 or Irene Biscaro, Community Guider, at 519-867-5467, or go online to: girlguides.ca.

Girl Greatness Starts Here.

11th annual benefit pig roast planned

The 11th annual *Cook For The Cure Pig Roast* is planned for Saturday, Aug. 23 with doors open at 2 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Only 250 tickets are available (advance purchase preferred) at a cost of \$15 per person or 2 for \$25, and \$5 for children ages 3-11. The event will be held at the home of Bev and Guy Dion, 1256 Lambton Line (north of Wallaceburg on the Sydenham River) rain or shine. A large tent is set up for the occasion, which includes great food, live entertainment and draws, 50/50, and door prizes, and lots of fun. All proceeds will benefit the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. \$5 rough camping will be available onsite but please reserve via email at: cbcfpigroast@hotmail.com. Over the past 10 years, the event has raised \$18,230 for this cause.

Brigden Fair Ambassador competition

The annual Brigden Fair Ambassador competition will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall. Everyone is welcome to come out and support the contestants. **See front page for information about how contestants can apply for the competition.**

4th Annual Legion to Legion Poker Run

The 4th Annual Legion to Legion Veterans' Motorcycle Poker Run will be held Saturday, Aug. 30 with registration from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will depart the Corunna Legion hall (corner of Albert & Beckwith Streets) at 11:45 a.m. The route will start from Corunna to Wyoming, Alvinston, Thamesville, and Wallaceburg. The cost is \$10 per person. Breakfast will be available from 10 a.m. to Noon, and there will be entertainment, food, beverages and prizes at the Corunna Legion.

50th anniversary open house at Riverview Central School

The year 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of Riverview Central School. This occasion will be celebrated during an open house at the school on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Former students are invited to attend and are urged to notify any other former students they know who have moved elsewhere about the event.

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.

Ongoing activities offered at Cruickshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruickshank Community Centre each week. These include: Euchre on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. costing \$3 per session which includes light refreshments;

Scrabble on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the fun playing the game or games of their choice. In addition, the monthly Book Club sponsored by the Corunna library meets the first Monday of each month.

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 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.

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 plan 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.

Annual Fall Bridge Luncheon set

The annual Fall Bridge Luncheon is set for Corunna United Church on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at noon. The cost will be \$50 per table and a table can be reserved by calling Sylvia at 519-862-1040 or Gillian at 519-862-3172 by Sept. 24.

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

Around The Township

Celebrity Chef fundraisers in Brigden

A series of "celebrity chef" charity fundraisers continues 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 planned from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: Aug. 1, Lee Irwin, Parent Association of Brigden Public School; Aug. 15, Henry Bergsma, Brigden Horticultural Society.

Captain Kidd visits Corunna in August

Corunna will celebrate the return of Captain Kidd on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 10:30 a.m. with a parade that will proceed from Beckwith along Lyndoch and terminate at Colborne Street. Captain Kidd Days will also include the Miss Corunna and Little Miss Corunna pageants slated for Friday night plus lots of activities for all ages.

Gala Days coming to Port Lambton

The annual Gala Days event is coming to Port Lambton on Aug. 1 through 3. Don't miss the sports events, music, kids' activities, Saturday parade and much more.

Lawn mower racing series underway

The Western Ontario Outlaw riding lawn mower racers are holding a series of racing events throughout the summer at their new track along Highway 21 beside the landfill near Petrolia. This year, donations from the club are being made to the Petrolia food bank. Races will be held at 2 p.m. as follows: Aug. 3; Aug. 17; Sept. 7; Sept. 21; Oct. 5.

Moore Presbyterian Charge services

The congregations of Moore Presbyterian Charge will hold combined Sunday services on Aug. 3-31 at St. Andrew's Church, 94 St. James Street in Mooretown. Services will be held at 9:30 p.m.

Sombra Museum to host Blueberry Social

The Sombra Museum at 3470 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra Village will be the scene of the popular annual **Blueberry Social, slated for Sunday, Aug. 3** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway. Freshly baked blueberry desserts will be featured, a variety of organettes will be displayed, children will enjoy puzzles and colouring, and the fabulous Wurlitzer military band organ will entertain. This event will be held in honour of local sons and daughters who served in WWI and WWII. Admission will be by free-will donation. This is a wheelchair-accessible family event. **And on Aug. 16 and 17, don't miss Free Admission Weekend.** 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* as well as the many other fascinating artefacts and displays the museum has to offer. For more information, call 519-892-3982.

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, August 10 and 24. Regular museum admission will apply.

Brigden United Garage & Yard Sale

The annual Brigden United Church Garage and Yard Sale is slated for Friday, Aug. 15 and Saturday, Aug. 16. Come out to Brigden and discover all kinds of treasures and bargains galore. For more information or donation pickups, call 519-864-1747.

Town-Wide Yard Sale in Brigden

Brigden United Church and many other locations throughout the town will be holding yard sales on Saturday, Aug. 16. The Brigden branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will host a car show on that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at 8 p.m. to Midnight, a free street dance (AGCO licensed) will be held. Don't miss this day of bargains and big fun.

Reunion of

Ploughman's Dance Club planned

All former members of the Ploughman's Dance Club are invited to attend the club's reunion event at the Brigden fire hall on Saturday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. Dance as much or as little as you want to, or just sit back and watch. There is no fee to attend but donations to the Brigden Firefighter's Association will be appreciated. For more information, call Beth at 519-864-1935.

Summer Country Jamboree in Brigden

Enjoy the August Country Jamboree at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Saturday, Aug. 16. Doors open at noon for an admission of \$2 per person and the jamboree begins at 1 p.m. Bring an instrument and/or your voice and play/sing along, or just come and enjoy the music. A cash bar will be available. And at 5 p.m., stay for the ham and scalloped potato meal. Limited tickets will be sold at the door so come early. For more information, go online to www.brigdenfair.ca or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

Archery 3-D shoots

The Lambton Sportsman's Club at 521 Bickford Line at Highway 40, Sombra, will be holding its Archery 3-D Shoots starting at 8 a.m. to noon on Aug. 16 and 20. The cost to participate is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Admission for ages 15 and under is free with a paid adult guardian. Lunch will be available for \$5. For more information, call 519-867-3940 or 519-344-7009. (Regular archery evenings are held on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Kids' MEGA Sports Camp in Corunna

A children's MEGA Sports Camp is planned for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna the week of Aug. 18 through 22 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. The camp is for children in Senior Kindergarten through Grade 6. They will participate in sports activities such as basketball, soccer and cheerleading, as well as enjoy crafts, songs, and storytelling. They will also discover character-building concepts and have a lot of fun. On Thursday evening, the camp will hold a MEGA Fun Family Barbecue for kids, parents and families. For complete information, please call the church office at 519-862-3641 or Beth at 519-862-2307.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts registration

Registration for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts will be held at the Port Lambton Community Centre on Aug. 19 to 21.

Guides, Sparks, Brownies volunteers needed

Volunteering with Girl Guides is a rewarding, hands-on way to