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155 Emily Street in
Mooretown



2014-2015 Brigden Fair Ambassador named



A 17-year-old Brigden resident is the new Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2014-2015.

Jory Fulcher, left, was recently chosen from a field of three contestants to be the fair's representative for the coming year. She will attend events ranging from local fall fair parades to the prestigious CNE *Ambassador of the Fair* competition next summer.

Ms. Fulcher says she was truly surprised when she was named as the new ambassador. "I'm honoured. I did not expect to win. I was

the baby in this one (competition)," she said. Ms. Fulcher also won for *Best Speech*.

The new ambassador is currently a Grade 12 student at LCCVI in Petrolia. She hopes to attend Western University in the Kinesiology program and wants a career as an occupational therapist.

Ambassador Fulcher and her court, Victoria Robinson and Taylor Myers, will be helping out at the Brigden Fair on Thanksgiving weekend.

Hydro One representatives address concerned residents at public meeting

Several areas of St. Clair Township are experiencing frequent power outages which are increasingly worrisome for the affected residents as well as St. Clair Township Council. To explain the Hydro One system as it applies to the township, and to answer questions regarding these outages, three Hydro One representatives attended the Sept. 15 regular meeting of council. About 40 residents, many of whom are adversely affected by the outages, attended the presentation.

Mike Gibbings, Hydro One front line manager - lines, said Hydro One owns 29,000 kilometres of high voltage line which feeds industrial and municipal users, and 122,000 kilometres of

low voltage lines that power residential users. He explained that every community has its own 'personality' and there are several key factors that may be responsible for power interruptions in any given area. For instance, some district stations and transformer stations experience more problems than others. A case in point is the Wanstead M4 feeder that services part of the township. A record of its problems show that six per cent are caused by equipment failure, 85 per cent is weather-related, and eight per cent is from foreign interference like vehicle collisions and animal intrusions.

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Municipal Notes

It's not only good fences that make good neighbours. This fact was made clear during the Sept. 15 meeting of council as a new enforceable noise by-law was discussed and approved. The new by-law still has to be approved at the provincial level, but it will provide a means of keeping the peace when inconsiderate people insist on sharing their noisy activities with those who live in their vicinity.

A 10 p.m. noise curfew has been recommended, with individual considerations possible if advance permission is sought and granted. Under the new by-law, a dedicated enforcement

Enforceable noise by-law being finalized

officer will attend situations where unnecessary noise is being generated. The officer will have the power to order an end to the noise and will be able to recommend charges against the offender if a warning is not enough to resolve the problem. According to law, charges can be laid up to 30 days after the offence has occurred. Those who operate events that requires a liquor licence may have the license revoked and subsequent licenses refused should a conviction under the by-law be made.

It is hoped that a more robust noise by-law will encourage everyone to exercise consideration for their neighbours.

Council meeting schedule

Meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown on the first and third Mondays of each month. In October, meetings will be held on Monday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. following the Committee Of The Whole meeting at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



St. Clair Township 2014 Property Tax Due Date

The final tax due date will be 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
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Pre-authorized payment plans
are also available and encouraged.

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



Township of St. Clair Hunting Licenses

The Township of St. Clair small game hunting licenses will be on sale Tuesday, Oct. 14. They will be available at the following locations:

Pic-N-Pay Variety in Sombra; Courtright Variety Store; Corunna Home Hardware; Agris Co-operative Ltd. in Brigden; and St. Clair Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

Fee will be \$5 for a residential license and \$8 for a non-resident's license. Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

Jeff Baranek
Director of Administration
Clerk/Deputy C.A.O.



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

The municipal election is just weeks away and the deadline for nominations has passed. The positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ward 2 Councillors, and St. Clair Catholic District Trustee are all acclaimed.

Candidates registered 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), Pat Carswell-Alexander (Councillor - Ward 1), Pat Brown (Councillor - Ward 1), Greg Agar (Trustee - Lambton Kent District School Board), Jim DeGurse (Councillor - Ward 1), Bob Murphy (Trustee - Lambton Kent District School Board), Greg Holmes (Trustee - Lambton Kent District School Board).

Candidate Statements

The Beacon has carried candidate statements for all candidates as they have submitted their nomination papers. These are statements from the final three candidates.

Incumbent Ward 1 Councillor **Jim DeGurse** has entered the race for re-election. He says, "As a life long resident of the farming community and a retired industrial employee, I have the time, knowledge, experience, and dedication available to devote to the issues concerning our ratepayers. I enjoy speaking with people and listening to their ideas and con-

cerns so that I can have a more informed decision on matters that residents have in regards to living in our community. Council needs to continue making decisions which will draw people into our community.

As a councillor, I have been an active member of the committees that I am involved with, including: Drainage Court of Revision; Community-based Policing Committee; Physicians Recruitment Committee; and Moore Museum. Currently, my community involvement includes being a Lambton Elderly Outreach volunteer, Operation Christmas Tree volunteer, Brigden Fair Board member, and sport activity supporter.

I believe that the major issues council will have to deal with are: Attempting to maintain a low tax rate for ratepayers while dealing with infrastructure needs; policing costs; and the major losses of revenue from the closure of the Lambton Generating Station and upper tiered government funding; ensuring that environmental concerns are addressed when considering expansions and/or new projects; and maintaining and/or increasing service levels which are dependent upon tax dollars available.

Bob Murphy wants to be LKDSB Trustee. He says, "The key issues our board wrestles with are the impacts of declining enrollment student well-being and school climate, and improving student achievement. These are critical to kids

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St. Clair Township All Candidates Meeting

The Optimist Club of Moore will present the St. Clair Township All Candidates Meeting at the Courtright Community Centre on Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The meeting will feature all candidates seeking election to: St. Clair Township Council (Ward 1 and *2); the position of *St. Clair Township Mayor; *the position of St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor; the position of English Language - Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee; *the position of English Language - St. Clair Catholic District Trustee. Be informed as you cast your municipal election ballot. Attend this important meeting. *Note: * designates positions that have been acclaimed.*



Municipal Voters List available for review

The voters list, as required by the Municipal Elections Act, is available for review in the Clerk's office at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. Voters should examine the list to ensure that their names and relevant information are accurately shown. Applications for additions or corrections to, or deletions from the list may be made by an elector by completing and filing a form

obtainable at the Civic Centre during normal office hours up to and including Oct. 27, 2014. No person shall use information obtained from the voters list except for election purposes. Voters are encouraged to make any changes to the voters list prior to election day. Please contact Jeff Baranek with any questions related to the voters list.

Jeff Baranek, Clerk

Get election information: http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/2014_election.htm
Candidate list: <http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/candidates.htm>

For mail-in voting information,
see page 4.

More Candidate Statements for October municipal election

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reaching their maximum potential. I've been a marketing and opinion research professional for 21 years, using fact-based insights to help leaders make their best decisions to solve tough problems. My experience will help us tackle challenges from student transportation, school boundaries and facilities, to long-range strategic planning.

With two children at Riverview Central School in Port Lambton, I'll be able to appreciate how policy influences our community and student success. This special lens on issues provides a unique and critical contest for decision-making. I'll work hard on decisions with LKDSB colleagues and community partners to ensure all of our students have equal opportunities to reach their maximum potential. Being Trustee carries great responsibility for the effective use of public finances. Next to health care, education is Ontario's biggest pot of taxpayer money. Experience in private sector senior management roles and being a current business owner mean I understand fiscal responsibility. As an entrepreneur, I constantly seek progressive thoughts to help my business thrive. I'll do the same to ensure students thrive. I'll be open-minded to seek innovative ideas and push hard so we implement good ideas. Becoming a Trustee will be the next step in my ongoing commitment to our community. I've been a PLAA assistant coach, St. Clair River Run organizer, reliable school volunteer, Parent Teacher Council member, LKDSB ARC participant, and invested time with important community projects including the Brander Park Splash Pad fundraising committee.

Greg Holmes has entered the race for Trustee of Lambton Kent District School Board. He says, "Education is a vital part of our society and community. It's imperative that, as a local school board, we are fiscally responsible while maintaining a competitive educational strategy. Recently, Director of Education, Jim Costello, announced TELP (Technology Enriched Learning Plan. Technology in the classroom is an important issue for the school board. It's critical we build an education system around the advances in the world around us, not only instructing students in its use, application, and development, but to provide support to educators so they are comfortable instructing students on the use of technology as well as integrating all relevant technology in the classroom. The contentious issue of contract negotiations is always challenging. The teachers' contract expired at the end of August and I think there is still a sting from the last contract fiasco. As a trustee, maintaining integrity in the education system with an emphasis on student success through any negotiation is paramount.

As a father of four - three currently in public school - I have a vested interest in the success of our local education system. Beyond that, I own and operate a web development company, and work in the technology sector with a local media company. I studied business at Lambton College and Public Administration at Athabasca University in Alberta. I've chaired boards in the not-for-profit sector, and currently serve as a technology consultant for the Local Immigration Partnership.

Information regarding mail-in voting format - have your say the easy way

The upcoming municipal election in St. Clair Township is being done using the vote-by-mail format. If you have not received a ballot in the mail by Oct. 9, 2014, please bring identification to the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown to ensure you are on the voters' list and to obtain your ballot.

Your ballot should be filled out and mailed back in the envelope provided at your earliest convenience to ensure it arrives at the Civic Centre on or before Oct. 27. Please read the instructions carefully and ensure you **do not seal your declaration in with your ballot**.

Those living in Ward 2 who support the separate school board system will not have the opportunity to vote for any con-

test for Mayor, Deputy Mayor, both Ward 2 Councillors, and the separate school board trustee positions. They have all been acclaimed.

Finally, please remember that if you forgot to mail your ballot in time for it to arrive at the Civic Centre in Mooretown on or before Oct. 27, you can bring the ballot in during normal office hours or drop it in the mail slot after hours. There will be a single poll at the Civic Centre on Oct. 27 from Noon to 8 p.m. so that you can bring in your ballot or obtain a ballot to vote.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me at 519-867-2021.

Jeff Baranek, RPP
Clerk/Deputy CAO

Donation funds new emergency generator

Enbridge, through its *Safe Community Program*, has donated \$7,500 to the St. Clair Township Fire Department to purchase a natural gas backup generator that will be installed at the Brigden fairgrounds. The buildings at the fairgrounds serve as an emergency evacuation centre for the town of Brigden and surrounding areas. Ken Hall, Enbridge Senior Advisor, Public Relations, says, "The backup generator will ensure that, in case of emergency power loss, residents of Brigden and area will have a safe, warm, bright place to gather and stay safe." **Right: Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bicum is shown with the generous Enbridge Safe Community Program donation.**

Photo submitted





St. Clair Township

Fall 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 (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: ~Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton

~Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte Leeland Gardens

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

CORRECTION

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

WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

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 roadside for collection must be bagged in **clear or transparent plastic bag, paper bags, or open containers clearly marked with an "X" on both sides**, and they 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 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

Take ownership of your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

October 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.

Sessions will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 4 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.

Sessions, led by a registered dietitian, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14 and Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Healthy Weights

It is estimated that spending on weight loss products in 2014 will exceed \$134 million (U.S. data). But of the hundreds of weight loss products available on the market, only a handful can produce even modest weight loss. Save yourself money and frustration by attending the Rapids Family Health Team's *Healthy Weight by Healthy Means* program. The team will support you in learning about what is beneficial in managing weight, and the role of weight loss in warding off diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. *Healthy Weight by Healthy Means* is a five-week program designed for anyone who wants to put fad diets behind them and learn about the healthy, reliable way to achieve better health. Each week, a registered dietitian discusses a different topic with the group. Each participant will receive a copy of a manual to keep.

The next session starts Thursday, Oct. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.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, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Boosting Balance and Bone Health

Boosting Balance and Bone Health is a four-week program designed to gradually improve balance and strength to 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 about 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 beginning on Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for four weeks. Spots are limited.

Healthy Kids Chefs In Training -

After School Program

This six-week 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 and each family will receive a booklet containing activities and recipes.



These programs are partnered with the Optimist Club of Moore. They will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna. The **After School Program** will run from Oct. 20 through Nov. 24 from 4 p.m. to 5:15 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, two classes on the topic, *Meatless Monday Meals*, will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 and Wednesday, Nov. 5. **In Sarnia**, classes will be available at the NOVA Chemicals Teaching Kitchen, 1150 Pontiac Drive, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 6 - Balance and Bone Health; Oct. 20 - 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



**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

Lambton County's Creative County Committee invites funding applications

Individuals or organizations with a heritage or arts-related project idea are invited to submit funding applications to Lambton's Creative County Committee. The fall intake for 2014 is now open and applications will be received until 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9.

Funding guidelines and mandatory application and budget forms can be obtained by clicking on the *Creative County* tab under the *Residents* heading at www.lambtononline.ca. The committee invites project proposals that: Are offered for the first time or to add new features; enhance the cultural life and vitality of Lambton County; involve two or more partners; include signed letters of support to confirm funding from other partners; provide a fundraising plan targeting corporate, Trillium, or other grant sources. Before applying, applicants must consult with staff and review the online resources to ensure their proposal matches the funding criteria.

Available funds for fall 2014 are limited to: South Lambton

(St. Clair Township, Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia) \$16,250; Central Lambton (Enniskillen, Oil Springs, Petrolia, Point Edward) \$18,500; County-wide (of cultural benefit to all areas of Lambton County) \$22,375.

The Creative County Committee was established in Lambton County Council in 2012. It carries an annual budget of \$75,000 to award to projects, events, activities, or workshops that will compliment or build upon the heritage, arts, and cultural offerings of Lambton County. The Committee advanced \$49,000 to 12 communities in its spring 2014 intake.

Creative County Committee Chair Bev MacDougall says, "We're excited to see the creativity of the community in this, our fourth funding intake. We're coming off a successful spring intake in which we supported the highest number of community projects in our brief history and are looking forward to building upon that momentum."

CF Industries donates to township

The St. Clair Township Parks and Recreation Department recently received a donation of \$5,000 from CF Industries to help with the cost of recent repairs and upgrades to the tennis courts at the Bridgen Community Park. This generous donation is part of the company's corporate sponsorship of local community improvement projects throughout St. Clair Township. The courts are now ready to use and there is still time to play a few great games before the snow flies.

Right: CF Industries employee Karl Vanderzwaart present the donation to Gary Hackett, Director of Community Services.

Photo submitted



Hydro One meeting offers information and airs concerns over frequent outages

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Mr. Gibbings told residents Hydro One was taking several preventative measures to limit unnecessary outages. These include: Removing vegetation that interferes with power lines; providing regular maintenance; and making system investments and upgrades.

Mark Fraser, Hydro One front line manager - forestry, said tree contacts account for about 30 per cent of power outages in Ontario, and they can also cause fires and other types of damage. Power cannot be restored until the vegetation is cleared away, and Mr. Fraser says this often leads to a delay in restoring power. When this happens, there is a potential for other problems. "People get comfortable with it and may go out to try to clean up before it is safe to do it," he said.

He added that there is a serious problem right now because of the damage being caused by the Emerald Ash Borer. The beetle is killing off ash trees, making them prone to damage. The trees are easily felled by strong winds and other factors. "The Emerald Ash Borer has caused a lot of trouble in this part of Ontario," he said, adding the problem is spreading as the Ash Borer moves deeper into the province.

It was pointed out that Hydro One does not act independently. It must comply with international standards for all of North

American utilities.

A Port Lambton resident commented that frequent power outages had caused damage to his stereo and he feared other costly damage might be done if current outages are not stopped. Further, he asked if Hydro One would pay for the replacement of damaged electrical items.

Bill Smeaton, Hydro One distribution supervisor in provincial lines, said unless negligence can be proven, Hydro One cannot be held responsible for such occurrences.

Deputy Mayor Gilliland asked about "stray electricity" and electromagnetic fields (EMFs) that exist near overhead power lines. Mr. Smeaton will be submitting information to council regarding this effect and it will be included in an upcoming issue of *The Beacon*.

Mr. Gibbings noted residents can be prepared in the event of severe weather by going online to: HydroOne.com and accessing the *Storm Centre* link. Weather conditions are updated on the half-hour and a mobile app for Smartphones has been developed to receive this information as well. He also stressed the importance of reporting residential power outages immediately without waiting to see if someone else will do it. Reports should be made by calling 1-800-434-1235.

~ BRIGDEN FAIR ~ 2014 PROGRAM OF EVENTS ~

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 10TH

Seniors/Student Day

Admission \$4.00 until 5 pm then \$10.00

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
 9:30 Agriculture in the Classroom (C)
 Emergency Response Displays
 10:00 Homemade Ice Cream Demo (ExH)
 11:00 Crystal Gage (ET)
 11:30 Official Fair Opening (ET)
 12:45 Crystal Gage (ET)
 1:30 Homemade Ice Cream Demo (ExH)
 2:00 Pickin' N' Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)
 7:00 South Western Ontario
 Truck & Tractor Pull (G)

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS

CLOSE 8:00P.M.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
 Dan the Balloon Man "Roaming Around!"

Monster Truck Rides
 Helicopter Rides with Zimmer Air

Hydro One Electricity Discovery Center
Saturday and Sunday

Child Identification Program
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Located near the OPP Trailer
Sunday and Monday

Nerf Interactive Area (CS)
 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Jr Fair/Fruits & Vegetable Building

Home Department, Heaviest Pumpkin,
 Fruits, Vegetables, School Displays,
 Educational Features, 4-H Displays

Exhibition Hall

Quilts, Creative Crafts, Fine Arts
 Culinary Crafts, Photography
 Junior Department

Brigden Fair Lunch Counter

Homemade Lunches
 'Pie Served Every day'

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 11TH

Admission \$8.00

Elementary Students Free

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
 9:00 Open Hunter Horse Show
 9:00 Mid Western Horse Show
 9:00 Children's Mutt Show (ET)
 10:00 CHOK - Fall Garden Show (CS)
 10:00 Lumberjack Woodcarver (LS)
 10:00 Knitting Demo (ExH)
 10:00 Haflinger Line Show
 10:30 Standard and Bantam Poultry Show
 10:30 Balloon Workshop: Dan The
 Balloon Man (CS)
 11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)
 11:00 Open Sheep/Market Lamb Show (C)
 11:15 The McKinlay's (ET)

PARADE at NOON

12:30 Christine Storey and Friends (ET)
 1:00 Yeyathokwar (September Harvest)
 Dance (CS) (2 hours)

1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)
 1:00 IPM Awards Presentation ©

1:00 Haflinger Hitch Show
 1:30 Beef Cattle (C)

1:30 Knitting Demo (ExH)
 2:20 Shane Cook and Friends (ET)

3:30 Lambton Kent Mini Pullers (G)
 3:30 Steppin' Up Dance Club (ET)

4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)
 4:00 Balloon Workshop: Dan The
 Balloon Man (CS)

4:10 Shane Cook and Friends (ET)

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS

CLOSE 8:00P.M.

Ploughman's Farmyard

(Located in Cattle Barn #1 - All Weekend)

Live Animal Displays

Interactive Children's Activities

Fri: Daniel Steep's Agri-Magic Show

Horse Shoeing & Rope Making

Sat - Mon: Birds of Prey

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 12TH

Admission \$8.00

Elementary Students Free

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
 9:00 Mid Western Horse Show
 10:00 Lumberjack Woodcarver (LS)
 10:00 Children's Rabbit Show (CB)
 10:00 **Follow the Fibre Trail (CB)**
 10:00 Brigden 4-H Sheep Show (C)
 10:00 Working Wagon Teams Show
 10:30 Ducks and Geese Show
 11:00 **BABY SHOW (CS)**
 11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)
 11:30 Pastry Making Demo (ExH)
 11:30 Freestyle Motocross Show
 - Teaser (G)

12:00 Lumberjack Woodcarver (LS)
 12:00 Greg Henry and Friends (ET)

1:00 Dora the Explorer Sing Along
 Adventures (CS)

1:00 Freestyle Motocross Show
 - Teaser (G)

1:00 Regional 4-H Sheep Show (C)
 1:00 **Speckle Park Cattle Show (C)**

1:00 Neufeld School of Highland
 Dance (ET)

1:30 Pastry Making Demo (ExH)
 1:45 Greg Henry and Friends (ET)

2:00 Diego Meet and Greet (CS)
 2:30 Balloon Workshop: Dan The
 Balloon Man (CS)

3:00 Lumberjack Woodcarver (LS)
 3:00 Freestyle Motocross Show

- Main Show (G)
 3:00 Joan Spalding and Friends (ET)

3:00 My Little Pony -
 Equestria Girls (CS)

4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)
 4:00 Twilight Equestria Girl & Doh-Doh
 Meet and Greet (CS)

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS

CLOSE 6:00P.M.

MONDAY

OCTOBER 13TH

Admission \$8.00

Elementary Students Free

9:00 Miniature Horse Show
 9:00 Heavy Horse Show
 9:00 Brigden 4-H Beef Show (C)
 9:30 Brigden Speed Show
 (NBHA/OBRA Sanctioned)
 10:00 Lumberjack Woodcarver (LS)
 10:00 Hand Quilting Demo (ExH)
 10:30 Pigeon Show
 11:00 Open Light Horse Show
 11:00 My Little Pony -
 Equestria Girls (CS)

11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)
 11:00 Beef/Hog/Lamb Auction (C)
 11:30 Country Versatiles w/ Ashley
 Giles Fiddle Show (ET)

12:00 Diego Meet and Greet (CS)
 12:00 Lumberjack Woodcarver (LS)

1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)
 1:00 Regional 4-H Beef Show (C)
 1:00 Beef Cattle (C)

1:00 Pastry Making Demo (ExH)
 1:00 Samia Irish School of Dance (ET)

1:00 Balloon Workshop: Dan The
 Balloon Man (CS)

1:30 Hand Quilting Demo (ExH)
 1:45 Country Versatiles w/ Ashley
 Giles Fiddle Show (ET)

2:00 Dora The Explorer Sing Along
 Adventures (CS)

2:30 Lumberjack Woodcarver (LS)
 3:00 Twilight Equestria Girl & Doh-Doh
 Meet and Greet (CS)

3:00 John Heaman (ET)
 3:30 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)

3:30 Balloon Workshop: Dan The
 Balloon Man (CS)

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS

CLOSE 4:30P.M.

Building Key: (CS) Community Showcase ~ (ET) Entertainment Tent ~ (LS) Lumberjack Stand ~ (CB) Cattle Barn #1 ~ (G) Grandstand ~ (C) Coliseum

THE 164TH BRIGDEN FAIR IS ON THE WAY!

Enjoy *Country Scenes & Children's Dreams*

Thanksgiving Weekend in St. Clair Township means much more to most residents than just a good feed of turkey. Since 1850, it has also meant a trip to the Brigden Fair where there's always something new to check out.

New breed show

The Brigden Fair for 2014 has a new animal to show off this fall and its show will be the first ever in Ontario. The Speckle Park cattle show is slated for Sunday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m.

The breed was developed in Saskatchewan from three separate breeds - the Teeswater Shorthorn, the Aberdeen Angus, and the White Park.

The classic pattern is predominantly black with a white top line and speckled hips. The cattle can display a leopard pattern, white with black points, or even fully black. The distinctive colour pattern of the Speckle Park has become a brand to indicate the potential of carcass quality. They are best known for their moderately sized carcass, which dresses out around 700 pounds.

Speckle Park cattle have a calm disposition which makes them a pleasure to work with. An average mature cow will weigh about 1,200 pounds, while the mature bull will weigh in at about 2,000 pounds.

This breed was brought to Ontario in 1996 by Henry Poortinga of Exeter. In 2010, the Dugal Smith family were the first to show them at the Royal Winter Fair 4-H Junior Beef Heifer show, placing third in the class.

Speckle Park cattle are now shown across Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, and Ireland. In 2006, Canadian Speckle Park became a distinct breed of cattle. The aim is to breed and develop medium sized, homogenous polled, good beef animals.

Entertainment abounds

The Brigden Fair Entertainment Tent committee is pleased to announce that some first-time performers will be taking to the stage this Thanksgiving weekend. *The McKinlay Sisters* from Watford, *The Country Versatiles Band* featuring Ashley Giles' Fiddle Show and John Heaman will all make their debut at this year's fair.

On Friday, country music artist Crystal Gage will kick off the weekend at 11 a.m. just before the official opening of the fair at 11:30 a.m. She'll do an encore performance at 12:45 p.m.

And Friday afternoon at 2 p.m., enjoy the Pickin' N Fiddlin' musicians featuring local talent.

On Saturday, The McKinlays will begin at 11:15 a.m. with Davis, 12, Kara, 11, and Aimee, 10 on keyboard, fiddle, and guitar. Returning this year is the ever-popular fiddler Shane Cook of London, who will be accompanied by Jake Charron and other talented musicians to present old-time fiddle and Celtic music. Local musician Christine Storey, a fair favourite, will also be playing old-time fiddle and Celtic music accompanied by Deb Wellington, and Dan and Linda Hunter.

Sunday in the tent will bring local fiddler Greg Henry to the stage with Nate Douglas and Emily Flack. Then, country singer Joan Spalding and Friends will cap off the day's entertainment.

The Country Versatiles Band and fiddle show with Ashley Giles from Kirton, Ontario will open the tent stage on Monday. The closing entertainment will be John Heaman and his band from London. John is a "wee, little man" with big, big talent.

Each day will feature dancers from the Steppin' Up Dance Club, Neufeld School of Highland Dance, and Sarnia School of Irish Dance.

The entertainment tent is located next to the exhibition hall where the Homecraft ladies' Fair Kitchen features homemade pies and lots more. And be sure to take in the vast array of competition displays featuring everything from quilts and photographs to the best baked goods this side of your grandma's house.

Hydro One interactive information centre

Of interest to many residents will be the Hydro One *Electricity Discovery Centre*, a 1,000 sq. foot, state-of-the-art mobile education trailer that houses interactive games and exhibits. These are used to explain Ontario's power system, help customers manage their electricity use and costs, and educate children about electricity safety. Staffed by Ambassadors who engage and educate visitors.

At the Brigden Fair, the best is right before your eyes.



Good-bye summer - Hello classroom



Summer was filled with fun as kids all over St. Clair Township took a break from school with refreshing romps in their community splash pads. The children of Brigden, shown here having a wet game of tag on a hot afternoon, recently demonstrated the facility for a representative of Ontario Power Generation. The kids showed her how much healthy outdoor fun the facility has brought to their summer. Donations made by OPG and several other generous corporate, service club, and individual township donors, as well as St. Clair Township, have made the construction of these community-enhancing facilities possible.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

HERITAGE CORNER

Looking ahead to Christmas at Moore Museum

The leaves aren't off the trees yet, but at the Moore Museum, planning is an on-going thing and Christmas is one of the highlights of the year. As always, the museum's *An Old Fashioned Christmas*, its most popular school program, is already being fine-tuned for another season. About 1,000 children attend each year to experience Christmas in the past. The log cabin is decorated for a pioneer family Christmas while trees and toys in the main building bring Victorian Era traditions to life. Students taste history when they participate in a taffy pull and sample the results. And each student creates a pioneer or Victorian-style decoration to take home to add to their family's Christmas tradition. Adults who visit the museum often recall attending the program as kids and making a decoration that still hangs on their tree each year.

This program is available for school groups from Nov. 24 to Dec. 18 this year. Morning and afternoon bookings are offered, and evenings can be booked for children's groups, although these slots fill up quickly. Programs must be booked in advance and teachers are advised to call the museum early to ensure the best choice of dates. The cost of the program is \$4.50 per student. For more details, call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit the website at: www.mooremuseum.ca

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.



Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau assists veterans and their families

The Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau's motto, "We Care", means Veterans and their families can find help when it's needed.

The bureau provides free representation with disability claims to Veterans Affairs Canada and with appeals to Veterans Affairs Canada and the Appeals Boards.

The bureau's Last Post Fund program provides

Museum hosts model train summer



Moore Museum's new model train exhibit attracted a large number of visitors this summer. Four Model Train Time events were held with almost 300 people in attendance. Volunteers brought model railroading to life for the visitors, and the experience for some included operating the remote control trains. A group of children from Camp Creations summer camp were among the visitors who enjoyed their railroading experience through participation in train-themed activities.

Here, the summer campers enjoy making their own train hats with the assistance of museum summer students Kaitlin Randall, left, and Nicole Selman.

Photo submitted

permanent markers for Veterans who have been buried for at least five years and whose grave is unmarked. And the bureau provides assistance to all Veterans and their families in financial need to meet emergency requirements.

For information and/or assistance, call Corunna at 519-862-1240 or Brighden at 519-864-1395.

Legion membership is NOT required.



Moore Foundation Chair Mary Jane Marsh, right, with Jim Townsend of the Moore Museum and Elsbeth McCormick and Darlene Pepper of the Brighden Community Decoration Team, with Mayor Steve Arnold during the Sept. 15 meeting of council.

Moore Foundation grants awarded

Two St. Clair Township groups recently received grants from the Moore Foundation to further their good work. The Moore Museum's grant is being used to help fund a reserve collection holding facility. Artifacts the museum cannot use at any given time will be documented, safely stored, and preserved in the room, which features environmental control. The room was modified by volunteers. The Brighden Community Decoration Team used the grant to purchase new flags for the town and to buy low-maintenance 'everlasting' planter arrangements that can be reused from year to year. The team members also do general cleanup tasks throughout the year and participate in seasonal efforts such as decorating the town for Christmas. These two groups were honoured at the Sept. 15 meeting of council.

Lambton Federation of Agriculture offers seven scholarships

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture will once again offer seven scholarships to Lambton County residents pursuing post-secondary education. Scholarship forms, criteria, and submission information can be found on the Website: lfawebsite.ca under the *Scholarship* link. Email can be directed to: lambton-federation@hotmail.com The deadline for application is Oct. 31.

Scholarships ***for applicants who reside in Lambton County*** include:

The \$500 Bill and Dorothy Abraham Scholarship - applicant must be from a family actively farming in Lambton County enrolled in their first year of a diploma or degree program in agriculture at a recognized post-secondary institution.

The \$1,000 Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship - applicant must be enrolled in the second or third year of any post-secondary program of two years or more in length at a recognized post-secondary institution.

The \$1,000 Bell-Federation Scholarship - applicant must be

from a family actively farming in Lambton County and must be enrolled in their second year Bachelor Degree program in agriculture at a recognized post-secondary institution.

The \$500 Bell-Federation Scholarship - applicant must be from a family actively farming in Lambton County and must be enrolled in their second year of a two-year diploma program in agriculture at a recognized post-secondary institution.

The \$500 Patrick and Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship - applicant must be enrolled in the second year of any post-secondary program at a recognized post-secondary institution IN ONTARIO.

The \$1,000 Dona Stewardson Scholarship - applicant must be enrolled in the second or third year of any post-secondary program of two years or more at a recognized post-secondary institution.

The \$1,000 Lois Wakefield Scholarship - applicant must be enrolled in the second year of any post-secondary program of two years or more at any recognized post-secondary institution.

Local Ontario Early Years locations

The OEYC Sarnia-Lambton is a **free** family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6 years of age. This provincially funded 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.

Brander Park splashpad project has begun

The St. Clair River Trail Committee held Trail Day in late August to celebrate the last leg of the trail from Brander Park to Whitebread Line. In conjunction with this celebration, the Brander Park Splash Pad Committee held the sod-turning ceremony for the new facility. Committee member Dave Cram reports that three-quarters of the money needed to fund the splash pad has now been raised. Construction was scheduled to begin in September. **Here, from the left: Dave Cram, Brander Park Splash Pad Co-chair, St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, and Ann Hazzard, Brander Park Splash Pad Co-chair, turn the first shovelful of sod over to begin the building process.**

Photo submitted



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Fall Programs

The fall brochure can be found online at www.twp.stclair.on.ca/brochure

Spinning classes

Certified spinning instructors lead you through a great workout to improve cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., or Friday from 6 a.m. to 6:45 a.m., or Monday from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., or Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. **Beginners** can join classes on Tuesday or Thursday from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. For those who want **strength training** with their spin workout, join **Bikes & Bells** classes on Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., or Monday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Kids Spin & Swim is held Friday from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Classes are \$60 per session, \$80/10 class spin pass, or \$10/drop-in.



Yoga

Explore the tranquil and restorative power of yoga with this six-week program to be held Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 23. Cost is \$30 for the session.

Jr./Primary Hip Hop

Kids aged seven to 13 are invited to join Hana Omar-Craig from *HOC Dance Club* to learn fun, exciting and popular Hip Hop dance moves. Classes are Thursday from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$60 for the six-week session.

Hip Hop - Adult beginner

The adult class is all about fun! Shed pounds while you learn fun new moves. No experience is required so come and enjoy! Classes are Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$60 for the six-week session.

Muscle Mix fitness classes

These group classes use kettlebell training to build lean muscles, improve strength and power in the upper body, core, and lower body, and increase coordination, joint mobility, and overall endurance. Classes are Monday and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/class/senior, \$45/10 visit pass, or \$255/year for full fitness centre membership.

Shallow & Deep Water Aerobics

Experience the rejuvenating power of water. Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow water classes are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are Monday and Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/class/senior, \$45/10 visit pass, or \$205/year, \$195/year/senior.

Water therapy

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, and balance and flexibility training with a goal of improved mobility. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/class/senior, \$45/class/senior or \$45/10 visit pass. Join any time.

Indoor/Outdoor walking exercise program

The West Lambton CHC sponsored walking exercise program is held every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Join any time.

Red Cross babysitting course

This course is scheduled for PA Day Friday, Nov. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Includes the responsibilities of the babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in an emergency. The cost for the program, including manual, is \$45.

Shinny Hockey rocks the rink

Adult shinny hockey sessions are held every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

Family skating

Public Skate: Sundays 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. begins Sept. 21. Cost is \$2.25/child, \$3.25/adult, \$6.50/family.

Parents, Tots & Seniors Skate: Free! Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Sept. 10.

Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor courses

You can become a lifeguard and swimming instructor! For more information, contact us at 519-867-2651.

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

School's back in session: Motorists urged to exercise caution

Lambton Public Health urges motorists to slow down and exercise caution when traveling along cycling and pedestrian routes to schools. For students, age-appropriate pedestrian and bicycling videos are available at Bike Friendly Lambton, Pedestrian Safer Journey, and Bicycle Safer Journey. They can be accessed at: www.pedbikeinfo.org/pedsaferjourney; www.bikefriendlylambton.com; and www.pedbikeinfo.org/bicyclesaferjourney. More information is available at: www.saferoutestoschool.ca or at www.lambtonhealth.on.ca

Avoid West Nile Virus by taking precautions against mosquito bites

The West Nile virus is still a concern in Lambton County. It is spread via mosquito bites and the majority of people who become infected do not become sick. Those who do usually experience mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, skin rash, or achy muscles. Lambton Public Health advises reducing your risk of getting bitten by avoiding high mosquito populations, especially from dusk to dawn, wearing protective, light-coloured clothing, and using repellants containing DEET, being

sure to follow the directions on the repellent's label. Property owners should keep property free of standing water, change bird bath water frequently, and keep eaves clear. For more information about West Nile virus or to report sightings of all dead birds, go online to: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or call 519-383-3824 (toll free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3824).



Community Contact

Note of Thanks from Sombra Optimist Club

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township would like to express sincere gratitude to all those who supported the club's efforts last year. It is because of the community's generous residents that we are able to fulfill our mission as a service-based organization dedicated to helping kids. Donations from local business owners and the support of the community make the club's fundraising efforts a success. We hope everyone will continue to support our efforts this year.

Corunna business wins Chamber's beautification award

Kay's Petals and Plants in Corunna has received the Samia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce *Putting A Shine On Sarnia Lambton* award. The florist shop was one of three businesses receiving the award, which recognizes their beautification efforts regarding customer experience, community pride, and tourist appeal. The other two winners were OLG Casino in Point Edward and the Samia Riding Club.

Guides, Sparks, Brownies volunteers needed

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

Lambton County Junior Optimist Club seeks new members

New members ages 10 through 18 are being sought for the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club. Members volunteer in the community and fundraise to put on their own programs and to donate to other youth programs. The club develops great ideas and will hold events in the coming months. All hours spent volunteering can be used toward members' volunteer hours at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

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.

TOPS group meets 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.

Weight loss group TOPS Corunna meets weekly

TOPS Corunna 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 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a short meeting to follow. Drop in for the meeting or call 519-862-4119. All ages are welcome to attend.

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 Giants 2014 OBA PeeWee Champions

The Corunna Giants PeeWee team claimed the 2014 OBA PeeWee 'C' Championship after winning six of seven games at the tourney in Leamington on Labour Day weekend. The team entered the finals without a loss, with the only loss to Tillsonburg. This is the third OBA championship the team has won. The jubilant team pictured here include, kneeling left: Jake Prudom, Ryan Janjatovic, Steele Harris, Logan Gardner, Kaymond Turner, Josh McLean. Middle row left: Jason Heggie, Riley Brown, Blake Howard, Wyatt Knight, Hunter Round, Jake Vandersteen. Back left: Coach Mike Tyndall, Coach Ryan McLean, Coach Craig Prudom, Coach Darren Turner. *Photo submitted*



Even More Around The Township

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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.

Forever Fit classes resume in Corunna

The *Forever Fit* classes for anyone 55 or over, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach, have resumed at Thompson Gardens' Cruickshank Centre. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call Gitte at 519-862-1837.

Euchre played at Sombra Community Hall

Euchre will be held at the Sombra Community Centre on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28.

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.

Operation Christmas Tree & St. Vincent DePaul

It's that time of year again. Watch *The Beacon* for news of coming events to benefit this worthy annual effort to ensure that all St. Clair Township residents have a happy holiday.

Connect with your community in *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.

Emai: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

Lambton Public Health to sponsor parenting sessions throughout Lambton County

Free parenting sessions, sponsored by Lambton Public Health, will be held at several locations throughout Lambton County, including Corunna, Sombra, and Brigden.

Margarita Weaver, supervisor with Lambton Public Health, says these sessions are informal sources of information to help parents, grandparents, and caregivers use positive discipline and communication skills to develop courage, responsibility, and character in their children. Registration is free and, for many sessions, free child care is provided for children ages 0-6 years of age. Space is limited. For more information about program times, dates and locations, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3568 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, or visit the *Classes and Clinics* site online at www.lambtonhealth.on.ca

Siblings Without Rivalry will be held at the Corunna Best Start Child and Family Centre, St. Joseph Catholic School, 535 Birchbank Drive on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call 519-892-3151.

In Sombra, the *Siblings Without Rivalry* session will be held at the Sombra OEYC Satellite and Best Start Hub at Riverview Central School, 3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, on Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 9:30

a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call 519-892-3151.

The *Parenting Matters* session will be offered in Brigden at the OEYC Outreach - Brigden United Church, 2420 Jane Street, on the second Friday of each month (Oct. 10, Nov. 14) from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call 519-892-3151.

Other sessions planned for Lambton County include: Sarnia - *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen*, Thursdays Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lambton College OEYC main site, 1457 London Road. To register, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3557; Sarnia - *Nobody's Perfect*, Mondays, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Little Friends OEYC satellite and Best Start Hub, 295 Essex Street. To register, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3557; Watford - *Healthy Baby, Healthy Brain*, Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at OEYC Outreach, Trinity Anglican Church, 5331 Nauvoo Road. To register, call 519-786-6161, ext. 226; Forest - *Parenting Through Each Other (0-18 months)*, *Parenting Through Each Other (19 months-6 years)*, *Nobody's Perfect*, at the Forest Best Start Child and Family Centre, Kinwood Central School, 63 MacDonald Street. For more information or to register for the Forest sessions, call 519-786-6161, ext. 230.

United Way of Sarnia-Lambton announces annual campaign

The 2014 United Way of Sarnia-Lambton campaign goal has been set at \$1.92 million. The goal is up from the 2014 goal of \$1.87 million, and Campaign Chair Richard Kelch says the increase has been made with good cause. "The need in our community is great and, quite often, we go about our daily routines and might not notice it increasing," he said. "We also need to be aware that the number of retirees in our community is on the rise. If you have given in the past, we ask that you give again and thank you to the retirees who continue to donate."

The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton funds 22 agencies which, in

turn, provide 35 programs and services impacting the lives of thousands of Sarnia-Lambton residents. The lives of many Lambton residents are positively affected by the opportunities the United Way enables its agencies to provide.

"Donations to the United Way allow us to move forward and have a greater impact in each of the United Way priority areas: healthy, resilient, successful kids; healthy, safe and independent seniors; and empowering and strengthening self-sustaining families," said Mr. Kelch.

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tation entitled *Treasures of Lambton County*. The group's aim is to preserve and enjoy the natural heritage of Chatham-Kent and Lambton County. In 2015, the first lecture of the year will be on Tuesday, **Jan. 27** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jerry Hind, creator of the *Gathering Our Heroes Website*, will speak about the *Gathering Our Heroes project*. The project's goal is to compile all of the names and stories of the WWII and WWII veterans from Chatham-Kent and make them available on a Website to provide accessibility to everyone through the Internet. On Tuesday, **Feb. 24** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., enjoy *Hometown Hobby Night*. Those who are looking for a hobby or who are just curious to hear about the hobbies and collections of others in the community, will find the evening of special interest. *People who have a hobby and would be interested in speaking about it can contact the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982*. And to complete the lecture series on Tuesday, **March 25** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., enjoy a presentation by Sue and Jim Waddington who, over the past 37 years, have located and photographed over 450 places sketched by the painters of Canada's best-known and initially controversial group, the Group of Seven. View locations made famous by Canada's art rebels, who rendered many fascinating locations using their intriguing and forward-thinking Expressionist technique. The series will be held in the meeting room at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre, corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway. The cost is \$10 per lecture, \$25 for three lectures, and \$50 for all lectures. Student pricing is \$7 per lecture, \$16 for three lectures, or \$35 for all lectures. Tickets and more information are available by calling 519-892-3982 or e-mailing: sombramuseum@hotmail.com. *Don't forget to check out Sombra Museum on Facebook and Twitter.*

Celebrities On Canvas fundraiser

Community Concerns for the Medically Fragile presents the 8th Annual Celebrities on Canvas fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Lambton College Event Centre. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar, and a buffet dinner starting at 6 p.m. Celebrity art auction includes pieces from musician Natalie MacMaster and Leonard Cohen, as well as an autographed Pearl Jam guitar and much more. Tickets are \$65 per person or a table of eight for \$475 (includes a \$125 tax receipt). For more information or for tickets, call 519-344-2719.

Comedy hypnotist coming to Corunna Legion

Comedy hypnotist Maxwell will keep you in stitches with his *Magically Hip* show on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447. The cost will be \$20 per person (\$18 for members) by ticket only, and doors open at 8 p.m. For tickets, contact the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

Windswept Christmas in Port Lambton

There will be something for everyone on your Christmas list at the 3rd annual *Windswept Christmas* artisan sale and home-baking event on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held at 4296 St. Clair Parkway and partial proceeds will go to the south Lambton Christmas food basket drive. Browse the wide variety of hand-crafted items including stained glass, soaps, jewelry, paintings, quilting, baby items, preserves, specialty food items, Christmas décor and much more.

Secret Santa event planned

The Moore Optimist Club and the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club will hold their *Secret Santa* Craft and Game Day on Saturday, Nov. 22 for ages five through 13 at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome). Donations to the Corunna food banks will be appreciated and snacks will be provided. For more information call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Corunna Legion hosts open jam sessions

Open jam sessions will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall the last Saturday of each month beginning at 2 p.m. through May 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend, sit back and enjoy talented local musicians.

Messy Church Tuesdays at Brigden United

Messy Church is being held on the last Tuesday of each month through to June, 2015 (except December) 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. Start your day with a good cup of coffee and some lively conversation.

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Mooretown Flags scheduled home games and M.M.H. tournament dates

The Mooretown Flags's **regular season home schedule** continues Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. when they play against Lakeshore; Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. against Essex; Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. against Alvinston.; Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. against Wheatley; Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. against Lakeshore; Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. against Wallaceburg; Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. against Dresden; Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. against Blenheim; Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. against Lakeshore; Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 against Alvinston; Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. against Wallaceburg; Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Saturday, Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. against Essex; Saturday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. against Wheatley; Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Saturday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. against Dresden; and Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. against Alvinston.

The Mooretown Minor Hockey Tournament dates are set for Oct. 23 -26 and Nov. 27-30.

Update: Mooretown Flags won their home opener in a shoot-out against the Wallaceburg Lakers in Great Lakes Jr. C Hockey League action. Flags players Sam Jasmin and Dan Lumley won the shootout 2-0, making the final score 3-2.

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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.

Kids Discover: Dinosaurs, Fossils and Heaven's Above display

The Lambton Heritage Museum on Highway 21 south of Grand Bend is currently showing the *Kids Discover: Dinosaurs, Fossils and Heaven's Above* display until Sunday, Oct. 12. Activity areas help children explore the themes of this prehistoric wonderland of knowledge. Open Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends and holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seniors' fall prevention program offered

Seniors On The Move, a free fall prevention program will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Corunna United Church, 198 Hill Street. The event will include a social Q & A with door prizes and a free lunch. To register, call 519-862-3813.

Pie fundraiser at St. Andrew's in Corunna

An apple and pumpkin pie fundraiser is being held by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna. Orders are being taken for small 5-inch pies at \$3.50 each and for large 9-inch pies at \$10 each. Frozen pies will be ready for pickup Oct. 6 - 9 from 10 a.m. to noon just in time for Thanksgiving, and the week of Oct. 20-23. To order call Ruth Ann at 519-862-4119 or email: sapcorunna@excelco.on.ca

BRIGDEN FAIR information online

For information about Brigden Fair 2014, go online to www.brigdenfair.ca or check out the Fair's Facebook page.

Girls On The Move promotes youth wellness

Girls in Grades 6 through 8 are invited to attend the *Girls On The Move* program led by community volunteers and supported by the Sombra Optimist Club and the Port Lambton Athletic Association. The program begins Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a variety of activities including yoga, dance fit, strength training, resilience-building, and nutrition education. The cost is \$20 for six weeks. For more information or to register, call Jana at 519-677-5421 or Rose at 519-677-5924.

Fall Harvest Tea in Sombra

The Sombra Museum will host a Fall Harvest Tea on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. Guest Evelyn Evers will be on hand with a Quilt Trunk Show and admission is just \$5.

Demolition Derby at Brigden Fair

The Brigden Fair Demolition Derby will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. Please check the webpage for any changes in rules and regulations. There will be some changes to the event with new classes/heats including *Run What You Brung* for V8s, 4-6 cylinders, trucks, and 4-6 cylinder stock (no welding) Poor Man class. Also, watch for the Kids' Power Wheel Derby at this event. For more information, check the event page at: www.brigdenfair.ca

Fish Fry at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a Pickerel Fry and Dance on Saturday, Oct. 18, with dinner begin-

ning at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and dancing from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Live music will be provided by *The Plank Road Hammers*. The menu includes Jolly Roger's seafood chowder, pickarel, baked potato, baked beans, Italian bread, coleslaw, vegetable, and pickle tray. Limited tickets are available by advanced sale only. Cost is \$20 per person, \$18 per Legion member. Proceeds help community groups such as St. Clair Township sports, Girl Guides, Cubs & Scouts, and more. For more information or for tickets, call 519-862-5652 or go online to: www.corunna.ca/legion

Brigden U.C. to host 133rd anniversary service

The congregation of the Brigden United Church will celebrate the 133rd anniversary of their church with special service on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Troy van Ginkel and special music will be provided by *The Messiah's Misfits*, who will entertain with a joyful mixture of rock, pop, gospel and blues music and an anything-can-happen attitude to worship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Knox Moore anniversary service set

The congregation of Knox Moore Presbyterian Church will celebrate their Anniversary Service on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. The guest soloist will be John Worthington of Wallaceburg. Following the service, coffee, apple and pumpkin pie will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Fall Pork Harvest dinner in Brigden

Brigden United Church will host the annual Fall Pork Harvest dinner on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child under five. Admission is by *advance tickets only*. For tickets and information, please call Brigden U.C. at 519-864-1747, Marie at 519-864-4016, or any Brigden United Church member.

Optimist Pumpkinfest set for Courtright

The annual Pumpkinfest will be held at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) on Sunday, Oct. 26 from noon to 3 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Moore Optimist Club and the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club, will include face painting, games, and pumpkin bowling and carving. Kids up to age 13 can bring their own clothing to create their own scarecrow and are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes. Food will be available for purchase including hamburgers for \$2, and hot dogs, chips, juice, and water for \$1 so come for lunch. Donations to the Corunna food banks would also be appreciated. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Sombra Museum lecture series set

The popular Sombra Museum monthly lecture series is back for another season. The series continues on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. with Lillian Kluka, the first female captain on the Great Lakes and the first woman marine pilot to work for the Federal government. She will speak about her adventures, and some of the trials and tribulations she experienced while working on ships around the world. On Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Larry Cornelis of the Sydenham Field Naturalists will speak about the group's work in a presen-