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*Let's we forget~*  
**Remembrance**  
**Day**  
**Tuesday,**  
**Nov. 11**



## Parking by-laws address township safety/property standards issues

**Ignorance of the law is no excuse:** it's an old adage but, with the onset of the winter season, St. Clair Township residents are being urged to comply with parking by-law requirements that have been enacted for the safety and the preservation of property.

The newest addition to the by-law prohibits the parking of boats on the road when not attached to a vehicle bearing a current licence. It also prohibits the parking of any type of vehicle on boulevards. This component of the by-law has been brought about because people have been parking trailers and boats in exterior side yards. Tickets of \$20 per offence will be issued to those who do not comply.

The second requirement restricts hours of parking along public streets and roads during winter months beginning Dec. 1. Between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 p.m., all vehicles must be kept off of public thoroughfares to allow township works staff to operate snow removal equipment efficiently and safely for the benefit of everyone who uses these streets and roads.

And a reminder to property owners: do NOT

## James R. Barker dwarfs Shell dock



The gigantic *James R. Barker* waits to take on fuel at the Shell facility loading dock just north of Corunna. The *Barker*, a 1,004-foot long bulk carrier launched in 1976 by the Interlake Steamship Company, was only the third of its kind to sail the Great Lakes. The vessel cost \$43 million to build.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

shovel snow from driveways and walkways out onto public streets and roads. This is prohibited by the Highway Traffic Act and fines will be levied against those who do so.

## Christmas hamper programs preparing to help the less fortunate

The less fortunate families and individuals of St. Clair Township will have a brighter Christmas if the township's two Christmas hamper programs can count on the generosity of township residents.

In north St. Clair Township, the Optimist Club of Moore and its associated volunteers are already set to begin Operation Christmas Tree (OPT). The operation kicks off on Thursday, Nov. 20 with the Poor Boy Lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is by freewill donation and donations of non-perishable food items will be appreciated. Those in need of a hamper can obtain an application form at the St. Joseph Parish Hall (next to St. Joseph's Church) if it is not received in the mail. It can be dropped off at the St. Vincent DePaul store on Lyndoch Street from Nov. 17 to Nov. 21, and Nov. 24 to Nov. 29 during hours of operation from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

See Christmas hamper programs, page 5

### **Early January deadline for The Beacon**

To accommodate varying holiday schedules during the Christmas season, the deadline for the January, 2015 issue of The Beacon will be on Friday, December 12 by 4 p.m.

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## Municipal Notes

A newly-enacted addition to the St. Clair Township parking by-law addresses road safety and property standards concerns that have been expressed repeatedly over the past years.

The approved addition to the parking by-law states, "No marine vehicle, camping trailer, commercial trailer or other recreational trailer shall be parked on any Township or County road at any time, when not attached to a legally parked licensed vehicle."

Further, the by-law states, "No vehicle, including, but not limited to, derelict vehicles (an inoperable vehicle or one that has an improper or expired vehicle license), recreational vehicles, camping trailers, commercial trailers, or marine vehicles, may be parked on Township boulevards, being the portion of a yard between the curb or beginning of grassed area where there are no curbs, and the road allowance with the exception of within a defined driveway where permitted without blocking a municipal sidewalk."

Contravention of this or any approved by-law is subject to penalties. In this case, the by-law states, "...upon discovery of a vehicle parked or left in contravention of this by-law may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges of removing, care and

### Recent fence issue demonstrates consequences of ignoring by-laws

A recent issue that came before St. Clair Township Council demonstrated how awkward it can be to ignore municipal by-laws. The matter of a new fence built illegally on township property without regard for the by-law prohibiting such action had a negative outcome for the property owner who built the fence.

In accordance with an existing by-law, and also at the request of many residents who were affected by the new fence, council approved the removal of the new fence.

**Property owners are urged to know the by-laws regarding any kind of work they do or any changes they make to their properties. A simple call to the St. Clair Township municipal office at 519-867-2021, can often be enough to find out what permits and/or guidelines are required to keep the work within the law.**

## Council meeting schedule

The final meeting of the current St. Clair Township Council will be held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown on Monday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. after the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

After the Oct. 27 municipal election, the new St. Clair Township Council will be sworn in during a special inaugural meeting on Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and meet the new council.

## New item in parking by-law addresses common concerns

storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle and are payable by the owner before the vehicle may be released to the owner."

By-laws are made to protect and to provide for the safety of municipal residents and their property. They also serve to keep St. Clair Township beautiful and welcoming to those who live here and to those who will visit or live here in the future. *Please know the by-laws. Ignorance is not only no excuse to contravene them, but it is sometimes costly as well.*



### 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.

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# 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 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**.

**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](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca)

# Take charge of your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

## November 2014 Program Schedule

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

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

### Living with Diabetes

This is a two-hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The session is led by a diabetes educator.

Sessions will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Diabetes Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

This is a two-hour session for people who have already attended the *Living with Diabetes* class or who have had past education on the basics of diabetes and want more information on diet. We will discuss the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level.

Sessions, led by a registered dietitian, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### A Guide to Diabetes Prevention

This program is a 1.5 hour group session for those who:

- \* Have been told they are at risk of getting diabetes
- \* Want to learn about ways to prevent diabetes
- \* Want to learn about diabetes

The program is taught by a Registered Nurse and Registered Dietitian. They will discuss what diabetes is, risk factors for getting diabetes, and how to decrease blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes. The session will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. No physician referral is required.

### 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, Dec. 12 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.

### 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**, the topic *Meatless Monday Meals* will be explored at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5. And on Wednesday, Dec. 3, Memory/Brain Food will be covered from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **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: Nov. 3 - Gut Health: Pre-and Pro-Biotics, and Fermented Food; Nov. 17 - Cooking with Pulses - Bean recipes.; Dec. 1 - Omega 3s.

### 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.



## Remembrance Day service in Corunna

~Lest we forget~

On Nov. 11 at 10:40 a.m., the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will hold a short parade from Beckwith Street along Lyndoch Street to the Corunna Clock Tower Park Memorial. A service, two minutes of silence, and the placement of wreaths will take place, after which light refreshments will be served.



## Sombra Museum Harvest Tea features local quilt expert



The time-honoured needlework and craftsmanship of quilting was the topic of discussion during the recent Sombra Museum Harvest Tea. The tea attracted a good crowd who enjoyed the work they saw and the information they received from local expert quilter Evelyn Evers, standing right. She has been an avid quilter for over 10 years and her masterful work has garnered her many ribbons at the Brigden Fair. She also holds classes for interested quilters. *Photo submitted*

## Christmas hamper programs brighten Christmas for many

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The OPT collection and distribution centre will be set up at the St. Clair Emergency Services building, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets, beginning Nov. 24 until delivery day on Dec. 20. The annual OPP Drive-Through Collection will be held at the same location on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Santa in attendance to greet everyone. Schools and some local businesses will also be collecting for the program. This year, organizers believe hampers will be required for about 130 area families.

In south St. Clair Township, the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas hamper program will be in operation as well.

On Sunday, Nov. 30, the Sombra Township Optimist Club and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a door-to-door can

food drive from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All food collected will go towards the Christmas baskets for the needy in Ward 2.

In conjunction with this effort, a homemade Cookie Walk is planned for Saturday, Nov. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Proceeds from the event, sponsored by Carole Dedecker and friends, will go towards the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas program.

The Christmas hampers will be distributed on Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the St. James Anglican Church in Port Lambton.

**These Christmas hamper programs brighten Christmas for many people in our community. Please support Operation Christmas Tree or the St. Vincent de Paul program.**



## Summer Games champs turn skill into cribbage gold

A pair of cribbage dynamos from Corunna turned in a gold medal performance at the recent Ontario 55+ Summer Games in Windsor/Amherstburg recently. Leona Simpson, left, and Jane Drummond, who have won the right to attend the games four times, were part of the 29-person Sarnia-Lambton contingent that attended the games this year.

The cribbage champs say the cards were on their side through most of the competition. "We had unbelievable cards," said Jane. "We lost just four or five games over the two days (of play)." Mrs. Drummond was particularly impressed with one winning streak. "I have never had a steady run like that in my life," she said.

Mrs. Simpson complimented the organizers on their handling of the games. "They ran a very good tournament. They did a wonderful job," she said.

The games include a wide range of events from euchre and Scrabble to tennis and track and field. FYI: The Sarnia-Lambton competitors picked up a total of four golds plus four 4th place, one 7th place, and a 17th place showing.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*



# Township in Action

## Mooretown Flags hockey team helps the community

The Mooretown Flags recently continued their tradition of superior community spirit when they helped out at two major community events.

On Oct. 8, 15 members of the team helped out at the Canadian Cancer Society Grand Desserts Gala event at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. This is the fourth year they've been involved in the fundraiser. Event organizer Paula McKinley said, "Over the past four years, the event has been very successful and the addition of the Mooretown Flags Junior C Hockey team has been a welcomed treasure. In 2014, the Gala raised almost \$10,000 toward Breast Cancer research. Thank you to the Mooretown Flags players, coaches, management and executive for continuing to support the Canadian Cancer Society."

The second show of support came on Oct. 9, when three players, Ethan Dupont, Joe Stock, and affiliate player Alec Segers, assisted at the Mayflower Rebekah Lodge's seniors' Thanksgiving dinner at Thompson Gardens. The players assisted with cleanup and dishwashing duties. Dinner organizers say the boys were a great help.



Community-minded Mooretown Flags include, back row left: Riley Colins, Brent Blais, Ethan Dupont, Taylor Declerq, Ryan Lyle, Matt Brandon, Dan Lumley, Joe Stock, Caden Fleming, Brandon Johnson, Justin Vanbuskirk, Colton Osborne. Front row left: Austin Hewton, Kyle Smith, Jeff Williams.

*Photo submitted*

## Corunna Legion donates to two community programs



The Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 Corunna, recently presented donations to two community groups. The money was raised through the branch's 4th annual Elimination Draw. Above, Branch 447 President Dan Watson, presents a cheque for \$865 to District Deputy Fire Chief Dave Yorke from the St. Clair Township Fire Department Corunna station. A \$215 donation was also made to the Zone A-4 Track and Field program; it is the same program Olympic medal winner Derek Drouin competed in locally and represented across Ontario.

*Photo submitted*

## Drouin family receives sign of success



Derek Drouin Dr is a familiar sign to anyone who travels along Lyndoch Street in Corunna. This honorary designation is evidence of the pride St. Clair Township takes in being the home of bronze medal-winning Olympian Derek Drouin. In early October, Derek's mom, Sheila, left, and his sister, Jillian, a stellar athlete in her own right, attended St. Clair Township to receive two of the signs that will no doubt become family heirlooms. Making the presentation to the family was Mayor Steve Arnold.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

## Army Cadets offer free program for youth

To be an Army Cadet, all you need is the will to make friends and develop skills that will be with you no matter what career you choose. The Cadet program is free for youth ages 12 - 18.

To find out more about this exciting program, contact the **2563 Petrolia Army Cadets** Capt. Tom Wiggins at 519-882-0338 or go onto [www.Facebook.com/groups/PetroliaArmyCadets](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/PetroliaArmyCadets).

## Optimist Club of Sombra induction of new president

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township has begun its 2014-2015 term with the induction of its new president and board members. President Carla Aarssen and members of the club's board were inducted to their new positions at the monthly dinner meeting held Monday, Oct. 6 at a ceremony conducted by Mary Lou Abrams, Optimist Lieutenant Governor of Zones 5/6.

President Aarssen noted, "We are always on the lookout for new Optimist members to join our club and support our local youth, which is the Optimist Club's main objective."

Anyone wishing to obtain further information about becoming a member of the Sombra Optimist Club can contact President Carla at 519-892-3536 or email her at: [caarssen@hotmail.com](mailto:caarssen@hotmail.com)

Here, top left, Past-President Optimist Johanne Leach passes the gavel to incoming Sombra Optimist President Carla Aarssen as Lt. Governor Mary Lou Abrams looks on.

*Photo submitted*



## Sun-Canadian Pipeline cheque for Brander Park redevelopment

Sun-Canadian Pipeline recently donated \$40,000 to St. Clair Township through the company's *Community Support Program*. It will be used to help fund the Brander Park Redevelopment project. The funds will go towards the purchase and installation of children's play park equipment such as the play structure and its components, engineered wood fibre surfaces and drainage gravel.

The development in Brander Park is being done for two purposes: to motivate residents to increase healthy physical activity while enjoying the beautiful river setting and to continue to grow a positive relationship with the township's First Nations neighbours. The development will also highlight Baby Point, one of the areas earliest settlements.

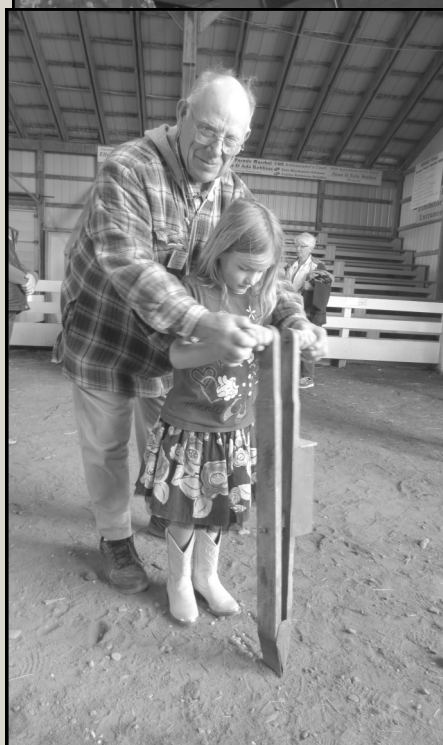
Sun-Canadian Pipeline representative Tony Waters, second from left, presented the donation to Mayor Steve Arnold, with Director of Community Services Gary Hackett, left, and CAO John Rodey on hand to mark the occasion.

*Photo submitted*





# Memories of the 164th Brigden Fair



**Clockwise from top left:** ~Entertainer Crystal Gage puts some eager young students through their paces dancing to *Roar* by Katy Perry. The students were a few of the hundreds of students from schools across Lambton County took part in the *Agriculture In The Classroom* program on Friday, Oct. 10. ~The annual OAAS (Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies) Volunteer Service Award was presented to Melvin and Marie Gorton by the Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) for over 53 years of service to the Brigden Fair and MAS. ~The popular ferris wheel was back on the midway again this year. ~This year's Brigden Fair Parade Marshalls *Junie Bug* (June Struck), left, and *Aud Pod* (Audrey Joyce) took the fair's theme, *Country Scenes and Children's Dreams*, to heart. ~One of the beautiful specimens of shorthorn cattle waiting for its turn to strut its stuff in the show ring. ~MAS volunteer Duncan MacRae demonstrated how corn was planted many years ago as part of the *Agriculture In The Classroom* program. One of the students who got some hands-on practice with the wooden planter was Charlotte, a Grade 2 student at Brigden Public School.



*Photos by Bonnie Stevenson*





**Above left:** The Moore Agricultural Society doesn't play favourites. No matter who you are, you have to work your way up from the bottom. These two young pooper-scoopers didn't seem to mind as they worked along the Brigden Fair parade route. **Above right:** Steve, one of the members of this year's *West Coast Lumberjack Show*, in a chop-off with one of his teammates to determine who's ability with an axe reigned supreme. **Right:** The Petrolia 2563 Army Cadets display drew many interested inquiries from young people looking for adventure and an opportunity to develop their leadership abilities. The motto of the Cadets is "*Youth become leaders.*" Attending the display were civilian volunteer Joe Card, standing, and Cadet Cassidy Mantej. (See Cadet info, page 6) Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



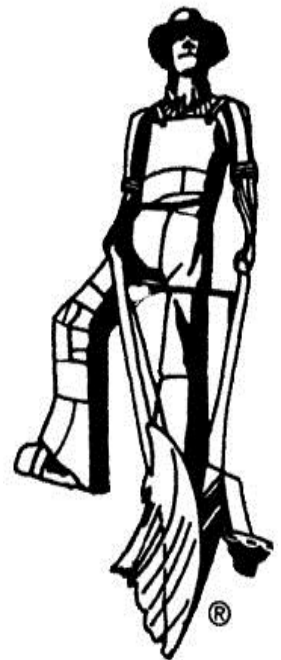
## Note of Thanks to all from Brigden Fair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the special people who have helped make the 2014 Brigden Fair a success. Thank you to all the Directors, the Homecraft Division, the Staff, the volunteers, Exhibitors, Entertainers, vendors, Emergency Services, and the local Community groups. It takes many hands with a wide variety of skills to accomplish such a huge event. Thank you!

Also, thank you to all those who visited Brigden over Thanksgiving Weekend and enjoyed the livestock shows, agricultural and homecraft displays, World's Finest Midway and the many other aspects of the Brigden Fair. The hard work of every volunteer has allowed the Moore Agricultural Society to not only maintain the traditions, but highlight the changing economy and educate our rural and urban fairgoers.

Thank you for your patronage and we look forward to seeing you at the 2015 Brigden Fair. Next year's theme will be *Harvest of Gold*.

John Scott, President  
Moore Agricultural Society  
Home of the Brigden Fair



## Demolition derby results from Brigden fairgrounds

This year's demolition derby at the Brigden fairgrounds on Oct. 18 featured 54 vehicles.

New for this year was the Power Wheel Heat for children under 10 years of age. There were 11 youngsters testing their skills in the event.

The Derby results were:

*Run What You Brung* events: V8 - Larry DeLeeuw; 4 & 6 Cylinder - Bill Shortt; Trucks - Ed Young; Vans - Dwight Glanville.

*Free For All* events: V8 Cars & Trucks - Andy Anderson; 4 &

6 Cylinder Consolation event: Jeremy Chambers.

*Poor Man Class* - 4 & 6 Cylinders: 1st Heat - Jim McLean, Donny Campbell, Ray Fowler; 2nd Heat - Chris Den Boer, Kris Stocking, Tyler Anderson; 3rd Heat - Kurtis Burr, Peter Knelson, Philip Ross; Consolation - Brandon Mackie.

Winners: 1st Place - Ray Fowler; 2nd Place - Donny Campbell; 3rd Place - Kurtis Burr.

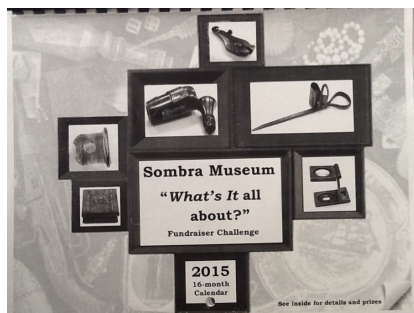
For photos of this gearhead heaven event, visit the Brigden Fair Facebook page.

# HERITAGE CORNER

## Sombra Museum fundraiser poses trivia challenge

So, you think you know historical trivia, do you? How about testing your skill by identifying items from the late 1800s to circa 1915 while helping to support the Sombra Museum? The Sombra Museum's *What's It All About?* fundraising challenge calendar is currently on sale from the museum for just \$12. If you can successfully identify the items shown on each page in the calendar, you will have a chance to win prizes including: a \$100+ Canada Petro gas card; a Dresden Meat Packers gift certificate; a mystery gift from The Source; six tickets to the Sombra Museum's Lecture Series; two golf passes and cart rental to the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course; two golf bags; an Avon basket; dancing water speakers; and much more. Chances of winning depend on the number of correct entries.

For more information or to purchase a calendar, call the museum at 519-892-3982 or email: [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com). Winners will be posted in February, 2015 issue of the St. Clair Township Beacon and on the Sombra Township Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum).



### SombraMuseum.

Entries can be dropped off at the Pic N' Pay or Riverview Restaurant in Sombra, or mailed to the Sombra Museum, 3476 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, ON., N0P 2H0.

## Downriver crafts...and characters



The 2014 annual Downriver Craft Sale at the Moore Museum was another unqualified success. Threatening weather couldn't discourage the vendors and the 1,675 shoppers who attended. Some vendors, especially those who would have had to travel long distances, were unable to attend, but close to 100 of them turned out to offer a huge variety of handcrafted goods and goodies. Calls are already being received from new vendors who want to be on the mailing list for next year's event. Mark your calendars and be there on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015!

Above, *The Leatherman* (Allen Williams) and his wife, Judy, wowed shoppers with the skillfully made leather goods that were available. His wares ranged from medieval jousting cuffs to Steampunk fashion statements, as well as fetching headwear like the leather top hat Mr. Williams is sporting here.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

## WANTED!

### Vintage butter churn

The Moore Museum is looking for a donation of a glass butter churn with metal gears and a handle like the one shown here.

This would be used in the museum's education programs so that students can watch the butter-making process as they churn. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please call the museum at 519-867-2020.



### Sombra Museum seeks WWI items

World War I items, memorabilia and/or stories are being sought for the Sombra Museum's 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

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 Coruna at 519-862-1240 or Brigidan at 519-864-1395.

Legion membership is NOT required.

## Lambton Children's Safety Village receives two generous donations



The Lambton Children's Safety Village received a welcome donation from the Alvinston Optimist Club recently. The donation of \$10,000 this year and another \$5,000 next year is much appreciated to help advance this important project to benefit the youth of Lambton County. Shown here during the presentation of the donation are, from left: Mary Ann Buntrock, Chair of the Lambton Children's Safety Village; Robert VanDyk, Past President of the Alvinston Optimist Club; and Les Douglas, current President of the Alvinston Optimist Club.

Another generous donation recently received from the FCC AgriSpirit Fund was for \$20,000.

## Corunna Santa Claus parade kicks off Christmas in Corunna

The ever-popular Santa Claus Parade will return to Corunna on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The parade entries will form up south of Corunna in the parking lot of *Simon & Sherril's No-Frills*, then proceed north on Lyndoch Street to Beckwith Street. Organizers are hoping for two or three bands, 20 to 30 floats, and various other entries.

At the conclusion of the event, everyone is invited to the Corunna Clock Tower Park on Lyndoch Street for hot chocolate and a visit with Santa Claus.

For more information about the parade, go online to: [www.corunnasantaclausparade.ca](http://www.corunnasantaclausparade.ca). Forms for donations and to put an entry in the parade can be found at this site. Entrants and donors can contact Tracy at 519-862-2333 or 519-862-1193, or email: [mooreoptimist.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:mooreoptimist.tracy@gmail.com) for more information.



This event is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Moore, NOVA Chemicals, and Shell Canada.

## 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.

## 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.

For a complete listing of hours and parent/caregiver workshops, go online to: [www.ontarioearlyyears.ca](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).

**Find *The Beacon* online from wherever you go this Winter at:**  
[www.twp.stclair.on.ca](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca) - Click on *Beacon* icon



## Mooretown Sports Complex a winter wonderland of fitness

### Fall Programs

The fall brochure can be found online at [www.twp.stclair.on.ca/brochure](http://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.

#### 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.**

## Your flu shot benefits everyone

Lambton Public Health reminds everyone that flu shots are now available throughout the county. Your health care provider can administer the shot and weekly clinics are held at the Lambton Public Health building, 160 Exmouth Street in Point Edward on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., as well as at 17 community clinics and 26 Lambton pharmacies. After being immunized, the shot takes about two weeks to deliver full protection and continues to do so for four to six months. Seniors, children under four years of age, health care workers and providers, healthy pregnant women, and people in contact with infants under six months are at highest risk. Don't be the one to spread this highly communicable disease. Your flu shot will benefit everyone around you.



## Corunna Physiotherapy to collect for OCT

Corunna Physiotherapy recently celebrated its one year anniversary under the new ownership of Physiotherapist Ashley Tidball. In lieu of an open house, the staff has decided to give back to the community. For the month of November, the clinic will be collecting non-perishable food items for donation to Operation Christmas Tree (OCT). For each donation brought into the office, the donor will be eligible to enter a draw for a gift basket. The draw will be held Dec. 18 and the winner will be contacted at home.

The clinic staff appreciates the support of the community they've received during their first year of operation and hopes everyone will show support for the Operation Christmas Tree hamper program. **Shown left: Ashley Tidball, owner/physiotherapist; Deb Brown, clinic manager; and Kyle Sitzes, kinesiologist with "Harley".**

# Community Contact

## Winners of St. Joseph beef raffle

Three lucky people found out where the beef was after winning the St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School beef raffle. They were: 1st prize of 200 pounds of beef - Sue Turner; 2nd prize of 100 pounds of beef - Carrie McLaughlin; 3rd prize of 50 pounds of beef - Mike Amaral. The raffle organizers have expressed thanks to everyone who helped to make the raffle a tremendous success.



## Note of Thanks from Junior Optimist Club

On behalf of the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club, I would like to thank the following professionals who attended the club's first Dress Up/Career Day: St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold; Olympian Derek Drouin; Canadian Champion Jillian Drouin; Lifeguards Jason, Robyn, and Linda; Firefighters Gilbert, Paul, Cody, and Chief Paul from St. Clair Township's Courtright Fire Station; Ontario Provincial Police Constable Todd; Dr. David; Nurse Gail; Teacher Ted; Play Fair Music - Steve; Mechanic Dale; Luke and his Travelling Reptile Show; Optimists Ken, Steve, Lorne, Christine, and Stephanie.

I also appreciate all of the support from Optimist Dorothy and Michelle for taking this journey with me and this great group of kids.

*Thanks again,  
Mary Lou Abrams, Advisor*

For more information about the Optimists and membership opportunities, go online to: [www.mooreoptimist.ca](http://www.mooreoptimist.ca)

## Quilt winner from Brigden Fair

The winner of the 2014 Brigden Fair Quilt Draw was John Vanklavern.

## Winners of 4th Annual Elimination Draw at Corunna Legion Branch 447

Winning numbers of the 4th Annual Elimination Draw at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 were drawn on Sept. 20. The first ticket drawn and every 25th ticket after that won \$50. The winners were: Noreen Manion #294, Cecil Restoule #090, Bill Morkin #253, Lyn Boczek #216, Mike McCollough #158, Danielle Bell # 079, Dave Knight #289, John Johnson #004, Jim Gillespie #031, Mike Hughes #298, Cathy Van Bastelaar #164, and Patricia Musson #180. The grand prize of \$2,000 was split four ways between Doreen Chester #50, Margaret Glowa #132, Berte LeFebvre #206, and George Scott #212.

## 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

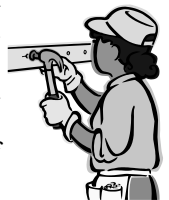
club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

## 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.

## Canada Business Ontario provides information for business owners

Business owners can get free information on a wide variety of business-related subjects by contacting Canada Business Ontario online at [CanadaBusiness.ca](http://CanadaBusiness.ca), by calling 1-888-745-8888, on Twitter at [@canadabusiness](https://twitter.com/canadabusiness), or by email to: [Ontario@canadabusiness.ca](mailto:Ontario@canadabusiness.ca).

Whether you are starting out, looking for growth opportuni-

ties, or seeking potential sources of financing, Canada Business Ontario provides free research services, free multilingual information, information on new business trends, information on copyright and intellectual property, importing and exporting, E-business, permits and licences, and much more.

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munity Centre on Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$2 and there will be 15 rounds for chickens and three rounds for turkeys. Come out and enjoy the evening.

### Turkey raffle in Corunna

The Corunna Volunteer Firefighters will hold a turkey raffle at the Corunna fire hall on Friday, Dec. 5 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Tree. Please come out and support this worthy cause.

### OPP Drive-thru event benefits OCT

The annual OPP Drive-Through Collection to benefit Operation Christmas Tree will be held at the St. Clair Township Emergency Services Building, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets, on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa Claus will take a break from his duties at the North Pole to welcome donors. Items being collected include new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, and cash. There's no better or more convenient way to brighten Christmas for the less fortunate families in our community.

### Scottish Ceilidh at Corunna United

The Corunna United Church Amicitia Club will host a Scottish Ceilidh on Friday, Jan. 23, 2015. The event will include a roast beef dinner and music by Christine Storey and Friends. This event replaces the Robbie Burns Night that has been held for the past 27 years. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets are available by contacting Ken at 519-344-8626.

### Junior Optimist dance slated

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club will hold a dance at the Courtright Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 10. Details are still being finalized, so check the December issue of The Beacon for more.

### 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 Mon-

day 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.

### 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 in Sombra

The Lambton Elderly Outreach *Forever Fit* classes are held at the Sombra Community Centre on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. These classes are for anyone age 55 and over.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.*

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

## Lambton Public Health to sponsor parenting sessions in Sombra and Brigden

Free parenting sessions, sponsored by Lambton Public Health, will be held in Sombra and Brigden. Margarita Weaver, supervisor with Lambton Public Health, says the session will employ 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 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](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)

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 Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call 519-892-3151.



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day, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The bazaar will feature crafts; turkey, beef and fruit pies; baked goods; cookies; preserves; and seasonal outdoor planters. A buck-a-block quilt, to be designed by the community, will be donated to a local charity. A soup lunch will be available for \$5. The church is a barrier-free facility.

### Sombra Optimists bingo

The Sombra Township Optimist Club will host a Meat Bingo on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the bingo games starting at 7 p.m. Prizes will include a basket filled with everything you will need for a Christmas dinner and all the trimmings.

### Sombra Museum lecture series set

The popular Sombra Museum monthly lecture series will feature Larry Cornelis of the Sydenham Field Naturalists on Tuesday, **Nov. 25** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. He will speak about the group's work in a presentation 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](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com). *Don't forget to check out Sombra Museum on Facebook and Twitter.*

### Cooking Buddies program in Corunna

The **Cooking Buddies** program for children ages six through 11 will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, 178 Hill Street, on Nov. 27 and the last Thursday of every month to April, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so register at 519-344-3017. The program is held in joint partnership with West Lambton Community Health Centre, All Saints Anglican Church, and Lambton Health Unit.

### Benefit pancake breakfast in Port Lambton

Treat your family to a pancake breakfast at the Port Lambton Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets for the pancake and sausage breakfast will be \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child ages six through 12, and free for children under five. All proceeds will go toward the Brander Park splash pad.

### Breakfast With Santa in Corunna

The Corunna United Church will host *Breakfast With Santa* on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. All kids accompanied by an adult are invited to attend. The cost will be \$5 per adult and \$2 per child, and a 5x7 photo will be available for \$1. Advance tickets must be obtained before Nov. 23. For tickets, call Sharon at 519-862-1957.

### Corunna Santa Claus Parade on the way

The jolly old elf himself will visit Corunna on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. when the Corunna Santa Claus Parade takes place. Santa Claus will greet all the good boys and girls along the parade route and be on hand at the Corunna Clock Tower Park on Lyndoch Street immediately after the parade. The event is coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore. **See page 14 for more information.**

### Fowl Bingo in Sombra

If you're in the market for a fowl thing to put on your Christmas table this year, Sombra's St. John's C.W.L. has the right event for you. The Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Com-

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

The Mooretown Flags' **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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## Indoor walking and fitness in Brigden

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions will be held at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall in Brigden every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Please bring indoor walking shoes. For more information or to register please call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. The program is sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society, West Lambton Community Health Centre, and Ontario's Community Health Centres.

## Indoor walking and fitness in Mooretown

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions will be held at the Mooretown Sports Complex in Mooretown every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Please bring indoor walking shoes. For more information or to register please call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. The program is sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society, West Lambton Community Health Centre, and Ontario's Community Health Centres.

## Cooking Buddies program in Port Lambton

The **Cooking Buddies** program for children ages six through 11 will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 464 John Street in Port Lambton on Wednesdays, Nov. 5, 12, Wednesdays, Jan. 21, 28, and Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so register at 519-344-3017. The program is held in joint partnership with West Lambton Community Health Centre, All Saints Anglican Church, and Lambton Health Unit.

## 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.

## Country Jamboree in Brigden

Country jamborees are back at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 with the Fall Jamboree and continuing with the Country Christmas Jamboree on Sunday, Dec. 7. The ham and scalloped potato meal will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets for the meal will be sold at the door but they are limited, so come early. Jamboree admission is \$2 for those who just want to enjoy the music. Those who sing or play are encouraged to bring their instruments. For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

## Knowledge Is The Best Medicine health seminar

The Sarnia-Lambton Health Coalition will host *Knowledge Is The Best Medicine*, a free session covering what you need to know about your medications, and what you should ask your doctor or health care professional. This informative session will be held at Grace United Church in Sarnia on Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On hand will be Consultant Pharmacist and Medication Therapy Management Specialist Karen Riley. You are invited to bring your questions and concerns. Everyone is welcome.

## Roast beef dinner in Wilkesport

A delicious roast beef and chicken dinner will be held on Friday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilkesport Community Centre. The event, sponsored by the Wilkesport United Church and the Community Centre, will feature entertainment by Bob Heywood. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$10 per child ages six to 12, and free for children five and under. For tickets, call: Doris at 519-892-3974; Lois at 519-864-4669; Marilyn at 519-627-3793; or Sharon at 519-867-5275.

## 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.

## Diabetes screening clinic offered

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. There'll never be a better time to attend the free Diabetes Screening Clinic being held on Monday, Nov. 17 at Hogan Pharmacy in Corunna, 348 Lyndoch Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinic, also sponsored by the Canadian Diabetes Association, will feature qualified nurses testing blood sugar and blood pressure. This is an excellent opportunity to be tested and to gather information on how to help prevent Type 2 diabetes. If you have diabetes, a qualified pharmacist and diabetes educator will be on site to give advice on how you can better control your diabetes. All participants will receive a free gift.

## Operation Christmas Tree Poor Boy lunch set

The Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) Christmas hamper program kicks off on Thursday, Nov. 20 with the Poor Boy Lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is by freewill donation and donations of non-perishable food items will be appreciated. Take your lunch break at the Legion hall and enjoy doing a good deed for the less fortunate families of St. Clair Township.

## 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.

## Candy Cane Christmas bazaar in Corunna

A Candy Cane Christmas bazaar will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna, on Satur-