



SCRCA receives financial support for spring water awareness program

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority recently received financial support for an important safety program that is especially important this time of year.

Union Gas donated \$5,000 toward the SCRCA *Spring Water Awareness Program*. This program teaches elementary school students in the St. Clair Region to be more aware of the power of water, especially during spring thaw, and it ties into the provincial science curriculum to teach students about the rich aquatic life in local rivers and streams.

Steve Arnold, Chair of the SCRCA, says the donation is a welcome aid to promoting the aims of this program.

"We are pleased with our partnership with Union Gas," he said. "These funds will be a great help in advancing our efforts to teach school children about the importance of safety around watercourses, and for all of us to continue to strive for healthy watersheds."

Dave Lamoureux, Director of Storage and Transmission Operations for Union Gas, says the donation is a good fit for the company's safety culture.

"At Union Gas, safety governs everything we do, whether we are building a pipeline or installing a gas meter at your home," he said.



Photo submitted

"Because of our safety culture, we make it a priority to support important and much-needed programs like this one, which is helping to keep our children safe."

Above: A powerful demonstration of how ice cold water can affect the body proved to be a painful experience when students from H.W. Burgess Public School joined representatives from the

SCRCA and Union Gas for a plunge into a tank of ice water. On hand for the icy demonstration were, back row, left: Brian McDougall, General Manager, SCRCA; Chris Young, Administration Manager, STO, Union Gas; Dave Lamoureux, Director of Storage and Transmission Operations, Union Gas; Steve Arnold, Chair, SCRCA. Front row: Braeden, Ainsley, Raleigh and Rory, students at H. W. Burgess Public School.

New Lambton County brand logo customized for St. Clair

Lambton County's new community brand logo, featuring the tag line "Discoveries That Matter", has been customized for use by individual townships within the county. The community brand is an "umbrella" brand, designed to be used in conjunction with existing brands in use by companies, municipalities and organizations across Lambton County, and it was created by a group representing organizations from across the County.

Development of the community brand and the logo was carried out to produce a consistent positive message for all of Lambton County. It can be used within, as well as outside of, the area.

"Every logo that is used will build and reinforce the brand by carrying the same message and graphic design," said Rory Ring, President of the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce. "Our country is big, and we each take pride in it and in our own special part of it. This brand shows the world, and reminds us, that we are all part of the larger community of Lambton County."

The community brand can be downloaded online at: www.discoveriesthatmatter.ca

The St. Clair Township logo can be seen in the upper right-hand corner of this page.

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The **deadline** for submissions to *The Beacon* is the third Monday of each month by 4 p.m.

Email: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca



Municipal Notes

Noise by-law enforcement officer hired

Summertime in St. Clair Township is always a beautiful time of year. But one of the things that can really spoil a perfect evening is loud, intrusive noise, especially when it's in contravention of a municipal by-law.

St. Clair Township Council has taken steps to remedy this unpleasant situation with the hiring of a noise by-law enforcement officer.

Kerry Bedard, who retired from the Ontario Provincial Police in October, 2014, says he will be on duty to handle noise complaints throughout the season. With 16 years as a crisis negotiator for the OPP (including service during the Caledonia land dispute in 2006) he believes in taking proactive measures to set up a relationship with those who are not complying with the by-law. "I'm big on communication," he said.

The fine for ignoring the by-law is "not less than \$100" and Mr. Bedard says if he has to attend the same location for a second time, he will issue a summons that will require an appearance in court. He added that he will have up to 30 days after the incident takes place to issue the ticket.

The St. Clair Township by-law stipulates that outdoor speakers must be taken inside or cease operation by 10 p.m. unless special permission is granted by St. Clair Township Council. The by-law's definition of noise also includes shouting, voice, mechanical or other sources of excessive noise that is "likely to disturb the inhabitants of the municipality having

regard to the time, place and the intensity and frequency of the said noise."

Courtright wastewater plant issue

Mayor Arnold expressed concern with the April timeline for the implementation of odour elimination measures related to the Waste Water Treatment plant in Courtright. He noted that local homeowners deserve results and should be contacted to explain the difference between the proposed temporary solutions and the eventual permanent solutions.



MCRF application deadline

The deadline for the submission of applications to the Moore Community & Recreation Foundation regarding financial assistance will be Friday, May 29, 2015. For detailed information about the foundation and to obtain a grant form, please visit the St. Clair Township Website at: www.twp.stclair.on.ca Should you require further information, please contact Charles Quenneville, Treasurer, or Steve Arnold, Mayor, at 519-867-2024 or 1-800-809-0301.

ERRATUM

Regarding the March, 2015 print version of The Beacon, page 2 item titled "Recycling facility subject of OMB hearing" - the listed owner of the property proposed for the recycling site should have read J.W. Seward Inc. The Beacon regrets any confusion or concern this has caused. The on-line version of the March, 2015 issue is correct.

Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are usually held on the first and third Monday of the month. March meetings will be held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, April 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.



OMB hearing slated for St. Clair Civic Centre

An appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) regarding a proposed plan to develop a facility to recycle industrial materials on land near Courtright will be heard on Thursday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Clair Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown. This hearing is open to the public.



Accessibility Committee seeks members

The Township of St. Clair Accessibility Committee is currently seeking members. The Committee works to ensure that public spaces within the municipality are fully accessible to all residents. To apply, please submit a written request stating your qualifications in care of: Clerk Jeff Baranek, St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0, or call 519-867-2021, or email: jbaranek@twp.stclair.on.ca The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 1.

Preference will be given to those with accessibility issues and committee membership applies for the duration of the current term of Council.



St. Clair Township 2015 Property Tax Due Dates

*The Interim Tax due dates
will be May 6, 2015*

The 2015 Interim Tax notices have been mailed out the first week of February, 2015.

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

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

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

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

Pre-authorized payment plans
are also available and encouraged.

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



HYDRANT FLUSHING St. Clair Township

Affected Residents North of Bickford Line

Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township Water Distribution System during the hours of:

7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Monday May 4, 2015 to Friday June 26, 2015

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some water discolouration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears.

If discolouration of the water continues after 10-15 minutes of normal use, please notify *Public Works @ 519-867-2993*.



SEWER MAIN FLUSHING 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 AM to 4:30 PM** beginning May 2015 and continuing into the fall. During this maintenance procedure you may notice some gurgling noises in drains.

If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify *Public Works @ 519-867-2993*.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal dates

The County of Lambton and Clean Harbors Canada hosts Household Hazardous Waste disposal events through the summer at the 40900 Telfer Road site off Petrolia Line.

Upcoming events are slated for: Saturdays - April 25, May 30, June 27, Sept. 26, and Oct. 31.

Items accepted include: paints, solvents, batteries (single use and rechargeable), propane cylinders, fertilizers, pes-

ticides, antifreeze, used oil, oil filters, fluorescent lights (tubes and compact), fire extinguishers, pharmaceuticals, mercury-containing devices (smoke detectors, thermometers, barometers) and sharps (syringes).

The purpose of these events is to give residents the opportunity to dispose of their **household derived** hazardous materials in an environmentally friendly manner.



ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP Website

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

HERITAGE CORNER

Is history lurking in those boxes and bags you're donating?

Spring is a time of renewal and fresh starts, and it's a time when many people start filling boxes and bags with items they no longer find useful. If this is your story, please keep the Moore and Sombra Township Museums in mind.

Don't dispose of your unwanted items without considering whether any of them might be of use to your community museum. Perhaps there are old postcards bearing local scenes, postmarks, or tales contained in the messages they carry. Other written material such as diaries, old documents, and other old papers might hold a wealth of information. You could have household equipment, old clothing, or other items that can tell us more about the lives of past generations. Old photographs, especially those labeled with names, provide a wonderful record of

our community's social history.

You could have items bearing the names of the former Moore or Sombra Townships, which now comprise the Township of St. Clair.

With display and storage space to be considered, the museums will not be able to accept every item that is offered, but they will all be given careful consideration. Whether or not we are able to add your items to the museums' collections, we will appreciate the opportunity to review them. And you won't ever have to utter those terrible words, "Oh, if only I had known the museum could have used them, I wouldn't have thrown them away."

Contact: Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or email lmason@twp.stclair.on.ca; Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982.



Right: Donated carved wood hatchet commemorates Brigden Fair of 1922. **Far right:** Donated ribbon from the Waubuno school picnic at Stag Island on June 20, 1900.

Moore Museum collection



VOLUNTEERS are always welcome at the Moore Museum, 519-867-2020, and Sombra Museum, 519-892-3982 (seasonal). Call to find out how you can help and make new friends, too.

OPG sponsors education program improvements at Moore Museum

The Moore Museum is grateful to be the recipient of a contribution from Ontario Power Generation Southwest Operations Lambton for educational programs and equipment.

This support will enable the Museum to purchase: swing arm bracket oil lamps for the schoolhouse, costuming for staff to lend greater authenticity to first-person portrayals of pioneers, and quill pens for students to use in the schoolhouse.

All of these items will serve to further enhance the hands-on experimental learning provided by our educational programming.

Ontario Power Generation is a long-term contributor to our educational programming and we at the Moore Museum very much appreciate the corporation's continued support.

Former Brigden creamery building remembered

The loss of the former Brigden creamery building, once known as the Purity Creamery and Dairy/Dairy Bar, has many Brigden residents feeling nostalgic about the building's past. It is fondly remembered by many as a place where happiness was served up on a hot summer's day in the form of a luscious frozen treat.

According to *Brigden-A Glimpse Into The Past*, a recently-published history of the town, the building was originally constructed as an ice house in 1906. It was eventually bought in 1926 when it became the Mutual Creamery and Produce Co. It had other owners through the years, but it became the Purity Creamery Co. in 1934 and, in 1967, Purity Co-op Dairy of Sarnia bought it. Frances E. Stewart operated the dairy bar until 1986.

The property also accommodated an outdoor two-lane bowling alley in the 1950s. The book notes that many Brigden children earned five cents a frame by setting pins.

The fire that destroyed the building in February did an estimated \$250,000 in damage.

Thank you to the Brigden History Committee for keeping Brigden's heritage alive and to the Moore Museum for sending the information to The Beacon.

NEW BOOK! *Farm Stories, Volume Two* coming to Sombra Museum

The second volume of *Farm Stories* will be available at the Sombra Museum when it opens on May 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The book is compiled and issued by the Sombra Historical Society.

Take the road to better health with the Rapids Family Health Team

April 2015 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.

A session will be held Tuesday, April 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Diabetes Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

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

A session will be held on Tuesday, April 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Quit Smoking workshop

A two-hour session for people who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco. We will discuss strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nicotine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications. We will also work on finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent a relapse.

Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our nurse educators.

The next session is set for Friday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Healthy Weights by Healthy Means

Spending on weight loss products was estimated to reach more than \$134 million U.S. in 2014. But of the hundreds of products available on the market, only a handful can produce even modest weight loss. Save money and the frustration of filtering through all of the ads that promise miracles. With the Rapids Family Health Team on your side, you can find the support and knowledge you need to achieve and maintain a healthy weight while 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 five week session will begin on Wednesday, April 15 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Adult cooking classes

These hands-on 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 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Cook It Quick family meal ideas* will be the topic on Wednesday, April 1 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. And on Wednesday, May 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Go Green! Cooking with Leafy Greens* will be presented.

And in Sarnia at the NOVA Chemicals Teaching Kitchen, 1150 Pontiac Drive, *Protein Powered Breakfasts* will be the topic on Wednesday, April 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. And on Thursday, April 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Protein Packed Breakfasts* will be discussed.

Memory and Aging Program

The Rapids Family Health Team is pleased to offer an educational program developed by Baycrest, a renowned academic health science centre focused on aging.

The program is intended for individuals who are experiencing normal age-related memory changes. Through instructor-led discussions, in-class activities, and evidence-based strategies, participants gain a better understanding of how memory works and tools to better manage their memory function.

Topics covered will include: changes in memory that normally occur with age; the effect of medical and lifestyle factors on memory; the effect of stress and relaxation on memory; how to minimize age-related changes; strategies for improving memory functioning.

Sessions will be held for five weeks on Wednesdays beginning April 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Spaces are limited.

Boosting Balance and Bone Health

Boosting Balance and Bone Health is a four-week program designed to gradually improve balance and strength to help avoid falls and maintain independence as well as educate individuals on keeping bones healthy. The group exercise and education program will be run by a Registered Occupational Therapist.

One hour is designated to group exercise and one hour is for education on bone health. Education sessions include an overview of bone health, dietary and medication practices to maintain strong bones, and home safety tips. Individuals who are able to safely take part in a supervised exercise program are invited to register.

Sessions will be held for four weeks on Wednesdays beginning on May 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Spaces are limited.

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.



Free Lambton Public Health parenting sessions in Lambton County

Free parenting sessions are being offered by Lambton Public Health until June 2015. LPH public nurses will be conducting a variety of day and evening programs in locations throughout Lambton County. Free child care is provided at many of the sessions for children up to the age of six. Space is limited.

These sessions equip parents with information they can use to better communicate and cope with the challenges of parenthood. "Parenting sessions are a great, informal source of information that help parents, grandparents, and caregivers use positive discipline and communication skills to develop courage, responsibility, and character in their children," said Miranda Clubb, Public Health Nurse with Lambton Public Health.

Sessions slated for St. Clair Township include the following:

Brigden - *Parenting Matters*, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Fridays, April 10, May 8, and June 12 at Brigden

United Church. To register, call 519-892-3151.

Corunna - *Raising Emotionally Healthy Children*, Wednesday, May 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic School in Corunna. To register, call 519-892-3151.

Sombra - at Riverview Central School, *Raising Emotionally Healthy Children*, Tuesday, May 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and *Building Resilience in Young Children*, Tuesday, April 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call 519-892-3151.

Other sessions available at venues around Lambton County include: *Parenting Through Each Other*; *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen*, *Siblings Without Rivalry*; *Good Discipline*, *Good Kids*; and *Nobody's Perfect*.

For more information or to register for these sessions, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3568, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, or view *Classes and clinics* posted at www.lambtonhealth.on.ca



A Date With Daddy

Corunna resident "King" David Thomas and his lovely little daughter, "Princess" Molly, took afternoon tea in style at the Royal Tea Party on Feb. 28. They were attending the "Date With Daddy" event at Maranda Gifts Tea Room in Reeces Corners.

Photo submitted

Local Ontario Early Years locations

The OEYC Samia-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.

Spring Into Summer at the Mooretown Sports Complex

It's never too early to get fit and healthy with programs offered at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Here are just some of the helpful programs you can access to rock those summer capris and swim suits.

Spring Into Summer Weight Loss Transformation

Join us for fun workouts, motivation, and information about healthy nutrition/lifestyle choices as we help track your weight loss goals.

Dance the pounds away

Get moving with dance classes! Explore the joy of movement and rhythm with the adult hip hop/Zumba combo class, or treat your children to hip hop or ballet lessons.

A six week session is just \$60.

Yoga

Treat your body and your mind to the many benefits of yoga. Escape the stress of the day while you improve flexibility and resilience for just \$30 for a six week course.

Spin classes

Join these classes any time at a cost of \$10 per class, \$80 per 10 passes, or \$60 per 10 week session.

Beginner spin classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bikes and Bells - Kettlebell/spin combo - is held on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Morning spin classes will be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays

from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Evening spin classes will be held on Mondays from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. or Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Muscle Mix classes

Join any time. Build strength, lose weight, look and feel better! Classes are held Mondays or Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$45 per 10 visit pass or included in membership.

Spring 2015 swim lesson session

Register now for the Spring swim lesson session. Spring swim lessons begin the week of April 6.

Indoor/Outdoor walking exercise program

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

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

St. Clair Parkway Golf Course info

For the latest information about St. Clair Parkway Golf Course, simply go online to:

www.stclairparkwaygolf.com

-More info on page 8-

Summertime cyclists more likely to frequent bicycle friendly businesses

With summer approaching, many people will be dusting off their bicycles to enjoy the St. Clair River Trail and increase their physical fitness through the exercise bicycles provide. Lambton Public Health says there is an opportunity for businesses to attract more business by accommodating passing cyclists. "Dedicated bike parking sends a welcoming message to all patrons, no matter their transportation choice," says Kelley Elliott, Committee Member and Health Promoter with Lambton Public Health. "Despite the weather, now is a great time for businesses to prepare for the 2015 cycling season."

The Lambton County Regional Trails Committee Bike

Friendly Business Program provides businesses with a bike friendly sticker for their front window and lists the business online if they meet the following criteria: provide a bike rack in a secure visible location; allow cyclists to fill water bottles and make emergency local phone calls; encourage staff and customers to participate in cycling to work and other locations, and to participate in bike friendly events such as Bike Month (June).

More information is available at: www.lambtoncountytrails.com



Photo: Scott Gillingwater

Sciensational Snakes coming to Sombra

This Eastern fox snake is just one of the reptiles you may see when the St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority (SCRCA) hosts the *Sciensational Snakes* event on Wednesday, April 22 at the Sombra Museum, 3476 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., guest speaker Jenny Pearce, a reptile expert from *Sciensational Snakes*, will talk about, and allow participants to handle, turtles and snakes native to Ontario. All ages are welcome but registration is required. Space is limited so register early by contacting John Jimmo at 519-245-3710, ext. 252 or email: jjimmo@scrca.on.ca

At this event, SCRCA staff will also provide information on the importance of reporting reptile sightings, as well as talking about habitat enhancement projects, such as bush piles, for landowners.

Photo by Scott Gillingwater

Bowen's Creek project receives SCRCA conservation award

The Bowen's Creek project within St. Clair Township received one of four conservation awards handed out at the 2015 annual meeting of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. The Bowen's Creek property lies within the heart of Carolinian Canada and within the St. Clair River Area of Concern.

The property, owned by Lambton County, is biologically connected to woodlands and provincially significant wetlands treasured for their unique biodiversity. The Bowen's Creek project started in 2011 with the construction of eight hectares of wetland.

Last year, hundreds of waterfowl were using the new wetlands as a migratory stop-over. Since 2011, 51,000 trees and five hectares of tall grass prairie were planted to enhance the existing 20 hectare site.

With Lambton County's support, many partners got involved with this project, including the federal government through the Great Lakes Sustainability Fund, Trees Ontario, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Shell Fuelling Change, Enbridge, RBC Foundation, St. Clair Region Conservation



Ron Van Horne, CAO County of Lambton, left, and Bev MacDougall, Warden of Lambton County, accept their conservation award from Terry Burrell, Vice-Chair for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. *Photo courtesy of SCRCA*

Foundation and Authority, and the Friends of the St. Clair River. Without the support of the County, this project would not have been possible.

ST. CLAIR PARKWAY GOLF CLUB

Phone: 519-867-2810
www.stclairparkwaygolf.com

Email: lhyde@twp.stclair.on.ca



WELCOME TO SPRING!

Yes, it looks like the weather has finally started to turn and we here at the Parkway are working hard to get the course open as soon as Mother Nature allows.

Until then, here are a couple of things to mark on your calendar. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Masters Sunday, April 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. Come and check out our facilities and while you're here, grab a bite to eat and drink (limited menu).

Buy your 2015 membership if you haven't already got it and ask about our many leagues that are open to members and non-members alike.

The course will be open, weather permitting. Spring rates will be \$30 per person for 18 holes, including a power cart.

Kendall's Kids: The Fundamentals of Golf, will be held on Sunday evenings beginning June 28 here at the Parkway. This 8-week instructional program is for kids of all ages at a cost of just \$60 or \$10 per session.

New patients being accepted in Petrolia

The Central Lambton Family Health Team is proud to announce that new patients are now being accepted by Dr. Justin Mall, M.D.; Dr. Nathan Taylor, M.D.; and Dr. Salam Al-Attar, M.D. Patients have access to additional free services of a social worker, a nurse practitioner, a dietitian, and a chiropodist (foot care) and programs that include smoking cessation, injection clinics, travel immunizations, groups, and more. The office is located at 4130 Glenview Road in Petrolia. For more information, please call 519-882-2500.

Check your smoke and CO detectors

Recent local house fires have reminded us how important it is to have functional smoke and CO detectors in our homes. All dwellings in Ontario are required to have a working smoke detector located on every level and outside every sleeping area. Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are also required by law to be installed adjacent to all sleeping areas in most existing dwellings.

If you haven't done so lately, take a few moments to check all of the detectors in your home. Older detectors should be replaced and existing detectors should be cleared of dust and other debris so that its sensors can function properly.

Corunna Community Policing Committee seeks public input

Do you have something constructive to contribute regarding the way the Corunna area is policed?

The Corunna Community Policing Committee (CCPC) is currently seeking input from community residents regarding improvements and issues they would like to see addressed. What safety issues are you concerned about? What areas of the community require better lighting, better signage, or increased police presence? What positive contribution can YOU make to the way law enforcement is carried out in YOUR community?

The public is invited to contact the CCPC with suggestions and concerns. Visit the Website at: www.corunnapolicing.ca or find the CCPC on Facebook.



Community Contact

Farm Stories, Volume Two available soon

NEW BOOK! *Farm Stories, Volume Two*, issued by the Sombra Historical Society, will be available at the Sombra Museum when it opens on May 16 and 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wilkesport Community Centre Annual Meeting

This meeting is slated for Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. For more information, see *Around The Township*, page 12.

Brigden Fair offers volunteer opportunities for students

Graduation is quickly approaching and some students still need volunteer hours to obtain their diplomas. Volunteer opportunities are available in Brigden all year long, so call the Brigden Fairgrounds Fair Office at 519-864-1197 for more information.

St. Clair Parkway Golf Club Info

The St. Clair Parkway Golf Club has affordable memberships from Junior to Senior, five sets of tee blocks to accommodate every golfer, from beginner to expert, and is fully irrigated from tee to green. Spring rates will be \$30 for 18 holes including cart. To book tee time, call 519-867-2810.

Mosaic Lambton project promotes literacy

Celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017 with your creativity. *Need To Read* presents *Mosaic Lambton Project* is asking Lambtonians what inspires them most about their community. Submit poetry, short stories, art, photographs, music lyrics, video clips, or anything of a creative nature that tells a story. The project is open to all age groups and the creations will be part of a mosaic mounted on a County of Lambton map background. Submissions are now being accepted. For more information, call project coordinator Kathryn Evans at 519-332-4876 or email: MosaicLambton@gmail.com The Mosaic Lambton Project is a joint initiative of the following: the Organization for Literacy in Lambton; the Lambton County Library; the County of Lambton; Sarnia Lambton Workforce Development Board; the St. Clair Catholic District School Board; and the Lambton Kent District School Board.

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.

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the celebration. Model train enthusiasts will be able to enjoy **Model Train Time** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays, July 12 and Aug. 16. On these dates, visitors will have the opportunity for enhanced viewing of the Lionel model train displays. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroading and all of the layouts will be running. Regular museum admission will apply. And capping off the summer season, the **Downriver Craft Sale** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This ever popular annual event will feature about 80 tables of homemade crafts and food booth will be onsite to fuel all of the energetic retail therapy our visitors will be engaging in. New craftspeople are welcome to participate and are invited to call the Moore Museum at 519-867-202 to be added to the mailing list. Admission will be \$2 per adult with children under age 13 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Quilters to host *A Feast For The Eye*

Quilters from across Lambton County will be showing off their artistry as the Samia Quilters' Guild presents *A Feast For The Eye* at Grace United Church in Samia, 990 Cathcart Boulevard, on Friday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature a Traveling International Hoffman Challenge, Quilts of Valour, Comfort Quilts, Mini Quilts, Samia Quilters' Guild Challenge Quilts, and a Charity Placemat Challenge. Children are welcome and will enjoy the Storytelling and Quilt room. Demonstrations will be offered throughout the day and the Sew and Sow Café will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person and your ticket will make you eligible to win a door prize.

Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser set

The Cystic Fibrosis Samia-Lambton Chapter presents *Great Strides: Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis* on Sunday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is at 9 a.m. This fundraiser, being held in support of Cystic Fibrosis Canada, will take place at the Samia Kinsmen Centre, 656 Lakeshore Road. All money raised through pledges and donations will support CF research, care and advocacy programs funded by CF Canada. To register or donate online, go to: <http://cysticfibrosis.ca/greatstrides>

Bluewater Health fundraisers planned

The Bluewater Health Foundation has several fundraisers planned for this year. The P.A.I.R.S. Trivia Night is coming up on May 1 and the Golf Fore Health tournament is June 11. For information about these events and more, go online to: www.bluewaterhealthfoundation.ca.

Indoor walking and fitness in Mooretown

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions are held at the Mooretown Sports Complex in Mooretown every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 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 Brigiden

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions are held at the Brigiden Fairgrounds exhibition hall in Brigiden every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 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.

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 Brigiden 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 Brigiden 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.

Ongoing activities offered at

Cruikshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruikshank 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 Thursdays 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' Cruikshank Centre. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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. Please double-check each submission for accuracy before sending.

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beef dinner on Sunday, April 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$5 for children ages six to 12, and free for children under age five. Admission is by advanced tickets only. To purchase them, call Marie at 519-864-4016 or the church office at 519-864-1747 and leave a message.

Sombra Museum February lecture rescheduled

Bad weather on Feb. 24 led to the cancellation of the Sombra Museum's lecture, *Our History, Our Heroes: Fighting Wars to Farming Fields in Lambton County*. That lecture has now been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

Jam session at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host an open jam session on Saturday, April 25 beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is free and food is available. Come out and join the fun: listen, dance, or bring your instrument and/or voice and get in on the jam.

Courtright United Church chicken dinner

The Courtright United Church will hold a broasted chicken dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 26. The event will be held at the Courtright Community Hall (Silverdome) with seating from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The three-piece broasted chicken dinner will cost \$15 per person. For tickets, call Deb at 519-892-3767 or Lynn at 519-331-9798.

Beef supper slated for Knox Moore Presbyterian

The congregation of Knox Moore Presbyterian Church will hold their annual roast beef supper on Wednesday, April 29 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$6 for children ages six to 12, and free for children under age five. For tickets, all Dorothy at 519-862-1576 or Nora at 519-864-1711.

Wilkesport Community Centre Annual Meeting

The Wilkesport Community Centre Annual Meeting is slated for Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive the financial statement of the past year and to elect directors for a two-year term. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone who cannot attend the meeting but would like further information can call 519-864-4221.

6th Alzheimer writing contest underway

The 6th Annual Alzheimer Society Sarnia-Lambton Writing Contest is underway. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and raise money for the Sarnia-Lambton chapter. This year's challenge is to write a letter to your past or future self, write to a loved one, a pet, a stranger, a caregiver, anyone you wish. The contest is open to all ages and cash prizes will be awarded. A \$20 entry fee applies for entrants age 18 and older. The deadline for contest entries is April 30, 2015. Contest rules can be found on the chapter's Website at: www.alzheimer.ca/sarnialambton. For more information, call Shannon at 519-332-4444. The contest is sponsored by: Rotary Club of Sarnia, Fairwinds Lodge, Haines Printing, Music for Young Children, Organization for Literacy in Lambton, Need to Read Festival, the Book Keeper, the County of Lambton, Margaret Bird, and Mark Braun Technical Recruitment Services.

CCPC sponsors Shred-It and bike rodeo

Dates for two annual events sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing Committee have been announced. The

Shred-It fraud prevention document destruction event is slated for Saturday, May 2. Bring your unwanted personal documents and have them professionally destroyed to reduce your risk of identity theft and fraud. The Bicycle Rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 13. Young cyclists will learn how to ride safely and several other community groups including the Optimist Club of Moore, MADD, Fire, EMS, and OPP personnel will cover a variety of other safety topics. They will also receive free helmets, bells and lights (while supplies last). *Watch the Beacon for more on this important event.* For further information go online to the CCPC Website at: www.corunnapolicing.ca

Annual Talent Show in Wilkesport

Don't miss the third Annual Talent Show, featuring performing and visual arts, at the Wilkesport Community Centre on Saturday, May 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. There will be an intermission to view the visual arts on display. Following the program, a social time to enjoy with coffee and cookies. This is not a competition but an occasion for people of all ages to display their talent and provide an enjoyable evening for everyone in attendance. Admission is \$8 per adult. This event is sponsored by the Wilkesport United Church. For more information, call 519-627-3793.

Spring Fashion Show at Corunna United Church

The Corunna United Church will be the scene of a Spring Fashion Show on Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the church. Ladies' and men's fashions from Leisure Lane, Mister B's, and Sitek and Company Petrolia, along with children's fashions from Osh-Kosh and Carter's Sarnia, will be featured. Admission is \$10 per person. Tickets can be obtained by calling Anne at 519-862-3534 or Sylvia at 519-862-1040.

Yuk Yuks On Tour in Corunna

Give Mom the gift of laughter this year. For Mother's Day, treat her to tickets for the *Yuk Yuks On Tour* show at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 on Saturday, May 9. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for non-members and \$23 for members, and they are available at the branch hall.

Mother's Day Brunch in Brigden

Celebrate Mom by treating her to the Mother's Day Brunch at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall on Sunday, May 10. Seating will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per adult, \$6 for children ages six to 10, and free for children ages five and under. For more information, please contact the Brigden Fair office at 519-864-1197 or check out the Facebook and Web page.

Moore Museum spring/summer event dates set

Several of the Moore Museum's popular annual events have now been scheduled. The **Victorian Tea** is slated for Sunday, May 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy tea and homemade scones served by Victorian attired servers as you dine in the charming atmosphere of the museum's turn-of-the-twentieth century cottage. Admission is \$7 per adult, \$3 per child, and \$2 per pre-schooler. The museum's **40th Anniversary Open House** will take place on Sunday, June 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To celebrate this auspicious occasion, admission to the museum will be free, with heritage demonstrations and an official program to round out

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Ham bingo set for Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a ham bingo on Wednesday, April 1 with doors opening at 6 p.m. and play beginning at 7 p.m. The cost will be \$20 for four cards and there will be 25 regular games plus a special game. Prizes will be: first, \$350 Lambton Mall Bucks; second, \$100 Lambton Mall Bucks; and third, \$50 Lambton Mall Bucks. Food and refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

Girls On The Move program in Port Lambton

Girls attending Grades 6 through 8 are invited to register now for the *Girls On The Move* program, which begins on Wednesday, April 1. The six-week program offers a variety of activities including yoga, dance fit, strength training, and resilience building. The weekly sessions are held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Centre and are supported by the Sombra Optimist Club and the Port Lambton Athletic Association. 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.

Good Friday fish fry in Port Lambton

Members of the Optimist Club of Sombra Township invite everyone to come and enjoy their annual Good Friday fish fry on Friday, April 3 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Dinners will be \$12 per adult, \$6 for children ages five to 12, and free for children under five years of age. The dinner will include yellow perch, fries, a dinner roll, coleslaw, and a cupcake. Proceeds from the dinner will help support local youth and community projects.

Mayflower Rebekah Lodge to host dinners

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge will serve a series of dinners at the Cruickshank Centre (Thompson Gardens) in Corunna at 5:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: April 9, May 7. The dinners replace the lodge's previous lunch and card party events. The cost will be \$12 per person. *(Please note that these dates have been changed from the original notice.)*

Euchre played at Sombra Community Hall

Euchre will be played at the Sombra Community Hall on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following days: April 10, 17, 24.

Cinderella Story prom boutique set

The 6th annual Cinderella Story Prom Dress Boutique will take place at the Sarnia Lambton Business Development Corp., 109 Durand Street in Sarnia on Friday, April 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event helps outfit secondary school girls with prom dresses and accessories. Since the first boutique was held in 2010, Cinderella Story of Sarnia-Lambton has helped to send over 250 deserving young ladies to prom. Without this program, most of the girls would not have been able to attend this milestone event. To register for the boutique, go online to: www.cinderellasarnia.org. For more information, email: info@cinderellasarnia.org. This year's sponsors include: Melissa Snider and Bill Dennis Jr. of Exit Realty; Lisa Waller Designs; FOX-FM; Sarnia Lambton Business Development Corp.; and The Work Place Group.

Easter Jamboree in Brigiden

The Easter/Spring Country Jamboree will be held on Sunday, April 12 at the Brigiden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. Admission is \$2 and doors open at noon with the music starting at 1 p.m. Come out

and enjoy an afternoon of great music and dancing. And be sure to pick up your tickets at the door if you want to enjoy the delicious scalloped potato and ham dinner at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. A cash bar will be available. This is a popular annual event, so be sure to get there early. For more information, call the Brigiden Fair office at 519-864-1197.

Roast beef and ham dinner slated

The Sixth Line Community Food Grains Bank will host a roast beef and ham dinner at the Brigiden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Wednesday, April 15 with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., a welcome and update will be given by CFGB Regional Representative Kathryn Mayberry. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., guest speaker Jim Wheeler from Wheeler Group Inc. will speak on *Fulfilling Ontario Agriculture's Social Contract*, a report commissioned by the Christian Farmer's Federation of Ontario. Tickets will be \$35 each or \$60 for two (advanced ticket sales only). They can be purchased by calling 519-864-1161, 519-491-5510, or 519-864-4073.

Women's Day Out in Courtright

The Courtright United Church will be the scene of the *Women's Day Out* on Saturday, April 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The theme will be *Movin' With The Spirit* with guest speaker Catherine Maine, Sacred Circle dance teacher and choreographer - stillpoint dancing. Also featured will be the benefits of Yoga and Meditation. Tickets are \$12 per person and healthy refreshments will be served. For more information or for tickets, call Deb at 519-892-3767 or Jill at 519-491-5510.

Optimists free craft morning in Courtright

The Optimist Club of Moore and the Lambton County Junior Optimist will present the Free Craft Morning for kids ages five to 13 on Sunday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The event will be held at the Courtright Community Hall. The kids will create crafts for Mother's and Father's Day and snacks will be provided. For more information or to register, call 519-862-2700 before April 17. *This is a great opportunity for high school students to gain volunteer hours.*

Sciensational Snakes coming to Sombra

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority will sponsor the *Sciensational Snakes* program on Wednesday, April 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sombra Museum, 3476 St. Clair Parkway. **For more information, see page 7.**

Chili luncheon at Corunna Legion

Enjoy some of the best blue ribbon chili in town at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 chili luncheon on Thursday, April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost will be \$6 and take-out will be available for \$5 (no seconds available with take-out orders). To order your take-outs or reserve your table, call the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240.

Med-Outreach fundraiser in Corunna

The Corunna United Church Med-Outreach committee will hold a garage sale at 198 Hill Street on Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. Items for sale will include nearly new clothing, books, toys, dishes, and attic treasures.

Roast beef dinner in Brigiden

The congregation of Brigiden United Church will host a roast