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by 4 p.m.

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Regional Optimist Club oratorical winners head for provincials



Hometown speaker, Saba Siddiqui, front row left, was among the six winners at the recent Optimist Club Regional Oratorical Contest held in Courtright. Back row left: District Oratorical Chair Sandy Larivee, Tejas Pandya (Assumption Windsor Essex); Eric Neyens (West Lorne); Jason Kerkvliet (Port Stanley); and Southwestern Ontario District Governor Ken Neil. Front left: Saba Siddiqui (Moore); Inez Fiedler (Roseville Fountainbleu); Allison Nguyen (Assumption Windsor Essex). These six contestants were eligible to compete at the District competition on April 25.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

The Courtright Community Centre was the scene of the Optimist Club Regional Oratorical Contest on April 11, with 16 talented young speakers vying for a chance to go on to the District level.

Their challenge was to speak for four to five minutes on the topic of "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press On To The Greater Achievements Of The Future".

The Optimist Club of Moore's speaker, Saba Siddiqui, was one of the six speakers chosen to move on to the District level, where they competed for the chance to win one of two \$2,500 scholarships. *The District results were unavailable at publication time.* Judges Steve Inglis, Past Lieutenant Governor of Zone 6, and Optimist Club of Moore member, Dan Van Nice, an Optimist Club of Point Edward member and Scouting leader for over 52 years, as well as Bonnie Stevenson, journalist, author, and editor of the *St. Clair Township Beacon*, were given the difficult task of choosing the speakers who continued on to the District competition in Windsor on April 25.

In their closing remarks, the judges all agreed that the calibre of the speeches and the manner in which they were presented have improved remarkably from year to year. Some of the speakers exhibited a stage presence that is usually found in seasoned broadcasting veterans while others brought a sense of theatricality to their presentation; all 16 brought their individual ideas, opinions, and enthusiasm to the task.

The Moore Optimist Club has been holding its oratorical competition for over 40 years with students under the age of 19 (who have not yet graduated from secondary school or the equivalent) speaking on an assigned topic.

Tracy Kingston, Current Oratorical Chair for the Moore Optimist Club, says an enthusiastic person is being sought to take over her duty. "We need new ideas on how to attract more young people to speak out about their views and goals," she said.



Municipal Notes

Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are usually held on the first and third Monday of the month. May meetings will be held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown on Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 19 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.



Notice Attention: Ratepayers of the Marsh Creek Drain

Due to the many changes in the watershed since 1950 (Corunna expansion, industrial lands, etc.), a new assessment schedule was required to allow for future maintenance work on the Marsh Creek Drain. This drain consists of an "open ditch" with its upper end located between Corunna and the CN Railway. The drain flows northerly, crossing Hill Street and then crossing farmland to LaSalle Line. The drain then crosses LaSalle Line to outlet into a "natural watercourse" within the Aamjiwnaang First Nations Reserve.

The St. Clair Township Council appointed Spriet Associates to prepare a reassessment report. **This report is now complete and can be found on the township Website at: twp.stclair.on.ca**

Ratepayers within the Village of Corunna will not receive a mailed notice to the consideration meeting. Properties generally located to the east of Colborne Street and south of Beckwith Street within Corunna are invited to attend a consideration meeting to discuss the report. **The meeting is set for:**

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Clair Township Civic Centre
(upstairs Council Chambers)
1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

David Neely, C. Tech.
Drainage Superintendent

New book documents local WWI servicemen

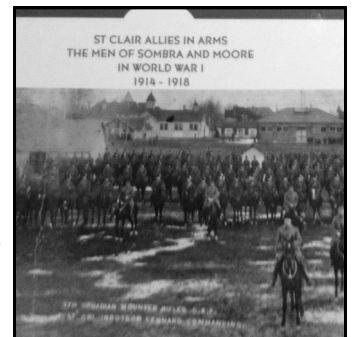


At the April 6 meeting of St. Clair Township Council, Mayor Arnold was presented with a copy of the book by Heritage St. Clair

World War I was fought far away, but the toll it exacted in human life and suffering was profoundly felt here in what was then Moore and Sombra Townships. In recognition of the Great War's centenary year, Heritage St. Clair has published a book entitled, "*St. Clair Allies In Arms: The Men of Sombra and Moore in World War I, 1914-1918*". The book honours the memory of the men from Moore and Sombra Townships who served, often under unfathomably horrific conditions. The book is the result of over two years of researching local family connections, scouring archives for further information, writing and creating.

The book is sponsored by St. Clair Township Council, the Lambton County Creative Fund, Moore Optimists, Sombra Optimists, and Corunna United Church Seniors.

Heritage St. Clair Chair Dave Pattenden says 38 copies of the book have already been distributed to township schools, secondary schools, public libraries in the township, Legions, and the Lambton



Cover of
St. Clair Allies In Arms

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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.



St. Clair Township 2015 Property Tax Due

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

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



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 cylinders.

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 - May 30, June 27, Sept. 26, and Oct. 31.

Items accepted include: batteries, drain/oven cleaners, pesticides, rat poison, cleaning fluids, pharmaceuticals, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach, aerosols, gasoline, paints, barbecue starter, oils, solvents, and propane

Items NOT accepted: polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs), commercial, industrial, and radioactive wastes, electronics, and explosives (flares and ammunition).

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

For more information, go online to: www.lambtononline.ca or call 519-845-0801.



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



TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR YARD WASTE/BRUSH COLLECTION 2015

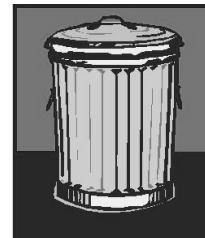
The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste/brush collection program for defined areas, in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill site.

“Yard Waste” is collected separately from regular waste, on a weekly basis, in urbanized areas of the Township (collection begins at 7:00 AM). Yard waste from the balance of the Township is collected with the regular waste collection.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

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

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



Spring yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, April 29th and Friday May 1st, and will continue until Wednesday, June 17th and Friday June 19th.

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

Fall yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, October 21st and Friday, October 23rd, and will continue until Wednesday, November 25th and Friday, November 27th.

WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste includes the following: grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings, and twigs, (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil). Kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached are not permitted. (Brush Collection see below)

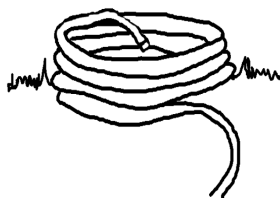
Yard waste placed at the roadside for collection must be bagged in clear or transparent plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers clearly marked with an “X” on both sides and must be free of all non-compostable material such as plastic, glass, metal, or other debris. Open containers **DOES NOT INCLUDE**: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

Containers must not exceed 23kg / 50lb and yard waste placed in regular garbage bags will not be collected.

BRUSH COLLECTION:

Small Brush Bundles will also be collected on May 22nd, June 12th, and October 23rd with the following guidelines: 4’ maximum length, 1” maximum diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled) and tied & placed at curb.

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



Lawn watering restrictions now in effect

St. Clair Township Public Works advises property owners that lawn watering restrictions are now in effect and will continue until Aug. 31. Even numbered houses may water lawns on even numbered days and odd numbered houses may water lawns on odd numbered days.

HERITAGE CORNER

HEAR YE!

Get up close and personal with your local museum and you community's rich, fascinating heritage this summer! Even if you've visited before, the Moore Museum and the Sombra Museum are constantly evolving to better educate, fascinate, and surprise you.

Hours of Operation

Moore Museum: May to August - Friday through Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sombra Museum: May 16 and 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.; June, July and August daily from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Check out your local museum this summer!

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.

Volunteers praised for work done to produce *St. Clair Allies In Arms*



Certificates of appreciation from St. Clair Township were presented by Mayor Arnold to Catherine Bouman, left, and Gail Moran, for their tireless efforts in researching and writing the new book, "*St. Clair Allies In Arms*".

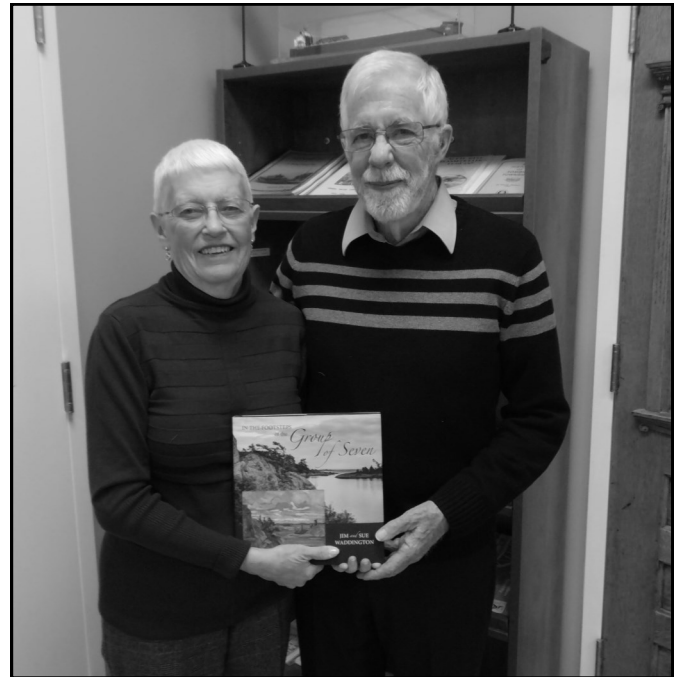
Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

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County Archives.

The volunteer book committee was comprised of Heritage St. Clair members: Chair Allan Anderson, Catherine Bouman, Gail Moran, Murray McAllister, and Bob Nicol, supported in their work by the Sombra and Moore Museums. Mr. Anderson says, "Catherine Bouman had already done a great deal of research for the Sombra Museum and this provided a tremendous boost to the start of the project." In addition,

Couple's book shadows Group of Seven



The Sombra Museum's lecture series attracted a full house when Sue and Jim Waddington came to talk about their experiences while walking "In The Footsteps Of The Group of Seven", which is also the title of their fascinating book.

Their lecture and slide presentation, based on their 36-year journey to seek out the exact locations Group of Seven painters immortalized with their art, was a hit - the perfect way to end another successful fall/winter lecture series.

Sites documented include those painted by A.Y. Jackson, Tom Thompson, Franklin Carmichael, Arthur Lismer, Lawren Harris, A.J. Casson, J.E.H. MacDonald, and Frederick Varley.

Photo submitted

he says Gail Moran researched relentlessly on Ancestry.com to discover many names, and she worked hard to set the information and pictures into the book template. "The goal of the committee was to publish the work within the time frame of the centenary to fit with many memorials that were planned over the course of 2014 to 2018," said Mr. Anderson.

Research revealed that close to 500 local men served in WWI and 40 were killed in action or as a result of their war-related injuries. Men included in the book were either born in Moore or Sombra Township, or lived here at some point in their lives.

Heritage St. Clair plans to publish a paperback edition of the book that will be available for purchase.

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

May 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.

~Temporary lab relocation required~

From May 4 to late June, the lab will be temporarily relocated to Thompson Gardens at 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna while extensive internal renovations are made to the Cameron Street facility. The lab will operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The renovations are possible thanks to a generous donation from Pembina.

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, 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 Monday, May 11 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.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, May 29 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 Monday, June 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Healthy Kids Chefs in Training- Summer kids camp

Children entering Grades 1 to 4 will learn about healthy eating and participate in hands-on cooking activities under the supervision of our Registered Dietitian. Take home activities will be provided daily. Each family will receive a booklet of activities and recipes. These programs are conducted in partnership with the Optimist Club of Moore. In Corunna, the camp will be held at St. Andrew's Church at 437 Colborne Drive from Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A camp will also be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sarnia from Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 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, on Wednesday, May 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Go Green! Cooking with Leafy Greens* will be presented. In Sarnia at the NOVA Chemicals teaching kitchen on Pontiac Drive, Anti-Inflammatory Foods will be discussed on Tuesday, May 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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 five weeks on Thursdays beginning May 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Lab open weekdays

The lab at the Shell Health Centre will be temporarily relocated to Thompson Gardens from May 4 to late June. It is open on week days from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for all residents of St. Clair Township.

Energize your Summer at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Summer Day Camp - ages five through 12

Treat your young student to a summer of fun at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Crafts and activities of all kinds will fill their days with laughter and socialization with new friends. The camp begins June 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Early drop-off and late pick-up are available. Fees are \$27 per day, \$110 per week, or \$861 for the entire summer.

Sports Camps - ages seven through 14

Young sports enthusiasts will enjoy honing their skills at summer sports camp. The day camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily with early drop-off and late pick-up available. Fees will be \$110 per week. **Camps include:** Golf - July 6 - 10; 20 - 24; Aug. 10 - 14. **Sports Combo** - July 13 - 17; July 27 - 31; Aug. 17 - 21. **Track and Field** - Aug. 4 - 8.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

Kids age 11 and over are eligible to attend the Red Cross Babysitting Course slated for Monday, June 8 (PA Day) from

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per student.

Summer swim lessons

Register now for summer swim lessons. Whether you're a novice or you want to improve your skills, just contact the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information.

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 information

For the latest information about St. Clair Parkway Golf Course, simply go online to: www.stclairparkwaygolf.com or call: 519-867-2160.



Free drug addiction awareness seminar slated

No one is immune to the threat of addiction. Children are bombarded with drug culture in the media and sometimes, right in their own communities.

To raise awareness of this threat and to arm parents and families against it, a free drug addiction awareness seminar is being offered on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex. This valuable educational opportunity will help parents and families learn about the dangers and symptoms of drug use, as well as information on prevention and where to get help. Please call 519-867-2651 to register. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

The seminar will feature knowledgeable speakers in-

cluding: Libby Ells, Social Work Clinical Services with St. Clair Child and Youth; Ellie Fraser, Mental Health Promotion Specialist from the Canadian Mental Health Association; Nicki Morningstar from Bluewater Health Withdrawal Management Services; Nadine Devin, Dietitian from the Rapids Family Health Team; Dr. Donald from the Bluewater Methadone Clinic; and a representative from local law enforcement.

Sponsors for this event include: Corunna Community Policing Committee; St. Clair Child & Youth Services; Canadian Mental Health Association; Bluewater Health; Rapids Family Health Team; Bluewater Methadone Clinic.

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.

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.



Junior Optimist Club donates to St. Joseph's Hospice

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club used their energy and their Optimism to raise \$150 for St. Joseph's Hospice *Caring Hearts* program. The donation was presented to Hospice representatives Maria and Kelly (standing, right) during the April dinner meeting. The young Optimists were excited to be able to give back to the community with this meaningful donation.

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Beacon Bit

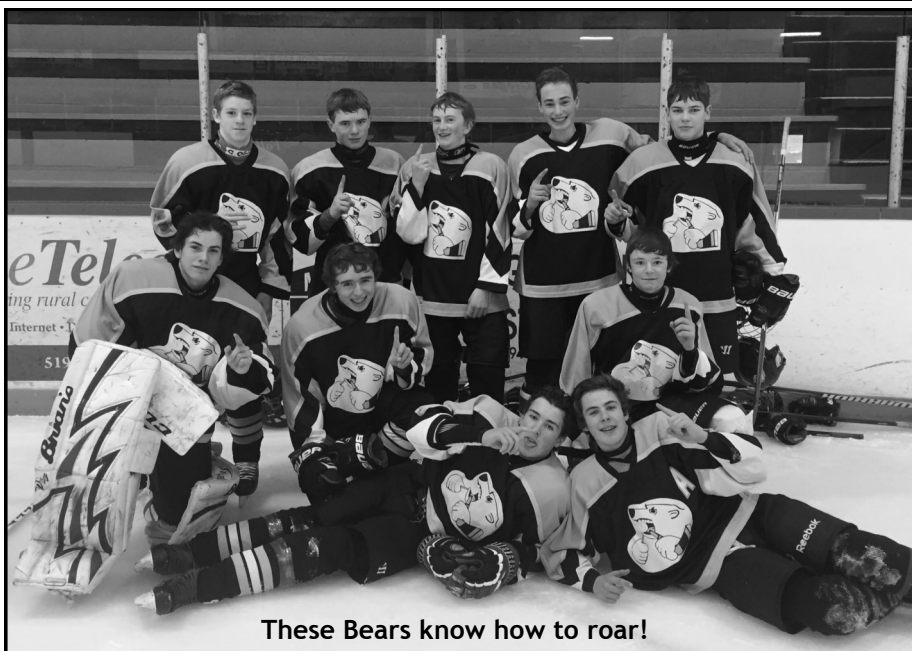
The Man of Calling disregards himself, and his Self is increased. He gives himself away, and his Self is preserved.
-Lao Tzu

Tourney teams mauled by Bears

The mighty Bradshaw Bears went undefeated at the 3-on-3 tourney in Watford over March Break. The team was made up of Mooretown players as well as a few from Petrolia. The players came up with their team name and used Bradshaw in a light-hearted salute to an area just outside of Brigiden.

Team members include: Greg Hay, Hayden McDonald, Jake Vandersteen, Thomas Snary, Logan Gardner, Nolan Farr, Carson Perry, Joe Kraayeenbrink, Elijah Duquette, and goalie Cody Hitchcock.

Photo submitted



News items from Lambton County

Educational Gale Courses now available online

Hundreds of free instructor-led courses are now available online to Lambton County Library card holders. Gale Courses offer well-crafted lessons, expert instruction, and interaction with fellow students. The free courses range from health and wellness to creative writing, computer programming, business and management, sales and marketing, and more. Courses run for six weeks with two new lessons released each week. New sessions begin each month. For more information about the catalogue of courses offered, or to enroll in a course, go online to: www.lclibrary.ca and click on "eLibrary".

Text with 9-1-1 made available to local residents

St. Clair Township residents who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired now have an alternative method of communicating with 9-1-1 operators.

Text with 9-1-1 (T9-1-1) was slated to be available across Lambton County beginning on April 15. Cell phone users whose phones have the capability to send and receive text messages, and are compatible with the T9-1-1 program, must register for the service on their cell phone provider's Website.

In general, text messages sent to the digits 9-1-1 do not reach emergency services. Users registered with the T9-1-1 program can verify their service through their respective cell phone providers.

The T9-1-1 program is offered to all Lambton County residents courtesy of the County of Lambton and Sarnia Police

Services. For more information about T9-1-1, go online to: www.textwith911.ca

County seeking vintage film

Based on the popularity of the recent screening of film footage showing Alvinston in the 1940s, the Lambton County Archives is seeking other vintage footage to be converted to digital format so that a copy can be housed in the Archives. Any film loaned to the Archives for digitization will be screened by the Archivist and a digital copy of suitable footage will be kept on file. Archivist Dana Thorne says, "Not only does old film footage offer unique insight into the past, it is also important to create digital copies of this material before the fragile film becomes unviewable." Ms. Thorne can be contacted at 519-845-3324, ext. 5239.

Online Health Buzz helps families stay safe and healthy

Health Buzz is a quarterly publication from Lambton Public Health. It provides seasonally-focused information to help parents of school-aged children keep their family healthy and safe by featuring the many services offered by Lambton Public Health along with links to more information. Parents can subscribe by completing the online form. Go online to: lambtonhealth.on.ca

Free nicotine replacement therapy offered

Smokers who want to kick the habit can now access a free nicotine replacement therapy program being offered by Lambton Public Health. For more information, call Lambton's Tobacco Hotline at 519-383-3810 or toll-free 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3810.

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

Rebekah Lodge draw winners

The winners of the draw to benefit the Rebekah Lodge of Ontario, District 22A are: 1st prize, quilt, Phyllis Sheppard; 2nd prize, Golden Palace gift card, Theresa Delvoguere; 3rd prize, gas card, Laurie Teather. Proceeds from this draw will go to Camp Trillium, a summer camp that lets children with cancer a chance to just enjoy being a kid. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

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.

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.

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; Samia 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.

Parenting programs available in May

Free Lambton Public Health parenting program sessions are held in communities across Lambton County and free child care is available (space is limited).

In Brigden, Parenting Matters will be presented on Tuesday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call 519-847-5165, ext. 21 to register and obtain further information.

In Corunna, Raising Emotionally Healthy Children will be presented Wednesday, May 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call 519-892-3151 to register and obtain further information.

In Sombra, Raising Emotionally Healthy Children will be presented on Tuesday, May 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call 519-892-3151 to register and to obtain more information.

For general information, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3568 or go online to: www.lambtonhealth.ca

Sports Disabled Lambton offers opportunities to play

Sports Disabled Lambton (SD Lambton) offers individuals with disabilities the opportunity to play sledge hockey, floor hockey, weight lifting, and boccie. Anyone interested in playing can register until August, 2015 and early registration is advised because spaces are limited. Pre-registration and an opportunity to try out a sport will be made available. If you have any questions about SD Lambton programs, registration or the organization, please email Joanne Somlai at jsomlai@cojeco.ca

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Brigden Campout Country Jamboree

The Moore Agricultural Society (Home of the Brigden Fair) presents the Annual Brigden Campout Jamboree from June 17 to 21. The weekend includes a daily jamboree, tractor show, 50/50 draws, plus dancing, fun and fellowship, and a whole lot more. Camping is available June 17 to 21 at a cost of \$25 per night. There will be limited hydro on a first come, first served basis. On Saturday, a roast beef dinner will be served at 5 p.m. at a cost of \$15 per plate (numbered seating and advanced tickets only). Tickets go on sale June 15. On Sunday, enjoy open Gospel singing at 9:30 a.m. in the exhibition hall. For more information, call Bill at 519-627-5065.

LSA 26th annual picnic

The popular 26th Annual LSA Picnic is coming up on Wednesday, June 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Petrolia Fair Grounds (Lions pavilion). The cost is \$3 per person and the event will include music, dancing, food, prizes and surprises!

11th annual car show in Port Lambton

The 11th annual Sombra Township Optimist Club car show will be held at beautiful Brander Park south of Port Lambton on Saturday, June 20 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The show features numerous classic and late model cars along with soapbox races and face painting by Dotsy the Clown from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A licensed refreshment tent will be onsite and a live band will provide entertainment as you spend a pleasant day by the shore of the St. Clair River. And **new for this year, children will be able to enjoy the new splash pad** that is now part of the park. For more information or to pre-register your vehicle, contact Optimist Carla at caarssen@hotmail.com

Legion Branch 635 to hold Decoration Day

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 will hold Decoration Day on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21 at 11 a.m. at the Bear Creek Cemetery, corner of Moore Line and Telfer Road. Everyone is welcome to assist in placing Canadian Flags on the graves of our Veterans after our Act of Remembrance Service. *Note: Anyone who needs to purchase a wreath for Nov. 11 is welcome to come to the Legion to register their names. The deadline to order a wreath is Aug. 1.*

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 Brigden

Free indoor walking and fitness sessions are held at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall in Brigden 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.

Messy Church Tuesdays at Brigden United

Messy Church is being held on the last Tuesday of each month through to June, 2015 (except December) from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Brigden United Church. Come and join congregation members for a fun and messy evening of worship, crafts and supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult or grandparents.

Coffee club meets at Thompson Gardens

The Corunna Coffee Club meets at Thompson Gardens Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m. The club is open to everyone. Start your day with a good cup of coffee and some lively conversation.

Ongoing activities offered at Cruickshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruickshank Community Centre each week. These include: Euchre on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. costing \$3 per session which includes light refreshments; Scrabble on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the fun playing the game or games of their choice. In addition, the monthly Book Club sponsored by the Corunna library meets the first Monday of each month.

Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and Pepper every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the hall located at 1533 Fourth Street in Courtright. Everyone is welcome to attend and try out their card skills.

Cribbage played at Corunna United Church

Cribbage is played every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Corunna United Church on Hill Street. Come out, test your skills, and enjoy a morning of fun.

OCT active in the community all year

Summer is a carefree time for most people, but for those in need, it is still a time of struggle. At no time is the need more profound than when people are forced from their home by fire or face other catastrophic circumstances. Twelve months a year, Operation Christmas Tree, an Optimist Club of Moore initiative, steps in to offer help to newly displaced or struggling residents of St. Clair Township. Recent fire victims in Courtright and Brigden discovered they were not alone thanks to donations from OCT.

OCT spokesperson Gord Dawson says, "The fire chief calls us and tells us there's a family in need. In 2015, OCT helped seven fire victims." Mr. Dawson says donations are always being accepted to support the work of Operation Christmas Tree. Donations can be dropped off at the Southwest Credit Union Corunna branch on Lyndoch Street.

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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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 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.

LSA 25th anniversary annual meeting

For the past 25 years, the Lambton Seniors Association has been advocating for seniors and providing much-needed information to the aging population. Everyone is invited to attend the 25th anniversary celebration of this important community group on Thursday, May 21 at 9 a.m. at the Chris Dawson Centre, 2nd floor, 420 East Street N. in Sarnia. Guest speaker Jim Houston, LSA board chair, will speak on the topic of *25 Years of LSA*.

Indoor garage sale slated

The Optimist Club of Moore will host an indoor garage sale at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) on Saturday, May 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. Vendors are invited to come out and display their wares for \$20 per table. Breakfast will be available to nourish hungry bargain hunters. For more information, call Gord at 519-862-1344.

Quarter auction in Courtright

The Optimist Club of Moore and the Lambton County Junior Optimist Club will host a Quarter Auction at the Courtright Hall (Silverdome) on Friday, May 29. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m. One quarter bid-auction value \$10-\$20; two quarter bid-value \$20-\$30; three quarter bid-value \$30-\$40; four quarter bid-value \$40-\$50. A \$5 ticket includes one paddle for bidding, water and a snack. Extra paddles are \$2.50. A 50/50 draw will also be held that evening. Food will be available for purchase. Vendors include: 31; Sunset Gourmet; Arbonne; Dad's Old Barn; Foxy Leggings; Kays Petals and Plants; Origami Owl; Epicure; Pampered Chef; Tupperware; Scentsy; and more. Proceeds will go towards the clubs' youth programs. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Quilters to host *A Feast For The Eye*

Quilters from across Lambton County will be showing off their artistry as the Sarnia Quilters' Guild presents *A Feast For The Eye* at Grace United Church in Sarnia, 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. Admission is \$6 per person and your ticket will make you eligible to win a door prize.

Safety Awareness Day in Sombra

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township will host a free Safety Awareness Day event for the entire family on Saturday, May 30 at VanDamme Park in Port Lambton. Bring bicycles and helmets, and let the OPP educate the kids on proper cycling safety on the simulated course. Other features include safety displays by the St. Clair Township Fire Department, the Canadian Coast Guard, Emergency Medical Services, and much more. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a start time of 11 a.m. Participants will receive certificates of completion and the chance to win prizes. There will be free hot dogs and chips supplied by the Sombra Optimists.

St. Jacob's bus trip fundraiser

A bus trip fundraiser to St. Jacob's will take place on Saturday, May 30 beginning with departure at 8 a.m. Enjoy shopping and have lunch independently until 2 p.m., at which time the bus will transport participants into downtown St. Jacob's to enjoy more shopping and to have dinner at the Stone Crock at 5 p.m. The cost will be \$47 per person. To buy tickets and to find out the bus departure location, call Sandy at 519-867-5251. Proceeds from this event will be used to help fund a study on wetland and indigenous species preservation in the Hwy. 80/Bickford area.

Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser set

The Cystic Fibrosis Sarnia-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 Sarnia 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>

Art for Chair-ity sale in Port Lambton

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township will hold a sale of creatively repurposed chairs on Monday, June 1 at 8 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. The chairs have been cleaned and painted; some are funky, some are floral, and each is uniquely different. They make great accents for the porch or yard. Admission is free and proceeds will go toward Sombra Optimist youth initiatives in the community.

Strawberry Social in Port Lambton

The Knights of Columbus, Council 10873 of Port Lambton, will host a Strawberry Social with a roast beef dinner on Sunday, June 7 at Sacred Heart Parish Centre. The event will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$15 per adult, \$7 per child age six to 12, and free for children under age five. Tickets are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus, and also from Joe at 519-677-4468, Frank at 519-677-5328, and Peter at 519-436-8651. If no one is home, please leave a message. Only 200 tickets have been printed, so get yours early.

Duthil Cemetery Decoration Day

The Dunhil Cemetery Decoration Day service is set for Sunday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

Bluewater Health fundraisers planned

The Bluewater Health Foundation has several fundraisers planned for this year. The Golf Fore Health tournament is June 11. For information about these events and more, go online to: www.bluewaterhealthfoundation.ca.

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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). 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.

LSA 16th annual Seniors Information Fair

Adults of any age will benefit from a visit to the annual Lambton Seniors Association *Seniors Information Fair* on Tuesday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Wednesday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is being held at the Point Edward Arena, 210 Monk Street. Admission is free. Businesses, services, government agencies, and leisure-centered exhibitors of interest to older adults will be onsite to provide up-to-date information. Aging is not for the faint of heart, so be sure you are well-armed to meet the challenge! Lunch will be available to help fuel your quest for knowledge thanks to the Sarnia Lions Club and the Women's Institute. For more information, call the LSA at 519-339-8866 or go online to: www.lambtonseniors.com

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 OshKosh 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.

Spring Tea and Bake Sale in Corunna

A Spring Tea and Bake Sale will be held at All Saints' Anglican Church in Corunna on Saturday, May 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event will include coffee/tea and dessert for \$3. Baked goods, frozen pies, and a jewelry table will be available as well. Everyone is welcome - bring a friend.

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. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, bacon, hash browns, ham, scalloped potatoes, toast, fruit cocktail, and beverages. 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.

Drug awareness seminar being presented

A drug awareness seminar will be presented at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. **See page 7.**

Murder Mystery dinner planned

A Murder Mystery dinner fundraiser will be held at the Courtright Hall (Silverdome) on Saturday, May 16. The production, *It's A Mystery To Me*, will take place during a delicious chicken and rib dinner served with all the fixings and homemade pie for dessert. There will be a cash bar, door prizes, a draw, and a silent auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show and dinner will start at 6:15 p.m. Mystery dinner tickets are available from Carlene at 519-867-5203 at a cost of \$35 per person. Proceeds from this event will be used to help fund a study on wetland and indigenous species preservation in the Hwy. 80/Bickford area.

Lambton Sportsman's Club archery activities

The Lambton Sportsman's Club has set the following dates for **3-D archery shoots**: May 16; June 20; July 18; Aug. 18; and Sept. 19. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members. Children age 15 and younger are admitted free with a paid adult guardian. Lunch is available. Please wear suitable outdoor footwear and insect repellent is recommended. For more information, call Len at 519-344-7009 or Elsie at 519-867-3940.

Weekly Tuesday evening archery will begin on May 5 and continue until Sept. 19 subject to weather conditions. These are open to the public and first timers can try archery at no cost. There is no cost to club members, \$5 for non-members over age 15, and free for children under 15 who are accompanied by a paid adult guardian. For more information, call Len at 519-344-7009 or Elsie at 519-867-3940.

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 preschooler. The museum's **40th Anniversary Open House** will