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The **DEADLINE** for
submissions to
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Brigden area to have fully functional emergency response centre



The entire MAS Board of Directors was on hand for the Clean Harbors donation presentation on May 11 including: MAS President Harold Thompson, kneeling fourth from left; and standing, from right, Clean Harbors Facility General Manager John McDonald, Facility Administrator Devon Jamieson, and Facility General Manager Jim Brown.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

A \$75,000 project to install a backup generator system in the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall recently received a \$10,000 donation from Clean Harbors toward its cost. Company representatives made the donation during the Moore Agricultural Society's (MAS) monthly board of director's meeting on May 11.

The system will be powered by natural gas. MAS President Harold Thompson says a natural gas line already runs close to the hall. When connected to the new system, it will provide a dependable supply of fuel for the generator during prolonged power outages. On behalf of the board of directors, Mr. Thompson expressed thanks to Clean Harbors for the generous donation. Once the system is in place, the exhibition hall will become a fully functional emergency response center able to provide accommodation for those in the community who cannot remain in their homes during emergency situations. Such emergencies include times of extreme heat or cold, or other threatening environmental issues.

During the donation presentation, Clean Harbors Facility general manager Jim Brown noted severe emergency situations are less stressful if a community is properly prepared to cope with them. He noted Clean Harbors is happy to assist with projects such as this.

Local volunteer firefighter completes grueling challenge

A local volunteer firefighter and Legion Ladies Auxiliary member recently completed a grueling challenge that put mind and body to the test.

Stacey Le Poivre of the St. Clair Township Fire Department was successful in her bid to finish the 110-storey, 9/11 Me-

morial Stair Climb at Lucas Oil Stadium while attending the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. For their efforts, each climber received a photograph of a New York firefighter who perished while responding to the terrorist bombing of the World Trade

See Challenge, page 4



Municipal Notes

Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are usually held on the first and third Monday of the month. Upcoming meetings will be held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown on Monday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, June 15 at 5 p.m. after the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



HYDRANT FLUSHING St. Clair Township

Affected Residents North of Bickford Line

Public Works is now undertaking the 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
until Friday, July 10, 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 is now flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of **7:30 AM to 4:30 PM** and will continue to do so 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.

Brigden Legion presents award to council

At the May 4 meeting of St. Clair Township Council, the Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 presented council with an award recognizing its ongoing support for the Brigden Cenotaph. *Below:* On behalf of council, Mayor Steve Arnold accepts the award from Brigden Legion Branch 635 President Louise Ogilvie.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



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### Canada Goose causing sticky situation in park

The burgeoning local Canada Goose population is causing concern for those who love to wander the lawn at Brander Park. The geese are fouling the grass to the point where many people are staying out of the park. Eric Allaer, a local turkey producer, attended the May 4 meeting of council to explain the health risks attendant to this kind of pollution. He noted the fecal matter carries salmonella and E.coli among other dangerous contaminants. Mayor Arnold pointed out the problem is not confined to the park, but has been seen at the golf course and other open public areas as well. Council agreed there is a problem but judging from unsuccessful remediation efforts that have been made in the past, a solution may be difficult to find. Staff has been asked to explore options that might alleviate or improve the problem.

### Household Hazardous Waste disposal

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 - 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 cylinders.

**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](http://www.lambtononline.ca) or call 519-845-0801.



## 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:

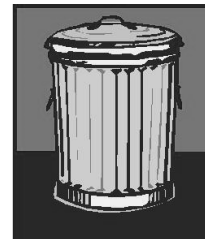
Collection will be on Wednesday or Friday, each week, depending on the service area.

**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 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)

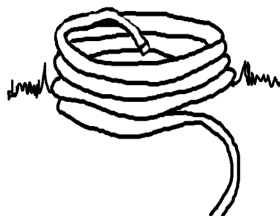
Yard waste placed at the roadside for collection must be bagged in clear or transparent plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers clearly marked with an “X” on both sides and must be free of all non-compostable material such as plastic, glass, metal, or other debris. Open containers **DOES NOT INCLUDE**: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



## Brander Park splash pad project receives funding boost from RBC

The Brander Park splash pad project received a welcome \$1,000 boost recently from RBC Wallaceburg/Port Lambton. The new facility, located south of the park's new picnic pavilion, was built last fall; additional paving, landscaping, and the installation of benches and bike racks were slated to be done in May. It is expected that the \$200,000 project will be ready to use in early June. St. Clair Township has committed to match all contributions made to the project to a maximum of \$100,000, or 50 per cent of the total cost.

New donations are still being sought for the project.

St. Clair Township now has several splash pads located in urban areas throughout the municipality. These facilities provide safe, clean fun for everyone, including those who are medically fragile and are not able to enjoy a traditional wading pool due to the danger posed by bacteria growth.



Right: Shown here inspecting the new splash pad on a rainy early spring day are, from left: Travis Hooper, RBC Wallaceburg/Port Lambton Branch Manager; Splash Pad Committee Secretary Ann Cram; and Committee Co-Chairs Dave Cram and Anne Hazzard. Standing by ready for some good clean fun are Secily and Oliver Hooper. Photo submitted

## Avast you swabs! Be ye ready for the 30th annual Captain Kidd Days?

Corunna's *Captain Kidd Days* weekend celebrates its 30th Anniversary this summer with a program that promises to be better than ever!

The event will feature the Earl Doan Baseball Tournament; the top team will win the Patti Devereaux Memorial Trophy. Saturday afternoon will feature a beach volleyball tournament with all proceeds to benefit *Noelle's Gift*.

The big news this year is that the event will begin on Thursday, July 30 with a free movie night at the Corunna Athletic Park. It'll be presented drive-in style with a big screen and popcorn, but without cars. This event has been made possible through a partnership between the Captain Kidd Committee and Mainstreet.

On Friday, June 31, Captain Kidd Days will officially kick off in the evening with the annual Miss Teen/Little Miss Corunna Pageant. The Friday night entertainment headliner will be *Eric Ethridge*, backed up by favourites *Scott Manery & The Barnburners*, and *Highway Jones*.

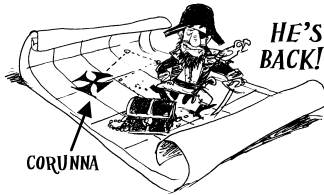
On Saturday at 11 a.m., the annual parade will welcome the Captain to town. Then, from noon to 4 p.m., the popular Kids

Zone will feature a rock climbing wall, paddle boats, and massive inflatables, including the biggest inflatable in Ontario! The Kids Zone will be in operation on Sunday as well.

Saturday afternoon will also feature free face painting, princess meet-and-greets, superhero meet-and-greets, and balloon twisting from favourite Sarnia balloon master The Painted Cat. *Little Ray's Reptile Zoo* will hold two shows and will be available all afternoon for photographs. Admission for this show usually costs \$10, but it will be included in the Kids Zone price (\$4 per child and \$10 per family).

On Saturday night, Captain Kidd Days will celebrate its 30th year with an entertainment double bill featuring headliners *Bobnoxious* and *See Spot Run*, backed up by local Corunna band, *The Ropers*, and from Sault Ste. Marie, *Longshot*. *The first 200 people through the gate on Saturday night will receive a free Bobnoxious CD.*

On Sunday night, the annual fireworks display will be preceded by musical headliner, *The Official Mudmen Page*, backed up by *Chemical Valley*. And when the fireworks are over, the music will continue with *Erika and Sara*.



## Challenge inspires local St. Clair Township volunteer firefighter

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towers on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as a challenge coin.

Stacey found the experience encouraging and inspiring. "This experience was more than I ever thought it would have been. The fire community is absolutely unbelievable when it comes to supporting and remembering fellow firefighters. I walked in with a goal and walked out with new friends, a changed mind set, and an overall experience that words can't fully describe," she

said.

She expressed appreciation to her sponsors, the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 Ladies Auxiliary and the St. Clair Township Fire Department Wilkesport Station.

Left: Stacey is shown at the event wearing a photograph of a New York firefighter who perished during the bombing of the twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001.

Photo submitted



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



## HERITAGE CORNER



### Moore Museum volunteers receive provincial Volunteer Service Awards

Nine Moore Museum volunteers were recently honoured with Volunteer Service Awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, and International Trade. From the left: St. Clair Township Councillor Tracy Kingston, who represents council on the Moore Museum Advisory Committee, was on hand to congratulate volunteers: James Townsend (15 years); Fred Strickland (10 years); Dan Hayward (5 years); Courtney Vanderjeugd (Youth award); and Dave Taylor (5 years). Missing from the photo are: 5 year award recipients Dave Beer and Laurel Pattenden, and Youth award recipients Spencer Johnson and Emily Moore. Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason says it is a pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize its volunteers for their long-term dedication as they contribute their skills and time to the Museum's projects and programs.

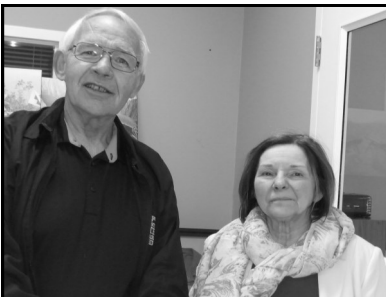


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### Sombra lecture reveals *Our Heroes*

The final lecture of the Sombra Museum fall/winter lecture series was entitled, "Our Heroes: From Fighting Wars To Farming Fields in Lambton." About 30 people attended the lecture which centered around the Polish war veterans who immigrated to Canada after World War II.

The project this lecture was based on, *Polish War Veterans: From Fighting Wars to Farming Fields in Lambton*, is creating a lasting memorial for our heroes and/or families by framing the medals and other artifacts, and showcasing them in Lambton's communities. Unfortunately, many of these items are still gathering dust in basements, drawers, and closets. To honour the Polish veterans who settled in Lambton County, and to celebrate their military achievements, travelling displays were organized, including: Polish Veterans in the Normandy Campaign; Battle of Monte Cassino; and Underground Army and Warsaw Uprising. A special display, *Wojtek The Bear Who Went To The War*, has also been created.



John DeMars and Krystyna Stalmach were among those who enjoyed the Our Heroes lecture.

Photo submitted

### Guess who's 40 years old!



It's been 40 years since the Moore Museum opened its doors to the public. This archive photo shows how the facility began and now, everyone is invited to come out and see how it has changed from a single brick building to a 12-building museum site filled with thousands of heritage artifacts. The 40th Anniversary Open House is slated for Sunday, June 14. To find out more, see *Around the Township*, page 12.

Moore Museum archives

**VOLUNTEERS** are always welcome at the Moore Museum, 519-867-2020, and Sombra Museum, 519-892-3982 (seasonal). A lot of opportunities are available, from helping with major projects to staffing the special events that take place. Call to find out how you can help and make new friends, too.

### NEW BOOK! *Farm Stories, Volume Two* now at Sombra Museum

The second volume of *Farm Stories* is now available at the Sombra Museum.

The book is compiled and issued by the Sombra Historical Society.



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

## June 2015 Program Schedule

Most monthly health and wellness sessions normally slated for the Rapids Family Health Team clinic located in the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street, in Corunna will not take place this month due to renovation activity at the facility. Please watch this column for information regarding future sessions.

The following sessions will be held at facilities as noted. There is no charge for participation but space is limited so registration is required. Call 519-813-9800 or go online to: [www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca)

## Healthy Kids Chefs In Training - Summer Kids Camp

This camp for children entering Grades 1 through 4 will teach them about healthy eating. They will participate in hands-on cooking activities under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian. Take home activities will be provided daily. Each family will receive a booklet containing activities and recipes. These programs are held in partnership with the Moore Optimist Club.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**, Sarnia, will host the camp Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** in Corunna will host the camp from Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31 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 attendees build familiarity with kitchen tools and ingredients that support a balanced diet. The classes will be held at the NOVA Chemicals Teaching Kitchen, 1150 Pontiac Drive in Sarnia. The subject of Whole Grains will be explored on June 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on June 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## ~Temporary lab relocation required~

Until 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.

## Lab open weekdays

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

## Enbridge donates to emergency generator

Enbridge Pipelines Inc. recently kicked off the fundraising effort for the new Brigden emergency response center initiative with a donation of \$7,500. The money will be put towards the \$75,000 cost of installing a natural gas-powered emergency backup generator in the exhibition hall at the Brigden Fairgrounds. The generator will provide emergency power to ensure comfortable accommodation for those in the community who cannot remain in their homes during sustained power outages. On hand for the donation presentation, from left: St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold; Enbridge representative Ken Hall; and Moore Agricultural Society Past-President John Scott.

*Photo submitted*



## 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.

*Please remember those who need our help in times of need;  
Someday, it might just be you.*

## 6th Annual St. Clair River Run coming

The 6th Annual St. Clair River Run will be held on Saturday, July 18. This certified race, presented by CF Industries, is a chip-timed 10 km run and a 5 km walk/run that follows the shoreline of the St. Clair River through the villages of Sombra and Port Lambton. All registered participants will receive a technical t-shirt and a finisher's medal. The children's Minnow Run will follow immediately.

Register at [www.stclairriverrun.ca](http://www.stclairriverrun.ca) **Register before July 1 and save \$5.** All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the scenic St. Clair River Trail.

For more information, call Rose at 519-677-5924.

## 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, go online to: [www.stclairparkwaygolf.com](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com) or call: 519-867-2160.



## Hockey Moms donate to Mooretown Minor Hockey Association

At the Mooretown Minor Hockey Moms *Coaches Appreciation Night*, the group presented the Mooretown Minor Hockey Association with a generous cheque for \$20,000.

The Hockey Moms group consists of parents dedicated to raising funds that help to offset the cost of the hockey program for their children. The group has a representative from every team helping it with its fundraising events.

President Laurie Pepper says the past season was an extremely busy one but it was also very profitable. This was fortunate, since the MMHA underwent an expensive name change in 2014 and the Moms were able to help out financially.

Some of the fundraising events the group undertakes include: tournament kitchens; dances; cash calendars and ticket sales; and the sale of Jr. Flags wearable items such as toques, pins, and stickers.

The group is always looking for new ideas and volunteers.

If you'd like to get involved,  
email: [hockeymoms@mooretownminorhockey.com](mailto:hockeymoms@mooretownminorhockey.com)



Presenting a cheque for \$20,000 to MMHA President Andrew Vandersteen are, from left: Mooretown Minor Hockey Moms (MMHM) Secretary Nicole Wilson, MMHM President Laurie Pepper, and MMHM Treasurer Meghan Schenck.

Photo submitted

## 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](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).



## Indoor walkers in Brigden take summer break

The Indoor Walking and Exercise program at the Brigden exhibition hall recently wrapped up another winter season. These happy walkers, Mona May Thompson, left, Diana Zink, and Gayle Young are the dedicated instructors who kept the well-attended program moving on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Diane is also an instructor at the Mooretown program on Mondays and Wednesdays. Over refreshments on the final day of the season, the instructors were presented with cards and gifts as a token of their students' appreciation for the time, effort, and enthusiasm these three have put into the program. The walking program is sponsored by the West Lambton Community Health Centre, a division of the North Lambton Community Health Centre. More information available at: [www.nlchc.com](http://www.nlchc.com)

*Photo submitted*

# News items from Lambton County

## Precautions urged to avoid tick bites

Warm weather brings out the insects and this summer, Lambton Public Health advises everyone to take steps to avoid tick bites, especially those of the blacklegged (deer) ticks, since they can transmit Lyme disease. These troublesome bugs are difficult to spot; they're about the size of a sesame seed.

Residents are urged to take precautions when visiting areas in and around Pinery Provincial Park, where an established population of these ticks have been confirmed. However, precautions are advisable during outdoor activities in general, as blacklegged ticks have also been found sporadically in other areas of Lambton County.

Symptoms of Lyme disease occur anywhere from three days to a month after being bitten by an infected tick. Symptoms include: fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue, and a red bull's eye skin rash. If detected early, Lyme disease can be easily treated with antibiotics. However, long-term health risks include arthritic, cardiac, and neurological complications. More information can be obtained online at: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)

## Ontario's Smoke-Free Act in effect

Just a reminder that Ontario's Smoke-Free Act is now in effect on restaurant patios as well as within 20 metres of playgrounds, sports fields, and sports surfaces. The sale of tobacco is also banned on university and college campuses.

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has provided municipalities and businesses with materials and signage, and LPH tobacco enforcement officers will be making sure the signs are obeyed.

Residents who wish to report an area that is not in compliance with the act can call 519-383-3810 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3810. More information about the act can be found online at: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca) or at: [www.ontario.ca/smokefree](http://www.ontario.ca/smokefree).

## 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](http://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 Web-site.

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](http://www.textwith911.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

# 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](http://www.corunnapolicing.ca) or find the CCPC on Facebook.



# Community Contact

## **Brigden Fair offers volunteer opportunities for students**

Students who will need volunteer hours to obtain their diplomas in the coming school year can find what they need by working at the Brigden fairgrounds. Volunteer opportunities are available in Brigden all year long, so call the Brigden Fairgrounds Fair Office at 519-864-1197 for more information.

## **Support for trail upkeep encouraged**

Funds raised through the *Pennies for Pavement* program continue to help keep the St. Clair River Trail well-maintained and ready to accommodate those who enjoy the healthful benefits of walking, cycling, and in-line skating along the scenic St. Clair River. You can support the program simply by dropping 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. And don't forget that bricks, benches, and blocks can still be ordered to commemorate a special occasion or to provide a lasting memorial to departed loved ones. To place an order, contact Laura at 519-862-2442 (north end of trail) or Janis at 519-892-3223 (south end of trail). You can also visit the trail Website at: [stclairrivertrail.com](http://stclairrivertrail.com)

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **It's nice, but its no teddy bear**



Autumn from Corunna enjoys a curious cuddle with an Eastern Fox snake during the *Reptiles At Risk* workshop at the Sombra Museum on April 22. Visitors discovered that 11 out of 17 snake species in Ontario are listed as Species at Risk. The event was hosted by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. *Photo submitted*

## **Fundraiser sought for Children's Safety Village**

An official fundraiser is being sought to help explore funding sources and opportunities toward the construction of the Lambton Children's Safety Village. Applicants should have: a working knowledge of Lambton County; computer experience; a driver's license and vehicle; and be well-organized and responsible.

Remuneration is negotiable.

If interested, please contact Mary Ann Buntrock, Chair, via email at [web.mab@ebtech.net](mailto:web.mab@ebtech.net) or mail: 1010 Kenwood Ave., Sarnia, Ont., N7V 3S2

## **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 bocce. 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@coqeco.ca](mailto:jsomlai@coqeco.ca)

## Even More Around The Township

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### **Kids Discover! Dinosaur and Fossils**

Turn the clock back 200 million years and dig into the *Age Of The Reptiles* display now on at the Lambton Heritage Museum, Hwy. 21 south of Grand Bend. Families can explore subjects like fossil classification and the process of fossilization through a variety of specimens, charts and written materials. This exhibit is on until Oct. 12. The museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$4 per student/senior, \$3 per child, and \$15 per family (two adults & two+ children under 18).

### **Lambton At War display at Heritage Museum**

This exhibit, now on at the Lambton Heritage Museum until Nov. 11, explores the contributions of the men, women and children of Lambton County to various war efforts. It includes submissions of stories from residents across the county. For information about this and other programs/exhibits at the museum, go online to: [www.lambtonmuseums.ca](http://www.lambtonmuseums.ca)

### **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.

### **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.

### **Mark your calendar...**

#### **Grand Dessert Gala in Corunna**

Be sure to mark the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 7 on your calendar. You won't want to miss the popular annual

Grand Dessert Gala at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. The evening will feature scrumptious desserts, fellowship, and entertainment with proceeds raised going to the fight against Breast Cancer. Each table hostess invites friends to enjoy the evening, which includes a silent auction, a quilt raffle, and door prizes. For more information, call Patty at 519-862-5084, Juanita at 519-491-5911, or Val at 519-862-1935.

### **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.*

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



**Shred the facts-  
avoid attacks!**

One of the simplest ways to avoid attacks on your identity is to thoroughly destroy any unnecessary personal papers that might become valuable resources to scammers and fraudsters. On May 2, the Shred-It event at the Corunna OPP satellite station parking lot attracted a total of 185 people who brought their documents to be processed. Working the "security" detail are, from left: Darren Theriault of A&W Security Shredding; Corunna Community Policing Committee (CCPC) Vice-Chair Andrew Veale; OPP Cst. P.J. Primeau; and CCPC Treasurer Jamie Moore.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

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Classic Car Show and Shine, a daily jamboree, an antique 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. Vehicle registration opens 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Brigden Fairgrounds. Preregistration of \$5 is required (\$7 at the gate). There will be goody bags and dash plaques for the first 50 cars preregistered. Entry is limited to 1985 and older. 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!

## Lambton Sportsman's Club archery activities

The Lambton Sportsman's Club has set the following dates for **3-D archery shoots**: 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 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.

## 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. The Optimists will have a food booth and licensed refreshment tent onsite to provide a relaxing atmosphere for those who wish to enjoy the live band and magnificent riverside scenery. For the children, the Soapbox Races will begin with registration at 9 a.m. followed by practice runs starting at 10 a.m. *Dotsy the Clown* will be on hand from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to do face painting. 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](mailto:caarssen@hotmail.com)

## Giant garage sale/car wash/bbq

The Courtright United Church will be the scene of a giant garage sale, car wash, and barbecue on Saturday, June 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Courtright/Sixth Line United Mission Team in support of *Mission Dominican Republic 2016*. Proceeds will be used to help build a house and feed a village when the Mission Team returns to the Dominican Republic in March, 2016.

## Corunna Legion hosts Kick Off Party

It's Summer Kick Off Party time again! The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host this popular event on Saturday, June 20, offering music, a "backyard barbecue", and refreshments. The bar opens at 11 a.m. and the music starts at noon. Live bands featured will include: Full Disclosure; McBlues Project; Plank Road Hammers; and Scott Manery & The Barn Burners. There will be a motorcycle show and shine with registration at noon. The fee will be \$5 and prizes will be awarded at 3:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. You can register to win door prizes. ***Admission is free but a donation of canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul would be much appreciated***. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call the Legion at 519-862-1240.

## Memorial service at Black Creek Cemetery

Trustees of the Black Creek Cemetery Board will host the 60th Annual Memorial Service at the cemetery on Sunday, June 21 at 2 p.m. The cemetery is located on Stanley Line west, five miles south of Brigden. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs.

## 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.*

## Everest VBS kids' camp offered

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna will offer *Everest VBS: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power* kids' summer camp the week of July 6 to 10 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. The camp is open to children from Jr. K to Grade 6. They will enjoy memorable activities, sing catchy songs, play games, make and munch yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and have fun with science-oriented gizmos they'll take home to play with all summer long. The children will also join in a local mission project to help support the food bank in Corunna. Registration is now underway. To reserve a place for your child, call 519-862-3641.

## 6th Annual St. Clair River Run

The 6th annual St. Clair River Run is slated for Saturday, July 18. For more information, see page 10.



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## 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.

## Steak bingo at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall, at the intersection of Beckwith and Albert Streets, will be the scene of a steak bingo on Wednesday, June 3, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the games beginning at 7 p.m. Prizes (RBC Prepaid Visa cards) consist of: 1st-\$300 RBC card; 2nd-\$150 card; 3rd-\$50 card. The cost will be \$20 for four cards and there will be 25 regular games plus a Special Game \$2/strip. Food will be available. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

## Spring Derby set for Brigen

The Brigen Fair Spring Derby, *Run What You Brung*, is set for Saturday, June 6. It's going to be a smashing good time as demolition derby drivers and enthusiasts gather for an afternoon of automotive mayhem. Registration must be done prior to 12:30 p.m. with a start time of 1 p.m. Three categories of *Run What You Brung* will include: V8 car; 4-6 cylinder car; and truck. In the *No Welding-Poor Man's Class*, the two categories will be 4-6 cylinder stock, and truck. There are trophies and other prizes to be won, plus a prize for Best Decorated Vehicle. In addition, a Kids' Power Wheels Derby for children ages four through 10 will be held. Admission will be \$10 per adult and free for elementary and pre-school children.

*Reminder: The Brigen Tractor Pull will be held on Friday, June 5, so why not make a weekend of it? A designated area for rustic overnight camping will be available.*

## Ken Adams Memorial Golf Tournery slated

The 2nd Annual Ken Adams Memorial Golf Tournament, hosted by the Mooretown Flags, will be held on Saturday, June 6 at the St. Clair Golf Course. Registration will begin at noon with a shot gun start at 1 p.m. To register yourself or a team, please call: Doug at 519-862-2173 (djmelts@hotmail.com); Chuck at 519-869-4592 (cmelton@cogeco.ca); or Joe at 519-862-1327 (jhlavers@cogeco.ca).

## 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 Duthil 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](http://www.bluewaterhealthfoundation.ca).

## CCPC sponsors bike rodeo

The **Bicycle Rodeo**, sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing Committee 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](http://www.corunnapolicing.ca)

## Community Fun Golf Gathering

The Sombra Sports and Recreation Community Fun Golf Gathering will be held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Saturday, June 13. The cost is \$80 per person and it includes: golf (scramble format), cart, steak dinner, prize. To register or for more information, call Allan at 519-892-3928.

## Moore Museum spring/summer event dates set

Several of the Moore Museum's popular annual events have now been scheduled. **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. Heritage demonstrations will take place throughout the 12-building site, and an official ceremony at 2 p.m. Free hot dogs and cake will be served. Come and celebrate with us!**

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 home-made 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.

## Brigen Campout Country Jamboree

The Moore Agricultural Society (Home of the Brigen Fair) presents the 2nd Annual Brigen Campout Jamboree from June 17 to 21. The weekend includes a