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2015-2016 Brigden Fair Ambassador crowned

Brigden native Esther Thomson, 19, is the newest in a long, lovely line of Brigden Fair ambassadors and queens.

She was crowned on Aug. 9 during the annual Brigden Fair Ambassador contest. Given the high quality of the four competitors' speeches, their interpretation of the special costumes they were asked to prepare to highlight their individual interests/hobbies/ and personality, and the poise they showed while in the spotlight, Judges Erin Courtney, Brian Slaughter, and Don Kabbes had a difficult time making their decision.

The award for best speech also went to Esther, with Lydia Smith chosen second place in that category. Rounding out the field were Taylor Myers and Mariah Ward.

Ms. Thomson received a bursary and a clothing allowance to be used for her appearance in Toronto in February, 2016 and at the annual Ambassador of the Fair competition at the CNE in August, 2016. She will assume her official duties on Sept. 1, 2015.

Ambassador Thomson is one of seven children whose love of animals is especially evident when it comes to horses. As a member of the Brigden 4H Horse and



2015-2016 Brigden Fair Ambassador Esther Thomson

Pony Club, she has competed at the Brigden Fair, Alvinston Fair, and Wyo-

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Local Olympian continues his winning ways

In St. Clair Township, we have a catchy new term for a person who defies gravity; we just call him Derek Drouin.

Our local Olympian continued his winning ways at the recent Pan Am Games held in Toronto as he won the gold medal in the high jump event with an incredible height of 2.37 metres. This was one of the three best in the world so far this year. Derek was part of a Canadian assault on the high jump medals, with fellow team member Mike Mason taking the silver. No stranger to surfing the upper atmosphere, Derek holds the Canadian high jump record of 2.40 metres.

His gold medal performance came just weeks before he set off in late August for the IAAF World Championships in Beijing.

In a television segment aired during the games, Derek credited his older sister, Jillian, for giving him the drive to excel. Jillian, a top flight athlete in her own right, also competed at the Toronto Pan Am Games. She represented Canada in the challenging heptathlon but was foiled by a technical error.



Corunna's Derek Drouin flies over the high jump bar.

CBC photo



Municipal Notes

As of July 1, the Province of Ontario increased the types of ORVs (off-road vehicles) permitted to travel on roadways. To date, it was limited to only ATVs. The rules currently in place to govern operation of such vehicles will not change but safety requirements for riders will be increased. All riders, regardless of age, will be required to wear a helmet and use a seatbelt or foot rests, where applicable.

The Ontario Provincial Police advised council by letter that

New by-law will address expanded on-road access for ATVs/ORVs

a by-law reflecting the change needs to be in effect before the new types of vehicles can be policed. An education period has been in force since the new legislation came into effect, but it terminates as of Sept. 1, 2015. Violation tickets will be issued after that.

The province defines "off-road vehicle" as a broad term that can include single-rider, two-up, and side-by-side ATVs and utility terrain vehicles. These vehicles will be allowed to use the shoulder of public roads.

ORV and ATV owners/riders are urged to find out about the new legislation. Ignorance of its content is no excuse if you are caught violating the law.

Gravel dock raises concerns

A group of residents who live in the vicinity of the Lafarge gravel dock south of Sombra voiced their concerns to council at the Aug. 10 meeting. The quantity of dust being raised at the site has the residents wondering about what toxic elements it might contain. They would like to see dust samples tested for harmful materials. They also questioned the possibility that the company is operating beyond the surveyed limits of its own property. Mayor Arnold pointed out the gravel dock has been operating in that location for several decades but even so, a legal opinion has been sought to find out what can be done. He assured the residents that council will do what it can to help alleviate the problem.

Corunna to host MADD seasonal memorial

Council has approved a request from Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) that will see the installation of 270 small white crosses at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets during the Christmas holiday season. The memorial is a chilling reminder of the average number of Canadians killed each year during the holiday season by impaired drivers. The memorial will be placed and dedicated the morning of Saturday, Nov. 7 and will remain at the corner until the first week of January.



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*.



P. O. Box numbers required by Township

~Attention all Township residents with
P. O. boxes~

If you haven't already done so, please provide the Township office with your P.O. box number so that your bills can be delivered in a timely manner. *Please note that failure to receive a tax or water bill **DOES NOT** excuse a ratepayer from responsibility of payment nor relief of liability of penalty for late payment.*

The Water Department can be contacted at 519-867-2993 or by email at: public-works@twp.stclair.on.ca The Tax Department can be contacted at 519-867-2024 or by email at: taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca

Council meeting schedule

St. Clair Township Council holds its regular meetings at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown every first and third Monday of the month. Upcoming meetings will be held on: Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. (to allow for Labour Day Monday); Monday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.; and Monday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

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 Saturday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 31.



St. Clair Township 2015 Property Tax Due Dates

The final tax due date
will be **Oct. 7, 2015**

The 2015 final tax notices for non-capped properties were mailed out the beginning of July, 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 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

Testing shows sodium in township groundwater



*The following information has been
issued by Lambton Public Health.*

Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) tests have shown higher than normal levels of sodium in samples taken from monitoring wells in St. Clair Township. The levels exceed acceptable limits set by the Ontario Drinking Water Standards.

Higher than normal sodium levels in PGMN wells may indicate sodium levels in local groundwater also exceed acceptable levels.

It should be noted that municipal water systems are not part of this program.

Lambton Public Health encourages homeowners in St. Clair Township who use private wells for drinking water to test their wells for sodium.

Testing is especially recommended for people with hypertension or congestive heart failure who require a sodium-restricted diet. Those who are on such a diet should inform their physicians about higher than normal sodium test results.

Lambton Public Health does not offer a water testing service for sodium, however, residents should check the local telephone directory for private water-testing labs that can do this test.

For more information about the PGMN, contact 1-800-565-4923 or go online to: www.ontario.ca/data/provincial-groundwater-monitoring-network

A Public Health Inspector from Lambton Public Health can be contacted at 519-383-8331, ext. 3576, or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3576.

Trees planted as part of legacy project

Over 160 trees will be planted at County sites throughout Lambton County as part of the legacy project announced by Warden Bev MacDougall at the 2015 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative annual meeting and conference in June.

Bowens Creek Reforestation project and the Moore Landfill Buffer Lands, both in St. Clair Township, are among the potential sites being considered.

Other sites being considered include Perch Creek Habitat in Sarnia, the Marthaville Wetland in Enniskillen, and the Lambton County Heritage Forest and Sandrin Lands in Port Franks. All of the sites are owned by Lambton County and managed by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

During her announcement, Warden MacDougall said, "The County of Lambton is proud of its commitment to naturalized areas...This project symbolizes the awesome responsibility our community feels to care for the environment that has been entrusted to us. We take pride in the stewardship of our natural resources and the role we play in regional ecosystems."

Regional RideShare Program improved to cut emissions and make travel more affordable

The County of Lambton's Going Green Committee is partnering with the City of London to offer Regional RideShare, a free service offered to interested carpoolers from all over southwestern Ontario. They are matched with a driver or rider to share rides to work, school, medical appointments, or special events.

The goal is to cut down on vehicle emissions and to make travel more affordable. The service can be accessed at: www.regionalrideshare.ca

Participants who sign up on the Website will be asked to enter their home and destination details, driving preferences, travel times, whether they're a rider or a driver, and how many seats are available. The site will then search for compatible carpoolers who live in the same neighbourhood or along the identified route. It will then be up to the participant to send the matching carpoolers a suggestion to share the ride. All users are required to review and adhere to the mandatory Regional RideShare rules.

The Lambton launch of the Regional RideShare Program will be held on Sept. 24. This service is available free of charge to all Lambton County residents, municipalities, agencies, and organizations.



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:

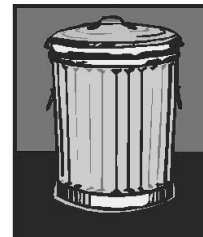
Collection will be on Wednesday or Friday, each week, depending on the service area.

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 collection is now over. 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:

The next small brush collection will take place on 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 continue

Lawn watering restrictions will until Aug. 31. Even numbered houses may water lawns on even numbered days and odd numbered houses may water lawns on odd numbered days.



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

Volunteering, music and horses keep new ambassador busy

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ming Fair, and she is also employed locally as a riding instructor. Her expertise in this field recently took her to Florida where she was training and riding eventing horses there. Her affinity for horses has also made her a valuable member of the Disabled Riding Program, introducing children with disabilities to horseback riding.

An avid music lover, Ms. Thomson sings, and plays piano and guitar. While a student at LCCVI, where she graduated with honours, she sang with the school's jazz ensemble, Jazz Attack, as well as with the All Ontario Choir.

And as if that wasn't enough, Esther volunteers her time during special events at the Moore Museum and helps out at various Sarnia nursing homes with her family.

Although the current ambassador, Jory Fulcher, said her farewells during the recent competition, she still had one more major appearance to make on behalf of the Brigden Fair. She was off to Toronto to attend the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Ambassador competition at the Canadian National Exhibition on



Ambassador Contest Emcee Tony Frangis, an on-air personality from CHOK 103.9 FM and 1070 AM, has a bit of fun with the four contestants, from left: Taylor Myers, Mariah Ward, Lydia Smith, and Esther Thomson.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

Aug. 21. During this three-day event, about 75 other ambassadors from all over Ontario are able to network with their peers in addition to competing for the Ambassador of the Fair title.

The Ambassador program provides excellent leadership opportunities for youth while they promote their fair to others.



Moore Museum volunteers thanked for their efforts

At the annual Moore Museum Volunteer Appreciation dinner on July 20, it was the museum's staff and helpers who got to do the work. The result was a delicious meal and recognition for their efforts throughout the year on the museum's behalf. About 85 people attended the event. Anxiously awaiting their turn at the buffet are, clockwise from foreground end of table: Emily Moore, Erin Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Linda Henry, June Rankin, Grace McLaughlin, and Seth Preston.

Photo submitted

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.

HERITAGE CORNER

Two new interpretive plaques debut at Brander Park

Brander Park south of Port Lambton was the scene of a dedication celebration on Aug. 15. The event, which marked the grand opening of the new pavilion, also saw the official unveiling of two plaques commemorating two forward-thinking local individuals who left very different legacies.

During the event, Heritage St. Clair Chair David Pattenden thanked the Brander Park Splash Pad Committee for allowing his group to “piggy back” on their project, providing ideal placement sites for the two plaques. He also thanked St. Clair Township Council for its ongoing support, as well as the Lambton County Creative Culture Fund and BF Environmental Consultants for their contributions to the project.



Two descendants of Francois Baby were on hand for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque dedicated to their great-great-great grandfather. Here, Heritage St. Clair Chair David Pattenden, left, and St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold watch as Kurrie Storey of Toronto and Patricia Kennedy of London reveal the plaque. *See below.* Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

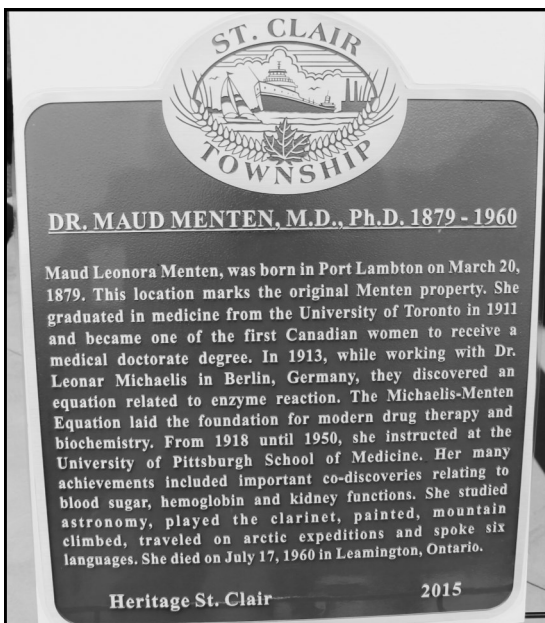
Musical blueberry social delights patrons



A plethora of pies and pastries at the Sombra Museum Blueberry Social were made even more enjoyable by the sound of music that filled the air. This year's social, held on Aug. 2, was combined with the popular *Music On The Porch* event. Helping to serve up homemade blueberry confections as well as fruit and other munchies is Sombra Museum volunteer Kailyn Shepley.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who slaved over hot ovens in the summer heat to produce the sweet selection of goodies we all enjoyed.

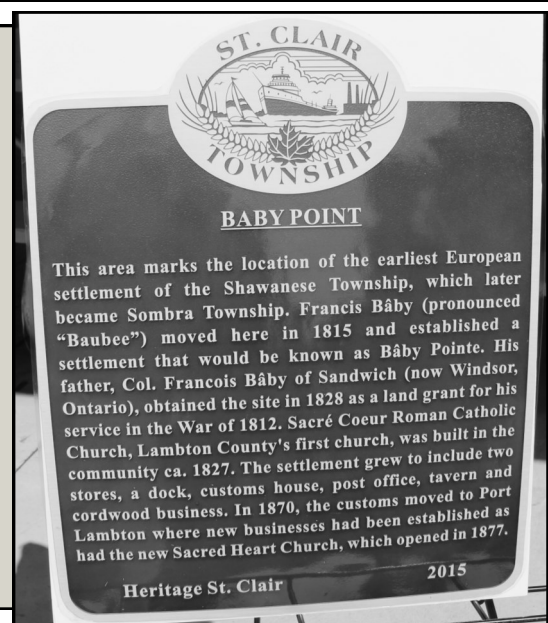
Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



These two plaques, dedicated on Aug. 15, are now stationed along the river front walkway at Brander Park.

The Baby Point plaque was unveiled by two of Francois Baby's (pronounced *Baabee*) descendants, who traveled to Port Lambton to honour their great-great-great grandfather's legacy. The plaque is especially timely considering that 2015 marks the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Baby Pointe.

Dr. Maud Menten, who spent her early years in Port Lambton, was one of Canada's first female physicians and a biochemist who had a profound impact in the field of medical research.



All Dolled Up Downtown exhibit at Sombra Museum a nostalgic gem



Above: Dolls are arranged as they might have been seen decades ago in Ye Olde Toy Shoppe. Of special interest is the Barbara Ann Scott doll in lower right corner. Scott won the gold medal in figure skating for Canada at the 1948 St. Moritz Olympics. The same year, she went on to win top honours at both the European Championships and the World Championships. She was a Canadian heroine and this commemorative doll was a treasured playmate for many little girls.

The days when a little girl's best friend was probably a dolly live again at the Sombra Museum. The second floor of the Bury House (original museum building) at the corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway is currently featuring *All Dolled Up Downtown*, an extensive collection of dolls from the collection of Marlene Robbel, a collector of composite dolls dating from 1913 to 1950. She bought her first doll in the 1970s while still a young girl, and she continued to build her collection over the years until there were over 200 composite dolls.

Marlene and her husband, Bob, spent many hours restoring many of the dolls to their original condition. She also volunteered at the Sombra Museum, participating in a fashion show and hosting a Doll Hospital event with her husband and her sister. Over the years, selected dolls from her collection have been displayed throughout the museum for special events and exhibits.

Sombra Museum is proud to receive Marlene's collection of composite dolls and to share them with visitors of all ages to appreciate and enjoy. Here are two examples of what you will see.



Above: The nursery room features a sweet collection of baby dolls, many of them wearing clothing Marlene made for them.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

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

Three great local books now available at the Sombra Museum

Three fascinating locally-authored books are now available for purchase at the Sombra Museum. *Sombra Farms, Number Two* has something of interest to all as it features 14 stories and many photos that illustrate the area's rich agricultural and rural heritage.

Thornhurst School-A Bygone Era by Margaret Devin will be available beginning Aug. 2. This heartwarming volume describes life at a local one-room schoolhouse that still stands along Highway 40 in Sombra Township.

And in *St. Clair's Allies In Arms: The Men of Sombra and Moore Townships in WWI*, the names of 500 local men, 40 of whom paid the ultimate price for their service, along with local women who served as nurses, are listed. Stories of their struggles, along with background on the Lambton 149, the local recruitment battalion, are included. This volume is now available in paperback form at the Sombra Museum, Moore Museum and the Book Keeper in Samia.

27th Annual Downriver Craft Sale coming to Moore Museum

The 27th Annual Downriver Craft Sale will be at the Moore Museum on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are unique hand-crafted items of all kinds that are just perfect for gift-giving or treating yourself. Admission is \$2 per adult and children under age 13 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Craftspeople wishing to sell their creations at this popular event can contact the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 to request a registration package.

A registration form may also be downloaded online at: www.mooremuseum.ca/event/downriver-craft-sale.

CAPTAIN KIDD INVADES CORUNNA



When Captain Kidd made his 30th annual stop in Corunna this summer, he brought with him some exotic artifacts he and his buccaneers had looted from a far away land of giants. The Corunna Athletic Park magically became an amusement park as well. **Above:** The huge bouncy artifacts drew a field full of curious citizens, who lined up by the hundreds to climb upon them and to float in them, and to discover more about them. When they departed the site of the mag-

ical display, everyone was laughing and thinking what a happy time they'd had.

The weather cooperated to produce a fantastic weekend featuring a parade, lots of entertainment, tasty food, and even some fascinating reptiles, not to mention a baseball tournament and a volleyball tournament.

Below: Two of the seven competing volleyball teams play in the quarter finals.



Moore Museum adds ambulance to vehicle roster

Recently returned to road-worthy condition by Moore Museum volunteers, this 1969 Steadman Brothers ambulance, now part of the Moore Museum's collection, took part in this year's Captain Kidd Parade. The ambulance is a Ford Chateau Wagon, a vehicle that was popular for ambulance conversions due to its large interior volume. This is one of only two in existence today. The vehicle was purchased from Dean Core, who operated the Ford Motor garage in Brigden. It was then converted into an ambulance by Lyle Steadman and his brother, Paul, along with Ronald Krohn. It was originally black with a white roof and gold lettering displaying the Steadman name on the side. In 1975, the Steadmans' ambulance was taken to London where it was painted white and blue to conform to the Ministry of Health's requirements. When the newer ambulances were changed to the new orange and white colour, the white and blue one was operated as a spare unit until 1982.

Photo submitted



Port Lambton GALA DAYS

The Civic Holiday weekend had St. Clair Township jumping all the way down the river, with Port Lambton holding its annual Gala Days and Corunna hosting Captain Kidd at the same time. McDonald Park in Port Lambton was the place to be for exciting baseball action as well as music and entertainment, kid-friendly fun, good food, and the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. The men's and women's two-pitch tournaments featured 12 teams each. Shown clockwise

from right: A player from Team Klompstra sends the ball flying. During the parade, the Port Lambton Pirates Girls' baseball team hitches a ride. Meanwhile, at the food concession, a lineup of hungry customers enjoy the fare. And high up in one of the mighty trucks from the St. Clair Township Fire Department's Port Lambton station, a future firefighter and his mom enjoy the view as part of the parade.



"Early Birds" will get a break at the Brigden Fair midway

It's Brigden Fair time again and everyone who enjoys the midway will be happy to know that they can get a break on their midway tickets if they take advantage of the "Early Bird" special.

World's Finest Shows will be selling 'early bird special' midway coupon tickets online. They will be available up to the Thursday night before the Fair (Thanksgiving Weekend). To purchase your tickets, go to: www.worldsfinestshows.com

Early bird tickets can also be bought in person on the Friday of the fair until 4 p.m.

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@cogeco.ca

Brander Park rejuvenation creates showplace for family fun and leisurely reflection

For those of you who haven't treated yourself to a trip to Brander Park south of Port Lambton, what are you waiting for?

The park has undergone a remarkable transformation and is now a showplace all St. Clair Township residents can take pride in. The river side of the park, which is divided into two separate parks by the St. Clair Parkway, now features a new pavilion, a splash pad, and a large playground full of equipment that can be climbed on, swung from, peeked through, and slid down. In short, the park lends itself to any imaginary adventure a child can come up with.

Top right: On the east side of the Parkway, Brander Park becomes a place of peaceful splendor. A scenic reflecting pond and shady green spaces are punctuated by colourful gardens. Look in another direction and you'll see water lily-covered inlets offering glimpses of basking painted turtles and whimsical metal sculptures that give the space a magical presence. This quiet side of Brander Park has become a favourite site for wedding photography and for times when the hectic pace of life makes us seek the serenity of nature.

Below: On a hot summer day, a modern playground and the brand new splash pad offer fun for kids of any age. A picnic pavilion and beautifully landscaped grounds along the stunning St. Clair River provide just the kind of atmosphere where family time can be enriched and memories can be made.

Bottom right: The financial goal of \$200,000 for the new splash pad was celebrated at Brander Park on Aug. 15



when Mayor Steve Arnold, left, and Splash Pad Committee Co-chairs Anne Hazzard and Dave Cram put the final section on the fundraising thermometer. All further money raised will be used for the upkeep and improvement of the park through the Friends of Brander Park organization. St. Clair Township, along with the many businesses, industries and individuals who contributed to funding the project, were thanked for their support and contributions. Mr. Cram also thanked the Port Lambton Athletic Association and St. Clair Township Fire Department's Port Lambton Station personnel for their support and contributions. He noted that the project offers families a comfortable space to enjoy their time at the park. A separate event to recognize contributors to the Brander Park project was held on Aug. 22.

Remember, Autumn's on the way. There will never be a better time to put your frantic daily routine on hold and treat yourself and your family to a memorable afternoon at Brander Park.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Autumn action now at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Fall Swimming Lessons

Register now for fall swimming lessons. Private lessons, group, adult, parent & tot programs are available. Lessons will begin the week of Sept. 21. For more information, check out the Fall brochure at www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

Spinning classes offered

Join our certified spinning instructors for a great workout to improve your cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Classes are held Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., or Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. If you're a beginner, there are classes designed for you on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you're looking for strength training combined with a spin workout, come to the Bikes & Bells class on Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. or Monday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Piloxing classes

If you haven't tried Piloxing, here's your chance to do it. Piloxing incorporates boxing, dance, and Pilates for an incredibly high energy workout. Classes are held Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$72 for 12 weeks.

Hip hop and ballet classes

Join Hana Omar-Craig from HOC Dance Club to learn fun, exciting, and popular Hip Hop dance moves for ages seven through 13. The classes will be held on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at a cost of \$120 for 12 weeks. Ballet for ages three through five will be offered from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at a cost of \$110 for 12 weeks. And ballet for ages six through nine will be held from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$120 for 12 weeks. Classes begin Thursday, Sept. 17.

Girl Power fitness

This fitness program is for girls ages 14 to 15 only. Taught by personal trainer Diane Tuckey, participants will learn workout basics and fitness techniques, and try a variety of classes. This six-week session will run Fridays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at a cost of \$60 for the session.

Muscle Mix group fitness classes

The Muscle Mix group fitness class includes kettlebell training that will build lean muscles, improve strength and power in your upper body, core and lower body, and increase coordination, joint mobility, and overall endurance. Classes are held Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 per class for seniors, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$255 with a full fitness centre membership.

Cardio kick boxing

The cardio kick boxing fitness class is a high energy cardio workout that employs martial arts moves to rev up your metabolism. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 per class for seniors, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$255 with a full fitness centre membership.

Shallow & deep water aerobics

Discover the rejuvenating power of water with these programs as they take you through a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow water classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 per class for seniors, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$205 per year, \$195 per year for seniors. This class is also

included in the full fitness centre membership of \$225.

Lifeguard and swimming instructor courses

Become a lifeguard and swimming instructor. Contact us to find out how.

Water Therapy - arthritis and fibromyalgia water exercise

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, balance and flexibility training, with the goal of improved mobility. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 for seniors, and \$45 per 10 visit pass. Join any time.

FREE indoor/outdoor walking exercise program

The West Lambton CHC sponsored walking exercise program is held every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The start date has yet to be determined. Call for more information

Red Cross Babysitting course

The Red Cross Babysitting course will be held on PA day, Friday, Nov. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is designed for youth 11 years and over who want to become a babysitter. The course covers responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in case of an emergency. The cost of the program, including manual, is \$45 per child.

Shinny hockey is back!

Adult shinny hockey will be held every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning on Sept. 23. The cost is \$5 per person.

Public skates planned

Public skates will be held on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 20. The cost is just \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, or \$6.50 per family.

FREE Parents, tots, and seniors skate

Enjoy this great family activity on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Sept. 9.

FREE! Smoking cessation STOP program

Lambton Public Health, in partnership with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and St. Clair Township, is offering a FREE nicotine replacement therapy workshop on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To register for this important program, call Lambton Public Health at 519-344-2062, ext. 2350.

~~~CONTACT US!~~~

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.



## 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).



# News items from Lambton County

## Free LPH Dental Health Clinic open all summer

A free basic dental care service for children and youth from families without dental insurance/coverage will be offered all summer at the Lambton Public Health's in-house dental clinic.

Eligible children and youth aged 17 years and younger can visit LPH for cleaning (scaling and polishing), fluoride treatments, sealants, and a lesson in proper brushing and flossing. These services can help to prevent early childhood tooth decay and maintain good dental health. The clinic is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Maria van Harten, LPH Dental Consultant, says these services are more important than you may think. "Early childhood tooth decay is not only an infection that can be painful, but it can affect speech, eating, learning, playing, and sleeping. We know tooth decay can affect growth and development."

For more information, call 519-383-8331 or toll free at 1-800-667-1839. And for details about dental assistance programs such as Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) or Children In Need of Treatment (CINOT), go online to: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)

## West Nile watch in progress

Lambton Public Health has started its annual Dead Bird Surveillance and on June 12, the first dead crow to test positive for West Nile virus in 2015 was discovered in Sarnia's north end. West Nile virus is spread through the bite of infected mosquitoes.

The majority of people infected with West Nile virus do not become sick and those who do usually experience mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, skin rash, or muscle aches. Less than one per cent of people infected with the virus become seriously ill.

Property owners are urged to keep breeding areas such as stagnant water puddles and eaves troughs drained, and bird bath water changed frequently. To avoid being bitten, wear protective, light-coloured clothing, use repellants containing DEET, avoid areas with high mosquito populations, and take extra precautions between dusk and dawn.

The public is encouraged to report the sighting of all dead birds to Lambton Public Health by calling 519-383-3824, toll free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3824, or online at [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca). Dead adult crows and blue jays may be considered for testing if they have been dead for less than 24 hours.

## Bike helmets: Parents should set example

Lambton Public Health is encouraging parents to set a good example for their children while out riding bicycles. "Bike helmets can reduce the risk of serious injury and death by up to 85 per cent, yet many parents don't wear a bicycle helmet when cycling with their children," says LPH Health Promoter Kelley Elliot. "That is a missed opportunity to influence their children's safety behaviour, or lack thereof." For more information on how parental action or inaction influences child safety behaviour, go online to: [www.theywill2.ca](http://www.theywill2.ca) or read the SMARTRISK publication *Parental Influence Over Teen Risk-taking Behaviour, a review of the literature* which is available online at: [www.parachutecanada.org](http://www.parachutecanada.org)



## Hoopla offers entertainment

A new site called *hoopla* is now available through the Lambton County Library. The site gives library members access to thousands of movies and television shows, as well as music. You can borrow up to seven items each month. Loan periods are three days for movies and seven days for music. The borrowed content can be accessed without limit during the checkout period.

To register for this service, you must have a valid Lambton County Library membership card and a PIN number. Go to your local library branch to register, to renew your membership, or to get a PIN number. The site can be accessed on an Android device running version 4.x of the OS or higher. It is compatible with Apple devices running iOS version 7.1 or higher. On a PC or Mac, Explorer 10, Chrome 39, Firefox 32 and Safari 7 or newer is required.

## Beach sampling now in progress

Lambton Public Health is now testing area beaches for signs of high bacterial levels. Beaches that are found to be unsafe will be posted with warning signs.

Beach water quality information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling the Beach Water Quality Information Line at 519-383-3816, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3816, or visit [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)

## 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 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](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 Tobacco Hotline at 519-383-3810 or toll-free 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3810.

# Community Contact

## ***Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser underway***

The Samia Elks Lodge 503 is holding a unique fundraiser in support of the local charities it helps. The Bakeless Bake Sale encourages everyone to donate the price they would normally pay for baked goods at a bake sale. You'll be helping a worthy cause without putting on pounds. Donors can send their donations to: The Samia Elks Lodge 503, P.O. Box 1267, Corunna, Ont., N0N 1G0. Enjoy this low-cal way to support good work in your community.

## ***Brigden Fair Harvest The Gold tickets***

Show your support for the Brigden Fair by picking up your *Harvest The Gold* 50/50 tickets from any Brigden Fair Director, Fundraising Committee member, or at the Fair office. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and proceeds will go to the Agricultural/Educational features of the fair. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold and to claim your prize, you must be 18 years of age or over. *Get 'em before they're gone!*

## ***Please support local food banks***

We empathize with those in need around the globe, but we often forget about those who live in need in our own community. The Sacred Heart Food Bank in Port Lambton, Operation Christmas Tree in Corunna, and several other local food banks, all struggle to help these families get by. We can help with donations of food and financial support. If you eat well every day and have a decent roof over your head, please consider those who do not and help if you can.

## ***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. Please support this fundraiser 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. 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)

## ***Brigden Fair student volunteer opportunities***

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.

## ***Lambton County Jr. Optimist Club seeks 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.

## ***Mosaic Lambton Project will honour Canada's 150th***

The Lambton Mosaic Project (LMP) is now underway in Lambton County. A six-member Need To Read committee, established through Organization For Literacy In Lambton, has developed this as a Confederation project to honour Canada's upcoming 150th anniversary on July 1, 2017. All residents of the 14 communities within Lambton County (11 Municipalities and 3 First Nations Communities) will be encouraged to participate in this project. The objective will be to create a mosaic map

of Lambton County.

The map will show all of the Municipalities and Communities. It will display creations of artistic and literary contributions showing what people love best about their local communities in a creative form that is most comfortable for them; drawings, paintings, photos, poems, crafts, and short stories will be among the creations will be included. It is hoped that the project will inspire and motivate people to better integrate, communicate, and promote cultural arts, literary arts, and education. The mosaic will offer contributors exposure for their completed works, which will be showcased on a special Website. An unveiling event will be held in 2017 to display the Lambton Mosaic Project, recognizing the community partners and contributors, while at the same time, honouring the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

The Organization For Literacy In Lambton has been awarded a 2014 grant from the Lambton County Creative Fund (LCCF) to get the project underway and will be seeking further funding from future LCCF intakes and donations. This project is sponsored by: Organization For Literacy In Lambton, the Creative County Fund, Samia-Lambton Workforce Development Board, Rotary Club of Samia, Tourism Samia-Lambton, Margaret Bird. Contributors must use their talents to demonstrate what inspires them most about their community. The project is open to all age groups and submissions to the project will be accepted until March 31, 2016. For more information, go online to: [www.Lambtonmosaic.com](http://www.Lambtonmosaic.com)

## ***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. 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.

## ***Corunna Soccer Club extends thanks***

*The Corunna Soccer Club would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make this year's 2015 season a success. The club would also like to thank St. Clair Township and staff for keeping the soccer fields in good shape. Updates on the club's fall skills program as well as registration dates can be found online at: [www.corunnasoccer.com](http://www.corunnasoccer.com)*

*Please note that 2016 registration has begun. Registration forms can be mailed now.*

## ***Sombra street to close during Girl Guide event***

Motorists in the Sombra village area on Saturday, Sept. 26 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. are asked to avoid Water Street between King Street and Smith Street.

The temporary closure will create a safety zone for girls participating in the annual Girl Guides of Canada International River Crossing event. Activities will be held all day at the vacant property at the intersection of King and Water Streets. The event brings members of the Girl Guides of Canada and the Girls Scouts of Michigan together to enjoy crafts, games, activities and food, as well as to form new friendships.

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

### September 2015 Schedule

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 are still temporarily disrupted, but the recently renovated building reopened on July 13 at 7:30 a.m. The renovations were possible thanks to a generous donation from Pembina. For information, call 519-813-9800 or go online to: [www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca)

Watch the Beacon for schedule information when regular sessions begin again.

### Lab open weekdays

The lab at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna is now open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for all residents of St. Clair Township.



### Pt. Lambton Mosquito Pirates strike gold

The Port Lambton Mosquito Pirates struck gold for the second year in a row during the River League baseball wrap-up tournament in Wallaceburg. Nine teams competed in the double-knockout format tourney. The team was undefeated during regular

season play. Coach Bob Murphy attributes the teams triumph to pitching depth, solid defense, and reliable hitting from the entire lineup. Showing off their medals are: Lying down - Logan Lester and Joey Taylor. Front kneeling: Drew Bunda, Kelly Johnston, Marcus Boswell, Cameron Hazzard, Logan Klompstra, Ivan Dubois. Second row: Jack Murphy, Braydon Bowles, Ethan Arnold, Chase Belland. Back row: Coaches Adam Taylor, Nathan Hazzard, Bob Murphy, Ryan Klompstra. Absent: Pierce Brown.

*Photo submitted*

## Mooretown Flags ready to rock the rink for 2015-2016

The Mooretown Flags will open the 2015-2016 season with their home opener against the Wallaceburg Lakers on Saturday, Sept. 12. The puck drop is at 7:30 p.m.

The Flags will host a couple of Friday night home games this season. The first will take place on Friday, Sept. 18 when the team takes on Essex at 8 p.m.

### Home Game Schedule

Home games are slated for the Mooretown Sports Complex on the following dates: Sat., Sept. 19 at 7:30 against Alvinston; Sat., Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Sat., Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. against Dresden; Sat., Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. against Blenheim; Sat. Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. against Essex; Sat., Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. against Wheatley; Wed., Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. against Lakeshore; Sat., Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. against Wheatley; Sat., Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. against Essex; Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. against Wallaceburg; Sat., Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. against Dresden; Wed., Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. against Wheatley; Sat., Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Sat., Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. against Blenheim; Sat., Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. against Lakeshore; Sat., Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m. against Alvinston; Sat., Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. against Amherstburg; Sat., Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. against Blenheim.

**COME OUT AND ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM!**



## More Around The Township

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### Grand Dessert Gala in Corunna

You won't want to miss the popular annual Grand Dessert Gala at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Wednesday, Oct. 7. 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.

### 160th Anniversary celebration for Corunna U. C.

The Corunna United Church will celebrate its 160th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 18 this year. To celebrate, the congregation will host a roast beef dinner with entertainment on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. Admission is by **advanced tickets only**. They can be purchased by calling Joyce at 519-862-3421, Vicky at 519-862-1068, or June at 519-862-1692.

### Annual Fall Harvest Dinner

The Bridgen United Church will host the annual Fall Harvest Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 25. For information, call the church at 519-864-1741.

### Trap shooting and sporting clays weekly shoots

The Lambton Sportsman's Club will hold trap shooting (clay targets) on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. and sporting clays (a different type of clay target sport) on Sundays at 1 p.m. sharp. These activities are open to the public and ladies are welcome. For more information, call Caron Ball at 519-862-2641 or 519-381-1199. The club is located on the southeast corner of Hwy. 40 and Bickford Line in beautiful St. Clair Township.

### Winter Jamboree series slated

The Bridgen Fairgrounds exhibition hall will be hosting its popular Winter Jamboree series again this year. The first jamboree is slated for Sunday, Nov. 8, with others planned for the following dates: Dec. 13, Christmas Jamboree; Jan. 10, Winter Wonderland Jamboree; Feb. 14, Valentine's Jamboree; March 13, St. Patrick's/Everyone Is Irish Jamboree; and April 10, Spring Jamboree. Mark your calendars and enjoy!

### Barn Dance Show coming to Bridgen

Do you remember the CKNX Barn Dance show on the Wingham radio station? If you long for the days of doe-se-doe, you won't want to miss Canada's Largest Traveling Barn Dance Show, presented by the Bridgen Fair/Moore Agricultural Society and the Barn Dance Historical Society. The show, slated for Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Bridgen Fair exhibition hall, will feature Master of Ceremonies Jim Swan and special guests. Doors open at 1:45 p.m. and the show will start at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available from the Bridgen Fair office or by calling 519-864-1197. You can also go online to: [info@brиденfair.ca](mailto:info@brиденfair.ca)

### Artisans sale at Windswept in Port Lambton

An array of artisans will display their beautiful work throughout the rooms of Port Lambton's *Windswept Retreat House* on Saturday, Nov 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be something for everyone on your Christmas list as you take in a wide variety of handcrafted items including: stone-art; stained and fused glass;

unique children's toys and aprons; jewellery; pottery; soaps; quilts; scarves; garden and Christmas décor; jams; dips; baked goods; freezer-ready comfort foods; and much more. Windswept is located at 4296 St. Clair Parkway in Port Lambton. Partial proceeds will go to the South Lambton Christmas food basket drive.

### Messy Church at Bridgen United

The Messy Church event will be held at Bridgen United Church on the last Tuesday of every month from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. through June, 2016. Everyone is invited to join the congregation members for a fun and messy evening of worship, crafts, and supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. If Sunday mornings are too busy for you, here's a chance to attend church mid-week.

### Coffee club meets at

### Thompson Gardens

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

### Ongoing activities offered at

### Cruikshank Community Centre

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

### 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.

### Recovery support group meets weekly

Recovery International, a self-help group for those who struggle with mental health issues, meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's United Church in Sarnia. Issues that are covered include phobias, depression, anxiety, sleeplessness, and several others. For more information, contact Rita at 519-867-2932.

## 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 Noon.**

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

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

# Around The Township

## Baseball Provincials to be held in Courtright

The Corunna Giants Senior Baseball Team will host the Baseball Provincials at the Courtright ball diamond on Sept. 4 through 6th. *Bat 'er up!*

## Queen Elizabeth II - longest reign display

The Moore Museum will host a display at the Corunna Library on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The display will commemorate the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning British monarch in history.

## Forever Fit classes resume in Corunna

The Forever Fit classes for anyone 55 and over, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach, will resume at Thompson Garden's Cruickshank Centre beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9. Classes will be held on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call Gayle at 519-813-9853, Dianne at 519-862-2678, or Mary at 519-862-2124.

## Moore Skate Club registration

The Moore Skate Club will hold registration for the 2015/2016 season for all skating programs including power skating on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

## 1st Sombra scouts resume

The 1st Sombra Township Scouts for ages five through seven will resume at the Port Lambton Community Centre on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Cub Scouts for ages eight through 10 will resume on Thursdays beginning Sept. 10 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Scouts for ages 11 and older will resume at Riverview Central School on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information or for those who are interested in volunteering, please contact Ralph at: [scouter\\_ralph@bell.net](mailto:scouter_ralph@bell.net)

## Downriver Craft Sale coming to Moore Museum

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.

## Lambton Sportsman's Club archery activities

The Lambton Sportsman's Club's **3-D archery shoots** continues until 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.

## Hockey Moms host Girls Night Out

The Mooretown Hockey Moms will host Girls Night Out, a wine and cheese evening featuring a quarter auction, on Friday, Sept. 25 at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the auction starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 and there will be wine, non-alcoholic drinks, and appetizers. Bring your rolls of quarters because 15 vendors will be participating in this event. All profits will help fund the hockey moms' many worthy projects.

## Mission DR 2016 fundraiser slated

The congregation of the Courtright Sixth Line Church will hold its Mission DR 2016 Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome). A delicious lasagna dinner will be served and musical entertainment by Cliff Erickson will be featured. There will also be a silent auction with all proceeds to be used to help the Mission DR team build a home and feed a village in the Dominican Republic. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available by calling Kim at 519-481-0724 or Jill at 519-491-5510.

## Hockey Moms' fundraisers ongoing

The Mooretown Hockey Moms have a busy season ahead as they continue to raise money to help fund team activities. The Moms will be cooking up some good grub at the upcoming tournament slated for the Mooretown Sports Complex on Oct. 25 through 27. Their efforts help feed the hungry teams as well as avid spectators. The group will also be selling fundraiser items such as the Hockey Moms Keepsake 2016 Calendar, Christmas draw tickets (first prize is an all inclusive trip for two to Cuba), Mooretown drawstring backpacks, leather logo necklaces, toques, mini sticks, stickers and more.

## Princess Tea Party in Corunna

Children will enjoy being taken to a Princess Tea Party on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be hosted by the congregation of Corunna United Church and will include entertainment, tea sandwiches, and desserts. Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For information or to purchase tickets, call Nina at 519-862-2379 or Sylvia at 519-862-1040.

## Broasted Chicken Dinner in Port Lambton

The Port Lambton Knights of Columbus Council 10873 is hosting the annual Broasted Chicken Dinner, prepared by Car Barn, on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Admission is by **advance tickets only**. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$7 for children ages six through 12, and free for children under age five. Take out orders will be available. For tickets, contact any Knights of Columbus member or call Joe at 519-677-4468, Peter at 519-436-8651, or Frank at 519-677-5328.

## Bridge Luncheon planned for Corunna U. C.

The Corunna United Church Women will host their annual Bridge Luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at noon. To reserve a table, please call Sylvia at 519-862-1040 or Gillian at 519-862-3173.