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Fresh apples the best fair food for some



Young Easton set a good example for everyone in the entertainment tent on opening day of the Brigden Fair. He clearly demonstrated how delicious a fresh locally-grown apple can be as he watched his aunt, Crystal Gage, perform on stage just before the opening ceremonies on Friday morning. His sister, Raelyn, left, and his minder, Chantelle Pouget, accompanied him to the show. **For more 2015 Brigden Fair Memories, see pages 8 and 9.**

MINIONS INVADE BRIGDEN

Stuart and Bob were hard to miss as they advertised the Brigden Fair on the lawn of the Ford Residence on Brigden Road. This hay bale Minion sign was just one of several clever, innovative efforts that showed the community's pride in their premier home town fair. After 165 years of showing the best in agricultural achievements, the Brigden Fair continues to improve and delight with every passing year.

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS AND TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN!



**EARLY DEADLINE
FOR
JANUARY BEACON**

The Beacon appreciates everyone who submit items and photographs for publication through the year. Please note that the deadline for submissions to the January, 2016 issue of the Beacon will be Monday, Dec. 14 by noon. The regular deadline for submissions is usually the third Monday of each month by noon.

Email: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca



Municipal Notes

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: Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday, Nov. 16 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.



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

Award received from County

Right: The beauty of the St. Clair River shore and the hard work that has gone into maintaining it has been acknowledged by Lambton County. Mayor Steve Arnold was pleased to display the *Warden's Discoveries That Matter Award* he recently received on behalf of the municipality from Warden Bev MacDougall.

Lambton County's *Discoveries That Matter* brand was introduced last December as a way to promote and highlight the many positive business, industry, natural, and community features offered by the Samia-



Lambton area. *The associated St. Clair Township Discoveries logo appears on page 1 at the top right corner of this publication.*



Accessibility Committee seeks members

The Township of St. Clair Accessibility Committee is currently seeking members. The Committee work to ensure that public spaces within the municipality are fully accessible to all residents. To apply, please submit a written request stating your qualifications in care of: Clerk Jeff Baranek, St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0, or call 519-867-2021, or email: jbaranek@twp.stclair.on.ca The deadline for submissions is Friday, Nov. 27 by 4 p.m. Preference will be given to those with accessibility issues and committee membership applies for the duration of the current term of Council.



Pheasant/Rabbit hunting licenses available soon

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses are now on sale at the following locations: Pic-N-Pay Variety, Sombra; Courtright Variety Store; Corunna Home Hardware; Agris Co-operative Ltd., Brigden; and the St. Clair Township Civic Centre in Mooretown.

The fee will be \$5 for township residents and \$8 for non-residents. Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

Jeff Baranek, RPP
Director of Administration/Clerk
Deputy C.A.O.



TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

FALL YARD WASTE/BRUSH COLLECTION 2015

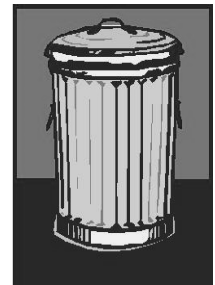
The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste/brush collection program for defined areas, in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill site.

“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)



Fall yard waste collection will continue until Wednesday, November 25th and Friday, November 27th. Collection is subject to the 6 item limit.

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.

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



Township of St. Clair - Crossing Guards needed

The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing guard to assist school children crossing Hill Street (Queen) in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$28.15 per day.

The Township of St. Clair also requires fill-in crossing guard(s) to assist school children crossing at various locations in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$28.15 per day. This position will be on a “call in” basis and hours will vary wide-

ly depending on need.

Currently, we are in need of a fill-in crossing guard in Corunna at the corners of: Lyndoch Street and Cameron Street; Hill Street and Queen Street; and Hill Street and Colborne Street.

Application setting out qualifications and experience will be received by the undersigned.

St. Clair Civic Centre
 1155 Emily Street
 Mooretown, Ont.
 N0N 1M0

Gary DePooter, CET
 Co-ordinator of Operations
 Phone: 519-867-22125
 Fax: 519-867-3886

County job recruitment now Web-based

Lambton County job recruitment and application tracking is now exclusively Web-based. A safe, secure, easy-to-use platform is now in place and can be found through a

link at: www.lambtononline.ca Job postings are also linked from the County's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CountyofLambton

Community invited to share annual Remembrance Day activities

All St. Clair Township residents are invited to join the Corunna and Brigden Royal Canadian Legion members in honouring those who have served and continue to serve their country at home and overseas. On Remembrance Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., members of Branch 447 Corunna and Branch 635 Brigden will host services of remembrance.

In Brigden, the service and the placing of commemorative wreathes will take place at the Brigden Cenotaph, followed by a light lunch at the Legion hall. Those wishing to purchase a veterans' wreath can visit the Brigden Legion hall during business hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations made to the Poppy Fund. In advance of this event, Branch 635 Legion members will welcome everyone to join them at the Sunday, Nov. 8 worship service at Brigden United Church.

In Corunna, Legion members will lead a parade from Beckwith Street to arrive at the Corunna Clock Tower Park just before 11 a.m., where a service and the placing of commemorative wreathes will take place. Following the service, everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments at the Branch 447 hall, corner of Albert and Beckwith Street. Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath to be placed in remembrance of a loved one, organization, or individual can contact the Corunna Legion at 519-882-1240. A tax receipt will be issued for donations to the Poppy Fund. In advance of Remembrance Day, Branch 447 members will be "poppy pinning" in front of the Corunna Canada Post office on Nov. 5, 6, and 7. On Saturday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m., Branch 447 will hold its annual Remembrance Honours and Award Banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a social time. Everyone is welcome to attend at a cost of \$10 per person. Call the Legion hall at 519-882-1240 for tickets. And Branch 447 Legion members will welcome everyone to join them at the Sunday, Nov. 8 worship service at All Saints Anglican Church at the corner of Hill and Lyndoch Streets in Corunna.

To prepare for Remembrance Day, poppy boxes will be available at various locations throughout St. Clair Township. By wearing a poppy, you will be paying tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect Canada and its citizens in times of war, to protect those in peril when the need arises, and to help those who fall victim to disaster no matter where they may be.

~ Lest we forget ~



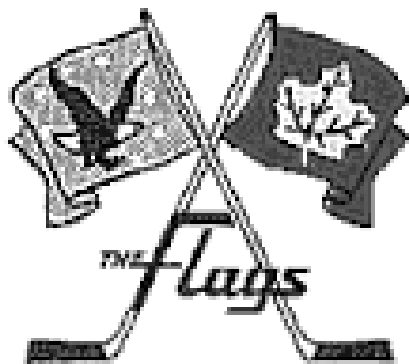
Bluewater Community Advisory Panel seeking local member

The Bluewater Community Advisory Panel (BCAP) is looking for a new volunteer community member who is interested in the environment, public health, and safety related to local industry. Panel members are expected to commit two hours of their time eight times per year (excluding summer months) between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a member can get more information by contacting BCAP Co-Chair Jennifer Johnson at 519-346-2419 or email: jnjohnson@suncor.com

SD 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. If you have any questions about SD Lambton programs, registration or the organization, please email Joanne Somlai at jsomlai@coqeco.ca

Mooretown Flags ready to rock the rink for 2015-2016



Home Game Schedule

Home games are slated for the Mooretown Sports Complex on the following dates: 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!

GO FLAGS!

Christmas hamper programs gear up to bring joy to less fortunate local residents

Christmas hamper programs for St. Clair Township's less fortunate families and individuals will hold the following fundraising events and activities as follows:

In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank, formerly St. Vincent de Paul, will host the annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Port Lambton Community Hall from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A variety of delicious home-made cookies will be available at a cost of \$3 per dozen. The canned food drive, a door-to-door collection of non-perishable food items, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 29.

In north St. Clair Township, Operation Christmas Tree, an initiative spearheaded by the Optimist Club of Moore, will kick off on Thursday, Nov. 19 with the annual Poor Boy lunch at the Royal Cana-



dian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall located at the intersection of Albert and Beckwith Streets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The annual OPP drive-through food/toy/money donation event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12 and the Christmas hampers will be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 19. Donations can also be made during weekdays in December at the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. (More information as it becomes available.) Your support for these efforts will be much appreciated.

**Please support these programs
and share your joy this Christmas**

Legion supports *community organizations*

The Christmas spirit is alive and well as Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 President Dan Watson, center, presents a much-appreciated donation to Operation Christmas Tree (OCT). Left: Moore Optimist President Lorne Powell, right, and Treasurer Gord Dawson, representing OCT, receive the cheque during the RCL's September Member's meeting. In 2015, OCT delivered 128 Christmas hampers in the north St. Clair area.

Below: Branch 447 also made a donation to the 1st Corunna Scouting group to assist the scouts in providing valuable life experiences. Shown clockwise from back left: Cyriel Braet; Norm Fourier; 447 President Dan Watson; Lori Basset; Chris Moore; Christa Bassett; Michael Bassett; Jackson Braet; Judy McDonald; Shaun Robbins. The RCL supports many such groups in the local community through funds raised by RCL volunteer members.

Photo submitted



Community Contact

Hockey Moms' fundraisers ongoing

The Mooretown Hockey Moms have a busy season ahead as they continue to raise money to help fund team activities. Their efforts help feed the hungry teams as well as avid spectators during home games. The group also sells 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.

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

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

As 22 young Junior Optimist Club members will tell you, belonging to a group that does so much good for the community is a blast! The club began with just 10 members and it didn't take long for other young people to join in. It's fun and it's rewarding, and friendships made can last a lifetime. 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, Sarnia-Lambton Workforce Development Board, Rotary Club of Sarnia, Tourism Sarnia-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

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.

St. Clair Parkway Golf Course info

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



Autumn action now at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Fall programs

Check out the many Fall programs being offered by viewing the 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.

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 per 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 per 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 is held every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 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.

~~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.

Here's what's happening at your local Lambton County Library

The Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Lambton County Library Headquarters, 787 Broadway Street in Wyoming. A donation of 50 cents per children's book and \$1 per adult book is suggested. You can also bring a bag and fill it up for only \$5. Proceeds from the sale are used to enhance the library system. For more information, call 519-845-3324.

The Lambton County Library is currently holding The Classic Reading Challenge at all branches, and there are prizes to be won. A list of 100 classic literature works from a variety of genres, time periods, and cultures, as well as 27 works of children's literature, provide the basis for the contest. Participants chose one book from the list to read, watch a movie based on the book, or listen to the audio book. You can also enter to win a \$50 gift card to The Book Keeper.

Participants must write a creative response to the book/movie they chose in the form of a book review, a favourite memory, or even a poem. They can enter to win the grand prize of a \$50 gift card to The Book Keeper and a \$50 gift card to Sarnia Galaxy Theatre. The winner's response will be published on the Library's Website. Enter at your local library branch.

In addition, a "mystery" book will be selected from the list and each person who submits a response on that mystery book will receive an additional entry into the grand prize. Clues about the book will be posted periodically on the Library's Twitter (twitter.com/LCLibraryca) and Facebook (facebook.com/LCLibraryca) profiles.

This winter, fill your cocooning hours with a good read. Your brain will thank you.

Rapids Family Health Team clinic to offer individual counselling

The Rapids Family Health Team at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna now offers one-on-one counselling. Patients can make an appointment to have access to a Registered Social Worker, a Registered Dietitian, and a Registered Nurse Educator.

Laboratory services at the clinic continue to operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The clinic is located in the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street, in Corunna is now open, but regular health and wellness sessions have not resumed. For information or to book an appointment, call 519-813-9800 or go online to: www.rapidsfhteam.ca

Special thanks are extended to Pembina for its financial contribution to the renovation of the site.

165TH BRIGDEN FAIR MEMORIES



Mother Nature smiled on the 165th Brigden Fair and gave fair goers a great opportunity to really enjoy all there was to see and do over Thanksgiving Weekend. Above: Singer Crystal Gage entertains the audience with the help of some energetic backup dancers. Top right: The exhibition hall was awash in colour and craftsmanship which was especially noticeable at the extensive quilt display. Right: Parade Marshalls Helen and Lloyd McDonald greet the spectators along the parade route. Below: The parade featured a lot of humorous and peculiar entries. The kiddie train was especially noteworthy with the Hulk at the wheel of the tractor it was being pulled by.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



HARVEST OF GOLD SUNSHINE GREET'S FAIR

Sunny skies dominated three of the fair's 4-day run, bringing out an impressive crowd each day. Clockwise from right: In the Ploughman's Farmyard, Corunna residents David, left, Dawson, and Devon demonstrated the hard work involved with the loading and transportation of corn for their mom, Roxane. In the sheep barn, all spruced up and ready to be shown, some sheep sported soft spiffy shirts.

Out at the Hunter horse show, rider Rachel Johnson of Wyoming took a time out behind the bleachers to snag a few fries from her dad, Rob.

On the midway, the good weather had everyone in the mood to play games and take a ride on the wild side. The perennial favourite ferris wheel provided a bird's eye view for its excited passengers.

And back over in the Ploughman's Farmyard, Katie Windsor of London, onsite to help out at the ice cream truck, took time out to get a selfie with her beautiful new friend.





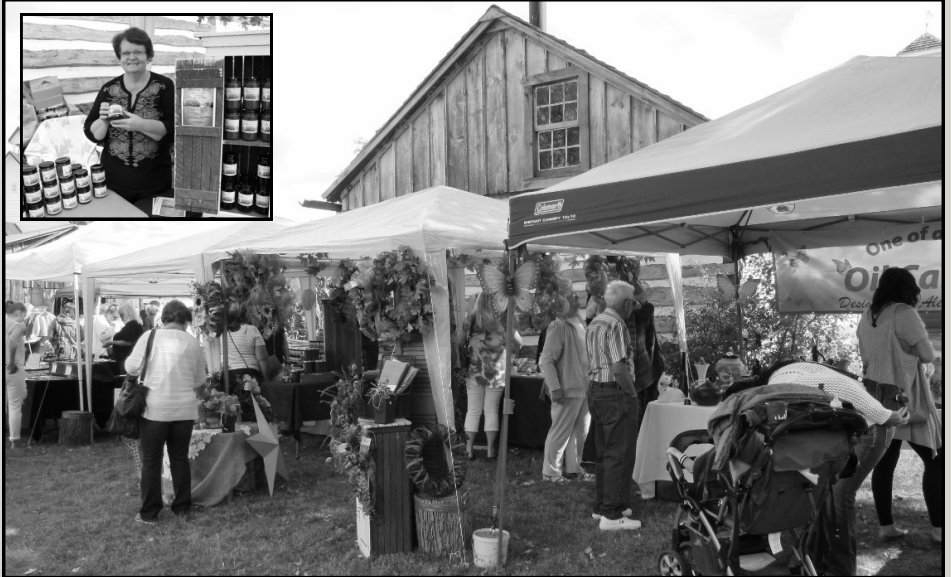
HERITAGE CORNER



Attendance brisk at Downriver Craft Sale

The Moore Museum's annual Downriver Craft Sale on Sept. 20 was held under exceptional weather and attendance was brisk. Museum curator Laurie Mason says attendance was up over last year, with over 100 vendors on hand to offer a wide selection of crafts to 1,754 shoppers.

The Moore Museum extends thanks to the many vendors, visitors, and of course, volunteers who made the event a success again this year. For those who like to plan ahead, next year's sale is set for Sept. 18.



Above: Shoppers roam the Moore Museum grounds in search of unique treasures. Above inset: Christine Carpenter, owner/operator of *Preserving Thyme*, displays some of the scrumptious homemade jams, jellies, cordials and preserves her business offers. Her products are offered locally at Victorian Country Flowers in Petrolia or via email at: christine_carpenter7@hotmail.com

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 still available at the Sombra Museum

Three fascinating locally-authored books are still available for purchase at the in Sombra at the Pic and Pay Variety Store. *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 also available at the Book Keeper in Sarnia.

Her Majesty visits Corunna and the beat (of the hammer) goes on at the Moore Museum



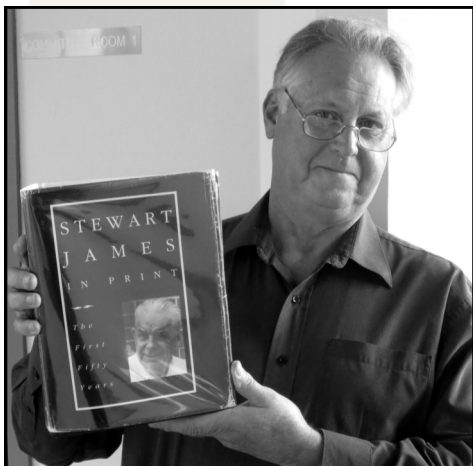
Left: As of Sept. 9, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning British monarch, a title formerly held by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. To mark the occasion, Moore Museum volunteers Jim Townsend and Kathleen Smith set up a display of royalty commemoratives at the Corunna Library on Sept. 9. A likeness of "Her Majesty" joined Jim to welcome visitors to the library.

Right: It may be autumn, but the beat of the hammer and the buzz of the saw continue at the Moore Museum. The Canadian National Railway caboose, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2014, is currently undergoing a much-needed restoration thanks to the generosity of the community and the dedicated elbow grease of museum volunteers like Dave Beer, shown hard at work on the project.



Photos submitted

MORE HERITAGE CORNER



Heritage St. Clair Chair David Pattenden holds a copy of Stewart James' trade secrets book.
Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Courtright resident Stewart James left magical legacy

Heritage St. Clair Chair David Pattenden attended St. Clair Township Council on Oct. 5 to propose the installation of a plaque honouring the life and legacy of Stewart James. With Council's approval, the plaque is being prepared and will be located in the Courtright waterfront park.

If you've lived in the Courtright area for any length of time, you will probably know about Stewart James. For those who are unfamiliar with the name, Mr. James was born in 1908 in a house called *Aberystwyth*.

At the age of seven, he learned how to do the Knot of Enchantment from a Sunday School newspaper and his life-long fascination with magic began. He went on to become renowned among his magician peers for the many magic effects he created. He even operated a store in Courtright where magicians could buy special apparatus they could use in their magic performances. His technical developments in magic fill dozens of books, including one huge volume which contains about 1,500 magical inventions in its 1,025 pages. Its contents are trade secrets only available to members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Although Mr. James toured all throughout Canada and the U.S. as a young man, he eventually returned to Courtright to care for his aging mother, but he continued to develop new magic tricks while delivering mail for Canada Post until his death in 1996. A small collection of his magic books and items he used in his tricks is currently on display at the Moore Museum.

Greg Henry and Friends perform to a packed house at Brigden Fair

The entertainment tent at the Brigden Fair had to be expanded on Sunday, Oct. 11 to accommodate a large, happy audience attending one of two afternoon performances by 2015 Canadian Fiddling Champion Greg Henry of Corunna and his super talented friends.

Right: Mr. Henry was joined on stage by keyboard/step dancer/vocalist/songwriter Emily Flack, whose tremendous talent is a hereditary blessing courtesy of her Leahy family heritage. Emily has toured with LEAHY and with Natalie MacMaster. Her vocal styles range from Celtic and country to contemporary and jazz. And Kyle Waymouth, the 2014 Canadian Open Step Dancing champion, showed off his fancy dancing skills and also played guitar and banjo, and sang. The trio enjoyed taking turns wowing the audience with old time and Celtic-flavoured favourites, plus lots of fancy footwork, and lyrical vocals.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



Free parenting programs offered by Lambton Public Health

Parents face difficult challenges these days, many of which arise in the process of child-rearing. Lambton Public Health offers informative sessions aimed at helping parents cope with these troubling situations. In St. Clair Township, the **Parenting Matters** session will be held in Brigden on Friday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call 519-892-3151 to register.

In Sombra, **Siblings Without Rivalry** will be presented on

Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call 519-892-3151.

November sessions will also be held in Sarnia (*Nobody's Perfect*) and Forest (*Parenting Through Each Other*). For more information, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3568, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, or go online to: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca

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.

News items from Lambton County

Flu shots ready

Flu shots are now available at 30 Lambton pharmacies, from health care providers, at 10 community clinics; and at Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street in Sarnia. Individuals at high risk of influenza complications are urged to get their flu shot as soon as possible. This group includes: adults 65 and over; infants and children six months to under five years of age; individuals with a chronic health condition; healthy pregnant women; individuals of any age who reside in long-term care or other chronic care facilities; and Aboriginal people. Statistics from the 2014-2015 flu season indicate there were 63 lab confirmed cases of influenza and three flu-related deaths recorded in Lambton. "Getting the flu shot is the safest way to prevent spread of the flu and the best way to protect your loved ones," said Erin Courtney, Supervisor with Lambton Public Health. "In Canada, the flu kills more people than any other communicable disease."

For information about seasonal influenza and the flu shots clinic schedule, visit www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or call Lambton Public Health Flu Info Line at 519-383-3812 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3812.

Adult Day Program offered

Lambton County offers an Adult Day Program three days a week at Lambton Meadowview Villa in Petrolia. The program supports participants and their families with the challenge of coping with the effects of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. It also provides seniors who have physical challenges with weekly opportunities for recreation and socialization. The program is available five days a week at Marshall Gowland Manor in Sarnia for participants with physical challenges or early stages of dementias.

The County's Adult Enrichment Centres support approximately 65 participants each week. For more information, please call 519-336-3720, ext. 5704 (Sarnia) or 519-882-1470,

ext. 5028 (Petrolia). Information is available online at: www.lambtononline.ca. Click on "Long-Term Care and Adult Enrichment Centres" under the "Residents" heading.

Fentanyl exchange program in progress

The illegal misuse, and subsequent number of overdoses and fatalities, of the powerful synthetic prescription opioid Fentanyl has prompted the start of the Lambton Patch 4 Patch program, which was launched at Sarnia Police Headquarters in October. The program relies on the participation of pharmacists and doctors who prescribe fentanyl. When writing the prescription, the doctor includes a note that the used patch must be turned in before the fentanyl patch user can obtain a new one.

Educational Gale Courses now available online

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

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

St. Clair Township residents who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired now have an alternative method of communicating with 9-1-1 operators. Text with 9-1-1 (T9-1-1) was slated to be available across Lambton County beginning on April 15. Cell phone users whose phones have the capability to send and receive text messages, and are compatible with the T9-1-1 program, must register for the service on their cell phone provider's Website. In general, text messages sent to the digits 9-1-1 do not reach emergency services. Users registered with the T9-1-1 program can verify their service through their respective cell phone providers. The T9-1-1 program is offered to all Lambton County residents courtesy of the County of Lambton and Sarnia Police Services. For more information about T9-1-1, go online to: www.textwith911.ca



Pembina donation will further community safety

A \$30,000 donation by Pembina will help the Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) pay for the new Safe Haven emergency backup generator being installed in the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. The generator's total cost is \$75,000, but it will provide power that will make the hall a community safety shelter in times of prolonged power outages or other emergency situations. On hand for the donation, made during the Brigden Fair, from left: MAS Past-president John Scott; District 13 Representative Michelle Evanitski; MAS President Harold Thompson; Brigden Fair Ambassador Esther Thompson; Pembina District Manager Randy Alwood; MAS Homecraft President Connie Courtney; and MAS 1st Vice-president Stephanie DeGurse.

Photo by Metcalfe Photography

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brary 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.

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.

Lambton At War exhibit nears end

As Remembrance Day nears, we recall the many decades of service our armed forces have operated to keep Canada secure. *Lambton At War*, an exhibit on display until Nov. 11 at the Lambton Heritage Museum south of Grand Bend on Highway 21, reminds us of conflicts as far back as the Fenian Raids. These raids across the St. Clair

River from the U.S. posed a threat to those who settled the St. Clair Township area in the late 1800s. Other conflicts that touched Lambton County included the Boer War, both World Wars, the Korean War, and the war in Afghanistan. Canada's UN peacekeeping role is also highlighted. For more information, call the museum at 519-243-2600.

Friday the 13th euchre party in Brigden

Jason and all his wacky buddies invite card players to enjoy the Friday the 13th euchre party at the Royal Canadian Legion Brigden hall on (surprise, surprise) Friday, Nov. 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the progressive euchre will be \$10 per person and lunch will be available, and it will be limited to the first 40 who register to play. Stop into the Legion hall during business hours to register on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Ballroom Dancing Club begins

Those who enjoy dancing are invited to join the members of the Sarnia Ballroom Dancing Club at their regular dances at the Camlachie Community Hall. First time attendees are admitted free and dance lessons are now underway. For more information, go online to: www.sarniaballroomdancingclub.ca

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.

**NOTE: DEADLINE FOR JANUARY BEACON
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Please double-check each submission for accuracy
before sending.

Email: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

S-L United Way campaign reaches half way; community benefits

In early October, the Sarnia-Lambton United Way announced it had reached the half way mark of its 2015 annual community fundraising campaign. The campaign has since approached the three-quarters mark.

Speaking of the generosity of the corporations, local businesses, individuals and volunteers who contribute to the success of these important annual campaigns, United Way Campaign Chair Richard Kelch said, "It is the broad mass of donors which are the backbone of the United Way...It is heartening to see the increased participation in workplaces." He added there is still a long way to go to reach the \$1.95 million campaign goal, Mr. Kelch added the campaign looks good so far. "Imperial, Suncor, NOVA Chemicals, Transport Canada, Styrolutions, Point Edward Casino and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans all had successful kick offs. School across Sarnia-Lambton have also started their individual campaigns."

Each year, the United Way funds programs that enrich the lives of

Lambton County residents. Some of the community groups that benefit from such funding include: Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Boys and Girls Club of Sarnia-Lambton; CNIB; Canadian Mental Health Association; Red Cross; Community Living Sarnia & District; Lambton Elderly Outreach; Family Counselling Centre; Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County; Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Sarnia-Lambton chapter; Ontario March of Dimes; Rebound; Sarnia-Lambton Stroke Recovery; Victorian Order of Nurses; Women's Interval Home; and more.

The stated goal of the United Way is to build and strengthen Sarnia-Lambton by bringing people and resources together to facilitate change in three focus areas: Healthy, Safe and Independent Seniors; Empowering and Strengthening Self-Sustaining Families; and Healthy, Resilient, Successful Children.

For more information about the work of the Sarnia-Lambton United Way, go online to: theunitedway.on.ca or call 519-336-5452.

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water quality of the St. Clair River. The river was named an Area Of Concern in 1985 owing to its poor water quality, but through the years, many improvements have been made, although there are still problems to be solved. Tuesday, March 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Glen Scott tells tales of the *War of 1812 in the Western District*. The war was one of the most iconic for Canada, with conflict was widespread through many different regions, leaving behind stories that continue to intrigue. Tuesday, April 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Larry Cornelius will speak about the species of trees in Lambton County. In *Native Trees of Lambton County*, he will reveal interesting facts about them as well as the history of the tree cover in Lambton since the last ice age receded. For tickets and more information, call 519-892-3982 or email: sombra-museum@hotmail.com

Sombra Optimist's to host bingo

The Sombra Township Optimists Club will host a meat bingo on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at the Port Lambton Community Hall, 507 Stoddard Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with bingo games starting at 7 p.m. Prizes will include a basket filled with everything you will need to have a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

Corunna Santa Claus Parade

Santa Claus has sent word that he will be in Corunna on Saturday, Nov. 28 to ride in the annual Optimist Club of Moore Corunna Santa Claus Parade. The parade will begin from Simon and Sherrol's No Frills store parking lot at 7 p.m. and proceed up Lyndoch Street to terminate at Beckwith Street. After the parade, parade-goers will find refreshments and visits will Santa waiting at the Corunna Clock Tower park. For more information or to register to put an entry into the parade, call Nadine at 226-932-6365 or Mary Lou at 519-862-3950. Major sponsors are NOVA Chemicals and Shell Canada, but other sponsors and donations are always appreciated. To find out more, call the numbers above or email: nadinedevin13@yahoo.ca or fax: Attn: Nadine 519-813-9898.

Jam sessions at Corunna Legion

The popular Saturday afternoon jam sessions are back at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. They will be held on the last Saturday of each month through next May at 2 p.m. The next jamboree is Nov. 28. Everyone is invited to come out to listen to local musicians play live music. For more information, call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

Country Christmas Concert planned

A Country Christmas Concert will be presented at Lambton Baptist Church, 3886 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. The concert will feature Mercy, with special guests The Chapelairens. For more information, call Helen at 519-892-3349.

Fashion Show at Cruickshank Centre

The Cruickshank Community Centre, located in the

Thompson Gardens Retirement Complex at 198 Beckwith Street (corner of Lyndoch Street) in Corunna, will host Geri Fashions on Monday, Nov. 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature fashions for the stylish, mature woman.

Volunteer firefighters plan turkey raffle

The Corunna volunteer firefighters are looking forward to giving some people the bird - a turkey bird, to be exact. A turkey raffle is slated for the Corunna Fire Hall on Hill Street on Friday, Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds will help support Operation Christmas Tree. Everyone is welcome to come out and support this worthy cause.

Fowl bingo slated for Sombra

St. John's CWL Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 7. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. and admission will be \$2. The event will feature 15 rounds for chickens, 3 rounds for turkeys, and a Christmas basket draw.

New Year's Dance slated for Courtright

The Courtright Community Splash Pad Committee has booked the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome) for New Year's Eve in order to hold a fundraising dance. Plans for the event are being finalized. Watch The Beacon for details as they arise.

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.

Bridgen United Church holds regular services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join the congregation for meaningful worship and coffee. More information can be obtained on Facebook.

Forever Fit classes resume in Corunna

Forever Fit classes for adults aged 55 and over, sponsored by Lambton Elderly Outreach, are held at Thompson Garden's Cruickshank Centre 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.

Ongoing activities offered at Cruickshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruickshank Community Centre each week. These include: **morning coffee socials** from Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. - everyone is welcome; **euchre nights** on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - cost is \$3 per session which includes light refreshments; **Scrabble** on Fridays at 1:30 p.m.; and **bridge** on Wednesdays at 1 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 li-

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footwear outlet in Glencoe, and a roast beef meal at SMAK Dinner Theatre in Appin. The theatrical presentation will be the comedy, *What is Susan's Secret?* Tickets are limited and can be purchased by calling Cruickshank Centre Recreation Coordinator Denise at 519-862-1628.

Hypnotic fundraiser coming to Corunna

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna will host a comedy fundraiser starring Hypnotist Maxwell in an all-new show on Saturday, Nov. 14. Doors open at 8 p.m. with the show beginning at 9 a.m. Organizers say they aren't sure if "Larry" will be back, but this is a fun way to support the Legion. Funds raised will contribute to branch renovations. Advance tickets are only \$20 per non-member and \$18 per member, and they are available at the branch hall, 350 Albert Street. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

Barn Dance Show coming to Brigden

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 Brigden Fair/Moore Agricultural Society and the Barn Dance Historical Society. The show, slated for Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Brigden 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 Brigden Fair office or by calling 519-864-1197. You can also go online to: info@brigdenfair.ca

Victims Services 25th anniversary event

For 25 years, Victim Services of Sarnia Lambton has been providing assistance and hope to the victims of tragedy, loss, and crime throughout Lambton County. On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the organization will host a dinner and show on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Guildwood Inn, 1400 Venetian Blvd., in Sarnia. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a social time followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be by popular impressionist, singer and musician, Mat Gauthier. Tickets are \$70 per person and are available by calling 519-344-8861, ext. 5238, or emailing: office@victimservices.on.ca

Cookie Walk supports

Sacred Heart Food Bank

The annual Cookie Walk in support of the Sacred Heart Food Bank will be held at the Port Lambton Community Hall on Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **For more information, see page 5.**

Breakfast with Santa in Corunna

Children will be thrilled to enjoy *Breakfast With Santa* at the Corunna United Church on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child, and photos will be available for \$1. Advance

tickets should be purchased before Nov. 15. They can be bought by calling Sharon at 519-862-1957.

Optimists Christmas Craft Day

The Optimist Club of Moore and the Junior Optimist Clubs will host a *Christmas Craft Day* on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Courtright Community Centre. It will be a morning of creative holiday-themed kid-friendly fun. Help is always needed at these events, so any students needing volunteer hours are encouraged to call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

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 hamper drive.

St. Andrew's plans anniversary events

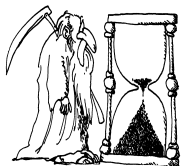
The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna will hold several events to celebrate the church's 160th anniversary. *On Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the annual Candy Cane Bazaar will feature homemade baking, including a Cookie Walk and preserves, plus frozen shepherd's pies, lasagna, cabbage rolls, turkey and beef pies. Muffins and coffee or tea will be available from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and a soup luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. *A concert featuring The Torchmen Quartet is slated for Sunday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. *And on Sunday, Dec. 6, a special church service to celebrate this special anniversary will be held at 10 a.m., with an open house set for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and an anniversary roast turkey dinner to be served at 5 p.m. Advance tickets for the dinner are required at \$15 per person and they can be purchased by calling the church office at 519-862-3641 on Tuesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to attend these special events to help the congregation celebrate this joyful occasion.

Fall/Winter lecture series at Sombra Museum

The Fall 2015/Winter 2016 Monthly Lecture Series has begun for another season. The public is invited to come to the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre at the corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway to enjoy these fascinating evenings. The cost of admission is \$10 per adult and \$7 per student. The schedule for this season includes: Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., guest speaker Darrell Randell will speak about *the effort to restore the*



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Knights of Columbus Sunday breakfasts

The Corunna/Courtright Knights of Columbus will continue to host their popular Sunday breakfast and meat raffle events at the St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 13, and April 17. The all-you-can-eat meal includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7.50 per adult, \$3.50 per child aged six to 12, and free for children under age six. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Brigden Rebekahs to host pork dinner

The Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge Chapter 245 Brigden will host a roast pork dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Brigden Community Hall. The cost is \$12 per person and take-out will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Mary at 519-542-2876 or Linda at 519-864-1820.

Jewelry party at Knox Moore Church

The Knox Moore Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid will host an Origami Owl Jewelry Party at the church on Rokeby Line on Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sharon LaPier will be the Independent Designer. A light lunch will be served and everyone is welcome. Please come and bring your friends for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Harvest Home dinner in Wilkesport

The Harvest Home dinner, sponsored by the Wilkesport United Church and Wilkesport Community Centre, will take place at the centre on Friday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will feature roast beef and chicken, and entertainment will follow. The cost will be \$20 per person, \$10 for children ages six through 10, and free for children under age six. For tickets, call 519-627-3793 or 519-892-3974.

Sombra Community Hall card parties set

The Sombra Community Hall card parties are held on Fridays at 1 p.m. Dates for upcoming card parties are: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27; 2016 parties are: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 11, 18; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20. Everyone is welcome.

Leach Fundraiser planned

A fundraiser for Dave Leach, who is paralyzed from the waist down as the result of cancer therapy, will be held at Wilkesport Hall on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Sombra Township and various other organizations and individuals from the Port Lambton and Sombra areas, will feature live bands, including: *The Myers Family*; *Harvest Mooners*; *Hired Hand*; and *Bed By Nine*. There will be prizes and a 50/50 draw, and a safe ride home will be available. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at: Shaykin Bait Vari-

ety in Port Lambton; The Clubhouse at Baldoon Restaurant on Dufferin Avenue, Wallaceburg; and from any event volunteer. Donations to this cause are being accepted at the Port Lambton, Brigden, Corunna, and two Sarnia branches of Mainstreet Credit Union. Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase devices and structures that will help to increase Mr. Leach's mobility. For more information, call 519-677-5334.

Remembrance Day service in Brigden

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 635 Brigden will share in worship at the Brigden United Church. All are welcome to attend this special service.

Country Jamboree series slated in Brigden

The Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall will be hosting its popular Winter Jamboree series again this year. Admission is only \$2 and a cash bar will be operating. The next 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. These jamborees are a great opportunity to shake of the winter blahs with toe-tapping music you can dance to if the spirit moves you. And if you are a musician or singer, get up and join in the music-making. When the jamboree is over, enjoy a ham and scalloped potato dinner beginning at 5 p.m. You can buy your dinner tickets at the door so come early because they are limited. Mark your calendars and enjoy! For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

New Q105 wall mural unveiling set

The public is invited to attend the unveiling of the new Q105 wall mural at the Sombra Museum, 3470 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra, on Monday, Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event. For planning purposes, those who wish to attend are requested to call 519-892-3982 or email: sombra-museum@hotmail.com

Brigden Optimists to host events

The Brigden Optimist Club will host three events in November, starting with a Quarter Auction at Brigden Hall on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. On Nov. 20 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., the group will host a Youth Dance for students in Grades 4 through 8 at Brigden Hall. And on Nov. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., come out and play Bingo at Brigden Hall. Proceeds help support the many youth oriented projects the club is involved in.

Coach bus trip planned

The Cruickshank Centre (located inside Thompson Gardens at the corner of Beckwith and Lyndoch Streets) will host a coach bus trip on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of \$60 per person will include: stops at Parks Blueberry Farm and the Tender Tootsie