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Happy Canada Day!
Celebrate
your Community, your Freedom,
and your Country!

Horticultural group volunteers beautify Corunna



Every year, volunteers from the Corunna Horticultural and Improvement Group (CHIG) work hard to beautify the town, as you can see in the photo above. The floral design they created in front of the Corunna branch of the Lambton County Library is one of many projects the group undertook this spring. The gardens, planters, and several other sites around the town are kept weeded and watered throughout the season thanks to the hard work of this community-minded group. The volunteers shown here are, from left: Charlie Barnes, Grace White, Barb Warwick, and Diane Fletcher. Another project the group undertook this year was the design, done by CHIG member Barb Warwick and Tina Irvine of Blue Monster Creative in Corunna, and acquisition of new street banners (see inset of the banner held by group member Diane Fletcher, above right). The banners were funded in part by the Moore Community and Recreation Foundation and by ongoing fundraising efforts of the CHIG. The banners elegantly capture the beauty and the spirit of Corunna.

St. Clair Township and The Beacon extend thanks and gratitude to these and all of the volunteers who keep our communities looking well cared for and beautiful throughout the year.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson and Trudi McCarthy



MUNICIPAL NOTES

COUNCIL SUMMER MEETINGS

St. Clair Township Council will be observing its summer meeting schedule on the following dates: Monday, July 4 at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, July 18 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m.; and Monday, Aug. 8 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



Ratepayers still responsible for tax payments during postal strike

In the event of a Canada Post mail strike, ratepayers are still responsible for the payment of their property taxes, which are due on Aug. 3 and Oct. 5. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact the St. Clair Township municipal office at 519-867-2024.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

St. Clair Township Residents

Public Works will be undertaking the annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water distribution system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until this fall. During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discolouration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears. If discolouration of the water continues after 10-15 minutes of normal use please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Report given on projects at NOVA Corunna site

Several recent projects at the NOVA Corunna, Mooretown, and St. Clair River sites were the subject of a NOVA presentation to St. Clair Township Council on June 6. Tom Thompson, Regional Manufacturing Director at the NOVA facility, told council about the company's on-going commitment to Responsible Care and to investment in the facilities and, by extension, the community.

He said, "During the last 10 years, we have invested more than \$1 billion in our Corunna, Moore, and St. Clair River sites - together a cornerstone in Ontario's petrochemical industry. As NOVA Chemicals pursues our NOVA 2020 growth plan, we continue to make significant financial investments in our existing manufacturing facilities. These investments not only help position us for long-term competitiveness, but they also reflect our focus on sustainability and our long-standing commitment to Responsible Care."

"Right now, we're moving forward with our study of the expansion. These projects all go through what we call a stage gate process. Decisions are made at every stage and we readjust based on what we learned from the study work. Should we receive approval to proceed with the proposed polyethylene facility, that would be a significant investment for us in this area and would benefit the entire community."

The potential NOVA 2020 project could be approved as early as 2017. It would increase production of ethylene by 50 per cent. Future projects include the Corunna Cracker Expansion and a proposed new polyethylene facility.



SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

St. Clair Township Residents

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until this 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.



Notice to property owners to destroy weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$80.)

The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Eric Bezanson
Weed Inspector

J. Baranek
Clerk



ST CLAIR TOWNSHIP 2016 FINAL PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

The final tax due dates will be
August 3, 2016 and October 5, 2016

The 2016 *Final Tax Notices* for non-capped properties were mailed out at the beginning of July, 2016.

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.

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The following methods of Tax Payments may be utilized:

- ◆ Automatic Bank Machines
- ◆ Telephone & Internet Payments through Bank
- ◆ Payment at most Financial Institutions
- ◆ Post dated cheques
- ◆ Counter services, cash, cheque or debit (credit cards not accepted)

Mail to, or Drop Box, at:

1155 Emily St., Mooretown, Ontario N0N 1M0

Pre-authorized payment plans are also available and encouraged. Please visit our website at:

<http://stclairtownship.ca/>

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St. Clair Township Tax Department

Phone: 519-867-2024 Fax: 519-867-5509

taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca

New signs identify critical water zones

Signs identifying local areas as “drinking water protection zones” will soon be seen along roadways throughout Lambton County.

The signs, (an example is shown below), are designed to make both emergency responders and the public aware of locations where a spill could have significant impact on public drinking water. A provincially-mandated drinking water Source Protection Plan for the St. Clair watershed was approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and can be found online at: www.sourcewaterprotection.on.ca

The campaign is a joint venture between Lambton County, St. Clair Township, Plympton-Wyoming, Lambton Shores, Sarnia, and Point Edward. These are areas considered especially vulnerable under the Source Protection Act.



New drinking water protection sign

Lambton Elderly Outreach receives donation for larger, more visible sign



Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) plays a big part in the lives of many local elderly residents, rendering services that allow them to stay in their homes well into their advanced years. Acknowledging this valuable service, St. Clair Township recently donated \$1,000 to LEO towards the purchase of a larger, more visible sign at the front of the LEO office building in Reece's Corners. The total cost is estimated at about \$9,000 largely due to the increased size and the electrical work that needs to be done to support the new sign. LEO representative Bill Yurchuk says the new sign is needed because clients and visitors frequently have difficulty finding the office, which currently has a smaller sign installed along London Line. During the cheque presentation, LEO CEO Bill Yurchuk, front left, accepts a cheque from Mayor Steve Arnold. Rear left: St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey, Councillors Jim DeGurse, Tracy Kingston, Jeff Agar, Darrell Randell, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, and Clerk Jeff Baranek.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

How safe will your community event be?



Event organizers and food/beverage vendors are urged to contact Lambton Public Health (LPH) in advance of any event they have planned. LPH inspectors and tobacco enforcement officers will provide guidance to ensure compliance with food handling regulations and Smoke-Free Ontario Act regulations.

Lori Lucas, Health Protection supervisor at LPH says this information is crucial to the safe operation of public events. "Whether you're an event organizer or a food and/or beverage vendor, it's your responsibility to minimize the risks of food-borne illness and to ensure the event is Smoke-Free Ontario Act compliant." Just download and complete the *Community Special Events Package* at www.lambtonhealth.on.ca. The package includes all of the required forms for food service. These must be completed and returned to the LPH at least two weeks before the event takes place. For more information, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3575 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839.

Household Hazardous Waste collection days

The County of Lambton, in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Inc., hosts several Household Hazardous Waste collection days each year. The events give Lambton County residents an opportunity to properly dispose of potentially dangerous waste from their homes and protect the environment at the same time. If hazardous products are thrown in with regular waste, they can injure sanitation workers and cause long-term environmental problems.

Materials accepted include: batteries, drain and oven cleaners, pesticides, rat poison, pharmaceuticals, cleaning fluids, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach, aerosols, gasoline, paints, barbecue starter, oil, solvents, and propane cylinders.

Collection days at the Clean Harbors Canada facility at 4090 Telfer Road (just south of Petrolia Line) are slated for Saturday, Sept. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This service is intended for household hazardous waste ONLY.

Lyme disease is no picnic: Beware of ticks this summer

Lambton Public Health urges residents to protect themselves and their families against ticks, reminding everyone that some of these tiny pests carry an often devastating disease. The blacklegged tick is a tiny, slow-moving bug about the size of a sesame seed. It inhabits wooded areas and fields, attaching itself when animals and humans brush against the plant, bush or tall grass it is sitting on. Once attached, the tick feeds on blood, but most people don't even feel the bite. Prompt detection and removal of the bug helps prevent Lyme disease. To remove the tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick's head as close to your skin as possible and pull straight out using steady pressure. DO NOT twist, squeeze, or burn the tick. If bitten, symptoms usually occur within one to two weeks, but can occur as soon as three days or as long as a month afterwards. Symptoms include: fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue, and a red bull's eye skin rash. Long-term health risks include joint, heart, and nerve complications. For more information go online to: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or call 519-383-8331.

Spring brings avian baby boom to St. Clair Parkway

The St. Clair Parkway became an avian nursery for a short while this spring as hundreds of newly-hatched ducklings and goslings waddled around under the watchful eyes of the adults. The lawns and waters at the Shell Canada facility north of Corunna were among the areas that hosted this avian baby boom. The two families in this photo took advantage of the plentiful and convenient water to take about 16 babies for a swimming lesson on a hot spring afternoon.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



The Township of St. Clair has a new Website -

<http://stclairtownship.ca>

The old township Website at www.twp.stclair.on.ca will no longer be updated, so users are urged to update all links to this site. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions should be addressed to webmaster@twp.stclair.on.ca. Please note that the new website is a work in progress so we apologize for any problems that might arise when accessing information, etc., but when complete, it should be an improvement over the older website. We ask for your patience during this transition.

Take ownership of your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

The following sessions are being offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic, located at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna. There is no charge for participation but you must register for each one you take. Please note that space is limited. If we are unable to accommodate you for the day of your choice, we will put you on a waiting list for future sessions.

For more information, go online to: www.rapidsfhteam.ca or to register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to reception.

Living With Diabetes

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what “good control” is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The session is led by a Nurse Educator. Sessions will be held on 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22, and on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Oct. 12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Nov. 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Dec. 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Diabetes Healthy Eating and Keeping Active

This is a two hour session for people who have already attended our Living with Diabetes class or who have had past education on the basics of Diabetes and want more information on diet. We will discuss the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level. The session is led by a Registered Nurse. Sessions will be held on: Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and on Wednesdays on Oct. 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Nov. 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Dec. 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

A Guide To Diabetes Prevention

This is a 1.5 hour group session for those who want to learn about diabetes and how to prevent it, or for those who have been told they are at risk of getting diabetes. This session is led by a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian. They will discuss what diabetes is, risk factors for getting diabetes, and how to decrease blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes. The program is open to the public and no physician referral is required. Sessions will be held on: Wednesday, July 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Monday, Oct. 24 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Healthy Weights by Healthy Means

This is a series of five sessions lasting two hours each. The aim of the program is to help you make permanent lifestyle changes; this is not a “diet” program. You will set your own healthy eating and physical activity goals, and learn how to make plans for achieving them. Some topics that will be discussed with include: carbohydrates, proteins and fats (the good and the bad); physical activity - what types and amounts are beneficial; emotional eating strategies; sensible portions and portion control strategies; and group discussions that will help you learn from others’ experiences. Weekly assignments will help you reach your goals. Sessions will begin on the following dates: Tuesday, Sept. 6 for five weeks from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 25 for five weeks from 9:30-11:30 a.m. *Patients must attend the first class in order to attend the final four clas-*

ses. This program is open to the public and no physician referral is required.

Quit Smoking Workshop

This is a two hour session for those who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco. We will discuss strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nicotine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications. We will also work on finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent a relapse. The workshop is open to the public and no physician referral is required. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our Nurse Educators. The next Quit Smoking sessions will be held on Wednesdays on: July 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Sept. 21 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Oct. 26 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Nov. 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Stress Management Workshop

Created by our registered Social Worker, this two-hour seminar, offered monthly, will provide you with information on how to effectively manage stress through: regulating the stress response; goal-setting; problem-solving; challenging unhelpful thinking; and communicating assertively. This seminar is open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next workshops will take place Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on: July 15; Aug. 12; Sept. 9; Oct. 7; and Dec. 2.

Anxiety Awareness

The Anxiety Awareness Therapy Group is an eight week program for adults 18 and over who are living with and managing anxiety in day-to-day life. The program is facilitated by Registered Social Workers. During the group sessions, the participants will learn how to deal with their anxious thoughts, feelings, and behaviours by understanding their anxiety and how to manage their worry. Relaxation skills and stress reduction techniques will be focused on during the weekly sessions.

The group will cover the following topics:

- ◆ Overview of generalized anxiety
- ◆ Challenging negative and positive beliefs about worrying
- ◆ Developing strategies to challenge worries and accept uncertainty
- ◆ Problem-solving and decision-making
- ◆ Managing the anxious body, mind, and behaviour
- ◆ Exploring and practicing relaxation skills and stress reduction techniques
- ◆ Maintaining the gains and developing a self-management plan

The program will be

Note: *Class date, times and locations within Corunna are subject to change or cancelation depending upon the number of patient registrants.*

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### Kids Chef Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the Raids Family Health Team *Kids Chef Summer Camp*, which will be held at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna the week

See Rapids Family Health Team, page 6

## Mooretown Sports Complex wants to get you moving

### Community Services Website

Check out our summer brochure at:  
[www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)

### Spring Into Fitness

Join Fitness Kick Boxing, Muscle Mix, or Water Aerobics any time. The cost is \$6 per class (\$5 per senior) or \$45 per 10 visit pass. Spin classes are also available. Join any time.

### Summer Swim Lesson Session

Daytime classes of four sessions each will be held: July 4-July 15; July 18-29; Aug. 2-Aug. 12; and Aug. 15-26. The cost is \$48 per child. Evening group lessons begin the week of July 4 and will be held once per week for nine weeks during the summer at a cost of \$43.20. Private lessons begin the week of July 4 (openings are still available) and are offered during any of the four daytime summer sessions - Monday to Friday or evenings once per week throughout the summer.

### Summer Water Aerobics/Therapy/Adult Swims

Shallow water aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9-10 a.m.; Thursday from 7-8 p.m. Deep water aerobics: Monday and Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. Water therapy: Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Adult swim: Monday through Friday from 7:30-9 a.m., Noon to 1 p.m.; and Thursday from 7-8 p.m.

### Tim Horton's sponsored free swims

Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop will sponsor free swims every Friday from 5:30-7 p.m. throughout the summer from July 8 to Aug. 12. Reminder: Any children unable to comfortably swim two widths of the Mooretown Sports Complex pool, all children under age 7, or under 48 inches tall, non-swimmers or weak swimmers, must be directly supervised in the water by an adult. A maximum of two children per adult is allowed.

### Summer Day Camp

Summer day camp for children ages 5 and over began on July 4 and will continue until Sept. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. (Early drop off and late pickup will be available for an additional \$15 per week.) Fees are \$27 per day, \$110 per week, or \$861 per summer. Family rates are also available.

### Sports Camps

For the young sports enthusiasts in the house, sports camps for children ages 7 and over will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays with early drop off and late pickup available. Camps will be held as follows: Golf - July 4-8; 18-22; Aug. 8-12; Sports Combo - July 11-15; July 25-29; Aug. 15-19; Track & Field - Aug. 2-5. Fee will be \$110 per week.

### Fitness Centre

Enjoy a feel-good summer by treating yourself to the many health benefits of regular visits to the fitness centre. Try it out with a 10-visit pass for just \$45 or a year's membership for \$225. With your membership, you can get in on special workouts like the Muscle Mix classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m., and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. or Kick Boxing on Mondays from 6-7 p.m. If spin classes are your speed, call the MSC for class times.

### Arena Floor Rentals/Summer Ice

Arena floor rentals are available for \$55 per hour for adults and \$45 per hour for minor, with special event rates available. Call now to book your lacrosse, ball hockey, or special event. Summer ice will be available starting July 18. Prime time on Monday through Friday after 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday all day, will cost \$130 per hour. Non-prime time on Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. will cost \$100 per hour.

### St. Clair Township Park rentals

If you'd like to book space at any St. Clair Township park for your wedding, family reunion or other special event just call 519-867-2651.

### Mooretown, Cathcart, or Branton-Cundick Park reservations

Call to book your campsites at any of these beautiful St. Clair Township campgrounds: Mooretown - 519-867-2951; Cathcart - 519-892-3342; Branton-Cundick - 519-892-3968.

**For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.**

## West Nile Virus dead bird surveillance underway

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has begun its West Nile Virus dead bird surveillance program. The public is encouraged to report the sighting of all dead birds to LPH 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) More information about the West Nile Virus is available at these contact locations as well.

DO NOT handle the dead birds without wearing gloves.

## Rapids Family Health Team

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of Aug. 8-12. This free camp is designed for kids ages seven through 11 who are interested in cooking and nutrition. They will eat the lunch they make. To register for the camp, call 519-813-9800 or email: [skidd@rapidsfhteam.ca](mailto:skidd@rapidsfhteam.ca) We are also recruiting volunteers interested in helping out. Anyone interested in volunteering can email: [cmccoleman@rapidsfhteam.ca](mailto:cmccoleman@rapidsfhteam.ca)

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Teaching Kitchen

Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build your

knowledge of healthy eating, but will also help you be able to apply them in a friendly group setting. Classes will cover a wide range of healthy conditions/topics including: heart health, digestive concerns, vegetarian, cooking for one, increasing fruit and vegetables, high blood pressure, and more. Cooking classes are open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next class will be held on Thursday, July 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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### Laboratory Services offered

Laboratory services at the clinic are available

Monday through Friday from  
7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

## Lambton County Library's summer reading program underway

The Lambton County Library's Summer Reading Program is now underway. The theme of this year's TD Summer Reading Club is "Wild".

Children can pick up a program passport at their local library branches so that they can record their reading and earn prizes. These prizes can be earned three ways:

- **Collect stickers** for reading and claim a book prize after reading five books (to a maximum of five prizes).
- **Lego Contest:** This contest is open to children ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. They can enter to win Lego prizes by uploading a photo of their creation to the library website. Multiple submissions are encouraged.
- **Wild Masks Contest:** Children ages 3-12 can enter a random draw for a Wild Prize Pack as often as they want to. All they have to do is upload a photo of themselves wearing their mask to the library website. Multiple submissions are encouraged.

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### Teen Challenges

Four teen challenges for ages 13-19 will be offered over the summer. One winner will be selected for each challenge and their prize will be a \$25 gift card to the Book Keeper book shop or the Galaxy Cineplex movie theatre. Participants that enter all four challenges will be eligible to win a \$100 gift card to Lambton Mall. Multiple submissions are encouraged and all submissions can be sent to the library website. Here are the challenges:

- ♦ **Blurb A Book (July 4-18):** Write a funny or sarcastic blurb to recommend a book to your friends.
- ♦ **Keep Reading GIFs (July 18-31):** Create your own book-themed GIF.
- ♦ **Blackout Poetry (Aug. 1-14):** Write your own

blackout poem.

- ♦ **Books In Wild Places (Aug. 15-28):** Take a photo of a book in a strange place, yourself reading in a strange place, or yourself with a weird face.

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Attention music lovers - a new eLibrary resource, Freegal, is now available through the Lambton County Library. It is a downloadable and streaming music service that gives patrons access to about nine million songs, including the Sony Music catalogue of legendary artists, and over 15,000 music videos. There is no software to download and there are no digital rights management restrictions (DMR). Patrons must have a valid Lambton County Library card. For more information, go online to [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca).

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Additional special events will be available at select libraries. To find out more about these and other activities going on at your local library, call the numbers listed below or go online to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca)

For more information about activities and events for all ages coming up at your local Lambton County Library branch, contact numbers are:

Brigden (519-864-1142), Corunna (519-862-1132),  
Courtright (519-867-2712), Mooretown (519-867-2823),  
Port Lambton (519-677-5217), Sombra (519-892-3711),  
Wilkesport (519-864-4000)

### Closures

Please note: All Lambton County Library branches will be closed Friday, July 1; Sunday, July 31; and Monday, Aug. 1.

## NeighbourLink Sarnia-Lambton seeking bedding for those in need

NeighbourLink Sarnia-Lambton has been helping those in need throughout the community since 1983 and during that time, the collection of good, gently used beds has been one of its busiest programs. The group is seeking the donation of good beds to service a long waiting list of people who need one. These individuals and families lack the resources to purchase a bed and Brenda Cowan, assistant director of NeighbourLink, says most are currently sleeping on the floor or on a couch, or are sharing a bed with family members.

The group will be holding a Bed Drive on Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will be picking up donated items throughout the day. In 2015, this drive led to the collection of over 800 box springs and mattresses. However, the need is on-going and donations can be made to NeighbourLink throughout the year. Donations can be made by emailing: [neighbourlink@cogeco.net](mailto:neighbourlink@cogeco.net) or calling 519-336-5465. More information can be obtained online at: [www.neighbourlinksarnia.org](http://www.neighbourlinksarnia.org)

NeighbourLink Sarnia-Lambton is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization whose stated purpose is to support and strengthen families in Sarnia-Lambton.

**Help keep your  
community  
beautiful—  
Please recycle**

You don't have to go to extremes to do your part when it comes to keeping your community beautiful, not just for now, but for generations to come. All you have to do is recycle; get recyclables to the curb on collection day and take your hazardous materials to Clean Harbors on Hazardous Waste Day. See page 4 for more information.



# Spring time in St. Clair Township~

## Moore Museum participates in Doors Open Lambton County

The Moore Museum was one of the stops on this year's *Doors Open Lambton County* event on June 11 and 12.

Over 100 visitors received free access to the museum site, enjoying a variety of heritage demonstrations. Left: Museum volunteer Leo Griffiths spent his time on the porch of the Basswood Block showing visitors the fine art of wood carving. And in the pioneer cabin, left, museum staff member Amanda Moorehouse showed visitors what it takes to spin a fine skein of yarn.



Patrol gear on display included a nine-metre long Zodiac Hurricane patrol craft, above, plus life-saving equipment as well as specialized equipment such as night-vision goggles and binoculars that produce computerized images.

## Display highlights law enforcement on the water

Water safety was the theme of the recent joint law enforcement display at the St. Clair Township Emergency Services building on Lyndoch Street. Members of the RCMP, the Canadian Coast Guard, and the OPP were on hand to demonstrate the equipment they use and explain the services they render while patrolling the St. Clair River.

All three branches of law enforcement are able to deal with marine safety, but the OPP concentrates on the enforcement of issues such as impaired driving (yes, piloting a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs is an offence and breathalyzer testing can be done) and municipal by-law infractions. The focus of RCMP patrols involves border integrity and personal safety, and the Coast Guard handles search and rescue.

A spokesman for the display noted that Canadian and American enforcement agencies enjoy mutual cooperation when river emergencies occur.

## Corunna Community Safety Committee holds bike rodeo

The CCSC Bicycle Safety rodeo resulted in two lucky participants winning new bicycles. Below: Seen here with their new bicycles are, left, Alexis Wamsley (with sister) and Levi Leitch. Back row: CCSC members Peter Grunte, Tracy Kingston, Stan Marsh, Shaun Antle, and OPP Insp. Scott Janssens. The rodeo winners, seen in cameo insets below, are: Shaun Robbins and Charlie Tran. Both boys each won a \$50 gift certificate from Toys 'R Us donated by Veolia.



Shaun



Charlie

## Artistry at the Brigden craft sale



Young henna tattoo artist Nur Sham was one of the many vendors at the Brigden Craft Sale on June 11. The self-taught 16-year-old demonstrated the elegant ancient body art form on several visitors using the traditional method and considerable skill. Beacon editor Bonnie Stevenson is seen here watching in fascination as Nur concentrates on her design.



## *~Happiness is a bright, sunny day*



### **Firefighters Field Day**

A sunny, warm day set a happy tone for the 39th annual Firefighters' Field Day in Corunna. Below: Special guests for the event were Marshall and Chase from the popular children's television show *Paw Patrol*, who rode into town aboard a vintage fire truck from the Corunna station. Below left: Never forgetting the underlying purpose of the day, firefighters Mark Perrin (front man on the hose), Nick Haynes, and Mitchell Kennedy were ready to extinguish the flames from the house burn demonstration. Top left: Firefighter Mitch Lisinski manned the cotton candy machine while a lineup of anxious children waited their turn to receive their share of the goodies.

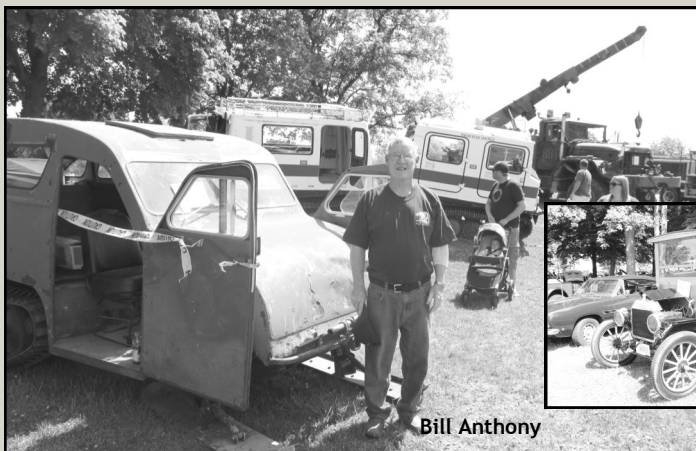
*Photos by Nick Haynes and Bonnie Stevenson*



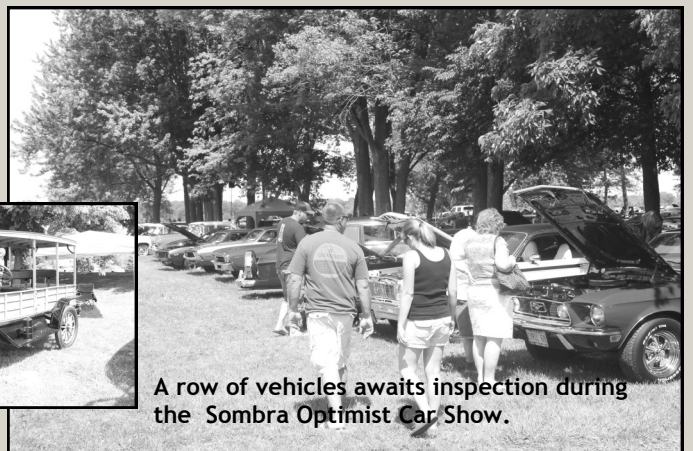
### **Sombra Optimist Club Car Show fills Brander Park with a record number of vehicles**

Organizers of the 12th annual Sombra Optimist Club Car Show say it was a record year for vehicle entries. By noon, there were 245 registered vehicles of all shapes and descriptions on site. Pat Simpson, vice-president of the Sombra Optimist Club, was pleased to announce this impressive landmark. "This is the most successful season in the 12 years we've held the event," she said. "We're up 50 cars over last year."

One of the curious exhibitions at this year's event was a collection of well-used vehicles from the Arctic Circle. Exhibitor Bill Anthony of Port Lambton says he acquired them during the five years he lived in Churchill, Manitoba where his wife, Grace, was the Anglican priest. His love of all things motorized has been a life-long journey and Bill says he owns 20 vehicles, some interesting and some...not so much. The vehicle Bill is standing beside in the photo, below left, is a Bombardier passenger snow vehicle that was used for years to do polar bear research. The double snow vehicle behind him was used by emergency workers and the crane truck in the background is an old army lorry. He says his passion for vehicle collection spread quickly up north. "People started to call me," he said. It wasn't long until he had a lot of "luggage" to bring home. It took two railway freight cars and one tractor trailer to ship the vehicles back to his Port Lambton farm. Middle inset: A restored 1914 Ford, also the property of Bill Anthony, attracted a lot of admiring glances.



Bill Anthony



A row of vehicles awaits inspection during the Sombra Optimist Car Show.

## World *No Tobacco Day* recognizes local tobacco-free champs

Tobacco use in Ontario has been challenged by a mighty force that has been building momentum since 1994: the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* has made public spaces healthier to visit and made tobacco less accessible to minors. It has prompted many tobacco users to rethink their habit and to “kick it”, either on the strength of willpower alone or through the many tobacco cessation methods and programs that are available today.

To commemorate the successes of this program, World *No Tobacco Day* was created 10 years ago on May 31, 2006. Lambton Public Health (LPH) recently presented several community groups and individuals with a Tobacco Free Champion Award.

Award recipients include: **Bluewater Health** - Acknowledged for its smoking cessation program which provided information, programs, and products to help affected staff and patients quit; **Sarnia Legionnaires Jr. B. Hockey Club** - The team developed and implemented a tobacco-free policy for players, which includes smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarette products. This policy showed a commitment to player health and to presenting a role model for the community; **Lambton Youth CHAT (Community Health Action**

**Team)** - This youth group works to prevent peers from starting tobacco use by planning and promoting community events and activities that encourage tobacco-free lifestyles; **Grant Lee** - Mr. Lee first contacted LPH for help to quit smoking and for nicotine replacement patches. He remains tobacco free and continues to advocate for LPH's Quit Smoking program by encouraging friends to become tobacco free; **Lambton Kent District School Board and St. Clair Catholic District School Board** - Both boards are involved in a tobacco-free initiative with LPH, including Alternate Choices program and the Nicotine Challenge program. The SCCDB smoke-free policy surpasses provincial regulations covering all tobacco products including e-cigarettes, cigars, cut tobacco, and chewing tobacco.

***Tobacco users are invited to become tobacco-free with the help of LPH support. Free nicotine replacement therapy is available. Call the Lambton Tobacco Hotline at 519-383-3810 or toll-free at 1-866-667-1839, ext. 3810.***

For more information about World No Tobacco Day 2016 go online to: [www.who.int](http://www.who.int) or [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)

## Lambton Public Health urges precautionary rabies awareness

So far in 2016, no rabies positive animals have been found in Lambton County, but just to be on the safe side, Lambton Public Health has issued information to educate the public about the virus and to ask for the public's help in identifying potentially threatening animals. This measure is necessary since rabies is still being found. Last December's discovery of a rabid racoon in Hamilton, and over 100 other diagnosed cases that have been found in other parts of Ontario since that time, illustrates the importance of being on the lookout for infected animals to avoid a wide spread outbreak. The three types of rabies authorities are looking for include: racoon, skunk, and bat rabies. If an animal exhibits uncharacteristic behaviour such as aggressiveness, signs of paralysis, or unusual boldness or lack of fear when approaching humans, it should be reported to Lambton Public Health immediately. Call 519-383-8331 or toll-free 1-800-667-1839 to talk to a health inspector.

It should be noted that prompt identification of rabies in an infected animal can help Ministry of Natural Resources and other

associated agencies use tried and true measures, such as vaccine baiting, to stop the spread of the disease before it gets out of hand.

And if you receive any bite from a strange animal, or you are scratched by a bat, this is automatically considered to be rabies exposure. If the animal's owner is present, get contact information. The wound must be washed with warm soapy water and medical treatment should be sought as soon as possible. Lab testing is required to establish an accurate diagnosis of rabies and it is relatively easy to cure if the victim is treated promptly.

**IMPORTANT: Pet owners should have their pets vaccinated annually against rabies; this simple step not only protects the pet from contracting the disease, it also protects the pet's family and others who may come in contact with it. For more information about rabies or vaccination clinics, call 519-383-8331, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, or go online to: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)**

## **EmergenciesLambton** website covers wide range of preparation measures

Lambton County has launched a new website to provide information on how to be prepared for a wide variety of emergency situations. [EmergenciesLambton.ca](http://EmergenciesLambton.ca) covers topics like emergency preparedness and hazards in the Lambton County community.

“Residents can read up on a number of topics including chemical emergencies, severe summer weather, public health emergencies, severe winter weather, and flooding,” said Emer-

gency Management Coordinator Mark Wetering.

The website outlines the Emergency Response plans of Lambton County and various local municipalities. It also features notable historic local emergencies such as the 1902 Wainstead train wreck, the 1913 Great Lakes White Hurricane, the 1953 Sarnia and 1983 Reece's Corners tornadoes, and the 2010 snowsquall emergency, locally known as “Snowmageddon”.

**Emergencies happen - be prepared!**



## HERITAGE CORNER

### Victorian Tea welcomes avid tea drinkers and new guests

A beautiful spring day greeted the recent Victorian Tea event at the Moore Museum. The weather not only helped to bring out the avid tea drinkers and museum supporters, but new guests as well. Left: One of those new guests was Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu, who enjoyed her tea and scones al fresco on the veranda of the museum's Victorian Era cottage. She was served by Emily Moore, 13, who has already been volunteering with the museum for four years.

#### *Restored Dominion organ now graces Trinity Chapel*

For years, the Dominion organ has been on display in the Victorian section of the Moore Museum. It is now in service once again thanks to Rodney Jantzi of Baden, Ontario, who has restored the old beauty. It received its final tuning on Jan. 17 of this year, exactly 135 years to the day it had its final tuning at the Dominion Organ factory.

The organ was built in 1881 by the Dominion Organ Company of Bowmanville, Ontario and it was originally purchased by Mount Zion Presbyterian Church in Ridgetown, Ontario. Then, in 1899, Mount Zion purchased a pipe organ and the Dominion was purchased by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna where it served until the 1950s.

The organ has been silent for almost six decades but thanks to the great work of Rodney Jantzi, it sings again. It has taken its rightful place in the Moore Museum's St. Clair Trinity Chapel where it will be heard in concert on Friday, July 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The featured musicians for the evening will be Mr. Jantzi and the museum's own volunteer organist Jeff Searson. During the concert, Mr. Jantzi will provide a brief glimpse into the restoration project, which involved 220 hours of skilled volunteer labour.

Only 70 tickets were made available and many have already been sold. The cost is only \$15 per adult and \$7.50 per child. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets today by calling 519-867-2020 or emailing: [lmason@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:lmason@twp.stclair.on.ca)

Right: Moore Museum volunteer organist Jeff Searson demonstrates the Dominion organ's sweet sound with a selection of sacred and contemporary melodies.

#### Summer is Model Train Time

It's model train time again at the Moore Museum on Sundays, July 24 and Aug. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors of all ages are invited to enjoy an enhanced viewing of the

Lionel model train displays and even try their hand at operating the trains. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroading as all of the layouts operate.



Photo by  
Bonnie Stevenson

Museum volunteer Jeff Searson is shown putting the newly-restored Dominion organ through its paces. The organ will be featured in an evening concert on Friday, July 8.



Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

# COMMUNITY CONTACT

## 160th anniversary cookbook on sale now

Members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna have compiled a new cookbook to celebrate the church's 160th anniversary - 1855 to 2015. The book, priced at \$15, contains 244 delicious recipes. It can be purchased by calling Ruth at 519-862-4119.

## Corunna Legion's Elimination Draw supports community activities

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 is currently selling elimination draw tickets to benefit the many community activities and initiatives it supports. The final draw will be held on Sept. 24 and tickets are going fast, so get yours now. Tickets cost \$20 each and can be obtained at the Legion hall at the corner of Albert and Beckwith Streets, or at the Corunna fire station on Hill Street. The first prize will be \$2,400. For more information, call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

## Play pickleball at CAP park

The sport of pickleball may be coming to Corunna if enough people can be found to play. The game is played with table tennis-like racquets on a marked tennis court and organizers Audrey and Michael Hill say the Corunna Athletic Park on Hill Street already has one court marked for use. All that's needed now are more players and Mr. Hill says free lessons will be given if enough people are interested in playing.

Anyone wanting to find out more about the game can go online to: [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org) or [www.pickleball Canada](http://www.pickleball Canada). Michael Hill can be contacted at 519-813-9274.

## Your change helps the St. Clair Trail

That spare change that puts holes in your pockets, clutters up the floor of your car, and makes you jingle when you walk can help support the upkeep of one of the most scenic trails in Ontario when you donate it to the St. Clair Trail through the *Pennies for Pavement* program. Just drop it off at the following locations: Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton (*the Canada Post office no longer accepts donations*) 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

Student volunteer opportunities are available at the Brigden fairgrounds in Brigden all year long, so call the Brigden Fairgrounds Fair Office at 519-864-1197 for more information.

## 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.

## New members welcome -

### Lambton County Jr. Optimist Club

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club is always on the lookout for youth who want to make a difference in their community. Club members ages 10 through 18 volunteer in the community and fundraise to put on their own programs and to donate to other youth programs. All hours spent volunteering through the club can be used toward members' volun-

teer 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.

## Brigden TOPS group meetings

Brigden TOPS hold their meetings every Tuesday night at the Brigden Optimist Hall. Weigh-ins are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meetings are from 6:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 519-864-1865. The TOPS mission is to help our members to sensibly take off and keep off pounds.

## TOPS group meets in Port Lambton

The Port Lambton TOPS weight loss group meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the Port Lambton Community Hall. For more information, call Margaret Ann at 519-677-5665 or just come out on Thursday nights. Everyone is welcome.

## Let Corunna TOPS group help you reach your goal

The TOPS Corunna group offers helpful weight-loss information and friendly support to help you reach your weight loss goal. The non-profit group meets every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 437 Colborne Street in Corunna. Weigh-in is 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a short meeting from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend so drop in for a meeting. For more information, call Ruth at 519-862-4119 or Wendy at 519-862-4119. As of Aug. 2, Wendy will be taking over the leadership of the group.

## Union Gas donates \$5,000 to SCRCA



Union Gas recently donated \$5,000 to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for its Conservation Education Program, which teaches children the importance of the natural world and what they can do to protect our watersheds. To date, over 25 programs have been developed for the program. This particular donation will be used to support the Spring Water Awareness Program, which teaches elementary school students in the St. Clair Region to be aware of the power of water, especially during the spring thaw.

Wes Armstrong, director of storage and transmission operations for Union Gas, said, "We're very pleased to continue to support this program, which is helping to keep our children safe." SCRCA Chair Steve Arnold thanked Union Gas for its support, saying, "These funds will be a great help in advancing our efforts to teach school children the importance of safety around watercourses, and for all of us to continue to strive for healthy watersheds. Above: On hand for the cheque presentation were, from left: SCRCA Chair Steve Arnold, Sharon Nethercott, SCRCA conservation education coordinator; Wes Armstrong, Union Gas director of storage and transmission operations; and Chris Young, administration manager, STO, Union Gas.

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## Summer heat can take its toll - know how to stay cool

Summer heat - we complain when we have it and we complain when we don't; it's either nice or it's a nuisance. But when the temperatures climb and the humidity closes in, it's also a very real threat, especially to the very young, the elderly, and those who are vulnerable due to chronic conditions and illness. St. Clair Township has already experienced this deadly heat and it's important that we know how to cope with it.

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has some tips for staying safe when the thermometer skyrockets. First, know the symptoms of heat-related illness. They include: rapid breathing, dizziness or fainting, vomiting, rapid heartbeat, extreme thirst, and decreased urination, usually dark yellow. Anyone with these symptoms must cool down immediately by seeking a shaded or air conditioned area, drinking plenty of cool non-alcoholic fluids, and resting. If you are by yourself, it's also wise to contact a family member, friend, or health care provider. Heat strokes are considered a medical emergency so call 911 if you are caring for someone who has a high body temperature, is unconscious, confused, or has stopped sweating.

If you know of anyone who is at risk during high heat and humidity conditions, you can help by checking on them to make sure that they are not experiencing difficulties. Make sure they are drinking enough fluids and are in a cool place.

LPH stresses that heat-related illness is preventable if the proper steps are taken. Make sure you are drinking enough water or other non-alcoholic fluids (alcohol depletes the body of water instead of replenishing it). Go to a public space like a mall, library, community centre, or designated cooling centre. *The Mooretown Sports Complex is one of*

*these centres. It is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3:30 p.m.*

Avoid strenuous activities between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest and reschedule outdoor activities to a cooler time of day. Avoid the sun if possible and wear sunscreen. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes and sunglasses. Those who take medication or have a health condition should ask their health care providers if they increase your risk of developing heat-related problems. They may have some recommendations for you to follow.

Cool showers or baths are helpful, and cool, wet towels can be applied to face, neck, and arms.

Heavy meals and oven use should be avoided, and drapes should be kept closed to help keep the house cool.

Pet owners should pay special attention to their pets during these times. Animals, like their human guardians, need a cool place and fresh water when it's hot, and they should NEVER be left in a parked car, especially with the windows closed. Several owners in Ontario have been charged under the law for this kind of abuse so far this year.

Heat warnings are issued by LPH to all media outlets. If you are in doubt about whether or not a heat warning is in effect, tune in to your local radio station.

***A heat warning is issued when two consecutive days are forecasted to have a daytime high temperature of greater than or equal to 31 degrees Celsius, a nighttime temperature of greater than or equal to 20 degrees Celsius, or a humidex greater than 40 degrees Celsius.***

## Stuff The Bus and help needy residents of Lambton County

The needs of some Lambton County families go unmet due to any number of misfortunes. It isn't just at Christmas and Easter some of our friends and neighbours need help.

To help fill Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul foodbanks throughout the county, the annual *Stuff The Bus* event is planned for Saturday, July 9. Two Samia Transit buses, cleverly labeled Bus One and Bus Two, will travel two different routes collecting

as much food as possible. In the spirit of friendly competition, the buses will be weighed at the end of the day to find out which one gathered the most food.

The St. Clair Township leg of the trip will be traveled by Bus 2. It is slated to make a 45 minute stop at Corunna No Frills at 9 a.m. and another 45 minute stop at Corunna Foodland at 10 a.m.

Lynn Huey, spokesperson for the Salvation Army, says all food collected will be divided equally between the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. The Salvation Army portion is used for anyone living in Lambton County. The St. Vincent de Paul portion can be accessed by St. Vincent Depaul foodbank in Corunna. She added, "We have clients that come from all the way in from Port Lambton and Sombra area looking for assistance with food, medical, utilities, and dental."

## Cycling events slated for county

Several cycling events have been taking place in Lambton County this summer, including the Bluewater International Granfondo is set for Sunday, July 31 and on Aug. 7-12, the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure. But cyclists and motorists alike are reminded that the law requires both groups to share the road to ensure safe travel.

**Motorists** are urged to share the road with cyclists at all times. Drivers must maintain a minimum distance of one metre when passing cyclists when possible. Failure to do so can result in a fine of \$85.

**Cyclists** are reminded that they must also be mindful of their own safety when sharing the road with vehicle traffic. Their bicycles must have front and rear lights, as well as reflective tape, or face a \$110 fine.

More information on bicycle safety can be found at: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca) or [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca) More information on cycling tourism can be found on [www.ontariobybike.ca](http://www.ontariobybike.ca) More information on these and other great cycling opportunities can be found online at [www.bikefriendlylambton.com](http://www.bikefriendlylambton.com).

## How clean is your beach?

Lambton Public Health reports that no water sampling is taking place along the St. Clair River, but there are still guidelines to be followed to prevent illness from temporary water quality issues. Following a heavy rain, the water at beach areas may be temporarily polluted for up to 48 hours due to water run-off. Swimmers should look out for cloudy water that is often caused by wave activity. This causes bacteria from the river bottom to become suspended, which increases the risk of illness.

Water quality information is available for tested areas 24/7 by calling the Water Quality Information Line at 519-383-3816, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3816, or online at: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)

## STILL MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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### HEADS UP

#### Coming to Brigden this fall

The Brigden fairgrounds will be the site of several great events and activities in the second half of 2016.

They include: Oct. 8-10 - Brigden Fair; Oct. 15 - Brigden Demolition Derby; Oct. 22- Storage begins; Sunday, Nov. 13 - Fall Country Jamboree; Sunday, Nov. 20 - CKNX Barn Dance; Sunday, Dec. 11 - Country Christmas Jamboree. *More information will appear here in The Beacon as it becomes available.*

#### 28th Annual Downriver Craft & Gift Sale

The Moore Museum will present its 28th Annual Downriver Craft and Gift Sale on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moore Museum site.

Get an early start on your holiday shopping or treat yourself. The event will feature over 80 tables of crafts and a food booth will be on-site. Admission is \$2 per adult and free for children. For more information go online to: [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)

### Special notice

#### Brigden Outdoor Expo cancelation

The 1st Annual Brigden Outdoor Expo slated for June 4 was canceled by the organizers after the June Beacon was sent to print and there was no way to prevent the publication of the out-of-date information. For more information, go online to: [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca).



### Spread the word about your coming events 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 THE BEACON IS THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

Please double-check each submission for accuracy before sending.

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



st. clair river  
run

The 7th annual St. Clair River Run is slated for Saturday, July 16. On-line registrations are now being accepted at: [stclairriverrun.com](http://stclairriverrun.com)

Those who register before June 1 will receive a technical t-shirt and reduced registration fee. The event, which employs chip timing, includes a 10K Run and a 5K Run/Walk (stroller friendly). It takes place on a certified course over flat, paved terrain, taking participants along the beautiful St. Clair River through Sombra and Port Lambton to terminate at Brander Park. There is also a free Minnow Run for the children.

The 2016 St. Clair River Run is

presented by CF Industries and proceeds from the event will be used for the care and maintenance of the St. Clair River Trail.

Check out Facebook at [stclairriverrun.com](http://stclairriverrun.com)

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## 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:**

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).

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ized. On Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., basket weaving will be presented through a partnership with the Sarnia Hand weavers and Spinners Guild. On Sunday, Aug. 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., try 3D needle felting. On Sunday, Sept 25 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Watercolour Part II will be presented. And on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., enjoy Introduction to Crochet. Pre-registration is required and places are limited. Further details and costs will be available soon on the museum's website: [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca). You can also call 519-867-2020.

## Sportsman Club hosts archery

The Lambton Sportsman Club will host archery sessions on Saturday mornings (not Tuesday evening) from 9 a.m. to noon continuing every Saturday morning until Sept. 24. An archery committee member will be on-site during these sessions. Please note that archery is open to the public but a club member must be present. All ages are welcome and children up to the age of 15 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Ages 16 and over must pay a \$5 fee for the use of the range. For more information, please call Len at 519-344-7009 or Elsie at 519-867-3940.

## History of local furniture making subject of new exhibit

The Lambton Heritage Museum south of

Grand Bend on Highway 21 is currently hosting **Made In Lambton**, an exhibit that explores the art of carpentry and furniture making in early Lambton before 1900. See the tools and learn about the techniques that created the many made-to-last pieces that furnished the homes of the area's early residents. For more information, go online to [www.lambtonmuseums.ca](http://www.lambtonmuseums.ca) or call 519-243-2600.

## Weekly Souper Thursdays in Corunna

Members of Parkway Church at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna will host *Souper Thursdays*, a free community lunch, every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a homemade lunch to eat in or take out. Those who require assistance can call 519-862-3380 to have lunch delivered.

## 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; and **bridge** on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

## Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

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

## Cribbage played at Corunna United Church

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

## 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.

## Ballroom Dancing Club

The Sarnia Ballroom Dancing Club holds regular dances at the Camlachie Community Hall. For more information, go online to: [www.sarniaballroomdancingclub.ca](http://www.sarniaballroomdancingclub.ca)



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## Sombra Days on the way

Sombra Days are on the way the weekend of July 1-3. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities. NOTE: Organizers are looking for someone to take over the loonie table. Anyone interested can call Ann at 519-892-3908.

## Music On The Porch at Sombra Museum

Ease into a lawn chair and enjoy Music On The Porch at the Sombra Museum on Sunday, July 3 at 7 p.m. The special guest will be Dave Burwell, who will be displaying his Pesha Postcard collection of Lambton County. And while you're there, be sure to visit two new exhibits: *Wood-Glory-Tragedy: Shipbuilding and Shipwrecks on the St. Clair River*; and *House Calls and Old Tyme Medicine*. The popular display from 2015, *All Dolled Up: Downtown*, a collection of 106 composition dolls, returns this year for an encore showing. The Sombra Museum is located in Sombra Village at the corner of the St. Clair Parkway and Smith Street.



## Show 'N Shine car show planned

The congregation of the Sixth Line United Church will host a Show 'N Shine car show in the church parking lot, 1201 Moore Line at Tecumseh Road, on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is being held in conjunction with the church's 50th Anniversary Open House. Hot dogs, coffee, and pop will be available. Everyone is invited to attend.

## LOC to hold River Ride

The Lambton Outdoor Club will hold a Ride The River event on Saturday, July 9. The event will be a cycle ride in the "Hares" category, a 90 kilometre return trip ride to Sombra for lunch. For details or to sign up go online to: [lambtonoutdoorclub.org/cycling/](http://lambtonoutdoorclub.org/cycling/)

## Vacation Bible School in Brigden

Brigden United Church will host Vacation Bible School the week of July 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children ages SK to Grade 7 are invited to attend this free summer event. They should bring a bag lunch but snacks will be provided. The program will feature Christian education through crafts, games, snacks, Bible lessons, and other activities. To register in advance, call 519-882-1575 or email: [brigdennpc@gmail.com](mailto:brigdennpc@gmail.com)

## LOC to hold canoe/kayak event

The Lambton Outdoor Club will hold a two-hour Stag Island Tour by canoe or kayak on Saturday, July 16. This tour is considered easy. For

details and to sign up, go online to: [lambtonoutdoorclub.org/canoe-kayaking/](http://lambtonoutdoorclub.org/canoe-kayaking/)

## Brigden Day Camp offered

Summer fun will be on the agenda as the Brigden United Church offers Day Camp for children in SK to Grade 7 the week of Aug. 15-19. The cost will be \$50 for the week and snacks will be provided, but children must bring a bag lunch. The camp program will feature one of these themes each day: Sports, Science, Adventure, Cooking, and Crafts. To register in advance, call 519-882-1575 or email: [brigdennpc@gmail.com](mailto:brigdennpc@gmail.com)

## Brigden Fair Ambassador candidates sought

The Brigden Fair Ambassador contest is coming up in August and contestants are now being sought to participate for that coveted title. Females and males between the ages of 17-24 as of Aug. 1, 2016 are invited to fill out an application form. It can be found online at [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or at the fair office, 519-864-1197. Applications must be submitted to the office by Friday, July 22. Prospective competitors are invited to attend an information night on Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. in the board room at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall at the Brigden fairgrounds. Have you got what it takes to wear the crown?

## Brigden Fair Ambassador Competition event

The Brigden Fair Ambassador Competition for 2016 will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. in the exhibition hall at the Brigden fairgrounds. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting annual event.

## Blueberry Social in Sombra

The Sombra Museum will host its popular annual Blueberry Social on Sunday, Aug. 7 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment will be by a barbershop quartet, The Resolution, from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. These talented singers are the senior champions for the Ontario District. Also performing will be the Myers Family and other local artists who will entertain with country and western-style music. Admission is by free will donation at the door. For more information, call the museum at 519-892-3982.

## Creative Workshops offered at Moore Museum

The Moore Museum's Creative Workshops series held earlier this year was so successful that another series of workshops has been final-