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**Kids are back
in school -
Please give
them a brake!**



New Brigden Fair Ambassador crowned



Newly-crowned Brigden Fair Ambassador Kayla Farr, centre, stands with her court and her predecessor, Esther Thomson, left. The 2016-2017 court includes; Julia Lester, second from left; Mariah Ward; and Jeannine Baxter.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

The new Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2016-2017 has been chosen. Kayla Farr, 20, of Wilkesport won over a field of four competitors at the annual Brigden Fair Ambassador competition on Sunday afternoon.

Born and raised in Brigden, the Farr family bought their Wilkesport farm 10 years ago and since then, Kayla says she has developed a love for farm life. "It didn't take me long to realize that the farm is where I was meant to be," she said, adding that her exposure to farm life led to a love for horses and farming. "It really fits who I am as a person. It's my calling."

Having attended Brigden Public School and graduated from LCCVI in Petrolia, she says she has no plans to pursue post-secondary education right now but is researching online education options. Her job at Stewardson Dairy in Thedford provides great satisfaction for her, tending the calves and milking cows. As a member of 4-H, she is currently showing a heifer calf for the dairy and "having a blast".

The avid horsewoman relaxes by trail riding and loves to ride in parades and participate in local riding competitions like barrel riding, but she says she isn't interested in serious competition.

Her time in the garden is another source of pleasure for her. "I have a very large vegetable garden that's flourishing," she said. The garden is especially meaningful for her because it brings back memories of her grandfather. And when autumn comes, she can be found indulging her passion for baking.

Farm life has become an overriding passion for Kayla and her efforts are directed at learning all she can about the farm. "I'm always trying to improve myself and learn more at the farm," she said.

Kayla is excited about the experiences she will have during her coming year as fair ambassa-

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MUNICIPAL NOTES

About 18 residents and members of the Sombra Sports and Recreation (SSR) organization approached council on Aug. 8 to request council permission to undertake the installation of a public dock on the shore of Sombra village. The project will include an onshore deck and a long dock which will terminate in another deck. The dock will have two finger docks built out from its side. An information package that included a diagram of the proposed dock, its specifications, a justification for its installation, and preliminary cost estimates was submitted to council for consideration. The group explained that village residents used to have access to the Sombra ferry dock for their summer swimming outings, and it was a popular gathering place for the community. Strict government regulations now prevent leisure use of the causeway leading out to the Canada Customs building and the Sombra ferry, so there is nowhere for most residents to congregate to enjoy the river. The group pointed out Sombra was the only river community within St. Clair

Council approves public dock project

Township without this type of public river access.

The group considers the project an appropriate one to mark Canada's 150th anniversary next year. A memorial donation to the project has already been made and other fundraising options will be accessed if the project goes ahead.

Mayor Arnold commended the group for its tireless community activities, acknowledged the many projects the SSR has successfully spearheaded since it began 30 years ago, including the Sombra splash pad, the minor baseball program, and several other major projects. Council agreed the public dock was a project that would be beneficial to the community and granted approval for the group to continue its efforts with the provision that approvals from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans are also acquired.

Project Assist furthers firefighter training

The township's volunteer firefighters received welcome support at the Aug. 8 meeting of council. Fire Chief Rick Arnel, executive vice-president of the Ontar-

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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.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

St. Clair Township Council meets every first and third Mondays of the month (with exceptions to accommodate holidays). The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information.



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 date will be **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

Public meeting to discuss draft county official plan

The County of Lambton will hold a public meeting to discuss the County's draft official plan on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be followed by the regular meeting of Lambton County Council. The draft plan can be found online at: www.lambtononline.ca. Click on the *Official Plan Review* tab.

New Township Website in effect

Please use

<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 the site noted above. 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.

Works Department bids Matt Deline good-bye

After eight years of service with the St. Clair Township Works Dept. as Director of Public Works (Operations and Engineering), Matt Deline is now Lambton County's Manager of Public Works. To thank him for his years of service to the municipality, Mayor Arnold presented Mr. Deline with a token of St. Clair Township Council's appreciation at a small reception in his honour.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



Public invited to Clean Harbors Annual Open House

The public is invited to attend the Clean Harbors annual open house on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the facility located at 4090 Telfer Road in St. Clair Township. Tour the facility to see how incoming waste is handled, view the summary results of the 2014 and 2015 environmental monitoring programs, and enjoy refreshments. Interested members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in discussions with company officials. For more information, call 519-864-3890.

MUNICIPAL NOTES**Safety of 180 volunteer firefighters first priority**

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io Fire Chief's Association, member of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council, and Fire Chief for the Town of Essex, attended to bring a \$5,000 contribution toward the cost of on-going firefighter training through the Project Assist program. This Enbridge Pipelines Inc. program supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge operates.

The funds are part of a \$100,000 donation Enbridge Gas Distribution provides to the Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council each year. The Public Safety Council divides the funds between 20 Ontario fire departments. Since the program's launch in 2012, it has facilitated additional firefighter training for 84 Ontario fire departments.

"Regular training is an important part of being prepared for any hazardous situation and Project Assist contributes to overall firefighter health and safety by improving access to training materials," said Chief Arnel.

Brian Black, Enbridge Pipelines Inc. general manager, Eastern region, was also on hand for the presentation. "Safety is a priority at Enbridge and we are proud to support Ontario firefighters who share in our commitment to help keep out communities safe," he said.

On behalf of the Township of St. Clair, Mayor Steve Arnold expressed thanks for the contribution to the well-being of the municipality's firefighters. "Keeping our people safe when they're out on the line is such an important thing for us," he said. "We try to make sure they receive the training they need...There's no building in St.

Clair Township that is worth somebody's life."

In emergencies, the residents of St. Clair Township are kept safe thanks to the efforts of about 180 volunteer firefighters in six fire stations. These men and women expend countless hours of personal time, physical effort, and commitment to ensure the preservation of life and, whenever possible, property in St. Clair Township.



The presentation of a contribution to firefighter safety was attended by, front left: St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson; Chief Rick Arnel, executive vice-president of the Ontario Fire Chief's Association; Brian Black, Enbridge Pipelines Inc. general manager, Eastern region; and Mayor Steve Arnold. Back row left: St. Clair Township CAO John Rodey; Councillors Darrell Randell, Tracy Kingston, Jim DeGurse; St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland; and St. Clair Township Clerk Jeff Baranek.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Holiday event safety is just a call away

The holiday season will be here before you know it and many major events are now in the works. 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 continue

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.

Annual Coast Guard bbq satisfies youthful curiosity



The annual barbecue at the Port Lambton Coast Guard station provided a great opportunity for curious youngsters, both human and avian, to satisfy their curiosity about the equipment Coast Guard personnel use in the course of their duties. Aboard the Coast Guard Zodiac Hurricane, four Port Lambton kids including Brady, left, Lexie, Peyton, and Abby donned life jackets to receive a guided tour from Coast Guard personnel Evan Keys (on dock), Coxswain Jeff Desson, left, Kayla Graham, and Trina Harany. The children also got to communicate with the (MCT) Marine Communication Traffic service via radio. Meanwhile, in the water, a family of swans enjoyed a tour of their own, scouting the Coast Guard station dock slip for tasty morsels on the river bed.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

Lambton County Library offers language-learning tool

A new online resource is available to assist newcomers who are transitioning to this area. *Transparent Language* is a language-learning tool offering beginner-level English courses for speakers of over 25 different languages, as well as immersive English material for intermediate and advanced learners. *Gale Courses*, online language learning courses for all adults, include grammar for ESL and writing for ESL. Other Gale Courses include a resume-writing workshop and 12 Steps to a Successful Job Search.

For the youngsters, there are a variety of online programs to choose from. *Muzzy Online* is a fun language-learning tool featuring Muzzy and his friends. *TumbleBookLibrary* offers an online collection of eBooks for children. There are over 250 animated talking picture books included. The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles. And *Over-drive* offers read-along eBooks, making English-learning fun and entertaining.

All of the online resources are available free with a valid library card at www.lclibrary.ca under *eLibrary*. To sign up for a library card, visit any branch library with a piece of identification and proof of address.

Libraries also offer free computer and Internet access, as well as in-house resources to assist newcomers.

Note: All Lambton County Library branches and its headquarters will be closed on Sunday, Sept. 4 and Monday, Sept. 5.

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New preschool sessions will begin at most Lambton County Library branches the week of Sept. 5. Programs for preschoolers include: *Tales For Tots* is a 30-minute program designed for children, ages three and under, and their caregivers. *Story Hour* is a one hour program for children, ages three to five, and their caregivers. It includes songs, stories, fingerplays, activities, and crafts developed to stimulate and create an early interest in reading. *French Story Hour* is offered at the Corunna library branch. Each session is generally six weeks in length. Some programs required pre-registration but drop-in programs can be attended without registration. All programs are free unless otherwise noted. To find out what's new at your local library, go online to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca)

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## 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](http://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 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: 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 will 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 classes.* 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: 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: Sept. 9; Oct. 7; and Dec. 2.

*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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Laboratory Services offered

Laboratory services at the clinic are available

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

Library branches offer a variety of programs for preschool to adult

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or call toll-free to 1-866-324-6912 with any questions or concerns.

Two special programs offered this month will be: the Alzheimer and Dementia Education Series at the Brigden library branch on Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 14, and 21 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required at 519-864-1142. And at the Port Lambton library branch, children ages six through 12 will enjoy Discovery Programs' *Flight* on Saturdays, Sept. 3, 10,

17, and 24 from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a drop-in program that will include various crafts and activities involving flight.

To contact your local library branch for more information, see below.

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)

Mooretown Sports Complex wants to get you moving

Community Services Website

Check out our summer brochure at:
www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

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 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Fitness Kick Boxing on Mondays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Spin classes are held Tuesdays from 7:15 to 8 a.m.; Bikes and Bells Spin

classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Fall schedule available soon

The fall schedule will be available beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Check out the MSC fall brochure online at: www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

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

Community festivals make St. Clair summers fun



Photo left, by
Bonnie Stevenson

Photo right,
submitted



As always, summer in St. Clair Township gave everyone a chance to get out of the house and enjoy the many activities and annual events that took place all over the municipality. Left: Captain Kidd made his annual appearance in Corunna, bringing with him a host of young pirates-in-training like the Rodrigues crew. Above: Port Lambton's annual festival, Gala Days, turned a weekend in July into a cause for celebration. Mayor Steve Arnold and volunteer firefighter Brandon Hammerlein took part in the Gala Days parade. From the excitement of baseball and volleyball tournaments, to the unfettered joy that comes from bouncing in an inflatable or dining on carnival treats, a St. Clair Township summer gives us time to slow down and make wonderful family memories.

All-Star smiles from Lady Giants U12 fastball players

Corunna Lady Giants U12 fastball players Avery Moninger, left, Layne Fleming, Shana Murphy-Myers, Brice Knight, Emma Greenwood, and Olivia Prentice are all smiles, having represented their team at the 2016 Tri-County All-Star Game. Their team is currently in second place in the league standings.

Photo submitted



West Nile Virus dead bird surveillance continues

Lambton Public Health (LPH) continues 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 More information about the West Nile Virus is available at these contact locations as well.

DO NOT handle the dead birds without wearing gloves.

Corunna artist imbues art with 90 years of memories



Artist Annie McLaughlin works on one panel of a four-part underwater fantasy set. Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

By Bonnie Stevenson

Corunna artist Annie McLaughlin is a painter who never gets tired of her work. She paints whatever subject engages her interest at any given time but when she digs into her memories, she has 90 years of them to draw from.

Originally from Wallaceburg, Annie moved to a farm on Petrolia Line near Corunna when she was 18. She eventually married the “boy next door” or, to be exact, the boy who lived on the farm across the road. The McLaughlins had four children and the artist came to love her rural life so much that it figured largely in her first artistic works when she began to teach herself to paint 40 years ago. She embraced a style known as folk art, using her love of simple pleasures like family activities and farm experiences to fuel her passion for painting. Over the years, her landscapes and personal glimpses into her own life have given way to a broader scope of work, including renderings of far away places, such as the Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy and the bottom of the ocean.

And now, her work is beginning to gain public support. In March, Annie’s work was featured at the Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery in Sarnia as part of the 2016 Look and See project held on March 10 and 11. She was one of only three artists to be chosen for the project out of a field of 23.

Her latest venture into the public display of her art is slated

to take place during the month of September when many examples of her work will be showcased on the walls of the Corunna branch of the Lambton County Library.

The no-fuss nature of her painting process requires only the end of the dining room table and a good supply of acrylic paints. Her imagination and her skill does the rest, and after just a day or two of work, another colourful painting appears. They aren’t always to her liking, but they provide a springboard to her next work. “I’m not always happy with them and I can’t do portraits...but a lot are from my memories,” she says with a grin.

Below: One of Annie’s memories provided the inspiration for this endearing image of her children and their friends playing pond hockey in the blue and white of the Toronto Maple Leafs. The McLaughlin family farm can be seen in the background.



Lambton cattle producers face challenging times

By Bonnie Stevenson

It's a tough time to be a cattle producer. A troubling combination of climbing production costs and falling retail prices have cattlemen (and cattletwomen) worried. Lambton Cattlemen's Association (LCA) President Ralph Eyre, who runs a cattle operation near Brigden, says the downturn began about 10 months ago.

"In late 2015, the market started to drop," he said. "Beef farmers who bought cattle last year to put in their feed lot are losing money now. They're not getting back what they put into it."

He believes high retail prices for beef have dampened consumer demand, even though the prices correspond to the increased costs beef producers must pay to raise their cattle.

As beef prices moderate, as they have in past weeks, beef producers are taking a hit at feed lot level. Mr. Eyre estimates losses to be about \$300 to \$500 per head. "Nobody expected it to go this low," he said.

While ups and downs are a fact of life in most businesses, including beef production, Mr. Eyre says the downs are still cause for concern. Some, like the BSE ("mad cow") scare a few years ago, are especially frightening. "They (beef producers) survived that tragedy," he said. "We manage to pull through the tough times."

This determination is in evidence during this latest downturn. "Beef farmers are pretty unique," he said. "They're used to weathering these storms."

In the meantime, the residents of Lambton County have made it clear that they firmly support the cattlemen. At the Aug. 3 LCA barbecue fundraiser in



At the Aug. 3 Lambton Cattlemen's Association barbecue in Alvinston, Cindy and Darrel Lafaive, owners of Courtright Variety, an outlet for locally raised beef, enjoy roast beef with all the trimmings. Inset above right: LCA President Ralph Eyre.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson

Alvinston, well over 1,000 people turned out to enjoy a sumptuous roast beef dinner. All proceeds from the event remain in the county, supporting programs like 4-H and other community initiatives like rural food banks and soup kitchens. The LCA also donates beef to these vital community programs in support of the less fortunate families who depend on them.

Mr. Eyre says the LCA is grateful to everyone who supports the group's fundraiser and its work all year long. "This barbecue is our main fundraiser for the year and we appreciate everyone at the barbecue," he said. "It means a lot to the Lambton cattlemen."

Out-going ambassador speaks views experience as "life-changing"

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don. "It's a feeling of pure excitement," she said. "I love the fair and being involved with it in this way is just that much better. It feels wonderful. I'm very excited to represent my community."

The event's speech competition was won by Julia Lester with Kayla Farr taking second place. Awards for the speech competition were donated in honour of Donelda MacRae and by MorLo Landscapes Ltd.

The crowning of the new ambassador marked the final days of 2015-2016 Ambassador Esther Thomson. Her final duty was slated for Aug. 19-21 as she represented the Brigden Fair at the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs competition.

In her parting remarks, Ms. Thomson said of her time as ambassador that she had learned a lot and enjoyed many unforgettable experiences. "It was a wonderful and life-changing experience," she said, adding that the most powerful lesson she learned during the year was, "Worthwhile goals require hard work."

MAS President Stephanie DeGurse and MAS Homecraft Division President Connie Courtney both praised Ms. Thomson for her commitment to MAS and her hard work while representing the fair in the community. She was presented with several

parting gifts including a \$500 education bursary from the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division and a "keeper" tiara.

Sponsors and contributors for the event included: Moore Agricultural Society and MAS Homecraft Division; the Township of St. Clair; the County of Lambton; MorLo Landscapes Ltd.; McCormick Insurance Brokers; R&D Floral Studio, Sarnia; Esther Thomson; All Seasons Nursery & Flowers, Wallaceburg; Michelle Evanitski, District 13 Homecraft Director; Donelda MacRae, in memory; Denise Annett, 32 Consultant; Gold Coast Fashions; 2016 MAS President Stephanie DeGurse; Metcalfe Photography; Lacey & David Eramo; All Kindz of Copies, Chatham.



HERITAGE CORNER

New heritage stone in Branton-Cundick Park honours pioneer families

-With files from the Sombra Historical Society and the Sombra Museum.

Tiny cemeteries scattered throughout Lambton County contain the bodies of the early pioneers who were responsible for opening up this often heavily-forested or swampy territory. Two of these courageous families, the Rattrays and the Cattanachs, were honoured recently with a new memorial stone in Branton-Cundick Park near Sombra village.

Although a small group of badly damaged and illegible headstones still mark the cemetery, previous efforts to preserve the site have failed. It took a concerted effort on the part of the Sombra Township Historical Society and the Sombra Museum Board to realize that drastic measures would be needed to restore the cemetery. The project was spearheaded by Catherine Bouman, a Historical Society member, Museum Board member, and long time Museum volunteer. The matter was brought to the attention of St. Clair Township Council and, with the help of Councillor Darrell Randell and Mayor Steve Arnold, plans for a new memorial stone took shape. The stone was created with the sponsorship of Chemfab Industries Inc., the Moore Community and Recreational Fund, and the Sombra Historical Society. The names of the 18 family members interred at the cemetery are now engraved on the stone and a digital icon on the front of the stone can be scanned to obtain more information about the site.

On Aug. 3, the stone was officially dedicated by a group that included members of the Sombra Historical Society, the Sombra Museum, and St. Clair Township Council. Also in attendance was Chris Keely, a descendant of James Rattray. She and her husband, Jim, traveled from Ottawa, Illinois to help with the dedication.

A brief family background

Peter Cattanach, along with his brother-in-laws John



Gathered around the newly-installed memorial stone at the Rattray-Cattanach Cemetery are, from left: Jim and Chris Keely, Catherine Bouman, Councillor Darrell Randell, and Mayor Steve Arnold.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

and James Rattray, immigrated from Aberdeenshire, Scotland with their families in the 1830s and settled on land along the river between Smith Line and White Line. It must be remembered that during that time, the area was a densely forested with a mosquito-infested marshy shoreline. With only an ax, an adze, a saw, and plenty of determination, trees had to be felled to build cabins, and wood was cut and sold to steam ships that plied the St. Clair River.

Some members of the two families farmed and some became mariners, but they were educated and they were willing and able to participate in the cultural and political life of the Sombra community. Through the years, members of the two families held community positions that included: first postmaster, township treasurer, clerk of the division court, tax collector, and merchant.

150th anniversary year will also mark defining historical event

Submitted by Heritage St. Clair

As Canada prepares to celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2017, we need to ask ourselves, "What makes Canada a great nation?" and "What defines us as Canadians?"

There are many answers to those questions, but history has already identified one event as a defining point for Canada - the Battle of Vimy Ridge. 2017 marks the 100th anniversary since that horrific battle took place on April 9-12, 1917.

The battle marked the first time that the Canadian Corp fought as one army under the leadership of Canada's own Sir Arthur Currie, a man acknowledged as one of the most brilliant generals of WWI. The courage, spirit, planning, and leadership of the Canadian Corp ultimately defeated the German forces even though the cost in human life was high. Over 11,000 Canadians perished in that battle.

Every one of the soldiers who gave his life for the greater good is memorialized on the Vimy Memorial, which is built on land granted to Canada by France in gratitude and tribute to the Canadians who helped to free France from the German occupation.

The battle and Canada's victory helped to create a new and stronger sense of Canadian identity at home. All of Canada's military achievements during WWI evoked respect from all of its allies and earned our country a separate signature on the Treaty of Versailles, the document that ended WWI.

In recognition of the costly battle and of its significant place in Canada's heritage, a special Vimy pin has been developed. It is hoped that all Canadians will wear this pin as we celebrate our Canadian heritage next year. The Vimy pin is now available for sale at the Sombra Museum.

MORE HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum basket weaving class latest handicraft workshop in series

By Bonnie Stevenson

The Moore Museum's latest series of crafting workshops kicked off on Aug. 13 with an all-day class in basket weaving. The class attracted nine students and was taught by four members of the Sarnia Weavers Guild: Betty Greening, Mary Anne Fortney; Ann Maas; and Dorothy Carr.

The baskets are crafted from strips of reed that are soaked to make them pliable so they are easier to work with. The baskets are finished with braided sea grass and bound to secure the woven body.

The Sarnia Weavers Guild, established in 1962, perpetuates the skills and techniques needed in the art of basket weaving and new members are always welcome to join the group. It meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Luke's Church in Sarnia and spokesperson Dorothy Carr says

the meetings are never boring. "Every meeting is a teaching meeting," she said.



Dorothy Carr, standing, explains a fine point of basket weaving to a workshop student. An example of the finished basket is on the table beside Dorothy's hand.

The next workshops in watercolour painting, see *Around The Township* on page 16. The next workshops in watercolour painting and crocheting are also planned for this fall. For more information, see *Around The Township* on page 16.

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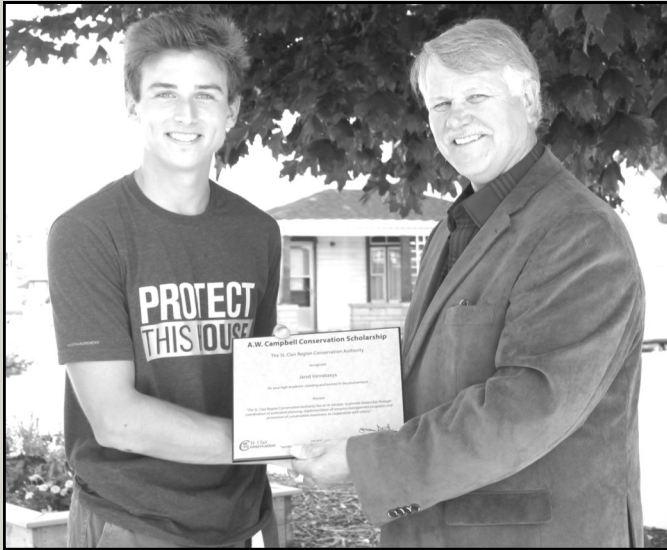
The St. Clair River Trail is now an official part of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail. To celebrate, about 150 cyclists tried out the new stretch of trail as part of the 400 kilometre Great Waterfront Trail Adventure, which took them from Pelee Island to Grand Bend. On day four of the ride, cyclists were able to take a refreshment break under the willow trees of Branton-Cundick Park thanks to the efforts of the St. Clair River Trail Committee. Riders included the Warden of Lambton County, Bev MacDougall, and the Mayor of Ajax, Ontario, who commented to Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland on how impressed he was with the waterfront trail and its parks.

Photo submitted

BEACON BITS

CANADIANS ARE GETTING STRONGER. TWENTY YEARS AGO IT TOOK TWO PEOPLE TO CARRY \$50 WORTH OF GROCERIES. NOW, A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CAN DO IT!

SCRCA Conservation Scholarships awarded



The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority recently handed out four Conservation Scholarship program awards totalling \$3,000 to graduating secondary school students who are continuing their post-secondary studies in conservation-related fields. The scholarships, presented by SCRCA Chair Steve Arnold, are based on a student's academic achievement and their demonstrated interest and involvement with the environment. Above: Jared Vanrabaes and Emily Glasgow, both graduates of Lambton Kent Composite School, receive a 2016 A. W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship. Both will be attending the University of Guelph, with Jared studying Geography and Emily studying Plant Science. Below left: Jaime Dimillo, a St. Patrick's High School graduate, receives the Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Ottawa in the Environmental Science program. Below right: Kurtis Minielly, a graduate of North Lambton Secondary School, receives the Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarship. He will be studying Agriculture at Ridgetown College.

"These scholarships are one of the ways we assist in the education of tomorrow's conservationists and encourage young people to take an active role in the important environmental issues that face our society," said SCRCA Chair Steve Arnold. The scholarships are made possible through trust funds established by the SCRCA and its generous donors.



Photos courtesy of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

EmergenciesLambton website helps you prepare for the worst

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

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 Wanstead 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!

COMMUNITY CONTACT

Beaver/Cub leaders needed

The 1st Corunna Scouts group is looking for leaders for the Beaver and Cub sections. Registration numbers are up and as a result, the group requires more leaders. If you or someone you know would make a great Scout leader, and would like to offer a little of your time to Corunna youth, please email: 1stCorunna.Scouting@gmail.com Full-time or part-time leaders welcome.

Play Pickleball at CAP park

Pickleball is played Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to about noon at the CAP park tennis courts on Hill Street in Corunna. More play days will be added when the need arises. Anyone wanting to find out more about the game can go online to: www.usapa.org or www.pickleballcanada.com For more information about Corunna Pickleball, call Michael Hill at 519-813-9274 or Keith Adams at 519-918-5359.

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.

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

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' 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.

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. NOTE: Wendy has now taken over the leadership of the group and she can be reached at 519-862-2808.

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.

Share the road with cyclists

Cycling is a great way to exercise and a lot of fun as well, but it can quickly result in tragedy if motorists and cyclists don't exercise courtesy and a willingness to share the road.

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 or www.mto.gov.on.ca More information on cycling tourism can be found on www.ontariobybike.ca More information on these and other great cycling opportunities can be found online at www.bikefriendlylambton.com.

Need for Lambton County Children's Safety Village imperative

*On behalf of the Lambton
Children's Safety Village
Committee*

What price do you put on your child's safety?

Like it or not, the world can be a dangerous place when children aren't given the information and the skills they need to stay safe.

Parents want what's best for their children and that includes a safe environment in which to grow, but how many parents have the time or the knowledge it takes to effectively teach children about the major safety issues that may arise in a child's life?

There is one place that incorporates the powerful message of safety with the memorable enjoyment of hands-on learning - the Children's Safety Village. Experts in a variety of fields teach children what they need to know to safely face the world with informed confidence.

Children's Safety Villages have been built and used with great success in communities all over Canada, helping children avoid pitfalls and mistakes that could have tragic consequences. The Lambton Children's Safety Village has been in the planning stage for St. Clair Township for several years now, but the project has not received the community support it should have. Every parent in Lambton County should be an enthusiastic supporter of the safety village project, not only for the benefit of their own children, but so that no parent will have to know the heartache of a child being injured or killed as the result of risky or ill-informed behaviour.

The safety village concept works

The Lambton Children's Safety Village Committee, a group of committed volunteers, most of whom have been involved with this project from its inception, hope that the intrinsic value of this



important project will be fully understood. They have seen the positive results other communities have had using the safety village concept and they understand how important the safety village will be to the well-being of Lambton County children. The plan for the

safety village includes a new building to house the Mooretown library, making it a complete place of learning; a place to expand the mind in myriad ways. The safety village will also qualify for LEEDS certification, which means that the design and construction of the village will use strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health, sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

How can you help?

There are two ways you can help make this project a reality.

Donations to on-going fundraising efforts to raise the estimated \$1.7 million needed for the project can be made through your United Way of Sarnia-Lambton contributions and through cash donations.

You can also volunteer to join the committee. Two hours per month is all it takes to participate in a project that will help the children of Lambton County cope with the many hazards they may encounter in childhood and well into their adult lives.

**To find out more about the
Children's Safety Village or to donate
to the project, call 519-332-2686,
email:**

info@lambtonchildrenssafetyvillage.com,
or go online to:

www.lambtonchildrenssafetyvillage.com

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

MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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fall and winter, welcoming six interesting speakers who will enlighten and inform. The fall series kicks off on Tuesday, Sept. 27 with Phil Bezaire, who will speak about his career as an OPP officer beginning in 1970 when he was working at the Sombra detachment. On Tuesday, Oct. 25, author Anne Towell will discuss her work and the process of writing for children. Her latest novel, *Grease Town*, won the Nautilus Award and was short-listed for the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Award. She is a member of the Writer's Guild of Canada. Then, Lynn Eves from the Bluewater Raptor Rehabilitation Centre will speak on Tuesday, Nov. 29 on the role of predatory birds in the ecological system, why we should appreciate them, and the need to protect them. *The winter lectures will be published here in The Beacon when details for those events are finalized.*

Creative Workshops continue at Moore Museum

The Moore Museum's Creative Workshops series continues on Sunday, Sept 25 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with Watercolour Part II at a cost of \$40 per person which includes all supplies. 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. You can also call 519-867-2020.

Weekly Souper Thursdays in Corunna

The Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, hosts a FREE **Souper Thursday** community lunch every week from noon to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the church and enjoy a homemade lunch to eat in or take out. Those who require assistance can call 519-862-3380 to have lunch delivered. For more information, contact the church online at: parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com

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.

Parkway Pentecostal presents Mat Gauthier

Award-winning singing impressionist Mat Gauthier will perform at Parkway Pentecostal Church, 551 Murray St. in Corunna on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling Brenda at 519-490-8296 or the church office at 519-862-3380, or via email at church.parkway@gmail.com

Bridge luncheon at Corunna United Church

A bridge luncheon will be held at Corunna United Church on

Wednesday, Oct. 5. The cost per table will be \$56. For more information or to reserve a table, call Sylvia at 519-862-1040.

Coming soon to the Brigden fairgrounds...

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

They include: **Oct. 7-10 - Brigden Fair** (Go online to www.brigdenfair.ca for the Brigden fair prize book. If you require a hard copy, contact the fair office at 519-864-1197); **Oct. 15 - Brigden Demolition Derby** (For details go online to: www.brigdenfair.ca); **Saturday, Oct. 22 - Storage** for boats, trailers, and motor homes begins (Call 519-864-1197 for information); **Sunday, Nov. 20 - CKNX Barn Dance** (see below); Sunday, Dec. 11 - Country Christmas Jamboree.

On-going: The **2016 Brigden Fair Harvest the Gold 50/50 Raffle** tickets are on sale at the Brigden Fair office and at events held at the fairgrounds. Proceeds go to Agricultural/Education features and are available for \$5 each or three for \$10. The draw will be on Monday, Oct. 10 at the fair. **And** tickets for the annual handmade quilt draw are available at events at the Brigden fairgrounds or from any Homecraft member. The winning ticket will be drawn on Thanksgiving Monday. *More information will appear here in The Beacon and in local papers as it becomes available.*

LEO offers exercise for seniors in Sombra

Lambton Elderly Outreach continues to offer Forever Fit exercise classes for seniors at Sombra hall. Classes are held Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Chair exercise is offered at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Everyone 55 and older are welcome and shoes with a good tread on the sole are required.

Seniors On The Move event planned

A FREE Seniors On The Move presentation will be held at Brigden United Church, 2420 Jane Street in Brigden, on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The presentation, sponsored by VHA Home Health Care, VON Canada, and the Heart and Stroke Foundation, will cover topics such as fall prevention, incontinence, medication, exercise, and more. A free lunch and prizes will be included. Seating is limited and attendees must register by calling Rosemary at 519-864-4077.

Hypnotic Comedy and Dinner set

The congregations of the Courtright and Sixth Line Churches will hold a joint fundraiser at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Friday, Nov. 4. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. The Hypnotic Comedy and Dinner event will feature a beef and chicken supper with all the trimmings and entertainment with the Hypnotic Comedy of Jeff West. The event will also include a silent auction and door prizes. Tickets will be \$40 per person and will be available in September. For more information, call 519-864-1161 or 519-491-5510.

CKNX Barn Dance Radio Show presents A Classic Country Christmas

If you remember the CKNX Barn Dance Radio Show, you won't want to miss this event. The Brigden Fair and the Barn Dance Historical Society presents A Classic Country Christmas at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, Nov. 20. Doors open at 1:45 p.m. with the show starting at 2:30 p.m. Admission is by advance tickets only. Tickets are on sale now at \$25 per person.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Moore Skate Club registration

The Moore Skate Club will hold registration for the 2016/2017 season for all skating programs, including power skating, at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sip & See Tea Party in Courtright

The Moore Junior Optimist Club invites all princesses and princes to a Sip & See Tea Party on Sunday, Sept. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome). Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person. To attend, **please register by Aug. 30** by calling 226-886-3553 or online at: sipandseeteaparty@gmail.com

Bluewater Anglers general meeting

The Bluewater Anglers will hold their general meeting at the Point Edward Optimist Centre on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Brian Primeau who will talk about *Fishing Trips Overseas*. Everyone is welcome to attend and find out more about the club.

Parkway Pentecostal Church fundraiser set

Parkway Pentecostal Church, 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, will host a silent auction fundraiser dinner on Saturday, Sept. 17. Auction preview (including four tickets to Detroit Red Wings vs. Washington Capitals on Feb. 18 - sponsored by Central Marine and Machine) will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner theme will be "Tastes of the World". Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling Linda at 519-328-3539 or Brenda at 519-490-8296, or by emailing church.parkway@gmail.com

28th Annual Downriver

Craft & Gift Sale at Moore Museum

The Moore Museum at the corner of Moore Line and Emily Street in Mooretown, 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. Craftspeople interested in selling their creations can call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 to request a registration package or download forms at: www.mooremuseum.ca/events/downriver-craft-gift-sale

For more information go online to: www.mooremuseum.ca

Corunna Legion Br. 447 to host golf tourney

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna will host *Soldier On*, the Br. 447 memorial mixed open golf tournament, at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown on Sunday, Sept. 18. Tee time will be 1 p.m. The tourney will include nine holes of golf and a meal afterwards. The cost for this "nine-and-dine", including cart, will be \$35 (golf only will be \$25 and meal only will be \$10). Course dress code will be in effect. Members and non-members are welcome to participate, and proceeds will help support of our veterans. For more information and to register, call the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240.

Corunna benefit will help women in need

Donations to food banks and charitable organizations rarely take the needs of women into consideration. A benefit to address this issue will be held at Antonio's Pizza on Monday, Sept. 19 from 6:30 p.m.

to 8 p.m. A special sampler menu will be offered at a reduced cost and those who attend are asked to bring feminine hygiene and personal care items such as body wash, toothbrushes, tampons, and shampoo. This event will benefit The Salvation Army, Inn of the Good Shepherd, and other places where women in need receive care.

Shape up your brain - Memory Mentors

Memory Mentors, a FREE program aimed at maintaining brain function, will be presented on Monday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cruickshank Centre at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna. The program, presented by VHA Home Health Care in conjunction with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario, includes advice and practices to keep the brain in shape. The event will include a free lunch and door prizes. Seating is limited and attendees must register by Sept. 15 by calling 519-862-1682.

Show will benefit St. Joseph's Hospice

Enjoy the sounds of the 50s and 60s while supporting the good work of St. Joseph's Hospice when *Muskoka Melody*, an eight-member musical group, takes to the stage at the Imperial Theatre in Samia on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre box office for \$27.50 per person. The major sponsor for this fundraiser is Canadian Industrial Specialties Limited. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Hospice.

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. 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.

Vintage Motorcycle Show & Shine in Mooretown

The Moore Museum will host the Vintage Motorcycle Show & Shine on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., a fundraiser for Prostate Cancer Canada. Classic and vintage motorcycles will be on display, and visitors can purchase lunch from Alfie's On Wheels while the band, Copperstill, entertains. Note: This event will be cancelled in case of rain due to the fragile nature of some vintage motorcycles. Regular admission for this event will be \$5 per adult, \$4 per senior, \$3 per student, \$2 per child, \$15 for families, and free for preschoolers.

Sombra Museum presents 2016-2017 Lecture Series

The Sombra Museum will host another great lecture series this

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Contact The Beacon to spread the word

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 BY NOON

Email: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca