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Brigden demolition derby a *smashing* success



The boys (and girls) and their toys scrunched, crunched, and generally ignored everything they'd been taught in driver's education, to outlast their opponents during this year's Brigden Demolition Derby on Oct. 15. About 70 drivers participated in the internal combustion smack-down that featured vehicles ranging from Toyota Echoes to brawny pickup trucks. A huge crowd turned out to enjoy all the fun, including a kids power derby. *Competition results were unavailable at deadline. Check out the December Beacon for the details.*

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

New emergency generator will benefit community

The Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall will now provide a year-round safe haven for township residents when power outages threaten their safety.

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Right: On hand for the dedication of the new emergency generator back-up system were, from left: Home craft President Connie Courtney; MAS Past-president Harold Thompson; 2nd Vice-president Irene Jardine; President Stephanie DeGurse; Shell Canada External Relations Manager Randy Provencal; Fair Ambassador Kayla Farr; and Project Coordinator Dennis Robinson.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson



New family
doctor opens
practice in
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EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINE

The holiday season requires us to change The Beacon's regular deadline schedule.

All submissions for the December, 2016 Beacon must be submitted by noon on Monday, Nov. 21 and submissions for the January, 2017 Beacon must be submitted by noon on Monday, Dec. 12.



MUNICIPAL NOTES

The Village of Sombra will have a community dock next summer. Council approved the project, subject to all required approvals, at the Oct. 17 meeting of council.

Planning for the project began last year in an effort to offer public access to the river through a public dock. All other communities along the St. Clair River within the boundaries of St. Clair Township currently has such a dock, which provides an easily accessible place where community residents can swim and fish without intruding on private docks.

The project was not without its stumbling blocks. The objections of three property owners who live across the street from the proposed site, the Sombra Community Park at 3441 St. Clair Parkway, were heard during the meeting. Speaking for the opposing parties, Ruth Hargrove stated that, in their opinion, the dock did not suit the residential neighbourhood. Further, she expressed concerns that disturbances requiring law enforcement intervention might occur there, that noise and debris from the site might prove problematic, and that the dock might be left to fall into disrepair.

It should be noted that, in response to the owners' initial objections to the project, an attempt to move the dock to another location along the shoreline did not yield a viable location that would be easily accessible for the children of Sombra.

Spokesman for the Sombra Sports and Recreation group, Jamie

Sombra community dock will proceed

Bogaert, presented documentation from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry stating that the dock site was within a private water lot and not on crown land, and Land Use and Work permits were not required under the Public Lands Act. The Sombra group has also complied with the requirement to obtain the necessary permissions from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries before proceeding.

The scope of the project will include the repair of a 60-foot stretch of break wall at an estimated cost of \$11,300. The dock itself will be similar to the dock in Port Lambton, with two finger docks to provide mooring for small craft in good weather and to offer emergency shelter to boaters who have problems with their vessels, during personal emergencies, or when bad weather threatens their safety.

The community dock concept is not new to Sombra. Records from the Sombra Museum show that, decades ago, the village had a public dock where the ferry dock causeway is today. It offered a place where members of the community could enjoy the river and children could pursue the healthy benefits provided by swimming.

The Sombra Sports and Recreation group is currently fundraising to pay for the dock. The group has spearheaded many successful community projects in the past through their fundraising efforts.

New face on municipal staff



Linda Kennedy, now the Director of Community Service for St. Clair Township, welcomes Michelle Dennis, who has been named to fill Kennedy's former position of Coordinator of Community Programs. Dennis was aquatics coordinator at the Oil Heritage District Community Centre for six years before coming to the Mooretown Sports Complex.

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 Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 21 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.

Winter parking by-law - Dec. 1

The winter parking by-law will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2016. Motorists are advised that it is against the law to leave vehicles of any kind parked on public streets and roads overnight from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. This by-law ensures that snow plow crews can do their jobs without having to avoid parked cars.

Property owners are also reminded that it is against the law to shovel snow out into public streets. These snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless automobile collisions.



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.

TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR FALL YARD WASTE/BRUSH COLLECTION 2016

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

"Yard Waste" is collected separately from regular waste, on a weekly basis, in urbanized areas of the Township (collection begins at 7:00 AM). Yard waste from the balance of the Township is collected with the regular waste collection.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

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

- Wednesday:**
- Corunna (including Froomfield area)
 - St. Clair Parkway (North of Emily St., Mooretown)
- Friday:**
- Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton
 - Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens
 - St. Clair Parkway (South of Emily St., Mooretown)

Fall yard waste collection will continue until Wednesday, November 23rd and Friday, November 25th.

WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste includes the following: grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings, and twigs, (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil). Kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached are not permitted. (Brush Collection see below)

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

Containers must not exceed 23kg / 50lb.

Yard waste placed in regular garbage bags will not be collected.

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Contact St. Clair Township Public Works at 519-867-2125
or go online to: www.stclairtownship.ca



St. Clair Township Crossing guards

The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing guard(s) to assist school children crossing streets in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$28.95 per day.

The Township of St. Clair also requires fill-in crossing guard(s) to assist children crossing at various locations in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour after school in the afternoon. The current compensation is \$28.95 per day. The position will be on a "call in" basis and hours will vary widely depending on the need.

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

Gary DePooter, CET
Co-ordinator of Operations
Phone (519)867-2125
Fax (519)867-3886
St. Clair Civic Centre
1155 Emily Street
Mooretown, Ontario
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CF Industries celebrates 50th anniversary

CF Industries north of Sombra recently celebrated 50 years of operation. To commemorate the landmark occasion, the company held an open house and tour for the public. Among the many visitors at the event was St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, who presented a congratulatory certificate to Amanda Pascavage, the facility's general manager.

Photo submitted

Water Service Line Warranty Protection

The Township of St. Clair Council has approved Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc. (SLWC) to offer the National Service Line Warranty Program to homeowners located in this municipality. The Warranty Program offers voluntary warranty protection at an affordable price for water lines in the event of a failure. This new optional warranty service will begin in the fall of 2016. Homeowners will receive a lettercard in the mail from SLWC. The SLWC Warranty Program offers protection against normal wear and tear, which is not covered under most traditional homeowners policies. If lines break, leak or clog - SLWC will repair the line using local, licensed contractors who are familiar with local code and can ensure a timely response. This program provides up to \$5,000 in coverage per incident. Additionally, the program has no annual or lifetime limits, service fees or deductibles - just protection when you need it most. SLWC provides first-class customer service with a 24/7 repair line and the use of licensed and thoroughly researched local contractors - keeping dollars in the local economy.

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.

Protect the ones you love - get a flu shot

Lambton Public Health (LPH) urges everyone to get a seasonal flu shot. The vaccine is now available to the public and can be obtained throughout Lambton County at nine community clinics, 29 pharmacies, and from your doctor or nurse practitioner. Please note that pharmacists cannot give flu vaccines to anyone under the age of five. Flu season usually runs from November through April. It takes about two weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective and it provides protection for four to six months. Those who are at high risk of influenza complications include: adults over age 65; infants and children from six months to five years of age; individuals with a chronic illness; pregnant women; residents in long-term care or chronic care facilities; and aboriginal peoples.

For more information, go online to: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or call the LPH Flu Info Line at 519-383-3812 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839, ext. 3912.

Lambton County Library celebrates International Games Day

Stock up on your winter reading material on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lambton County Library head-quarters in Wyoming. The **Used Book Fair** will offer a wide selection of genres for sale, including: picture books, crafts, cooking, travel, health, autobiographies, fiction and non-fiction titles. A donation of 50 cents per child's book and \$1 per adult book is suggested, but you can bring a bag and fill it up for a suggested price of \$5. There's no better way to mock Old Man Winter than by sitting in a cozy chair with a cup of cocoa reading a good book.

Celebrate International Games Day on Saturday, Nov. 19 at most Lambton County Library branches. Everyone is invited to drop into their local branch to play games and fill out a ballot for a chance to win a prize. The prize basket, provided by Future Pastimes of Sarnia, includes a board game, a card game, a pack of dice, and a \$50 gift card (total value \$150). Patrons are always invited to play games at the library or bring their own games to enjoy.

The new preschool session begins the week of Nov. 7 at most Lambton County Library branches. Tales for Tots is a 30-minute program designed for children ages three and under, and their caregivers. Included are songs, stories, finger plays,

activities, and crafts developed to stimulate and create an early interest in reading. Sessions are generally six weeks in length. The French Story Hour is offered at the Corunna library and more information about this session is available by calling 519-862-1132.

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Some programs offered at county library branches require 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 or call toll-free to 1-866-324-6912 with any questions or concerns. To contact your local St. Clair Township library branch for more information, see below.

St. Clair Township Library Branch Phone Numbers

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)

Let the Rapids Family Health Team set you on the path to better health

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 the following Wednesdays: 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: Wednesdays: 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. The next session will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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 session will be held on Wednesday, 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 workshop will take place on Friday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Free cooking classes offered

Free cooking classes will be offered at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna through the Rapids Family Health Team's Teaching Kitchen program as follows: **Whole Grains**, Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. and **Healthy Holiday Baking**, Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

These hands-on cooking classes are facilitated by a Registered Dietitian. The principal of these classes is to teach participants how to put nutritious eats in their kitchens. Building familiarity with kitchen tools and ingredients is crucial to being able to eat a well-balanced diet which can help prevent chronic disease and promote energy.

Participants must pre-register for these classes and class sizes are limited. To register, call 519-813-9800.

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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.



### New doctor opens practice at Shell Health Center

Dr. Marc Austin has opened a family medical practice at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna.

For more information or to register with Dr. Austin, please call 519-813-9800.

*No matter where you go this winter, take The Beacon with you.*

Visit the St. Clair Township website: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

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## HERITAGE CORNER

# WWI memorial plaque to be unveiled

Moore Museum volunteers have come through once again to create a moving World War I memorial that pays tribute to local residents who died in service to their country during the "war to end all wars".

A beautiful wooden kiosk containing original memorial tables to their memory now stands on the museum grounds at 94 Moore Line in Mooretown. On Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. the public, especially descendants of those whose names are engraved on the Honour Roll, is invited to gather there for the unveiling of this moving tribute.

**WWI casualties honoured include:** *Sgt. Peter Gauld; Flt. Lieut. Thos. Wilfred Duncan; Pte. Samuel Brigden; Pte. Walter R. Browning; Pte. Frederick Arthur Keene; Pte. Wilfred Keene; Pte. Harold M. Phillips; Pte. Frederick Robinson; Pte. Clarence Shaw; Pte. Charles N. Taylor; and Pte. Harry R. Tud-denham.*

Members of the Moore Museum Advisory Committee and museum volunteers will be joined for the occasion by St. Clair Mayor and Council, as well as representatives from project sponsors Chemfab Industries Inc., the Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Br. 635 and Corunna Br.



This group of Moore Museum volunteers, affectionately known as the "Tuesday crew" is responsible for the construction of the new WWI memorial. They are, from left: Dave Beer; Leo Griffiths; John Richardson; Dave Taylor; Dan Hayward; and Dave Pattenden. Absent from the photo are "crew" volunteers: Bob Johnson; Lloyd MacDonald; Lyle Gander; Fred Strickland; and Jim Townsend.

*Photo submitted*

447; and the Watson family, who donated the memorial tablets to the Moore Museum.

The tablets were originally housed at the Moore Township municipal hall at Moore Centre, which later became the Women's Institute Hall. When the municipal hall closed, the tablets were no longer available for public viewing.

Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason

says the tablets have now found a permanent home where the men who made the ultimate sacrifice can once again be remembered. "To prevent the loss of these important historical items, they have been donated to the Moore Museum and are now on permanent display," she said. For more information, call 519-867-2020 or email: [lmason@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:lmason@twp.stclair.on.ca)

## ARCHIVE DIVING

Part of Heritage St. Clair's mission is to raise awareness of the treasures that lie hidden within the archives at the Moore and Sombra Museums. To this end, a lot of archive-diving takes place.

For instance, this photo of the *Mancox*, from the Sombra archives, is historically significant because it became the first ship to come through the Canadian lock at the newly built Soo Locks on April 8, 1958. Although the American Soo locks had been ready for traffic since

March 26, 1958, the Canadian lock was the first to actually be used. The *Mancox* was a 255-foot, 1,614 gross ton steel propeller crane freighter originally launched as the *H.G. Dalton* by the Yankcanuck Steamship Lines in 1903.





# Modern problems call for modern solutions

By Bonnie Stevenson

The Seniors Fair in Petrolia gave many seniors a chance to clarify some of the changes that have recently occurred in provincial legislation. One of the most confusing issues surrounds the medical use of marihuana. Lambton OPP Lambton OPP Community Safety/Media Relations Officer Cst. Travis Parsons said, "There are a lot of issues to be worked out with...laws surrounding it (medical marihuana)."

With the issue still under discussion at the provincial level, Cst. Parsons says police are taking their cue from the information as it becomes available to them. "It's an ongoing process," he said. "We'll enforce the law as the government dictates."

In the meantime, issues like impaired driving while under the influence of drugs can now be accurately assessed and prosecuted. "We have to adapt to changing times," he said. "The Lambton OPP now has two drug recognition experts who can determine the level of impairment and the type of drug they (suspects) have consumed," he said. A urine sample is used to establish the specifics of the suspect's impairment. "We're getting more 'impaired by drug' charges," he added.

Distracted driving is another modern hazard the police are getting tough on. The unnecessary injury and death toll



Lambton OPP Cst. Travis Parsons, a community safety/media relations officer, speaks to a concerned senior during a recent seniors fair. Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

caused by this careless behaviour has authorities struggling to find ways to prevent tragedy. "It's heartbreaking when there is a loss of life because of distracted driving," said Cst. Parsons, adding proactive steps will be taken to raise awareness of this dangerous problem. "A distracted driving presentation will be done at high schools. We're trying to educate new drivers instead of correct old ones, as well as correct misinformation."

Online dangers are another area where law enforcement initiatives are being focused. "We have a partnership with Telus...you can find out what you look like online," he said. "You have to educate yourself about any kind of online footprint you leave that will make you vulnerable."

Information revealed on chat rooms, bulletin boards, and newsgroups are especially dangerous for children, and everyone is exposed to identity theft when they reveal too much while social networking. According to OPP literature, "Identity thieves can take simple information such as your birthday or your pet's name as clues to common passwords and steal your identity."

A proactive community initiative the OPP has established is the OPP Youth Foundation, which helps youth grow and succeed through a range of programs that build self-esteem and vital life skills. The programs include: youth summer camps; a youth development fund; and a post-secondary education assistance program. "The OPP Youth Foundation works with schools to identify students who can be helped by going to camp," said Cst. Parsons. "We're trying to make a positive difference in a child's life."



**Hooked on crocheting:** Crochet teacher Amanda Moorehouse demonstrates the basic chain stitch for student Aletha Monteiro of Corunna during a recent class at the Moore Museum. Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

# MEMORIES OF THE 166TH BRIGDEN FAIR



## Express Clydesdales wow Brigden fairgoers

One of the featured attractions at the 166<sup>th</sup> Brigden Fair was the appearance of the magnificent Express Clydesdales, seen here

stepping out for a tour of the Brigden fairgrounds. The impressive six-horse team and their stunning blue wagon was onsite throughout the four days of the fair. The team, which makes promotional appearances all across North America, has done over 200 appearances this year alone. Spokesperson Bruce Hein says the team recently provided transportation for Prince William and Kate during their visit to the Calgary Stampede. The team has also appeared in internationally recognized events such as the Rose Bowl Parade, Macy's Christmas Parade, and the Kentucky Derby Parade. The horses' black and white colouring is rare for Clydesdales; they are purchased from a breeder in Saskatchewan. The team is operated by Express Employment Professionals.



A trio of prime Suffolk sheep rams get a final inspection by judge Reid O'Neil. His decision garnered the blue ribbon for Gary Brien, centre, with the red going to Lee Brien, right, and white to Jamie Callaghan.

*Photos by Bonnie Stevenson*

## Next Generation Leahy thrills capacity crowd

A musical whirlwind named *Next Generation Leahy* thrilled an overflow audience at the Brigden Fair with two shows on Oct. 8.

The leader of the band, Doug Leahy, is well-known to those who follow Canadian music. He and his seven siblings formed the family band *Leahy*. The group, raised in Lakefield, Ontario, has toured North America, starred in three television specials, and won Junos for Best New Group, Best Country Group, and Best Instrumental album. They also opened for Shania Twain during her inaugural world tour and can boast a number of other show business triumphs.

Now, Mr. Leahy is the leader of his own ultra-talented family band, including wife, Jennifer, and children: Gregory, 13, (fiddle, accordion, piano, step dancing, vocals); Cecilia, 9, (fiddle, piano, step dancing, vocals); Dad Doug; Adele, 14 (fiddle, piano, cello, step dancing, and vocals); Angus, 11, (fiddle, piano, step dancing, vocals). Absent from photo are: Joseph, 8, (fiddle, step dancing, vocals); Evelyn, 6, (step dancing and vocals); and future *Next Generation Leahy* members Douglas, 2, and Eliza, 1.

The family received a standing ovation at



*Next Generation Leahy* members from left: Mom Jennifer, Gregory 13, Cecilia, 9, Dad Doug, Adele, and Angus, play up a storm in front of an overflow crowd at the Brigden Fair.

the conclusion of their performance, which included an original choreographed song created by the Leahy children and an accurate "Andrews Sisters" rendition of "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree". Mr. Leahy says the family band was a natural progression of the children wanting to get involved with stage performance.

The *Next Generation Leahy* is currently on a tour that will make a total of 32 stops throughout North America, including Ontario, Quebec, Texas and Kentucky. Closer to home, the family will be performing at the Imperial Theatre in Sarnia on Dec. 12 at 8 p.m.



Children from the Brigden 4-H Club find out, from a horse's perspective, what it's like to haul a heavy wagon during the annual Brigden Fair parade.



# Gentleman's motorcycle "gang" dresses to impress

By Bonnie Stevenson

A very different kind of motorcycle gang took over the grounds of the Moore Museum on Sept. 25. Instead of black leather and chains, the "gang" wore business suits and clothing you might encounter in the halls of academia.



This custom "chopper" drew a lot of attention from museum visitors.

"They started with about a dozen riders four years ago," said Baljeu, who says he found out about the group through their website. Since then, riders from all over the world have formed groups to raise money for prostate cancer. "From about a dozen riders, there are now 56,000 in 500 different cities all over the world," said Baljeu. "Sarnia is one of 13 Canadian cities (involved in the movement)."

The gang that took over the Moore Museum site numbered about 40, with men, and a few women, dressed in business suits, IT tech and preppy fashions. Many were riding vintage and classic motorcycles, from a Royal Enfield to a sleek Moto Guzzi Racer. The show was a hit with a large group of traditional motorcycle enthusiasts who came out to see what the group had to offer.

One of the highlights of the ride involved four Euro side-car motorcycles of Russian origin. Terry Forrest of Sarnia, dressed like a typical university professor, second from the left in the photo below, was aboard a well-used

The *Distinguished Gentleman's Ride* was organized by Jerry Baljeu, who says the idea for this quirky gang was developed just four years ago a half a world away. "The idea came from Australia," he said. "A couple of guys were sitting in a bar talking about rides (for charity) and they decided they wanted to do something different."

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was their answer.



Gentlemen nattily attired in business suits arrived at the Moore Museum site aboard a variety of two- and three-wheeled vehicles, like these four Russian-designed Euro side car bikes.

1980 Euro Dnepr (pronounced "neeper") that sported the hammer-and-sickle emblem of the U.S.S.R. "They were so cheap that everybody bought them," he said, estimating the original cost at about \$2,000 Canadian.

Jeff Curran of Mitchell's Bay, looking like a Bay Street stock broker, was aboard a slightly rusted white 2005 Euro that has obviously been used on salty roads. "This Euro is a two-wheel drive that can go through snow," he said.

He explained that one of the four Euros, a shiny red and black model, had a dicey past. "It was made in China," he said. A product of reverse engineering, the generic Euro was manufactured by the Chinese after the usefulness of the machine had been established. A Russian production model was taken back to China, taken apart, and the parts copied to create a reproduction model.

On hand for the event was *Copper Still*, a four-man band that offered a fusion of classic rock and country, providing the perfect background for the show.

The event was being captured on film for a documentary on the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. Behind the camera was Aaron Huggett, a Sarnia filmmaker who's film, *Red Ryan*, is to be screened at several upcoming film festivals, including the Cineview Film Festival in Toronto in October.

## Emergency generator will provide help through all seasons

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The new Genset emergency generator backup system has been completed after three years of planning, fundraising and effort. Dennis Robinson, project coordinator for the system installation, says "The natural gas powered generator will switch on automatically as soon as the power goes off." He thanked Shell Canada for funding the final component of the project - the automated switch. "Shell put the funding over the top," he said.

At the official opening of this

year's Brigden Fair, donors that provided the funding for the system were acknowledged. They included: Clean Harbors, Enbridge Pipeline Inc., Farm Credit Canada, Moore Community Foundation, Pembina, St. Clair Township, and Shell Canada Ltd.

The exhibition hall is now a fully functioning Emergency Warming and Cooling Centre, able to provide accommodation for those in the community and surrounding areas who cannot remain in their homes during prolonged power outages or other emergency situations.

Mr. Robinson says now that the

generator project is complete, a new project is in the planning stage. A 60' x 100' building is being proposed for the west side of the fairgrounds. The estimated cost of the new building, a replacement for the current entertainment tent that is erected beside the exhibition hall at fair time, is set at \$300,000.

During the presentation, the Judith and Norman Alix Foundation was acknowledged for its generous donation to Lambton Fairs, which enabled the purchase of accessible bleachers that can be used by local fairs, including the Brigden Fair.



## Royal Canadian Legion's community service benefits all

By Bonnie Stevenson

The Royal Canadian Legion has gone through significant changes since its inception after WWI. The organization that had its roots in the Great War Veterans Association (GWVA) is now the largest veterans' organization in Canada, reaching coast to coast as well as into the United States and across the sea to Europe. Today, the Dominion Command boasts 1,500 branches, 3,500 members and thousands of Ladies Auxiliary members.

In 1924, the stated role of the GWVA was, "Until the last veteran goes to his resting place in the bosom of mother earth, there will be problems arising from war service, but the work of the GWVA in the future will be nation building." That prophetic statement is firmly in force today as Canadian forces personnel continue to confront dangerous circumstances around the world as well as here at home.

The rigors of conflict leave no soul untouched; the Legion remains relevant today because it must. But its relevance extends well beyond the needs of those who serve in the military - community needs are also subject to the Legion's good work.

Throughout the community and across the country, the Legion's charitable foundation program provides funds to hospitals, nursing homes, and fire departments for the purchase of medical equipment. Canada-wide, the Legion provides over 6,000 living units for seniors.

The Youth Education program invites students to compete in poster, poem, and essay contests based on topics that hold special meaning for them. The Legion Athletic program is now accepted by Athletics Canada, which means that the athletes who break a record or register winning performances during Legion-sponsored athletic meets now receive official recognition for those achievements.

Louise Ogilvie, president of Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Br. 635, says, "The Legion serves others - Scout, Guide, and Cadet groups, as well as non-profit organizations such as Easter Seals receive support as well." The diverse nature of the Legion's community support ensures that it will always be part of the fabric of a vibrant, caring community. "In many small communities, the Royal Canadian Legion is the activity centre of the community...in many cases, it is thought of as the local community hall," said Corunna Br. 447 President Marg Emery. "Few Canadians have not been touched in some way by the Legion."

In Corunna, many community events take place in the Corunna Legion hall each year. For instance, the annual Poor Boy Lunch to

benefit Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) is held there in November, with the Ladies Auxiliary cooking and serving the food. Both the hall and the food are donated so that funds raised can be used toward the purchase of food and toys to help fill the many OCT Christmas hampers for the less fortunate of St. Clair Township Ward 1. Lambton Elderly Outreach lunches are also held at the Corunna hall on the third Monday of each month.

One of the forgotten benefits of having Legion branch in the community is its role as an employer. Emery says, "The Legion doesn't just do good things for people; it's important to this country. We employ nearly 5,000 staff with a payroll of over \$56 million annually." As we approach Remembrance Day, the poppy will be a common sight on the street. The tiny red symbol of sacrifice is an amazingly powerful source of support for veterans and their dependants. Current Royal Canadian Legion estimates indicate that between 18 and 19 million poppies are distributed annually, generating over \$8 million per year. These funds help to address advocacy issues from veteran care to the provision of survivor benefits and services. This Nov. 11, as we observe the "two minute wave of silence" and, perhaps, watch as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa becomes a place of solemn ceremony and reflection, we will be witnessing the spirit of the Royal Canadian Legion at work.

*New members are always welcome. You don't have to be a veteran to join - you just have to be someone who loves your community and wants to help make it even better. For more information, call the Corunna Legion Branch 447 at 519-862-1240 or the Brigden Legion Branch 635 at 519-864-1395.*



Br. 635 Pres. Louise Ogilvie, left, and Br. 447 Pres. Marg Emery.

**Attention motivated youth!** The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia invites boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn new skills, marksmanship, orienteering, hiking, leadership, pipes and drum band, and teamwork, participate in many new challenges, make new friends and attend great summer camps, all at no cost. Join us today! Cadets are not required to join the military. For more information, call 519-332-6555 or visit: [www.petroliacadets.com](http://www.petroliacadets.com)

## Assistance for veterans and spouses available



"Lest we forget"

Do you know someone who is living on the street or who might benefit from the Soldier's On program? Are you interested in finding out if you qualify for assistance with problems like housekeeping, snow clearing, grass cutting, hearing aids or other medical assistance? For information, call the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch at 519-862-1240 or the Brigden Branch at 519-864-1395, or Service Officer Gerry Den Hartogh at 519-862-1613.

### Notice of Motion

Royal Canadian Legion BRIGDEN BR. 635

Notice of motion is hereby given that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 general meeting of members will take place on Monday, Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the branch. Members will be asked for consideration, discussion and a vote of acceptance on changes to the branch regulations regarding changing the general meetings to the fourth Monday of the month.

### Notice of Motion

Royal Canadian Legion CORRUNA BR. 447

Notice of motion is hereby given that the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 general meeting of members will take place on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the branch. Members will be asked for consideration, discussion and a vote of acceptance on changes to the branch regulations regarding changing the general and executive meetings to the first and third Tuesdays of the month respectively.



## Battle that winter weight at Mooretown Sports Complex

Don't let those love handles become a full-blown pot this winter. Fight the fat at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

### Community Services Website

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

### Spinning Class

Certified spinning instructors will get you moving toward improved cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Classes are: Tues. or Thurs., 7-7:45 a.m. Beginners classes available. Call the information number listed below. Bikes and Bells, spin with strength training, is available Fri., 9-10 a.m., Mon. or Wed., 5-6 p.m.

### Muscle Mix group fitness

Muscle Mix group uses kettlebell training to build lean muscle, improve strength, and power in upper body, core, and lower body, and increase coordination, joint mobility, and overall endurance. Classes are: Tues. and Thurs., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/senior, \$45/10 visit pass, included with \$225/year full fitness centre membership.

### Fitness Kick Boxing

High-energy, cardio workout with martial arts moves gets your metabolism revving. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/senior, \$45/10 visit pass/ included with \$225/year full fitness centre membership.

### Shallow & Deep Water Aerobics

Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow classes: Mon., Wed., Fri., 10-11 a.m., Tues., Thurs., 8-9 p.m. Deep classes: Mon., Wed., 8-9 a.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/senior, \$45/10 visit pass/ included with \$225/year full fitness centre membership.

### Indoor Walking Low Impact Exercise—Free!

Sponsored by West Lambton CHC, this program is held Mon. and Wed. mornings, 9-10 a.m. Call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 for more information or to register.

### Tai Chi for Seniors—Free!

Sponsored by West Lambton CHC, this six-week exercise program is held Thurs. from 1:30-2:30 p.m. To register or get more information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237.

### Red Cross Babysitting Course

This course will be offered for youth 11 years and over on PA Day Friday, Nov. 25 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Future babysitters will learn the responsibilities of the babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in case of emergency. The cost, including manual, is \$50 per child.

### Shinny hockey is back!

Adult hockey will be held every Tuesday morning from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$5/person.

### Public Skate

Public skating is held Sundays from 1-2:15 p.m. at a cost of \$2.25 /child, \$3.25/adult, or \$6.50/family. (Check online brochure for cancellation dates).

### Parents, Tots & Seniors Skate—Free!

The whole family can enjoy quality time on the ice on Wed. and Thurs. from 1-2 p.m.

### Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor Course

You can become a lifeguard or swimming instructor. Start by contacting the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651 for information.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651. Find us online at: [www.stclairtpw.ca](http://www.stclairtpw.ca)

## Mooretown Flags home game season schedule

The schedule for upcoming Mooretown Flags hockey games is as follows (all games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted):

Saturday, Nov. 5 - Dresden; Saturday, Nov. 12 - Wheatley; Saturday, Nov. 19 - Petrolia; Friday, Dec. 2 - Essex; Saturday, Dec. 3 - Wallaceburg; Saturday, Dec. 10 - Lakeshore; Saturday, Dec. 17 - Blenheim; Friday, Dec. 23 - Amherstburg; Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Wheatley at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 14; Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Lakeshore at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 21 - Dresden; Saturday, Jan. 28 - Wallaceburg.

The Flags finished in fourth place last season and the league's Coach of the Year is back behind the bench, so hopes are high the team will improve on last season's success.

**Go Flags!**



**Search for the Lone Arranger:** Kay's Petals and Plants 40th anniversary event featured a search for the Lone Arranger, the best darned flower fixer in the township. After three rounds of flower arranging, Mayor Steve Arnold, right, was named winner of the competition. Holly Foster, left, of Holly's Heavenly Touch, won second place. Also competing were Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason, center, and Councillor Jeff Agar (not shown). *Photo submitted*

## Christmas hamper programs ready to go

The 2016 Ward 1 Operation Christmas Tree and the Ward 2 Sacred Heart Food Bank holiday food and toy drives are gearing up for another busy season. Everyone is encouraged to donate non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys, or cash donations that can be used to buy items that are needed. The items will be used to create hampers that will give families and individuals in need enough food to eat and, for those with children, some toys to enjoy this holiday season.

In north St. Clair Township, Operation Christmas Tree will begin with a Poor Boy Lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The OPP Drive-thru donation collection, with Santa and his Moore Optimist Club helpers, will be held at the OPP Emergency Services Building parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Once again this year, the OCT donation collection headquarters will be at the OPP Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. The facility will be open to receive donations from Nov. 22 to Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Operation Christmas Tree is coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore. OCT President Lorne Powell says planning for the event never really stops. "This event has a one-year planning cycle which culminates after four weeks of donations that include huge support from (all Ward 1 elementary schools). This is followed by a sorting period and the final hamper delivery to local families is done by volunteer firefighters from the St. Clair Township Brigden, Corunna, and Courtright fire stations as well as the Knights of Columbus."

Mr. Powell says that, only with strong community support can this program be achieved. "We couldn't pull this off without our strong community partners and the



generosity of local residents," he said. "Volunteers, donors, and our program partners all enjoy having a chance to give our families a wonderful Christmas. It's all in the holiday spirit."

Organizers believe about 130 hampers will be required to fill the need this season.

**Families in need can register to receive a Christmas hamper by registering at the St. Vincent de Paul shop, 385 Lyndoch Street, on Nov. 14-19 and Nov. 21-26 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:34 p.m. or at the OPP Emergency Service Building Monday through Friday from Nov. 22 to Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3**

**p.m.**

In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank will be mounting its own Christmas hamper program. The annual Cookie Walk is slated for Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. All proceeds will go to the Christmas hamper program. And the door-to-door canned food drive, sponsored by the Sombra Township Optimist Club and Sacred Heart Food Bank, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In 2015, the Sacred Heart Food Bank was able to provide 56 families with Christmas hampers, toys, and gift cards from No Frills. Program organizers say they appreciate the volunteers who went door-to-door collecting food, sorting and packing the baskets, as well as the Berkvens family for donating the apples. A special thank you was extended to the Port Lambton Senior Pirates baseball team and the St. Clair Township volunteer firefighters for delivering the Christmas baskets. The community effort helped make Christmas happier for many families and organizers of both programs hope that community spirit and generosity will once again shine a light into the lives of those in need.

## 2016 IPM scholarships awarded at Brigden Fair

Three local students received International Plowing Match Trust Fund '91 Scholarships during a ceremony at the Brigden Fair on Oct. 7. The annual scholarships, worth \$1,000 per student, began after the Lambton 1991 International Plowing Match.

The scholarships are awarded to candidates who meet scholarship criteria based on community involvement, academic record, and financial need, and who are enrolled in their second year of college or university.

Scholarship recipients include:

**Lauren Elliot** of Corunna, a graduate of St. Clair Secondary School in Sarnia, is studying Business Administration with a specialty in Accounting at Lambton College. Her immediate goal is to work in a financial institution but her ultimate goal is to return to the farm.

**Clancy Annett** of Bothwell is a graduate of Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He attends St. Clair College in Windsor in the Entertainment Technology program and plans to work in the enter-

tainment sector as a sound and lighting specialist.

**Kyle Cornelissen** of Warwick Township is a graduate of North Lambton Secondary School. He is enrolled at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph studying agricultural business. He plans to continue his education at the Old College in Alberta to obtain his Bachelor of Applied Science in Agribusiness. His goal is to follow in his parents' footsteps as a member of the family farm team.



# COMMUNITY CONTACT

## **Winners of Corunna Legion 6th annual elimination draw named**

Winners of the 6th annual Corunna Legion Br. 447 elimination draw were announced on Sept. 24. Winners of \$50 each (1st ticket and every 25th ticket thereafter) by ticket number and name are: 111 Paul Brown; 251 Jim Taff; 152 Edna Mitchell; 198 Percy Parker; 207 Janey Miles; 230 Robert Waitson; 127 Norm Haggan; 334 Ken Derrough; 23 Peg Cormier; 99 J. C. Parker; 19 Berte Lefebvre; 223 Lisa Beaudoin; 50 Don Bailey; 239 Roger Newby. The grand prize of \$2,400 was split four ways between: 038 Andre Courchesne; 065 Brent Beaudoin; 086 Milly Moss; 337 Cathy Templeton. Thank you to everyone who participated in this draw.

## **Become a community builder as an Optimist Club member**

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members who want to help their community thrive. This volunteer organization exists to make their community a better place by doing great things for the youth in their area. Over the years, the Sombra Optimists have been involved in many projects and activities including improvements to Brander Park, the skate board ramp at Van Damme Park, the annual car show at Brander Park, Bike Safety Rodeo, and many others. Be a friend of youth - join the Optimist Club of Sombra. For more information or to become a member, call Carla Aarssen at 519-892-3536.

## **7th annual elimination draw underway**

Tickets for the 7th annual elimination draw, sponsored by Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, are now on sale for \$20 per ticket. The grand prize will be \$2,400 and weekly draws begin May 6, 2017, with the final draw slated for Sept. 23, 2017. Tickets are available at the Corunna Legion hall. Call 519-862-1240 for more information or to purchase tickets. Get your tickets early - they make great Christmas gifts.

## **Brigden United Church services and activities**

Brigden United Church holds **regular services** every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join the congregation for meaningful worship, fellowship, and coffee. Newly appointed minister, Rev. Deanna Gibson, comes to the church from a ministry at St. Joseph's Hospice in Sarnia. In addition to regular services, the church will again host **Messy Church** beginning on Oct. 27 and running through next June from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The weekly event features a relaxed evening of worship, crafts, and a provided supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult; parents and grandparents are welcome. This event introduces children to a faith-based life in a fun and informal way. And the **Moms and Tots Drop Inn** happens at the church every Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The program is held under the auspices of Sombra Rural Child-care. For more information, call 519-892-3151.

## **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. Anyone wanting to find out more about the game can go online to: [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org) or [www.pickleballcanada.com](http://www.pickleballcanada.com). For more information about Corunna Pickleball, call Michael Hill at 519-813-9274 or Keith Adams at 519-918-5359.

## **Your change helps the St. Clair Trail**

Donate your spare change 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)

## **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. Optimists**

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 non-profit TOPS Corunna 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 Wendy 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.

## **Coping with Life Alone group**

The Coping With Life Alone group is offered for those who are separated, divorced, or widowed and are seeking help to work through the transition. This program will be offered from Friday, Oct. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 23. For more information, times, and location, contact Renate at 519-331-8859 or Tom at 519-337-5553.

## **Lambton Seniors Assoc. Handyman/Handywoman Program helps seniors at home**

Seniors, don't struggle with the upkeep of your home. Lambton Seniors Association handy men and handy women can help with everything from yard work to housekeeping. Call 519-339-8866 or 1-800-219-4717 for info.

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Photos will be available for \$1 each. Advance tickets are required before Nov. 27. For tickets call Sharon at 519-862-1957.

### Sacred Heart Food Bank Fowl Bingo

A Fowl Bingo will be held at the Sombra Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. There will be 15 rounds for chickens and three rounds for turkeys. There will also be a draw for two Christmas dinners including turkeys (serves six to eight people). All proceeds will go to the Sacred Heart Food Bank.

### 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](mailto: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 eve-

ry 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.

### LEO offers exercise for seniors in Sombra

Lambton Elderly Outreach continues to offer Forever Fit exercise classes for seniors at Sombra hall. Classes are 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. Shoes with a good tread on the sole are required.

### New Year's Levee in Corunna

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host its annual New Year's Day Levee on Sunday, Jan. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to welcome in 2017 by coming to the Legion hall at Albert and Beckwith in Corunna. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The levee is the Legion's way of saying thank you to the community for its support of the many events and programs the Legion sponsors each year.



## Creative County Fund applications sought

Organizers of new or expanding cultural, heritage, and arts initiatives taking place within Lambton County in 2017 are encouraged to apply for funding to cover up to 50 per cent of their project's cost.

The Lambton County *Creative County Fund's* 2017 application intake is now open. The deadline for funding submissions will be Thursday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. A total of \$75,000 will be available for partner projects, events, activities or workshops that will enhance cultural vitality in Lambton County. Program guidelines and online application form is available on the Web at [www.lambtononline.ca](http://www.lambtononline.ca) under the "Residents" heading by clicking on the *Creative County Fund* tab. Since its inception in 2013, the Creative County Fund has advanced \$277,355 to cultural projects in Lambton County.

## 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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starting at 1 p.m. There will be a cash bar and super tickets will be available at the door. Singers, musicians, toe tappers and appreciative listeners are all welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of fun. The jamborees will continue on the second Sunday of each month until April 9.

### LEO lunches set for Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a Lambton Elderly Outreach lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. The November lunch will be on Nov. 16. To register for this activity, please call 519-845-1353 or 1-800-265-0203.

### Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna, will host the annual Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, small turkey and beef pies, cookies, preserves, frozen entrees, gently used Christmas decorations, and seasonal outdoor planters will be for sale. A Buck-a-Block quilt, to be designed by the community, will be donated to a local charity. A \$5 soup lunch will be available to eat in or take out. The church is barrier free.

### Artisan sale at Windswept in Port Lambton

An array of talented artisans will display their beautiful work at Port Lambton's Windswept Retreat House, 4296 St. Clair Parkway, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be something for everyone on your Christmas list, including: stained and fused glass; unique children's toys and aprons; stone art; fresh greenery; Christmas décor; jewelry; wall art; jams and jellies; baked goods; freezer-ready comfort foods and much more. Partial proceeds from this event will go to the Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas hamper drive.

### CKNX Barn Dance Radio Show presents *A Classic Country Christmas*

Don't miss the CKNX Barn Dance Radio Show. 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. It will feature special guests Marie Bottrell, Kiley Joe Masson, and John & Geneva Heeman, with emcee Jim Swan and the Barn Dance Show Band. Admission is by advance tickets only. Tickets are \$25 per person. The show will This event sells out quickly, so call 519-864-1197 or email: [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca) to reserve yours!

### Corunna Legion jam session series resumes

Free jam sessions are held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 on the last Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Future sessions are planned for: Nov. 26; Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve jam; Jan. 28; Feb. 25; March 25; April 29; and May 27. You don't have to be a member to come out and join the fun - play an instrument, sing, or just listen - it's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.



### Cookie Walk in Port Lambton

The annual Cookie Walk to benefit the Sacred Heart Christmas hamper program will be held at the Port Lambton Community Hall on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come out, get some great holiday baking, and support this worthy community program.

### Corunna Santa Claus Parade

Rumors have reached *The Beacon* that a certain jolly old elf, a.k.a. Santa Claus, will be making a pre-Christmas appearance in the Corunna Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Our sources tell us that he's hoping to see all of the children in Corunna as he rides from Simon & Sherrol's No Frills north along Lyndoch Street to Beckwith Street in the parade. After the parade, Santa will greet everyone at the Corunna Clock Tower Park where hot chocolate and goodies will be served by volunteers from the Corunna Horticultural and Improvement group.

### Lambton Outdoor Club hosts hike

The Lambton Outdoor Club will host a hike along the St. Clair River Trail on Saturday, Nov. 26. The five-hour hike is considered to be of medium difficulty. For details and to sign up online, go to: <http://lambtonoutdoorclub.org/hiking/>

### Breakfast with Santa

The Corunna United Church will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. All children accompanied by an adult are invited to attend. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.



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### Air Cadets celebrate 70th anniversary

The 44 Sarnia Imperial Squadron air cadets will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Nov. 1 of this year. In 2017, the group will host a reunion for all alumni on the Victoria Day weekend. If you know anyone living out of the area who would appreciate notice of this event, the squadron would appreciate it if you would pass this information along.

For more information, email: [sarniasc44@live.com](mailto:sarniasc44@live.com)

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## Alzheimer Society trivia night fundraiser



So you think you're smart? How about testing your brain power at Trivia Night, a benefit for the Mindful Music project of the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton. The event is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sarnia Legion hall, 286 Front Street N. in Sarnia. The event will feature teams of six at an entry cost of \$150 per team. Be sure you have a good team name picked out. Register by calling the Alzheimer Society office at 519-332-4444 or email: [mindfulmusicsarnia@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulmusicsarnia@gmail.com). You can also drop into the office to pay the registration fee.

## 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.

## Corunna Legion to hold 70th anniversary celebration

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 5 with a remembrance banquet of honours and awards. The event will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 per person, available in the club room at the branch hall. Veterans will be admitted free of charge but must register by calling 519-862-1240. Legion members and members of the public will be welcome.

## Moore Optimists to host Christmas Crafts and Games Day

The Optimist Club of Moore will host Christmas Craft and Game Day on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Courtright Community Hall (Silverdome). Children attending this event are asked to bring donations of hats, mitts, scarves, and socks to be given to area schools instead of canned goods. There will also be a "Secret Santa Shopping" activity for the kids to enjoy.

## Cruickshank Centre events

The Cruickshank Centre at Thomson Gardens in Corunna will host a visit from the Tan Jay clothing store at Lambton Mall on Monday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event will offer the latest

fashions to purchase. A second event (**please note date change**) will be a bus trip on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. to Wagg's in Sarnia for dinner and then to the Imperial Theatre to see "The Leahy - The Next Generation". The cost is \$80 and the deadline date to register will be Thursday, Nov. 10. Please call Denise at 519-862-1628 for additional information.

## Christmas turkey bingo in Corunna

A Christmas turkey bingo will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 hall in Corunna. Doors open at 6 p.m. and a special game will feature \$700 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, and \$100 for 3rd place. "Eyes down" will be at 7 p.m. Seating is limited to the first 200 only. For more information, call 519-862-1240.



## Quarter auction set for Brigden

The *Light The Way* quarter auction is set for the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Doors open at 6 p.m. and a cash bar and food will be available. This will be a great place to begin your Christmas shopping. For more details, check the Brigden Fair Facebook page or visit the web page at [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca)

## Remembrance Day in Brigden

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 635 will be conducting the Remembrance Day Service in Brigden on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Brigden Cenotaph. All are welcome to attend.



## Remembrance Day in Corunna

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 will conduct the Remembrance Day Service in Corunna at the Clock Tower Park on Lyndoch Street at 11 a.m. The service will be preceded by a parade from Beckwith street to the service location.

## County Jamborees in Brigden

The Country Jamboree is planned for the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, Nov. 13 with doors open at noon and the music

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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. **Deadline for The Beacon, February through December, is every third Monday of each month. THE EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 2017 ISSUE will be Monday, Dec. 11 by noon.**

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