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**Discoveries
That Matter**
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COUNCIL HONOURS GOOD NEIGHBOURS



The first group of Good Neighbours were honoured during a special meeting of St. Clair Township Council on May 15. Certificates of Appreciation were presented and a reception gave the honourees a chance to meet with council in an informal setting. The **GOOD NEIGHBOUR EXPERIENCE** is a municipal Canada 150 initiative designed to reveal one of St. Clair Township's important hidden resources - the many good neighbours who strengthen their communities with their care and compassion. On hand for the event were, front left: Bonnie Stevenson, editor, St. Clair Township Beacon; Good Neighbours Robert and Isabel Smith; Charlene Glover; Jane Drummond; and Mayor Steve Arnold. Second row, left: Bill Scholtens, representing Good Neighbours Lois, Norm, and Gordon Tulloch; Diane and Bill Fletcher, and Bob Drummond. Back row, Ultimate Good Neighbours (St. Clair Township firefighters) Dave Moran, Port Lambton District Fire Chief; Dan Gonyou, Becher District Fire Chief; Dave Yorke, Corunna District Fire Chief; Kyle Kudeman, Courtright Training Officer; Doug Lester, Wilkesport District Fire Chief; and Jeff Dewhirst, Brigden Deputy Fire Chief. Good Neighbour Noreen Marsh was unable to attend. Another Good Neighbour reception will be held later this summer. **See page 8 for more information.** *Photo by Walt Anderson*



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

St. Clair Township Council meets every first and third Monday of the month (with exceptions to accommodate holidays). The next meetings for June will be held on Monday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be held separately on Monday, June 12 at 3 p.m. July meetings are slated for Monday, July 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m., with the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, July 10 at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

St. Clair Township
Residents

Public Works will be undertaking 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. beginning May, 2017 and continuing into the fall. During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discolouration when using 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 discolouration disappears.

If discolouration of the water continues after 10-15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.



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. and 4:30 p.m. beginning April, 2017 and continuing into the fall. During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some gurgling noises in drains.

If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

Community groups receive donations

Three dedicated community groups received financial support during the May 15 meeting of council.

The Sombra Sports and Recreation group received a \$5,000 donation to help fund the upcoming Sombra Community Dock grand opening on July 1. **Right:** Sombra Sports and Recreation members Taya



Sterling, left, and Caroline Peters receive the donation from Mayor Steve Arnold. (The group has spearheaded many community projects through the years and was responsible for the acquisition of the first children's splash pad in St. Clair Township.) See page 20 "Sombra Community Dock Grand Opening" for more information about this event.



The Moore Presbyterian Foundation received a cheque for \$14,000 in support of the work the foundation does on projects like Thompson Gardens/Cruickshank Centre. The foundation's ground-breaking initiative to provide affordable housing for seniors began 37 years ago and

its work has become a paradigm for other projects in Sarnia and beyond. **Above:** Foundation president Tom Rogers receives the donation from Mayor Arnold.

The Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) received a donation for \$15,000 toward the cost of the new generator that has allowed the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall to be designated as a community warming/cooling centre. The facility will now provide a safe shelter for residents in times of emergency, such as sustained power outages and natural disasters. **Above:** MAS representative Michelle Evanitski receives the donation from Mayor Arnold. The generator will be officially unveiled during a community appreciation barbecue at the Brigden Fairgrounds on Friday, July 9 at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. See "Community appreciation bbq" item on page 19.



Funds for these donations were approved for this purpose during the 2017 budget process.

Courtright splash pad loan paid in full



Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

The children of Courtright have something wonderful to look forward to this summer. The new splash pad is ready to go thanks to the efforts of the Courtright splash pad committee. Through a number of fundraisers, from the New Year's dance in 2015 to barbecues and breakfasts, the group managed to raise \$109,689.76, their half of the cost of the new facility, in just over one year. St. Clair Township contributed half of the total cost and advanced the remainder so that the splash pad project could get underway.

At the May 1 meeting of St. Clair Township Council, the splash pad committee presented council with a cheque for \$47,082.98, the final payment on the loan. During his comments, Mayor Arnold said, "Council appreciates the great work you've

done for the children and the community. It's a great facility." Seen here during the presentation, front left: Splash pad committee members Adam Brandon, Alysha Johnny, Jeannette Robbins, Cathy Vickard, Diana Austin, and Melissa Miller, with Mayor Steve Arnold. Rear left: CAO John Rodey, Councillors Jim DeGurse, Steve Miller, Tracy Kingston, Jeff Agar, and Darrell Randell, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, and Clerk Jeff Baranek.

Splash pad grand opening

Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening of the Courtright splash pad adjacent to the Courtright fire hall on Saturday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be followed by a barbecue and lots of family fun from 11-2 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Days schedule

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Days, hosted by the County of Lambton in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Inc., are underway at the Clean Harbors collection site at 4090 Telfer Road in St. Clair Township. Dates for upcoming the **free** Saturday household hazardous waste drop-off opportunities are: June 24; Sept. 30; and Oct. 28.

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.

Materials NOT accepted include: expired marine flares, tires, ammunition, infectious, radioactive, and PCBs. (Sarnia Police Services will accept expired flares at the office, 555 Christina Street North.)

Note: Commercially generated hazardous waste AND containers larger than 20 litres or weighing over 25 kg. (55 lb.) will not be accepted.



150 TRIVIA Canada - A Country Born in Stages

The Dominion of Canada began in 1867 with four provinces: Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

It took over a century to acquire the other provinces and territories that make up the 13 we have today. They include: Manitoba and Saskatchewan (1870); British Columbia (1871); Prince Edward Island (1873); Yukon (1898); Saskatchewan and Alberta (1905); Newfoundland (1949); and Nunavut (1999).

2017 YARD WASTE/BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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 am). Yard waste for the balance of the Township is collected with the regular waste collection.

WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste includes the following: grass, leaves, garden plants, little hedge trimmings (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil). NOT permitted: woody stems from ornamental grasses and woody plants, kitchen waste, earth, stones, walnuts, pinecones, wood mulch, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush and whole shrubs with root ball attached.

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.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday: (North Township)

Corunna (including Froomfield area)

St. Clair Parkway (North of Emily St., Mooretown)

Friday: (South Township)

Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton

Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte,

Leeland Gardens

St. Clair Parkway (South of Emily St., Mooretown)

BRUSH COLLECTION:

Small Brush Bundles will also be collected on June 2nd, June 23rd, and November 3rd with the following guidelines: 4' maximum length, 1" maximum diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled) and tied & placed at curb. These bundles can include woody ornamental grasses and woody plants.

LPH urges precautions against tick bites

Lambton Public Health urges everyone to take precautions against tick bites while outdoors this summer. Lyme disease, which can cause serious health problems such as joint, heart, and nerve complications, is spread by infected sesame seed-sized blacklegged ticks which live in wooded areas and fields. They feed on the blood of animals and people who brush against the plants, bushes and tall grasses the ticks inhabit and most people never feel their bite.

However, the most common tick in Lambton County is the larger American dog tick. Lori Lucas, a supervisor with Lambton Public Health, says, "Not all blacklegged ticks carry the bacteria (for Lyme disease). Even if the

tick is positive, the risk of getting Lyme disease is low."

Pinery Provincial Park has a confirmed population of blacklegged ticks, but they have been found in other areas of the county. Prompt detection and removal of ticks help Lyme disease. Use tweezers to grasp the tick's head as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out using steady pressure. Don't twist, squeeze or burn the tick.

Lyme disease is easily treated with antibiotics if detected early. Symptoms commonly occur within one to two weeks and include: fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue, and a red bull's eye skin rash.

For more information about ticks and Lyme disease, go online to: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or call 519-383-8331, toll-free 1-800-667-1839.

Summer Reading Club celebrates Canada's 150th b'day

The Lambton County Library's TD Summer Reading Club will celebrate Canada's 150th birthday this year by inspiring children to explore the work of Canadian authors, illustrators, and stories. This annual free bilingual program is for children of all ages, all interests, and all abilities, and it is offered at 2,000 libraries across Canada. Registration opens June 17 at all Lambton County Library branches and the collection of stickers for individual reading progress begins after July 3. For more information about the TD Summer Reading Program, go online to: www.tdsommerreadingclub.ca

Summer is a great time to enjoy the selection of magazines offered through the library's eLibrary of digital magazines. They may be accessed immediately and there are no late fees. All you need is an active Lambton County Library card. These eResources are available at www.lclibrary.ca under eLibrary, eMagazines.

And the Makerspace program is still underway at local library

branches. Contact your local branch at the number listed below for more information.

To find out what's new at your local library this summer, go online to: www.lclibrary.ca or outside of Wyoming, call toll-free to 1-866-324-6912 with any questions or concerns. Some regularly offered programs at Lambton County Library branches require registration but drop-in programs can be attended without registration. All programs are free unless otherwise noted. 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); Sombra (519-892-3711); Port Lambton (519-677-5217); Wilkesport (519-864-4000).



HERITAGE CORNER



Heritage St. Clair making invaluable contributions to township's Canada 150 legacy

In this sesquicentennial year, you will be learning a lot about the growth of Canada and the evolution of St. Clair Township: how Canada began, how it grew, and what the future may hold for it in the next 150 years. This information didn't just appear out of nowhere; it was preserved through the efforts of history scholars, journalists, diarists, witnesses, and the work of interested citizens and groups that took the time to document and preserve the information.

Heritage St. Clair, a committee authorized by St. Clair Township Council to identify and promote this municipality's heritage, has been especially busy in the months leading up to the Canada 150 Celebration. Their mission is to ensure that the rich, and often surprising, history of St. Clair Township will be available for everyone to enjoy throughout 2017.

The members of Heritage St. Clair seek out forgotten sites, research the history of the people and places that set St. Clair Township apart from other communities, and reveal the hidden local stories behind pivotal historical events that helped to shape our community and our nation. With this information in hand, they write stories and contribute to the wealth of knowledge that is often used to illuminate the public through interpretive signs and displays such as those on public view in Brander Park, Courtright Riverside Park, or in other locations around the township.

The group's efforts this year will become part of the enduring history of this municipality and their names will be associated with the lasting legacy they are helping to provide for future generations.

Heritage St. Clair Canada 150 prep

As part of its Canada 150 preparations, Heritage St. Clair is busy finalizing a series of eight interpretive story boards - two bronze plaques and six coloured informational boards - that will take their places as integral parts of the new Sesquicentennial Fountain Park project that is now taking shape at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre along Emily Street in Mooretown. The signs will border a horseshoe-shaped walkway, which encloses a custom-designed stone fountain.

The two bronze plaques reveal the genesis of St. Clair Township. The first plaque traces its roots, from the Crown's acquisition of the land from the Chippewa First Nations in 1792 to 1823, when



a site in Corunna was surveyed as a possible location for the capital of the united provinces of Upper and Lower Canada. The second elaborates on the story to provide insights into the historic elements that played a role in creating the modern municipality we now call home.

The six coloured story boards provide captivating illustrations by St. Clair Township artist Paul Smith, as well as details about some of the events and features that make St. Clair Township so unique and appealing. Three of the story boards create a topographical time capsule, displaying heritage maps of Sombra and Moore Townships as they were rendered around 1880, plus a fabulous satellite view of the township that was taken this year. Other story boards highlight famous and noteworthy township residents, past and present, information about the former Sombra and Moore Townships, and *Foundations of Freedom*, a look at the role the Royal Canadian Legion has played in this community. And at the head of the walkway, a plaque commemorating the sesquicentennial year council will be erected.

An added feature that is sure to capture the imagination of those who pass through the new park is the addition of a QR chip (quick response chip) to each story board and plaque. Visitors can scan the chips to acquire additional information pertinent to the subject of each storyboard.

Mayor Arnold has been watching the development of the story boards with great interest. He says Heritage St. Clair has invested a great deal of time and effort into the work and the result is nothing short of remarkable. "The story boards are beautiful," he said, adding they will perpetuate the history of the township well into the future and be a source of pride for those who call St. Clair Township home.

New members welcome

Anyone with an interest in history, heritage, and the excitement of discovering long-forgotten, perhaps startling, revelations about their community are invited to join Heritage St. Clair in its quest for knowledge. The group meets on the third Wednesday evening of each month at various locations throughout the township. For more information about Heritage St. Clair, go online to: stclairtownship.ca/heritage or email: secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com



Seasons In St. Clair—Canada 150 Photo contest

Until Dec. 15, 2017, St. Clair Township residents are invited to photograph their favourite spots in the township and enter up to three photos in Seasons In St. Clair, a photo contest celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary. Details are available online at: www.mooremuseum.ca

149th Lambton Battalion photo graces Lambton County Council chambers

On March 28, 1917, over 400 men of the 149th Lambton Battalion boarded a ship in Halifax harbour bound for the battlefields of Europe. They endured the horrors of WWI in the service of King and Country, and many did not survive the conflict. To mark the 100th anniversary of this departure, staff from the Lambton County Cultural Services Division prepared a brief presentation of the names of these men, accompanied by a nearly life-sized enlargement of a group photo taken while the men were in training at Camp Borden in September, 2016. The image, which stretches over 50 linear feet, is now on display in the County Council chambers and will remain there until Remembrance Day. Members of the public are invited to view this poignant photograph.

Optimist Club of Moore celebrates 50th anniversary

The Optimist Club of Moore celebrated its 50th birthday with a sumptuous dinner and entertainment on May 13. The event was attended by past-governors Fred Strickland, Ed Stevens, Ted Gravelle, Steve Inglis, who is also the past secretary treasurer for Southwestern Ontario District, and Nina Strickland, who is now the first female president of the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation. Mary Lou Abrams, Governor-Elect for Southwestern Ontario Optimists and Governor Tracy Huxley were also in attendance.

Below: Founding member and past president Lloyd Hodgins attended the celebration and was honoured by current club President Stan Marsh for the work he did from the inception of the club in 1967. A donation to Operation Christmas Tree was made in Mr. Hodgins' name.



Top right: President Stan Marsh receives a certificate of congratulations from Southwestern Ontario Optimists Governor Tracy Huxley.

Bottom right: St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold presents President Stan Marsh with a certificate of congratulations and appreciation for the good work the club has done for the community and its youth during its 50 years of service.

The Optimist Club serves community youth through educational and recreational opportunities, and the community in general with initiatives such as Operation Christmas Tree. New members are always welcome. For more information, go online to: www.MooreOptimist.com

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Annual trail fun to be found at St. Clair River Run



The St. Clair River Run for 2017 is set for Saturday, July 15.

Choose between the stroller-friendly 5 km walk/run or the 10 km run.

Participants' performances are tracked with chip timing and all runners receive a technical shirt.

Enjoy the cool river breezes and incredible scenery as you go, and listen to energizing entertainment along the way. You'll be met with a cheering crowd at the finish line and receive a finisher's medal for your efforts.

Kids will get in on the fun with their own free Minnow Run.

This event is presented by CF Industries and all proceeds from this event will benefit the St. Clair River Trail.

The action will start at Brander Park south of Port Huron at 7:30 a.m. To register go online: www.stclairriversrun.ca. For more information, contact Rose at 519-677-5924.

Ben Hazzard, an organizer of the St. Clair River Run, attended council recently to review the 2016 run and reveal the committee's plans for this year's run, slated for Saturday, July 15. He noted this year's event is sponsored by CF Industries once again, with the additional support of a new sponsor, The Cooperators, and its owners Shaun and

Tara Antle.

Mr. Hazzard says the statistics for 2016 are remarkable. The event made a \$27,938 profit that directly benefited the St. Clair River Trail. And of the 850 people who participated in the event, a survey revealed that 91 per cent said it compared equal to or better than others they had been in. There were repeat runners, including a couple who now brings their children to participate. Children as young as seven years of age are running in the 5 kilometre event.

Professional timing for each individual runner is handled by a timer from Toronto, which Mr. Hazzard says gives a "big race feel" to the event.

During the years the event has been in operation, its reputation has spread well outside of southwestern Ontario. Mr. Hazzard cites runners registered from as far away as northern Ontario and London. Mayor Arnold added that he had been complimented on the high calibre of the river run while attending meetings throughout the province.

To assure the safety of the river run participants, traffic using the St. Clair Parkway from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 15 will be diverted for the safety of the participants.

Those wishing to register for this event can find more information on page 18.

SCRCA receives donation to further conservation education



Union Gas recently donated \$5,000 to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority in support of the Spring Water Awareness Program, part of the SCRCA's larger Conservation Education Program. This program teaches elementary school students in the St. Clair Region to be more aware of the power of water, especially during the spring thaw. Conservation Education Coordinator Sharon Nethercott says the program has great importance for instilling environmental responsibility in our youth. "Through this program, we educate our youth about the importance of our natural world," she said. "We reach out to students with a simple question; what can we do to protect our watersheds? Over 25 programs have been developed to introduce students to nature and to empower them to make a difference."

Wes Armstrong, Director of Storage and Transmission Operations for Union Gas, says the support of this program is in keeping with the company's

concern for employee and community safety. "We are committed to the safety of employees and our communities," he said. "We're very pleased to continue our support of this program, which is helping to keep our children safe."

Expressing his appreciation for the generous donation to this important program, SCRCA Chair Steve Arnold said, "We are pleased with our partnership with Union Gas. These funds will be a great help in advancing our efforts to teach school children about the importance of safety around watercourses, and for all of us to continue to strive for healthy watersheds."

Above: On hand for the donation presentation were, from left - Chris Young, Administration Manager, STO, Union Gas; Sharon Nethercott, Conservation Education Coordinator, SCRCA; Wes Armstrong, Director of Storage and Transmission Operations, Union Gas; SCRCA Chair Steve Arnold.

Photo submitted

Be prepared! Make sure you have an emergency plan

Natural and man-made emergencies such as cold or heat waves, tornadoes, power outages, and industrial accidents can happen at any time and a good emergency plan is the best way to ensure that you and your family will come through them safely.

Make an emergency kit that includes food, water, and

enough supplies to allow you to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. And make a plan so that each member of your family knows what to do and where to meet after an emergency.

For more information, go online to: www.GetPrepared.ca or pick up information at the St. Clair Fire Department office, 392 Lyndoch Street in Corunna.



The Good Neighbour Experience

A local Canada 150 project



The Beacon is currently seeking out the **Good Neighbours** of St. Clair Township. We want to hear from residents who know people who never seek recognition for the kind things they do for others.

Throughout 2017, The St. Clair Township Beacon will give St. Clair Township residents a chance to acknowledge the good neighbours who may live next door, down the block, or elsewhere within the township. What better way to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary than with a celebration of our neighbours, friends and, sometimes, complete strangers who help to make our community, and our nation, one we can take pride in.

From now until the end of 2017, we want to hear from **YOU**. Do you know someone who brightens your life with their thoughtfulness and kindness?

If your answer is "yes", please let us know.

Email The Beacon at:

beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

and write "Good Neighbour" on the Subject line

In a brief message, tell us who your Good Neighbour is and how that person (or persons) makes a positive difference to **you** and/or **your family**.

As space allows, The Beacon will publish Good Neighbour stories, and those who are nominated will receive recognition in

the form of a Good Neighbour certificate from St. Clair Township during a presentation at a meeting of council.

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This month's Good Neighbour story is from Jean Dunk of Corunna.

"Many times over the past few winters, my neighbour Brad Knight has cleared snow from my driveway before I have even thought about doing it, sometimes before I have had my first cup of tea. I have seen him clear the ends of several driveways after the snow plow has been by to make it easier for those of us who could have difficulty with this task."

"This past weekend, he saw that my grandson and I were dealing with an old, stubborn lawnmower while trying to cut my well-rained on lawn. As I live on a corner, this is not a small area. Brad came over with his lawnmower and just started to cut in a way that would meet with my mower and finished the job quickly. His help cut the time to about half to say nothing of the good example he set for both my grandson and his own as to what a good neighbour really is."

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**What's YOUR
Good Neighbour story?**



THE EVOLUTION OF OUR COMMUNITY

150 FACTS THAT SHAPED ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP



1	1679	Lake St. Clair and St. Clair River named by René-Robert Cavalier de La Salle.
2	1796	The Crown purchased Shawanese Township from the Chippewa First Nation.
3	1800	John Courtney and Bertha Traxler, the first recorded settlers of the area that would become Moore Township.
4	1802	1802 John Courtney, Jr. was the first European child born in what would later become Moore Township.
5	1811	Shawanese Township was partially surveyed.
6	1815	Bâby Pointe was established as Shawanese Township's first settlement.
7	1820	Shawanese Township was fully surveyed and renamed Sombra.
8	1820	John MacDonald built the first house in what would later become Port Lambton.
9	1821	The Smith and Burnham families arrived in Sombra Township.
10	1823	Corunna surveyed to be the Capital of Upper Canada and Lower Canada.
11	1827	Sacre Coeur Roman Catholic Church, Lambton County's first church, was built at Bâby's Point.
12	1829	Moore Township was surveyed and named.
13	1830	Wilkesport's first pioneer, Paul Sturdevant, arrived.
14	1830	First school in Lambton County, Concession 9, lot 1, Sombra Township opened.
15	1833	Sutherland's Landing established by Thomas Sutherland along the St. Clair River between Courtright and Mooretown.
16	1836	Froome and Field Talfourd establish a riverfront community, later known as Froomefield at the corner of St. Clair Parkway and Lasalle Line.

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17	1837	First Post Office in Moore Township and one of the first in Lambton County opened in Mooretown.
18	1838	St. Clair raids, the area around Bâby's Point and Sombra were attacked during June by members of the American Hunters' Lodges and disaffected Canadians during the Rebellion of 1838.
19	1838	Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was built on lot 43 of Moore (Mooretown).
20	1838	Colonel Tom Fisher, purchased land on the St. Clair River in Moore Township. First reeve of Moore Township in 1850 and first warden of Lambton County in 1852.
21	1840	John Aston Wilkes Sr. arrived and built a sawmill at the forks of the Sydenham River at what would later become the village of Wilkesport.
22	1841	Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Sutherland's Landing was built. Torn down in 1881 due to rotting wood foundations. It was the first Anglican Church built in Moore Township.
23	1846	William Kimball arrived and built the first store in what would later become Wilkesport.
24	1850	Moore Township Agriculture Fair established. Later became known as Brigden Fair.
25	1851	First Post Office in Sombra Township opened in Sombra.
26	1852	Colinville Post Office established on 8th Line, Moore Township (Rokeby Line) between Kimball Road and Waubuno Road.
27	1852	Wilkesburg Post Office established.
28	1854	Sombra Village surveyed by Henry Winter.
29	1856	Wilkesburg Post Office changed to Wilkesport.
30	1856	Father Michel Moncoq, the first settled priest of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Mooretown, drowned in the St. Clair River January 1, after administering last rites to a woman dying in Algonac, Michigan.
31	1858	Birkhall Post Office established at the corner of Brigden Road and 6th Line, Moore Township (Moore Line).
32	1859	Ossian Post Office established at the corner of 8th Line, Moore Township (Rokeby Line) and Town Line (Moore / Enniskillen).
33	1862	St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Corunna built. (oldest church building in township). Most architecturally significant building in the township, uniquely designed in the Frankish Romanesque style.
34	1863	Logierait Post Office established at the corner of Kimball Road and 12th Line, Moore Township, (LaSalle Line).
35	1863	Trinity Anglican Church, Sutherland's built on the south side of Mooretown. Struck by lightning in 1918 and burned down.
36	1865	St. John's Roman Catholic Church was built in Sombra.
37	1865	Bradshaw established, Lot 26. Near the intersection of Stanley Line and Brigden Sideroad.
38	1866	Mooretown Troop of Cavalry was organized as an infantry company. The troop was re-organized as a cavalry company in 1871 known as Number 3 Troop of the 1st Hussars Regiment of St. Thomas. The troop was locally known as the Moore Mounted Militia.
39	1867	Canada became its own country.
40	1867	The abduction of Sombra resident Allan MacDonald from a pub in Sutherland's Landing by Sheriff Dunphy of St. Clair Michigan, created the first Canada / US diplomatic crisis.
41	1869	The <i>Kate Bully</i> , a schooner built in Corunna sank in a Lake Michigan storm.
42	1871	Port Lambton Post Office established.
43	1871	Becher Post Office established, Lot 18 Concession 1, Sombra Township, where Lambton Line crosses the Sydenham River. An alternate spelling of the community was Beecher.
44	1872	Courtright Post Office established.
45	1872	Waubuno Post Office established at the corner of 2nd Line, Moore Township (Oil Springs Line) and Waubuno Road.
46	1873	First train on St. Clair Railway Branch of the Canada Southern Railway. It was intended to link New York and Chicago by way of the St. Thomas line that terminated at Courtright. Its stations in Moore Township were East Brigden, Brigden, Kimball and Courtright.

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47	1874	Osborne Post Office established on the 12th Line, Moore Township (LaSalle Line), between Brigden Road and Waterworks Road
48	1874	Thornhurst Post Office established, Lot 6 Concession 8, Sombra Township at the intersection of French Line and the sideroad that would later become Highway 40.
49	1878	Kimball Post Office established at the corner of Kimball Road and 4th Line, Moore Township (Courtright Line).
50	1878	Cromar established, the community was also known as Plum Creek, on Waterworks Road between 4th Line, Moore Township (Courtright Line) and 2nd Line, Moore Township (Oil Springs Line).
51	1880	Sykeston Post Office established at the corner of 10th Line, Moore Township (Petrolia Line) and Plank Road.
52	1880	Leckie Post Office established at the corner of 10th Line, Moore Township (Petrolia Line) and Telfer Road.
53	1880	Duthill Post Office established, Lot 12 Concession 9, Sombra Township at the intersection of Holt Line and Duthill Road.
54	1880	First ferry from Port Lambton to Roberts Landing.
55	1882	Seckerton Post Office established at the corner of 6th Line, Moore Township (Moore Line) and Ladysmith Road.
56	1882	Avonroy Post Office established, Lot 16 Concession 14, Sombra Township west of Kimball Road and Stanley Line.
57	1884	Presbyterian Church was built in Guthrie at the corner of Kimball Road and 2nd Line, Moore Township (Oil Springs Line). The namesake of the hamlet was Rev. Dr. Thomas Guthrie (1803-1873), a popular Scottish Presbyterian minister who founded the Ragged Schools movement to educate destitute children in the cities of Scotland.
58	1885	Tug, <i>Frank Moffat</i> , blew up at Sombra dock, killing 5 crew.
59	1886	Erie and Huron Railway crossed St. Clair Branch of the Canada Southern Railway at Courtright, the Erie and Huron Railway became Chesapeake & Ohio in time, then later CSX.
60	1888	Bickford Post Office established, Lot 2 Concession 15, Townline (Bickford Line), Sombra Township at the Erie and Huron Railway. The community was first called Watson, the name of the E. & H. station, but was later changed because there was another post office with the same name.
61	1890	Nelson Mills of Marysville. Michigan developed Stag Island into a summer resort.
62	1892	Terminus Post Office established, Lot 19 Concession 8, Sombra Township at the intersection of Kerr Line and Pretty Sideroad.
63	1892	Charlemont Post Office established, Lot 25 Concession 5, Sombra Township at the intersection of Charlemont Line and Brigden Sideroad.
64	1892	The Stag Island / Corunna range lights were put into operation.
65	1898	First Courtright train station was destroyed by fire.
66	1900	Ladysmith Post Office established at the corner of 2nd Line, Moore Township (Oil Springs Line) and Ladysmith Road.
67	1900	Henry's Corners Post Office established, Lot 6 Concession 13, Sombra Township at the intersection of Wilkesport Line and the sideroad that would become Highway 40.
68	1901	Major fire destroyed many buildings on the west side of Brigden's downtown Main St. between Boswell & Jane Sts.
69	1903	Stag Island Resort opened.
70	1904	Balmoral Hotel in Brigden opened. After World War II, it was renovated into the Brigden Community Memorial Hall (now the Optimist Hall). From 1956 until 1990, Moore Township Council Chambers and offices were located here.
71	1906	Steamer <i>Erin</i> is rammed in the fog by the <i>John B Cowie</i> across from Frog Point. killing 5 people.
72	1908	Payne Post Office established at the side road that would later become Highway 40 and 8th Line, Moore Township (Rokeby Line).
73	1910	Pardee Post Office established, Lot 30 Concession 6, Sombra Township at the intersection of Lambton Line and Mandaumin Sideroad.
74	1911	Busyville Post Office established, Lot 20 Concession 11, Sombra Township at the intersection of Bentpath Line and Pretty Road.
75	1912	Washington Hotel in Port Lambton opened.
76	1913	Dr. Maud Menten co-discovered a foundational equation with Dr. Michaelis, related to enzyme reactions.
77	1916	Lambton 149th Regiment created, recruiting all along the St. Clair River.
78	1919	Trinity Anglican Church, Mooretown was built on the same site as the previous church which was struck by lightning and burned down in 1918. The church closed and was re-located to Moore Museum and opened in 2000 as the Trinity St. Clair Chapel.
79	1920	Steamer, <i>William H. Wolfe</i> , burned in St. Clair River, 2 men died. Hulk still remains south of Fawn Island.
80	1920	Prohibition introduced in the US. The St. Clair River became a funnel for thirsty US citizens wanting booze. At the height of this illegal trade, there were as many as 13 beer scows lined up in Port Lambton.

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150 FACTS THAT SHAPED ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

81	1920	Sterling Bank in Sombra exploded and was destroyed on Christmas Day.
82	1926	Stewart James of Courtright published his first magic trick and went on to invent over 1000 more.
83	1926	Brigden's first motorized fire truck was purchased, a 1926 Model T Ford. Now used for parade duty.
84	1929	Sombra rum runner, Vet Brown, killed US Border Agent while unloading booze in Algonac, Michigan.
85	1931	Becher Bridge on the Lambton Line was completed.
86	1933	Harmsworth speed boat races were held in St. Clair River opposite Sombra.
87	1936	Original Highway 40, now called St. Clair Parkway, was paved.
88	1946	Corunna Branch #447 of the Royal Canadian Legion is organized and is named in honour of Leslie Sutherland, an RCAF pilot and the first resident of Moore Township to be a WW II casualty.
89	1947	Russell Hazzard purchased a grain mill in Becher and developed a network of grain elevators.
90	1948	Leslie Sutherland Branch of the Corunna Legion #447 opened its first building on Beresford St. at the foot of Hill St.
91	1948	Port Lambton Community Hall opened.
92	1948	Port Lambton Fire Dept. established.
93	1951	At Duthil, the "traffic cop", the elm tree in the centre of the hamlet's only intersection, was cut down.
94	1952	Robert C. Dennis, a former Courtright resident, begins writing scripts for television shows. From 1952 to 1984, he wrote more than 500 scripts for dozens of television shows.
95	1952	Ferry, <i>Daldeen</i> , arrived at her berth in Sombra.
96	1952	Canadian Oil Company, now Shell, opened at its present site south of Froomefield.
97	1955	Fawn Island cottage development began.
98	1956	Moore Township office moved to Brigden from the Moore Centre Hall at the corner of Kimball Road and 6th Line, Moore Township (Moore Line).
99	1956	Ethyl Corporation, producer of tetraethyl lead anti-knock compound for gasoline, began production south of Shell. Ethyl later added a pharmaceutical production unit. In 2013 it ceased production after 57 years of operation.
100	1957	Sombra Community Hall opened.
101	1957	Goodfellow Waste Disposal plant, began operation in a lagoon and landfill site near Corunna. In 1960, the plant was re-located to its present site on Telfer Road between Petrolia Line and Rokeby Line and in 1972 Tricil took over from Goodfellow. This plant was renamed Clean Harbors.
102	1958	The "ship cemetery" at the north end of Stag Island disappeared when old derelict boats were removed.
103	1959	Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip sailed the St. Clair River aboard the Royal Yacht <i>Britannia</i> .
104	1959	Sombra Museum opened.
105	1959	Brigden Volunteer Fire Department established.
106	1959	Dupont, producer of polyethylene resins, opened.
107	1960	Clay Creek Provincial Park, now Cathcart Park opened.
108	1960	St. Clair Branch of the New York Central Railway was abandoned.
109	1961	Allied Chemical built on the old Highway 40 south of the 8th Concessionesson, Moore Township (now Rokeby Line).
110	1963	East Sombra School opened.
111	1963	Mooretown-Courtright School in Mooretown opened.
112	1963	Brigden Volunteer Fire Department Kiltie Band formed.
113	1964	Riverview School opened.
114	1964	Brigden School opened.
115	1964	Brigden Veterans' Association was formed.
116	1966	OPP Station opened in Sombra.
117	1966	St. Clair Parkway Commission was formed. It developed our present network of riverfront parks. In 2006 it was disbanded.
118	1966	German freighter <i>Emsstein</i> collided with Greek ship, <i>Olympic Pearl</i> . The <i>Emsstein</i> sank in front of the Lambton Generating Station.

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119	1967	CIL, now CF Industries, went into production.
120	1967	Centennial Park in Mooretown was created to celebrate Canada's centennial year.
121	1968	Wilkesport Fire Dept. established.
122	1968	Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright began production.
123	1968	Former Courtright Railway station was destroyed by fire.
124	1968	Brigden cenotaph was unveiled by the Brigden Veterans' Association, Moore Township and the village of Brigden on November 17th.
125	1969	Moore Township arena opened in Mooretown. In 1975 was expanded with the addition of a swimming pool and renamed Moore Sports Complex.
126	1972	Moore Museum Board was established and in 1975 the Museum opened.
127	1973	Corunna and Sombra Village gave up their status as police villages and became a part of Moore Township.
128	1975	Brigden and Courtright gave up their police village status and became a part of Moore Township.
129	1975	Becher Fire Dept. established.
130	1976	Petrosar, now Nova Chemicals, was built.
131	1977	The new Highway 40 opened. The old Highway 40 became known as the St. Clair Parkway.
132	1977	The last Sydenham River Ferry service, and the last pull ferry in Ontario, ended with the retirement of Ernest "Ernie" Smith. He had been the ferry operator since 1959.
133	1979	Wilkesport Hall opened.
134	1984	Darcy McKeough Floodway opened. The floodway diverts water from the Sydenham River to prevent flooding in Wallaceburg.
135	1984	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635, Brigden established.
136	1986	Port Lambton ferry service closed after more than 100 years of business.
137	1987	and 1988, Mooretown Comets won Ontario Intermediate Hockey Championship.
138	1988	Mooretown Flags won Junior C Hockey Championship.
139	1988	Corunna Legion Branch #447 officially opened its new building on Albert Street on April 30th.
140	1990	Moore Township office moved from Brigden to a new facility in Mooretown.
141	1990	Brigden Legion Branch #635 on Main Street was officially opened on June 1st.
142	1999	Hill St. School, Corunna closed. Renovated into OPP station.
143	1999	Murray St. School, Corunna closed and Sir John Moore School opened.
144	2001	Moore Township and Sombra Township amalgamate to form St. Clair Township on January 1st.
145	2003	Colborne St. School, Corunna closed.
146	2003	Colonel John Cameron School, Corunna opened.
147	2011	Sombra Cultural Centre opened.
148	2013	Heritage St. Clair Committee formed as a standing committee of Council.
149	2016	Derek Drouin won Olympic Gold in the High Jump at Rio Olympics in Brazil.
150	2016	Lambton Generating Station, not in production since 2014, was officially delisted.

Thanks to Heritage St.Clair for this tour de force look at the genesis of St. Clair Township. For more information about this dedicated group of historians and what they do to keep local history alive, go online to:

stclairtownship.ca/heritage/

Cancer fundraiser helps patients in need



Wayne and Deb Vandendool, and their daughter, Megan Johnston, present the proceeds of their fundraising activities to Linsay Manz, right, a manager at London Health Sciences Foundation, ACT NOW.

The recent fundraising efforts of Port Lambton residents Deb and Wayne Vandendool have garnered \$18,311.74 for the ACT NOW program. This program helps cancer patients pay for helpful treatments that cost more than they can afford to pay and are not covered by OHIP. Deb, who is fighting cancer for the third time in 18 years, became aware of the need for this program during her treatments.

Over 250 people attended the *Night For Cancer* auction in Wilkesport on April 29 where about \$10,000 was raised, with another \$8,000 received in donations, including a \$500 donation from the Sombra Township Optimist Club.

ACT NOW is funded solely by donations and fundraising efforts. For more information, go online to: actnowforcancer.ca or call Linsay Manz at 519-685-8265.

Photo submitted

Moore Skate Club preparing for another big season



The 2016/2017 season was a great year for the Moore Skate Club. *Congratulations go out to the club's Gold Test Skaters: Justine Miller (Gold Free Skate) left; Ashley Williams (Gold Skills) right; and Jenna Devine (Gold Skills) below. Now it's time to think about next season.*

Skating coaches sought

The Moore Skate Club is seeking highly energetic and motivated individuals who will complement the current coaching team for the 2017/2018 season. The successful candidates will be Canskate certified in the new system, NCCP level 2 certified or higher, and willing to take on and build a competitive private student base. Coaches who are close to completing level 2 may be considered, depending on experience.

Interested applicants must: have a current first aid ticket; have a current criminal record check; have the ability to



work with other coaches in a team coaching atmosphere; be reliable and organized.

Possible coaching opportunities: group and private lessons; MSC currently has 5.5 hours of private ice time MSC currently has 3.25 group Canskate/Starskate hours.

Interested candidates should respond with a current resume, proof of Skate Canada credentials, and proof of skating levels attained. Contact MSC President Cherie Gaulton at moreskateclub@gmail.com

Moore Skate Club

Registration 2017/18

The club will hold registration for skating programs including power on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Lesson begin Tuesday, Sept. 12. Registration can also be done online at: moreskateclub@gmail.com



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

Improve your health with help from the Rapids Family Health Team

Be better informed about your health with the help of the Rapids Family Health Team. The following sessions are being offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic, located at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna. There is no charge for participation but you must register for each one you take. Please note that space is limited. If we are unable to accommodate you for the day of your choice, we will put you on a waiting list for future sessions. **For more information, go online to: www.rapidsfhteam.ca or to register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to reception.**

Living With Diabetes

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The next sessions, led by a Nurse Educator, will be held on Monday, June 5, 9:30-11:30; Wednesday, July 19, 1:30-3:30; and Wednesday, Sept. 13, 9:30-11:30.

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. Sessions led by a Registered Nurse will be held on Monday, June 12, 9:30-11:30; Wednesday, July 26, 1:30-3:30; Wednesday, Sept. 20, 9:30-11:30.

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 sessions will be held on: Wednesday, June 21, 1:30-3:30; Monday, July 24, 1:30-3:30; Friday, Sept. 15, 9:30-11:30.

Healthy Eating and You

This program is a series of four sessions of two hours each. It will help you make permanent changes and 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, protein and fats (good and bad); physical activity; emotional eating strategies; sensible portions and portion control strategies; group discussions to help you learn from the experiences of others. This program is open to the public. No physician referral is required. The next program will begin Thursday, June 1 for four weeks from 9:30-11:30. Patients must attend the first class to attend the final three.

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 are slated for Wednesdays on: June 14, 1:30-3:30; July 19, 9:30-11:30; and Aug. 9, 1:30-3:30.

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 seminars will take place Fridays at 9:30-11:30 on: June 2, July 14, Aug. 11, and Sept. 8.

Happiness 101

Happiness 101 is a four-week group program that focuses on being happy, adapted from the manual Happiness 101 by Dr. Louise Lambert. The sessions will discuss 12 simple interventions for a happier life using positive psychology for people who are depressed, languishing, or flourishing. Participants will learn to take charge of their happiness by increasing their frequency and range of positive emotions and positive experiences. The goal is to help participants generate a new mindset geared exclusively to the creation of a greater, more durable state of happiness. This group has been successfully run by several other Family Health Teams in Southwestern Ontario. The program will begin Tuesday, June 6 for four weeks from 9:30-11:30. Patients must attend first session to attend the final three.

Teaching kitchen

Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build your knowledge of healthy eating, but also help you apply them in a friendly group setting. A wide range of health conditions and topics include: heart health, digestive concerns, vegetarian, cooking for one, increasing fruit and vegetables, high blood pressure and more. Classes are open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next classes are slated for: Wednesday, June 21, 2:00 - 4:00; Wednesday, July 26, 10:00 - noon; Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1:30-3:30; and Thursday, Sept. 14, 1:30-3:30. Location will be supplied during registration process.

Note: Class dates, times, and location within Corunna is subject to change/cancellation depending on number of patient registrations.

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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.

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New patients being accepted

A new family medical practice has opened at the Shell Health Centre (Rapids Family Health Team), 233 Cameron Street, in Corunna. Applications are now available by calling 519-813-9800.

Mooretown Lady Flags seek players age six through 14

The Mooretown Lady Flags hockey team is currently accepting applications for the following divisions: Novice, Atom, Peewee, and Bantam. Please go online to mooreminorhockey.com for information and to submit applications. The team

is looking for females age six through 14 who wish to play hockey for the upcoming 2017-2018 season (born between 2003-2011). Our hockey system focuses on fair play, fun, excellence, citizenship, equity and integrity, putting the player experience, both on and off the rink, at the forefront. If you have a female player interested in playing hockey next season or have any questions, please email: mooretownladyflags@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CONTACT

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

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. 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.

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 United Church services and activities

Brigden United Church holds **regular services** every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. In addition to regular services, the church will again host **Messy Church** is underway and will continue 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 Childcare. For more information, call 519-892-3151.

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. For more information, contact Rita at 519-867-2932.

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.

St. Clair Parkway Golf Course 2017 Info

132 Moore Line in Mooretown

St. Clair Parkway Golf Course 2017 membership rates are: adult 7-day - unrestricted \$1,569.40, restricted \$1,207.80; second adult-7 day - unrestricted \$1,055, restricted \$801.00; senior (55+) unrestricted \$1,541.15, restricted \$1,202.15; senior 5-day only (65+) \$1,156.95; Intermediate (19-29 yrs.) \$1,015.70; Family (2 adult and up to 3 children) \$2,582.50; Junior 7-day \$648.45, 5-day \$394.20.

For more information or to register, call the pro shop at 519-867-2160. Find us online at: www.stclairparkwaygolf.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.

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United Way
Sarnia-Lambton

Kids love summer camps at the Mooretown Sports Complex

And when school lets out, the kids will be looking for a way to fill their summer vacation with fun. Check out the great summer camps and activities the Mooretown Sports Complex and give your children a summer filled with great memories and new friendships.

Women's Health Night - Free!

A free Women's Health Night will be held on Thursday, June 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in hall one at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Come and learn about mindful eating from a Registered Dietitian and how to incorporate mindfulness into your daily life from a Mindfulness Practitioner. Then, enjoy a peaceful moment of Zen while finished off the night with a free yoga class.

Summer Camps for kids

Summer Day Camp

Children ages 5-12 will enjoy the many activities waiting for them at summer day camp, being offered from July 4 to Sept. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost per child is \$27 per day, \$110 per week; and \$861 for the summer. Early drop-off and late pick-up is available for an additional \$15 per week per child. Family rates are available.

Summer Sports Camp

Sports-minded children ages 5-12 can participate in summer sports camps from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (full weeks). The cost is \$110 per week. Early drop-off and late pick-up is available for an additional \$15 per week per child. Golf camp: July 10-14; 24-28; or Aug. 14-18. Sports combo: July 17-21; Aug. 8-11; Aug. 21-25. Track and Field; July 31-Aug. 4.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

School-aged kids age 11 and up are urged to expand their skill sets by taking the Red Cross Babysitting course on Monday, June 9 (PA day) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per student.

Become a Lifeguard or Swim Instructor before summer!

Call today to get information about becoming a lifeguard before summer. Lifeguard=NLS, Instructor=WSI, and LSS Instructor courses are taught. Prerequisites are required so call to find out more about becoming a life saver. See contact information below.

Spinning classes for everyone

Spinning classes are offered here! Join our certified spinning instructors for a great workout to improve your cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Join any time for a 12 week session for \$10 per class or buy a 10 pass admission for \$80. Morning Spin classes are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. -7:45am. If you're a beginner, there are classes designed for you on Tuesday Evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you're looking for strength training combined with a spin workout, come to the Bikes and Bells class on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00pm, or Friday from

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

Emergency First Aid/Bronze medallion/Bronze cross

This class will be held the week of July 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of the bronze medallion course is \$196 and the bronze cross course is \$104. Fees include taxes, materials, and exam fees.

Summer swim lessons

Registration is now open for summer swim lessons.

Spring into fitness

Take your pick of the many ways you can improve your fitness levels at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Join classes in Fitness Kick Boxing, Muscle Mix, or Water Aerobics any time. The cost is \$6 per class, \$5 per seniors, or \$45 per 10-visit pass.

Public inline skating

Public inline skating is offered on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. until June 18. Cost is \$2.25 per child; \$3.25 per adult; \$6.50 per family.

Free - Indoor walking/low impact exercise program

Indoor walking, low impact exercise is offered each week on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. This program is provided by the West Lambton Community Health Centre. For more information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237.

Rink floor rentals

Rink floor rentals are available now until Aug. 9. Cost is \$55/hr for adult; \$45/hr for minor; call for special events rates. Contact 519-867-2651 for available dates and times.

3-on-3 ball hockey

Games will be held on Wednesday nights until June 28. Current tyke, novice, atom and peewee players only. To register, call Mike at 519-312-1181 or email: mmacleod25@cogeco.ca

Campgrounds open until Oct. 15

All three St. Clair Township campgrounds, Mooretown, Cathcart, and Branton-Cundick, are now open for seasonal, daily, weekly, or monthly occupation. For complete rates, go online to the address below.

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.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

Mooretown Flags coaching staff welcomes back Jordan Pennesi

The Mooretown Flags will welcome back former coach Jordan Pennesi as head coach for the 2017/2018 season. Jordan, who will be replacing Doug Slipacoff, has been coaching the Lambton Jr. Sting Minor Midget AAA team for the past three years. His previous work with the Flags included two seasons as an assistant coach and two seasons as head coach. Rounding out the new season's coach-

ing staff will be assistant coaches Jeff Pauley and Dara Emslie. Corunna native Jeff Pauley played for the Flags before moving up to the Sarnia Legionaires, then on to be a draft pick for the Kitchener Rangers. Dara, a long-time Mooretown Flag who finished his time with the team as team captain, was a coaching assistant with the Sarnia Legionaires before returning to Mooretown.

Mooretown hosts annual event to benefit CMHA



ride don't hide

The annual Lambton Kent CMHA Ride Don't Hide event to benefit the Canadian Mental Health Association will take place at the Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily Street on Sunday, June 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register individually or with a team and ride in memory of a loved one or as a sign of your commitment to ending mental health stigma. Your registration will include entry in the event, an event t-shirt, a swag bag, breakfast and a barbecue lunch. Host sponsors are St. Clair Township and the St. Clair River Trail.

Registration is \$45 from May 1 to June 25 and youth age 12 or younger ride free.

One hundred per cent of the funds raised from ride registration fees and rider fundraising go directly to our youth mental health programs. Proceeds from Ride Don't Hide continue to support three initiatives: BeSafe mobile app; SafeTalk; and the new Mental Health Champion Award (a YMCA Celebration of Youth Award).

For more information, go online to: www.ridedonthide.com, Twitter @ridedonthide, or go to RideDontHide on Facebook.



West Becher School reunion a hit

The alumni of S. S. #13 Sombra school, better known as West Becher, enjoyed a great reunion in April, with 37 former students and one teacher among the 70 people who attended. The work of the organizing committee, seen here on the steps of the old school, is responsible for the reunion's success and there is talk of another reunion in the not-too-distant future. Committee members include, from left: Elanor VanLandeghem, Bev Bradley, Piet Vandendool, Barb Kerwin, Jim Hay, and Darrell Randell.

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Job Opportunity - janitor/hall maintenance

The Port Lambton Community Hall board is currently seeking a part-time janitor/hall maintenance person. Duties will include hall clean-up, mopping, cleaning of washrooms, removal of garbage, light kitchen clean-up, etc. Hours will be subject to hall rentals and will vary from month to month.

Interested candidates please contact Andy Kitchen, president of the Port Lambton Community Hall by email at: vtyou123@gmail.com or by mail at: 4036 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, Ont., N0P 2B0.

Raffle will benefit St. Joseph's Hospice

St. Joseph's Hospice is currently holding a raffle featuring a hockey jersey from Ottawa Senators player Dion Phaneuf. The jersey will be raffled off at the Bill Cannon Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, June 16. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at St. Joseph's Hospice, 475 Christina Street N. in Sarnia or by calling 519-337-0537. To date, seven jerseys have been raffled off, generating \$24,000 for hospice programs and services.

Sombra Township Optimist Club welcomes six new members



Six new members were inducted into the Township of Sombra Optimist Club its May meeting. Left: Optimist Phil Johnston welcomes new members Elaine Kerwin, Dee Johnston, Brittany Johnston, Ivy Johnston, Erin Bogaert, and Jody Lauwers. Lt. Governor Johanne Leach, right, was on hand for the induction.

New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Sombra Optimist Club President Carla Aarssen at 519-892-3536 or email: caarssen@hotmail.com

Photo submitted

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will be free will donation at the door. *Note: The Sombra Museum will observe summer hours seven days a week from June through August from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come and experience the heritage that formed the foundation for the community we enjoy today.*

Sombra Days on the way

Sombra Days is slated for July 7, 8, and 9. The fun begins Friday night with co-ed two-pitch at 6 p.m. and a dance at 8 p.m. featuring the Down River Band. On Saturday, two-pitch continues at 8 a.m. The day will include children's inflatables, a loonie table, horseshoe tourney, entertainment and more until 7 p.m. On Sunday, two-pitch continues at 9 a.m. with a soap box derby from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., volleyball at noon, horse-drawn wagon rides, entertainment, and 50/50 draw, winding up at 7 p.m.

Bake sale set for Sombra Days

Members of the Wilkesport United Church will host a bake/yard sale during Sombra Days on Saturday, July 8 beginning at 9 a.m. The event will take place on the Sombra Museum grounds at the corner of St. Clair Parkway and Smith Street, where treats and treasures will be available. Proceeds from this event will help support the work of the Sombra Museum. For more information or to donate items for sale, email: wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com

Moore Museum model train event

The Moore Museum's Model Train event is slated for Sunday, July 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Additional model train layouts will be on display at this event, as well as the museum's regular Lionel train exhibit. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroad-ing and all of the layouts will be running. The event will be included with the regular admission price.

2017 St. Clair River Run

The 2017 St. Clair River Run on Saturday, July 15 promises to be bigger and better than ever before. The run's reputation has spread widely since it first began, attracting serious runners as well as weekend warriors. All participants receive a medal and chip timing is used to keep an accurate record of each runner's performance. For the kids, the Minnow Run gives them a chance to show their speed. During the run, participants will be treated to entertainment as they enjoy the beauty of the St. Clair River course. At the finish line, they'll be met by enthusiastic fans, food, and the satisfaction of a challenge met and conquered. The event begins at Brander Park south of Port Lambton at 7:30 a.m. To register, go online to: www.stclairriverrun.ca or call 519-677-5924.

Summer camp set for Brigden United Church

Brigden United Church will host two full-day summer camps this year. There will be a free camp held July 17 to 21 and a theme camp from Aug. 14 to 18. Details will be released to the Beacon in June or you can call 510-864-1747.

Captain Kidd to invade Corunna...again!

Captain Kidd will be invading Corunna once again from Friday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 6. More information in the next Beacon.

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: parkwaychurchmichelle@gmail.com

Cruikshank Community Centre hosts weekly activities

The Cruikshank Community Centre hosts two popular activities each week. Morning coffee socials run from Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and everyone is welcome. And *euchre nights* are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per session, which includes light refreshments.

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.

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.

Lambton Heritage Museum quilt events

Quilters all over Lambton County will enjoy the three quilt-based events being offered by the Lambton Heritage Museum south of Grand Bend this summer. Until Sept. 30, *150 Years of Lambton County Quilts* will display over one third of the museum's 90 piece quilt collection, with quilts made between 1867 and the present. From practical use to quilts based on artistic interpretations, learn how quilts have changed and adapted over the years. Admission included with regular museum ticket. The *North Lambton Quilters' Guild Show* will be held on June 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Highlights include a garage sale, vendors, Calico Shop, and a tearoom. Museum ticket includes admission to this event. And the *Trunk Show with Judy Lyons* on June 23 at 1 p.m. will be a one-hour session focusing on the history of quilts and various quilt techniques and materials. Judy is a specialist in appraising traditional and non-traditional quilts and textiles. Free with ticket to museum.

Contact The Beacon

If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or if the event will benefit the residents of the township, you may promote it free of charge in The Beacon.

Deadline for Beacon submissions is every third Monday of each month by noon.
E-mail: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

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bring lawn chairs.

Girl Talk presentations slated

Lambton Public Health will offer *Girl Talk*, a presentation for parents and daughters in Grades 5 and 6. It's aim is to act as an ice-breaker for the discussion of the physical changes that occur in a girl's body during puberty. Sessions will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7 in the Lambton Meadowview Villa auditorium, 3958 Petrolia Line and On Thursday, June 15 and Monday, June 19 in the west room at the Sarnia Library, 124 Christina Street S. To register or to get more information, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3526, or toll-free at 800-667-1839.

Community Appreciation BBQ in Brigden

A Community Appreciation Barbecue will be held at the Brigden Fairgrounds, 2976 Brigden Road, on Friday, July 9 at 11 a.m. This event will recognize the many sponsors of the Moore Agricultural Society generator project to show appreciation for their assistance in helping to provide a community warming/cooling centre at the Brigden Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to come out and help celebrate the creation of this centre, which will play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of the people in our community during emergency situations. Canned goods will be accepted at the barbecue on behalf of the Express Employment Professionals "Brand It Blue Day" charity food drive. These donations will be delivered to local food banks.

Corunna Firefighter's Field Day

The 40th annual Corunna Firefighter's Field Day is set for Saturday, June 10. The parade will start at 11 a.m. featuring Paw Patrol characters Marshall and Chase. They will be back at the fire hall to greet their fans, and the day will also feature inflatables, fire demonstrations, a barbecue and beer garden. Admission is free and proceeds will benefit Corunna and St. Clair Township community organizations. On Saturday night, music will be supplied by the Down River Boys and Fake Low from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Memorial service at Riverside Cemetery

A memorial service will be held at Riverside Cemetery in Sombra on Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. Attendees are reminded to bring a lawn chair.

LSA 28th annual picnic planned

The 28th annual Lambton Seniors Association picnic is set for the Petrolia fairgrounds at the Lions pavilion on Wednesday, June 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is just \$4 per person. The day will be filled with music, dancing, food, prizes and surprises.

Brigden Campout Country Jamboree

The Brigden Campout Country Jamboree is slated for Father's Day weekend, June 14 to 18. Camping is available for \$25 per night. Limited hydro is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking will begin after 10 a.m. on June 14. There will be a daily jamboree, 50/50 draws, dancing, music, fun and fellowship, plus a Saturday night roast beef supper. For details, see the Brigden Fair Facebook page and webpages, or email:

Bill.Myers@brigdenfair.ca

Free family movie night in Courtright

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club will host a free family movie night at the Courtright Community Centre on Friday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. The movie, *Moana*, will include a snack

and a drink.

Brigden Country Arts and Crafts Show slated

The Brigden Country Arts and Crafts Show will be held at the Brigden Fairgrounds (2435 Courtright Line/Hwy. 80) on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry to the fairgrounds will be from Highway 80 (Courtright Line). Admission is free. Over 60 vendors are already confirmed but vendors can still register by email: finance@brigdenfair.ca

Summer Kick-off at Corunna Legion

The 6th Annual Summer Kick-off party at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 hall is slated for Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. This all day event will feature live bands and party spirit. Bring your sun block and lawn chairs and enjoy the entertainment and a barbecue that will operate from 1 p.m. to dusk. Admittance is free and everyone is invited.

13th annual Sombra Optimist Car Show

The Sombra Township Optimist Club will be host its 13th annual Car Show at beautiful Brander Park on the St. Clair River in Port Lambton on Saturday, June 17 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The show features numerous classic and late model vehicles, and there will be a food booth, licensed refreshment tent, and a live band to enjoy while you take in the scenic St. Clair River. For the children, there will be soapbox races, with registration at 9 a.m. and practice runs starting at 10 a.m. Dotsy the Clown will be there from noon to 2 p.m. to do face painting, the splash pad will be open, and balloon animals will be made for the them. There is no pre-registration for vehicle display and an easier format has been adopted to get vehicles on-site and parked more quickly. Registration will only be done on the day of the event for \$10 per vehicle and \$5 for a second vehicle. Spectators admission is free. For more information, contact Carla at 519-892-3536 or email: caarssen@hotmail.com VENDORS: The Sombra Township Optimist Club is looking for vendors to participate in this popular annual event. Anyone interested in reserving a space can call Optimist Janet at 519-677-5954.

Brigden Legion Decoration Day set

The Brigden Legion will hold its Decoration Day at the Bear Creek Cemetery, Telfer Road and Moore Line, on Sunday, June 18 at 11 a.m. After the Act of Remembrance, Canadian flags will be placed on Veterans' graves. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual service. Attendees are reminded to bring lawn chairs.

Salad bar luncheon at Corunna United Church

The Corunna United Church Women will hold a salad bar luncheon on Wednesday, June 21 at the church on Hill Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be \$12 per person and entertainment will be provided by Janet La Plante.

Courtright splash pad grand opening

The Courtright splash pad grand opening is slated for Saturday, June 24 beginning at 10:30 a.m. After the brief ceremony, there will be a barbecue and lots of family fun. The splash pad is located adjacent to the Courtright fire hall and everyone is welcome.

Summer concert in Sombra

The Sombra Museum will host its Summer Concert on Sunday, July 2 at 7 p.m. at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre at the corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway. The air will ring with good country music and refreshments will be served. Admission

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Chicken bbq at Corunna UC

The congregation of Corunna United Church will host a chicken bbq on Saturday, June 3, with two sittings at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the United Church Lambton Center. Cost per meal will be \$15 for 1/2 chicken and \$12 for 1/4 chicken. For tickets, contact Mary at 519-862-1052 or Allan at 519-862-1040. Service is by advance tickets only.

Judging school offered

For those who are interested in being a judge for Homecraft items at local fairs, a new judging school entitled "All About Quilting" will be offered at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Saturday, June 3. For more information, check out the Brigden Fair Facebook event page or email: Michelle.Evanitski@brigdenfair.ca

Catch The Ace lottery at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 will host the Catch the Ace lottery every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will assist Homeless Veterans, the 2563 Army Cadets, and community parks. Rules are available at the Legion. This event is licensed through St. Clair Township.

4th annual Ken Adams golf tourney

The Mooretown Flags will host the 4th annual Ken Adams Memorial Golf Tournament at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown on Saturday, June 3. Registration will begin at noon with shotgun start tee off 1 p.m. The event will include 18 holes of golf with a shared cart. The cost will be \$75 for members (\$70 with cart package) and \$110 for non-members. A steak dinner with all the trimmings will be served on rink one at the Mooretown Sports Complex and there will be a prize for all golfers. The bar will open at 4 p.m. For more information, call Doug at 519-862-2173, Chuck at 519-869-4592, or Joe at 519-384-8203. *The Alumni Golf Tournament was established in 1999 to assist the Flags executive in raising funds for the team. It is open to current and past players, coaches, managers, trainers, sponsors, and fans of the Mooretown Flags.*

Duthil Cemetery Decoration Day set

The Duthil Cemetery Decoration Day service will be held on Sunday, June 4 at 2:30 p.m. Attendees are reminded to please

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CANADA 150 CELEBRATIONS – JULY 1



CANADA 150
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*Canada's 150th birthday is going to be EPIC here in St. Clair Township.
July 1 will be a day you will never forget!*



MORNING

SOMBRA COMMUNITY DOCK GRAND OPENING

Start your July 1 celebration in Sombra, where the grand opening of a beautiful new community dock, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., will feature a community pancake and bacon breakfast, vendors, children's activities, souvenirs, acoustic entertainment, wooden boat building displays, and a fabulous public Paddlefest featuring water crafts of every size and description. Paddlers of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join this event with the goal of reaching 150 watercrafts. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 11 a.m. FREE KAYAK DRAW (18 and under).

AFTERNOON AND EVENING

CANADA 150 CELEBRATION IN MOORETOWN

FAMILY FUN, FANTASTIC MEMORIES

Be at the Mooretown Sports Complex by 3 p.m. so you don't miss a minute of the St. Clair Township Canada 150 celebrations. This family friendly event will feature the dedication of the new Sesquicentennial Fountain Park, a parade, opening ceremonies with a fly-over by the 403 Honour Flight, a youth talent show, inflatables and amusements for the kids, free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, freezies and water, free commemorative souvenirs, entertainment that's sure to please, a seniors' "chill station" (sponsored by the Moore Optimist Club, this will be a place to cool off, rehydrate, rest, and even play a card game or two). At 7 p.m., popular audience-pleasing country entertainer Scott Manery and the Barn Burners will perform. And when the sun sets on this special day, a fireworks finale at 10 p.m. will set the sky ablaze with a spectacular pyrotechnic display. (Rain date set for July 2, same location, same time.)

Limited parking will be available at the site but overflow parking and a bus shuttle service will be available at the No Frills parking lot north of the arena. The shuttle will operate until after 11 p.m.

MOORE MUSEUM OPEN JULY 1

As the Canada 150 celebration at the Mooretown Sports Complex paves the way to the future, the Moore Museum will be open right next door with free admission from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. to give you a taste of St. Clair Township's past. In addition to hundreds of displays and exhibits, there will be a variety of heritage demonstrations throughout the site's 12 heritage buildings.

MORE INFORMATION

St. Clair Township's Canada 150 information is online at stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca or stclairtownship.ca or contact us by email: canada150@twp.stclair.on.ca for more information or to submit entry forms for the talent show or the parade. You can also search Facebook: *St. Clair Township Canada 150 Celebrations*