



The Good Neighbour Experience

A local Canada 150 project



The Beacon has been overwhelmed to hear about all of the **Good Neighbours** in St. Clair Township and we still want to hear from residents who know people who deserve recognition for the kind things they do for others.

Throughout 2017, The St. Clair Township Beacon is giving 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**. Tell us about the great people you know - the ones who brighten your life with their thoughtfulness and kindness.

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.

This month's first Good Neighbour story is from Cheryl Simpson.

"Three years ago, I moved back to Corunna onto Fairview Boulevard. The Ryans made me feel welcome from the start. Winter came and they began their annual display. Part way through doing their yards, they surprised me by decorating mine. I didn't have any decorations and they didn't want me to feel left out."

When Mary Ann found out I didn't have an indoor tree, she bought me one. Rose made sure I had a memento from my first year at my new home. There have been many other kind acts, such as shoveling; too many to list. Rose is ill and Maryanne still thinks of others while helping Rose."

As far back as I can remember, I came and looked at the Ryans' Christmas display. Rose and her family have been putting up the display and ask nothing in return. I am glad to be part of this neighbourhood and thank the great neighbours on Fairview Boulevard in Corunna."

The second Good Neighbour story is from Alison Corcoran.

"In Corunna, we have a wonderful husband and wife team who are Good Neighbours to all. Allan and Sylvia Knight are on the go from dawn to dusk, helping others and doing good deeds in and for the community. They tend to the garden under the Corunna sign at the south end of the town, keeping it weeded and planting flowers as the season permits. They deliver dinners to shut-ins and singles. They have been very supportive of local charitable needs. They also provide transportation for those who don't drive, enabling them to visit friends in the hospital or nursing homes."

They are always willing to step up to help those in need in our community. I look up to this couple and I appreciate the times they have assisted and encouraged me. I think they are the kind of Good Neighbours any one of us would be glad to have or to be."

The third Good Neighbour story is from Lisa Lloyd.

"My neighbour is Glen Nantaise. He lives across the street from my family and is always the kindest, sweetest man to myself and my girls, and our neighbours. He will always slow down when driving past and say hello. After watching me carrying my baby and helping my toddler on her bike, he found a bike with a handle on the back for pushing and delivered it to me. He wanted nothing for it. He is always trying to help others and will drop everything to stop and talk or lend a hand. It's nice knowing he's across the street."

The fourth Good Neighbour story is from Betty and Al Luckins. Their daughter, Cathy, writes:

"I am writing for my parents who are in their 80s. Their neighbours, Larry and Joyce McDonald, call them every day to see if they need anything. Larry comes over to fix what needs repair, brings them their paper, and shovels their walk in the winter. There is never a day that goes by that they are doing something for my parents. We are so grateful to have them there; they are the most fantastic neighbours you could ever ask for. They certainly deserve (to be) Good Neighbours of the year. They are more like family than neighbours!"

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What's YOUR

GOOD NEIGHBOUR story?

Sombra Optimist Club welcomes three members and honours one outstanding citizen



Right: The Optimist Club of Sombra Township recently presented Murray McAllister with the annual Outstanding Citizen of the Year award in recognition of his 54 years of service to the citizens of St. Clair Township. The presentation was made by Lt. Governor Johanne Leach. Murray has been active with area sports teams and the Port Lambton Community Hall. He is a lifetime member of the Port Lambton volunteer fire department and a member of the Sombra Museum, plus many other community initiatives.

Below: The Optimist Club of Sombra Township recently welcomed three new members to the group. Club President Carla Aarsen, far right, inducted, from left: Roxy Hendrycks and Leslie and Bryan Riddell.

New members are always welcomed. To join the Optimist Club of Sombra Township, contact President Aarsen at 519-892-3536 or email her at: caarsen@hotmail.com



Brigden library to close for the summer to accommodate school renovations

The Brigden branch of the Lambton County Library will be closed for the summer while renovations are done at Brigden Public School, where the library is housed.

The closure is warranted due to the extensive scope of the renovation. The library will close at 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017, and patrons are encouraged to return their materials by this date as the library drop-off box will be unavailable during the construction project.

While the library branch is closed, materials can be renewed or borrowed at one of the neighbouring branches or by using online platforms at www.lclibrary.ca, including the online catalogue and *eLibrary*. Items can be reserved and renewed with the online catalogue, located under *My Library* and *My Account*. Patrons can download digital materials such as eBooks and eAudio-books with *Overdrive*.

For more information or to renew your materials by phone after the closure date, please contact one of the other area branches listed here. Patrons are also invited to participate in the Summer Reading programs at any of these Lambton County Library branches.

Made In Canada contest for kids and teens

The Made In Canada contest, July 3 to Aug. 28, invites children and teens to show their artistic side and create art, photography, LEGO, or the tools in the Makerspace. Participants can take a photo of their creation and upload it to the library's web-

site at: www.lclibrary.ca Children up to the age of 12 will have their creation displayed on the library website while teens, ages 13-17, will have their art displayed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LCLibraryca Visitors to these sites will be able to vote on their favourites and participants will have a chance to win prizes: children up to age five - art supply bundles with picture book (two prizes available); six to 10 - LEGO prize packs (two available); nine to 12 - LEGO prize packs (two available); 13 to 17 - Fujifilm camera (one prize); 3Doodler Start Pen 9 (1 prize).

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Children can pick up their TD Summer Reading Club passport from their local library. The program is free, bilingual, and open to children of all ages, interests, and abilities. For more information, go online to: www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca Pre-register at your local library.

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The Adult Summer Reading program from July 3 to Aug. 28 features a chance to win a computer tablet or one of eight prize packages. Pre-register at your local library.

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).

Great weather favours the Corunna Firefighters Field Day



A good crowd turned out at the Corunna fire hall to enjoy some quality family time. The inflatables zone was a big hit with the younger set.

Below: A crowd take shelter from the hot sun under the Corunna fire station trees while waiting for the parade to arrive. **Right:** The mighty T-Rex fire beast "levitates" to allow deployment of the 110 foot boom. The truck proved to be endlessly fascinating to some of the young future firefighters in the crowd.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



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, par-

ticipate 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

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.

COMMUNITY CONTACT

Brigden Fair prize book available soon

The Brigden Fair prize book will be available soon. **Please note the changes/additions in classes and set up.** Entries can be made online or by using the entry form and forwarding it to the fair office before Sept. 15. Watch The Beacon or look online at www.brigdenfair.ca for updates.

Make your change make a change

Just a little bit of change can help to make a big change on the St. Clair Trail. The *Pennies for Pavement* program helps pay for trail maintenance. 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 Aarsen 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. Hours spent volunteering with 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 activities/services

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (10 a.m. July and August). The church will also host **Messy Church** September through May (except December) every last Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It introduces children to a faith-based life in a fun and informal way, and includes a relaxed evening with an interactive Bible story, crafts and supper. Children must bring an adult. And the **Mom and Tots Drop-in** is held at the church every Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (excludes July and August). The program is sponsored by Sombra Rural Child Care. For more information, call 519-892-3151. And don't forget to check out Brigden United Church on Facebook.

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.

Bluewater Lions donate bench to St. Clair River Trail

The Bluewater Lions Club recently donated a steel bench to the St. Clair River Trail. The attractive "river blue" bench, located by the side of the trail adjacent to Knight's Funeral Home, bears the Lions Club logo and a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club, which was established in 1917.

The Bluewater Lions Club, chartered in 1981, supports the Eyes Right program which champions sight conservation. As part of Lions District A1, which spans from Sarnia to Windsor to London, the club has helped raise about \$2 million to provide sight-related surgical equipment to hospitals within the district. The Bluewater Lions also contribute to St. Joseph's Hospice and Diabetes Canada. The club has also donated a bench to be placed in Centennial Park in Sarnia.

New members are always welcomed to the club, which currently has 20 members. The group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at John's Restaurant on London Road in Sarnia for those who are interested.

Right: Checking out the new bench are, seated left: Lion Audrey Henry, St. Clair Trail Chair Mary Jane Marsh, Lion Koert Nieuwenhuis. Standing left: Lion Robert Henry, Bluewater Lions President Jim Sedgeworth, and Lion Allan Knight.



Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Mooretown Sports Complex

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.

Become a Lifeguard or Swim Instructor

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. Daytime and evening lessons are available.

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.

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.

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



The St. Clair River Run is coming up this month. The event is slated for Saturday, July 15 with the action starting at Brander Park south of Port Lambton at 7:30 a.m.

Participants can choose between the stroller-friendly 5 km walk/run or the 10 km run, where runners' performances will be tracked with chip timing. All runners will also receive a technical shirt. The kids can enjoy their own free Minnow Run as well.

The excitement generated by the annual River Run grows each year and it's becoming one of the premier runs of the season. Come out and get involved, or just stand along the route and cheer on the runners as they strive for their personal bests.

To register, go online to: www.stclairriverrun.ca. For more information, call Rose at 519-677-5924.

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 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 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: Monday, July 24, 1:30-3:30; Friday, Sept. 15, 9:30-11:30.

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: 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: July 14, Aug. 11, and Sept. 8.

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, 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.

Laboratory services offered

Laboratory services at the clinic are available
Monday through Friday from
7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.



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

MAS seeks donations toward cost of new grandstand

The Moore Agricultural Society currently has a fundraising campaign called Take A Seat going to raising funds toward the cost of building a new grandstand. In 2014, MAS became concerned over the safety of the 60-year-old grandstand, which was built during the days when horse races were popular at the fairgrounds.

The old structure has already been taken down and a new one has to be in place as soon as possible to replace the estimated 575 person seating capacity that was lost. The grandstand annually accommodates spectators for the many outdoor entertainment events that take place on the fairgrounds, including tractor pulls, horse and livestock shows, demolition derbys, musical events and, of course, the Brigden Fair to name a few.

A goal of \$70,000 has been set to purchase adequate bleachers and seating, with some of the seating designed to ensure accessibility for mobility challenged individuals. Several fundraisers will be held in coming months with proceeds earmarked for the bleacher project.



Bill Clark of Brigden with the donation box that will hopefully garner additional funds to help with the cost of the new grandstand at the Brigden fairgrounds.

Happy shoppers attend MAS craft sale

The Moore Agricultural Society's annual craft sale on June 17 attracted a lot of shoppers who went away with big smiles on their faces. About 80 vendors offered products from jewelry and health food to original clothing and delicious baked goods. One of the shrewd deals made during the sale was made by David and Karen Warwick, who scored this wooden turkey for just \$5. David says it's a perfect birthday gift for his sister...?



Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Legion service officer available



**Attention veterans
and/or spouses**

Royal Canadian Legion Ontario
Command Service Officer Rebecca Calder will be at Branch 447 Corunna the week of July 31 to Aug. 4. To speak to Ms. Calder about your current VAC claims or if you are interested in finding out if you qualify for any other assistance, such as house-keeping, snow removal or lawn maintenance, hearing aids or any other type of medical requirements, make an appointment by calling the Corunna Branch at 519-862-1240 or the Brigden Branch at 519-864-1395 *no later than July 21, 2017.*

Contestants sought for Brigden Fair Ambassador 2017/2018 contest

Contestants between the ages of 17 and 24 are now being sought for the 2017/2018 Brigden Fair Ambassador Contest. The deadline for entries will be Friday, Aug. 11 at 4 p.m. and application forms can be found on the Brigden Fair website at: www.brigdenfair.ca

The contest is slated for Sunday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall.

Contestants will be judged on personality, appearance, enthusiasm, and community involvement. The contest will require each contestant to do a personal interview, give a prepared speech, and answer a randomly selected question.

The chosen ambassador will be required to represent the Moore Agricultural Society at the OAAS convention in Toronto in February, 2018 and at the CNE in Toronto in August, 2018, as well as take on various other ambassadorial duties.



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radery, and maybe event take home dinner.

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.

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.

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Lambton Heritage Museum summer displays

The Lambton Heritage Museum at 10035 Museum Road south of Grand Bend offers some special displays 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. And from July 15 to Aug. 20, enjoy **Strange Beauty: the Energy Industries of Lambton County**. This display features a collection of video art by Jane Austin, with a focus on the energy and petro-chemical industries of Lambton County. It focuses on exploring aspects of the county's modern and heritage oil industry. Movement and its effects on the mood of the viewer is the impetus for her video work. Ms. Austin has been a practicing artist for over 30 years, working in sculpture, painting, photography, and drawing. Since 2010, she has been concentrating on video, photography and sound

artwork.

Mark your calendar...

Corunna Legion plans September events

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host three great events in September. The **7th annual Legion to Legion Motorcycle Poker Run** is set for Saturday, Sept. 2. Ride from Corunna to Wyoming to Alvinston to Thamesville to Wallaceburg and back to Corunna. Registration will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$10 per person. Depart from Corunna at 11:30 a.m. At the end of the run, there will be entertainment, food, beverages and prizes back at the Legion hall. For more information, call the branch at 519-862-1240. The second event will be **Friday night meat darts** on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. Test your dart skills and maybe take home some meat. And on Sunday, Sept. 17, the second annual **Memorial Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament "Soldier's On"** will be held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown. Tee off will be 1 p.m. The "nine and dine" will be \$35 with cart included. Golf only will cost \$25 and the meal only, to be held back at the Legion hall, will be \$10. A dress code will be in effect. Sign up at the Corunna Legion hall or call 519-862-1240 to register. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Corunna Senior Giants to host OBA baseball championships

The Corunna Senior Giants baseball team will host the OBA Baseball Championships at the ball diamonds in Courtright on the weekend of Sept. 1-3.

Accessibility for all!



The June 17 LCDS *Ride Into Summer* event at the Bridgen fairgrounds on June 17 gave everyone an opportunity to experience full accessibility to all of the fun, including a jolly ride aboard a horse-drawn wagon. A handy fold-up ramp provided easy wheelchair access to the wagon so that all of the people at the barbecue could enjoy a brief journey back to the time when horse-power was more than just a measure of engine

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7:30 p.m. - live entertainment; 12:30 - beer garden closes. **Sunday** - 11 a.m. - Kids Zone opens; 2 p.m. - Kids Zone closes; 9:45 p.m. - fireworks. *Note: a gate fee of \$5 will apply after 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Battle of the Bands will be held at Antonio's Corunna Sports Bar. To register, call Matt Cook at 519-384-8064.*

Port Lambton Gala Day

Port Lambton Gala Days will rock your summer on Aug. 4, 5 and 6 at McDonald Park, Reedy at First Street in Port Lambton. The fun begins Friday at 5 p.m. with the Slow Pitch tournament and continues with the Dance In The Park featuring the *Jessika Rabbit Band* from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The gate opens at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. On Saturday at 9 a.m. the slow pitch tourney and volleyball games start up, with a parade at 11 a.m. and a Kids Show from noon to 1 p.m. The kids will also enjoy having their faces painted by Dotsy and seeing the free Exotic Animal Show from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A penny table will offer all kinds of goodies as well. And from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Scott Manery and the Barnburners* will entertain. On Sunday at 10 a.m., slow pitch and volleyball resume. On stage, *Pull 3* entertains from noon to 4 p.m., with the Kids Waterball Fight at 1 p.m. and Slimy Creatures Race at 2 p.m. *Face 4 Radio* entertains from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The penny table draw will be held at 4 p.m. and the 50/50 draw at 5 p.m. ID will be required to purchase alcohol.

Entries wanted for Gala Days Parade

Enter a float, truck, car, farm equipment, walkers or whatever you wish. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business or company. Entry is free and can be done by calling Jan at 519-677-5954 or Ivy at 519-677-5823. The parade on Aug. 5 will assemble at the staging area at Port Lambton United Church, William Street at Hill Street, (floats and vehicles assemble at 10 a.m. and walkers at 10:30 a.m.) and judging will take place at 10:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. sharp. Do not throw candy (distribution by hand only) and no water balloons or water guns will be allowed.

Annual Blueberry Social in Sombra

The Sombra Museum will host the annual Blueberry Social on Sunday, Aug. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature freshly baked desserts and entertainment on the porch by singer Bettina Mercer Hart. Visitors can also enjoy two new displays: *Artful Deceptions* features duck decoys from the collection of Bill Robson and *Canada's National Emblem*, a limited time beaver collection.

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: [\[waychurchmichelle@gmail.com\]\(mailto:waychurchmichelle@gmail.com\)](http://park-</p>
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Cruickshank Community Centre hosts weekly activities

The Cruickshank 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.

Weekly fun slated for Corunna Legion Br. 447

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 has three weekly fun events open to everyone. Every Thursday at 1 p.m., fun cribbage is played. On Fridays at 1 p.m., it's time for fun bridge. Don't know how to play? Come on out and learn from those who do. And every Saturday at 4 p.m., get in on the meat draw, with all meat coming from Foodland. The cost is \$1 per stick. Join the fun, enjoy a beverage and com-

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St. Clair Parkway Golf Course action in full swing

Action at the St. Clair Parkway Golf at 132 Moore Line in Mooretown is in full swing. Don't miss a minute of the golfing season and be sure to stop in for some refreshment and delectable food at the course restaurant.

For more information or to book your next tee time, call the pro shop at 519-867-2160 or go online to: www.stclairparkwaygolf.com



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AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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 will be by free will donation at the door.

Note: *The Sombra Museum will observe summer hours seven days a week 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 benefit the Wilkesport United Church and the Sombra Museum. For more information or to donate items for sale, email: wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com

Stuff The Bus for food banks

The annual Salvation Army *Stuff The Bus* food drive will visit Corunna on July 8, with stops at Simon & Sherrol's No Frills from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and at Corunna Foodland from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. All donations will be divided between the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul food banks.

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 railroading and all of the layouts will be running. The event will be included with the regular admission price.

MPP community barbecue in Port Lambton

MPP Bob Bailey will host his annual community barbecue in Brander Park south of Port Lambton on Wednesday, July 12 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This family event will include hot dogs and freezies, and donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for local community food banks. (Weather permitting.)

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.

Sutherland Cemetery service and meeting

The Sutherland Cemetery (1400b St. Clair Parkway) annual memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 16 at 2 p.m. In case of rain, the service will be at St. Stephen's Church, 70 Milton Street in Courtright.

The annual general meeting for the Sutherland Cemetery is set for Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Courtright. The meeting will include the election of directors and officers.

Summer camps set for Brigden United Church

Brigden United Church will host two full-day summer camps this year. The Brigden United VBS Day Camp will be held July 17 to 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for ages SK and up as of September, 2017. The children will enjoy crafts, games, Bible stories, and other activities. They should bring a bag lunch, but snacks will be provided. This program is **free of charge**. Contact Susan at 519-864-1747 or email: brigdennpc@gmail.com. The Brigden Day Camp is slated for Aug. 14 to 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Grades 1 through 8 children. They will experience a new theme exploring God's world every day with crafts, games and other activities, as well as daily chapel. Children should bring a bag lunch and snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$50 per week per child and all are welcome. Contact Susan at 519-864-1747 or email: brigdennpc@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School at Courtright United Church

The Courtright United Church Vacation Bible School will take place on Monday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 18 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the church. Lunch will be provided. This year's theme will be Easter In July and the children will enjoy music, drama, healthy cookery, crafts, and outdoor activities. To register, please call 519-491-5510. A small donation toward the lunch expenses would be appreciated.

Captain Kidd to invade Corunna...again!

Captain Kidd will be invading Corunna once again from Friday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 6. **Friday:** 6 p.m. - Two-pitch tourney begins and beer garden opens; 7 p.m. - Miss Teen Corunna; 8:45 p.m. - live entertainment; 12:30 a.m. - beer garden closes. **Saturday:** 9 a.m. - two-pitch continues; 11 a.m. - parade, beer garden opens; Noon - Kids Zone and Infant/Toddler Zone open; 12:05 p.m. - best dressed pirate contest; 12:30 p.m. - AbraKidabra magic show; 1:30 p.m. treasure hunt and organized activities; 3:30 p.m. - Cops for Cancer Fund Razor; 4 p.m. - karaoke; 5:30 p.m. - Kids Zone closes;