



## Memories of Canada 150

July 1 began with Mother Nature teasing St. Clair Township with dreary skies and a timpani roll of thunder, but the Sombra Community Dock community breakfast and ribbon cutting attracted a huge, enthusiastic crowd in the morning and the Canada 150 event at the Mooretown Sports Complex followed suit. **Inset above right:** Sombra residents Betty and Ed Johnston set the patriotism bar very high at the Sombra Community Dock event with their red and white shirts, hats, and wigs. **More photos on page 9.** **Above:** The Canada 150 celebration at the Mooretown Sports Complex grounds was dominated by a magnificent Canadian flag held aloft by the booms of the St. Clair Township fire department's two newest fire trucks. **More Canada 150 Memories on pages 10 and 11.** *Photos by Bonnie Stevenson*

## Free phone app brings recycling and waste info to township residents

A new municipal phone app is making it possible for St. Clair Township residents to access recycling and waste information at the touch of a screen.

Director of Public Works Brian Black says the free Recycle Coach™ app will help ratepayers quickly find what they need to know about the waste and recycling schedule for their specific location. "The key thing about this app is that they can see their personal schedule, what's happening for their home,"

he said. "The smart phone app allows them to pull up the information wherever and whenever they want it."

The new app will carry the same information as the township website, including details on what can be recycled and what constitutes yard waste for those specific pick-ups. "Search capability for Recycle Coach™ information will also be available on the Recycle and Waste Collection page of the St. Clair Township municipal website," said Mr. Black.

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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 will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole at 3 p.m. September meetings are slated for Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole 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

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.

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### Commemorative packages available for township students

All elementary students attending school in St. Clair Township recently received a commemorative Canada 150 package containing a specially-issued \$10 note. However, Council is aware that some St. Clair Township students who attend elementary schools outside of the township did not receive this package.

Parents of these students are invited to come to the St. Clair Township Civic Centre municipal office at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown to sign that their child was in a Jr. K - Grade 8 class in a school outside of the township and that they live within the township. A package will then be provided for these students.

St. Clair Township Council has provided these packages to serve as a tangible reminder of Canada's 150th anniversary year.



### Notice to property owners to destroy noxious weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 13, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$80.)

The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Jeff Baranek  
Clerk  
519-867-2021



### Beacon Bit

*"I love Canada. It's a wonderful political act of faith that exists atop a breathtakingly beautiful land."*

-Canadian author Yann Martel

## Recycle Coach™ app personalizes waste collection info

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In addition to just acquiring your recycling and waste information, the new app will provide the ability to export information to a personal calendar or file.

With the Recycle Coach™, life will be a bit less complicated.

The new app is free to **download from the iTunes store and Google Play, but it can also be downloaded from the St. Clair Township website at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)**



### ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP 2017 FINAL PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

The final tax due dates will be  
**August 2, 2017 and October 4, 2017**

The 2017 Final Tax Notices for Residential and Farm properties have been mailed and are due on the above dates. Due dates for Commercial, Industrial and mixed use properties are to be determined in near future.

The following methods of Tax Payments may be utilized:

- Automatic Bank Machines
- Telephone & Internet Payments through Bank
- Payment at most Financial Institutions (*any bank charges will be the responsibility of the ratepayer*)
- Post dated cheques
- Counter services, cash, cheque or debit (*credit cards not accepted*)
- Mail to, or
- Drop Box at 1155 Emily St. Mooretown Ontario N0N 1M0

Pre-authorized payment plans are also available and encouraged;  
please visit our website at <http://stclairtownship.ca/>

St. Clair Township Tax Department  
519-867-2024  
fax: 519-867-5509  
[taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca)

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Yard Waste collection has concluded for the summer.  
It will resume in early fall.**

### 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 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, ammunitions, 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.**

## Lambton County Archives reopen

The Lambton County Archives reopened after being closed for renovations.

The project, funded by the County of Lambton and the Government of Canada's Cultural Spaces Fund, included the installation of two new mobile shelving systems that have more than doubled the Archive's capacity in the collections storage areas. Storage space for special oversized materials, such as framed pictures, posters, and scrapbooks, was also added.

Archivist Dana Thorne says was needed to accommodate an ever-increasing volume of historical material. "Lambton County Archives receives approximately 100 donations of historical material each year," she said. "This expansion has provided much needed space for the Archives to grow its collection."

The Archives can be accessed by the public for research purposes. Call 519-845-3324 for more information.

## Swimmers take note

Lambton Public Health reminds swimmers to be mindful when swimming in the St. Clair River at shoreline beaches in locations such as Seager Park, Branton Cundick Park and Brander Park. Although no sampling is done along the St. Clair River, LPH warns that following a heavy rainstorm, area beaches may be temporarily polluted by water runoff for up to 48 hours and caution signs have been permanently placed at these locations. If the water becomes cloudy due to wave activity, bacteria from the bottom may become suspended and increase the risk of illness.

## New Sesquicentennial park dedicated July 1



The July 1 Canada 150 celebration began with the dedication of the new St. George's Square Sesquicentennial Parkette at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. On hand for the ceremony were, left: Mayor Steve Arnold, Lambton County Warden Bill Weber, MPP Bob Bailey, and MPP Marilyn Gladu. See page 11.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

## 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](http://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.



## Lambton Public Health survey leads to savings on food bill

The cost of food is becoming more of a problem for many families. To investigate this issue, Lambton Public Health (LPH) did a food-cost survey at seven grocery stores across Lambton County in May.

According to the survey, items in the Garden Fresh Box (GFB) were \$8 lower than store prices.

The Garden Fresh Box is a monthly food-buying club for fresh vegetables and fruit and it is available at locations across Lambton County. Contents change monthly based on the season, what local produce is available, and the quality and price of the available items. Produce is provided by Sarnia Produce.

Orders include the Garden Fresh News featuring easy recipes and nutrition information. A typical sample of contents includes: a \$5 fruit bag of apples, bananas, oranges, pears, and seasonal fruit; \$5 vegetable bag of lettuce, baby carrots, tomato, sweet pepper, and cucumber; \$10 vegetable and fruit box including 5 pounds of potatoes, 2 pounds of carrots, 2 pounds of onions, 3 pounds of apples, 1 squash, 1 broccoli, 2 oranges; \$15 vegetable and fruit box including 10 pounds of potatoes, 5 pounds of carrots, 5 pounds of onions, 3 pounds of apples, 1 squash, 1 broccoli, 4 oranges, and 1 cucumber.

To order, find a Garden Fresh Box site near you or call 519-344-2062, ext. 2111, toll-free at 1-800-387-2882. Then pay for your order at the GFB site by the first Friday of each month and pick up your order the third week of the month on Wednesday or Thursday, depending on the location.

For more information, call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331, toll-free at 1-800-667-8331, or go online to: [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca)



## HERITAGE CORNER

### What's the Winston Churchill connection with Moore Museum?

Heritage St. Clair has come up with a curious poser for our readers. What's the connection between the former Moore Township, Winston Churchill, and Gordon Howard Murray?

The most obvious connection is that the portraits of these men, shown below, were both done by world-renowned Canadian photographer Yousuf Karsh (1908-2002) of Ottawa. Karsh's claim to fame was that he was said to have photographed 51 of the 100 most notable people in the world in the 20th century.

Gordon Howard Murray, left, was one of eight or nine children who grew up in the family home just north of Mooretown on the site formerly occupied by the first St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Moore Township, which was constructed in 1843. He was photographed by Karsh when he was working for the federal government in Ottawa. Mr. Murray enlisted during World War I and was training as a pilot when he crashed in a training plane at a military airfield near Port Burwell, Ont. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mining and

Metallurgical Engineering in 1924 and, in the ensuing six years, he served on engineering staffs of mining firms in Canada, United States, and Mexico. In 1930, he joined the deputy minister's staff in the Department of Mines and he retired after 31 years, 12 of which he served as the chief of the Editorial and Information Division of Mines and Technical Surveys.

He moved back to Moore Township in 1967 with his second wife (his first died of cancer) and lived beside the original Murray home. That residence was eventually moved and still stands on the east side of the St. Clair Parkway today.

*Note of interest about Winston Churchill's photo shoot: When Karsh asked 'Winnie' to stop smoking his cigar during the photo shoot and the great man refused, Karsh waited until the split second before this shot was taken by his assistant, then reached over and snatched the cigar from his mouth.*



Gordon Howard Murray



Winston Churchill

-from Heritage St. Clair files



### Canada 150 books available at Moore Museum

Your family will enjoy *The History of Canada* colouring books now available at the Moore Museum. This new publications by the Museum Retail Consortium highlight Canada's history, with book one covering 30,000 B.C. to 1836, and book two covering 1837 to the present day. These informative books offer lots of Canadiana-centered colouring and activity pages. Each book sells for \$19.95. Copies are selling quickly and quantities are limited, so call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or drop by from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Tuesday to purchase your copies.



### 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](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)



### GOOD NEIGHBOURS, GOOD NATION

*Our country may not be perfect, but we can still be proud that most Canadians still possess a general spirit of compassion and a strong desire for inclusion. As the future unfolds, let's hope Canada remains "...the True North, strong and free."*



## The Good Neighbour Experience

### *A local Canada 150 project*



Thank you to everyone who has contacted *The Beacon* to recognize of the **Good Neighbours** of St. Clair Township. We know there are lots more of them to honour 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](mailto: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 about Lloyd McDonald of Corunna.**

An anonymous friend of Mr. McDonald writes, "Lloyd is a Moore Optimist Club member and he belongs to the Corunna United Church, and we can count on him to help with anything we need at the church or at the Courtright Community Centre (Silverdome). We just call Lloyd. He helps with the Moore Optimist Operation Christmas Tree effort every year and helps decorate the Corunna Santa Claus Parade Moore Optimist float; he's good at doing anything."

"He's kind and helpful, and he's willing to help anybody with a project, with his truck and trailer at their disposal. He's so positive with everything and he's a good friend; you can talk to him and he keeps your confidences. It's a privilege to be his friend."

**The second Good Neighbour story was sent in by the Antles.**

"My wife, Tara and I have lived on Paget Street for seven years and three months. Over that time, we've

gotten to know two couples across the street quite well - John and Colleen, and Jordan and Emma. It's been an absolute pleasure having such amazing neighbours. When we aren't at home, they watch over it; when someone is there, we know about it. When we first moved in, John and Colleen brought us homemade jam. When we needed a wheelbarrow, it was not a problem, and on a few occasions when my back and neck were out, or after one of our two children was born, or when I was away, or 'just because', our driveway was shoveled. Countless times, Emma has fed our furry cat, Tucker, and Jordan has lent me his riding mower many times. They've been the best neighbours one could ask for and we will miss them when we move from Paget Street in the coming weeks to start the next chapter of our lives. I want to say thank you for everything. 'Chance made us neighbours; choice made us friends.'"

**This Good Neighbour story is from Jen Ticknor, who shares what she values about the entire community she lives in.**

"I have two boys attending Colonel Cameron Public School. Today, they each received a special package from the township and I would just like to say 'thanks'.

We feel so lucky to live in this community. I have grown up here and I'm so proud to have my boys grow up here as well. My family purchased a brick on the St. Clair Trail walkway years ago and now, my growing family has also put a brick in it. I have become a member of the Optimist Club of Moore and my oldest boy is also a member. We value everything that we can do for the community.

This gift for all the children here is marvellous and unforgettable. They will remember what their community has done for them. Thank you so much!"

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## What's YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR EXPERIENCE ?



## Sombra Optimist recognizes second Citizen of the Year

Allan Anderson received the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award on July 1 in recognition of over 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of St. Clair Township.

Allan started out volunteering with the Sombra Historical Society in 1984 and progressed to the Sombra Museum Board where he has been active ever since.

He also helped head projects that included two war memorial books honouring local men and women, and he helped develop historical plaques that are located throughout the township. Al has also been an active volunteer on the project that resulted in the Sombra Community Dock, which was dedicated on July 1.



**Al Anderson, centre, receives his Sombra Optimist Outstanding Citizen of the Year award from President Carla Aarssen, seated, with family and friends in attendance.**

*Editor's note: Through his work with Heritage St. Clair, Allan is also a regular contributor to The Beacon's Heritage Corner column. His many investigations into local history and his reports of the many remarkable historical events that have taken place in St. Clair Township have been very much appreciated.*

*Bonnie Stevenson*

## Sombra Optimist Club extends note of thanks for car show supporters

The Sombra Optimist Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the club's annual car show this year. The event attracted over 200 vehicles to Brander Park to the delight of the spectators both young and old.

President Carla Aarssen expressed gratitude for the great support the event received from the community. "This event is a major fund raiser for the club with the proceeds going to youth activities within our commu-

nity," she said. "The success of this event is directly related to our local community businesses contributing generous donations. Thanks to St. Clair Township Council for its continuing support and assistance, and the extra help of 'friends of Optimists' who worked at the Soap Box Derby and helped to set up and clean up." She added, "We are lucky to have a community that works together for our youth. Plans are already being made of next year's car show."

## 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. Cadets are not required to join the military.

Join us today!

For more information, call 519-332-6555 or visit: [www.petroliacadets.com](http://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](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).

## SCRCA awards scholarships presented

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority recently presented scholarships to four graduate high school students who are going on to studies in conservation-related fields. The awards are presented based on the students' academic achievement, and their demonstrated interest and involvement with the environment. A total of \$3,000 was awarded across the St. Clair region this year. Monique Benedict, right, from Strathroy and District Collegiate Institute, and Emily Fraser, second from right, from Great Lakes Secondary School, were the recipients of the 2016 A.W.Campbell Memorial Scholarships. Monique will be studying Food and Agricultural Business at the University of Guelph and Emily will be studying Fish and Wildlife Technology at Fleming College. Nicole Delmage, below second left, from North Lambton Secondary School, received the Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship and will be studying Environmental Management at Ridgetown College. And Jillian Ball, left, from Lambton Kent Composite School, received the Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarship and will be studying Environmental Management at Ridgetown College.

"These scholarships are one of the ways we assist in the education of tomorrow's conservationists and to encourage young people to take an active role in the important environmental issues that face our society," said Steve Arnold, chair of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. Scholarships are made possible through trust funds established by the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation and its donors.

*Photos submitted*



## Free computer assistance available through Lambton County Libraries

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.

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](http://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 while the Brigden library is closed, 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.

### Has your computer got you baffled?

For those who need a bit of extra help navigating the mysteries of the computer, the Lambton County Library is offering free computer assistance at selected library branches until Aug. 28. One-on-one instruction by students funded through the Young Canada Works program is available by appointment only. It can be booked as often as needed. In addition to learning basic computer skills, including Microsoft programs and social media, instruction is also available on using the library catalogue, downloading eMovies, eMagazines, eMusic, eNewspapers, eAudio, and eBooks, as well as accessing other eResources. St. Clair Township residents can find assistance at the Corunna branch, but it is also offered in Petrolia, Sarnia at main and Lambton Mall Road locations, Alvinston, Watford, Wyoming, Forest, Grand Bend, and Bright's Grove.

### Made In Canada contest for kids and teens

The Made In Canada contest is now underway and will continue

until Aug. 28. Children and teens are invited 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 website at: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://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](http://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).



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.tdsommerreadingclub.ca](http://www.tdsommerreadingclub.ca). Pre-register at your local library.

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).



## Sombra Community Dock grand opening attracts hundreds

The overwhelming attendance at the grand opening of the Sombra Community Dock on July 1 had event organizers scrambling to keep up with the demand for pancake breakfasts and coffee. Supplies for the free meals kept running out. An event organizer estimated that about 1,000 meals were made by the time the event was over, and attendance estimates were estimated at up to 1,500 people.

The dock remedies a situation that has persisted for dec-

ades; Sombra was the only community along the river where there was no public access to the St. Clair River.

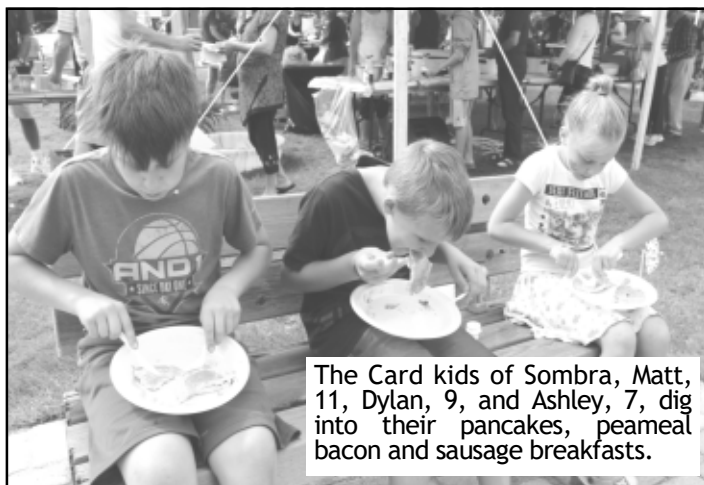
Sombra area residents owe a vote of thanks to the Sombra Sports and Rec group for spearheading the project, and to the members of the Sombra Field Board, the Sombra Optimist Club and the many individual volunteers who helped with fundraising and the production of the memorable July 1 grand opening event.



The Sombra shoreline teems with village residents and visitors to the new Sombra Community Dock during its grand opening.



Volunteers serve the hungry visitors.



The Card kids of Sombra, Matt, 11, Dylan, 9, and Ashley, 7, dig into their pancakes, peameal bacon and sausage breakfasts.

**Breakfast is served....and demolished!**



Volunteers struggle to keep up with the breakfast lineup.

**Left:** During the July 1 celebration, Sombra Optimist Club President Carla Aarssen presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Sombra Field Board President Tim Bogaert toward the cost of the new community dock. On hand for the presentation was Mayor Steve Arnold.

# Memories of Canada 150



The July 1 Canada 150 celebration at the Mooretown Sports Complex was a resounding success. Canada 150 Committee Chair Linda Kennedy reports there were about 2,420 free food tickets redeemed for hot dogs, hamburgers, water, and freezies throughout the day, and an estimated 5,000 spectators

turned out for the magnificent fireworks display in the evening.

The Canada 150 Committee's work on the event began last fall and since then, hundreds of major issues and tiny details have been handled to make the celebration a memo-

rable occasion for all. But the committee's efforts could not have been realized without the many companies and individuals that donated funds, supplies, or in-kind services.

Sponsors included: 3-Phase Electrical; AJN Industrial Fabricating Ltd.; Antonio's Pizza; Bad Dog Bar & Grill; Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447; Deb Vannieuwenhuyze; Feddes Fabricating Inc.; Haines Printing; Kay's Petals and Plants; Knights of Columbus; Lambton Sanitation; Mayor Steve Arnold; Mooretown Flags; Optimist Club of Moore; Pembina; PK Snacks; Sew Much More; Shawn & Tara Antle; Shell Canada; Simon & Sherrol's No Frills; Suncor; Township of St. Clair; United Rentals; Van Communications; Walt Farr; Watson TIM-BR Mart; and Advanced Finishing Technology. The support of these fine sponsors is greatly appreciated.



The July 1 Canada 150 celebration kicked off at 3 p.m. with a parade featuring dignitaries and members of the public, including a few children's celebrity guests. With the stirring sound of bagpipes, the ceremony of the Legion Colour Guard, and the St. Clair Township Canada 150 flag leading the way, the procession made its way to the St. Clair Township Civic Centre to begin Canada's 150th birthday party. The first row behind the flag included, left, Lambton County Warden Bill Weber, Councillor Jeff Agar, MPP Bob Bailey, MP Marilyn Gladu, and Mayor Steve Arnold.



Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Noah Leonard of Corunna led the singing of *Oh, Canada* at the opening ceremonies.





## More Canada 150 Memories



**Left:** Opening ceremonies were held at the new St. George's Square Sesquicentennial Parkette at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. The park is named for the local Corunna site that was originally chosen to serve as the capital of Upper and Lower Canada. Mayor Arnold thanked the many industrial and individual donors who contributed to the building of the new space, and acknowledged the tireless efforts of Heritage St. Clair members in bringing the history of the township to life through the storyboards and plaques that are on display throughout the parkette. The 403 Honour Flight precision team, although delayed by bad weather, saluted the occasion with a diamond formation flyover.

**Below:** A long lineup marked the location of the free barbecue booths.



**Above:** The popular inflatable "bouncy castle" area included towering slides and climbing walls, but the inflatable paddle boat pool was also a favourite with the younger set. **Below:** The Fun Choo-Choo criss-crossed the grounds from the Moore Museum railway station throughout the day carrying parents and kids on a tour of the celebration site. **Right:** Neither the peal of thunder, nor the flash of lightning, nor the ominous dark of storm clouds could prevent these determined Canada 150 Committee volunteers from carrying out their allotted task of controlling the flow of traffic entering and leaving the event site.



## St. Clair Township hosts another great St. Clair River Run



Happy trio celebrates their finish with a victory salute.  
St. Clair River Run photo



After the run, participant MP Marilyn Gladu reviews her results with St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland and Mayor Steve Arnold.  
Photo by Darrell Randell

The 2017 St. Clair River Run on July 15 attracted 800 participants this year, making it one of the largest running events in Lambton County, Sarnia, and Chatham-Kent. Event Spokesperson Ben Hazard says conditions were perfect for the 10 km run, 5 km run/walk, and kids Minnow Run. "It was a truly spectacular day," he said. "Countless runners and walkers achieved personal bests and goals at the event, and family members, friends, and community members cheered them on."

The 10 km race was won by Mike Kirkland and Kasey Baynton, with Brad Sheeler and Brianne Roder taking top spots in the 5 km.

Two hundred volunteers helped make the event memorable for everyone. "Today was perfect," said event Organizer Rose Atkins. "The warmth of the community and the cool river breezes helped this year's River Run to be memorable."

## Canada 150 kid fun

The July 1 Canada 150 event in Mooretown gave kids lots of opportunities to celebrate in their own special ways. **Left:** In the Moore Optimist cooling room at the Canada 150 celebration site, Heather Torres and her daughters, Estelle, 6, and Elise, 4, took a colouring break with Optimist Peter Grunte.

**Right:** Leah Ward, 7, of Corunna went for the orange tabby cat look at the face painting tent.

Photos by Bonnie Stevenson





## Over 200 vehicles shine at Sombra Optimist Car Show

Over 200 vehicles recently strutted their stuff at the 2017 Sombra Optimist Club Car Show in Brander Park.

Club President Carla Aarsen says the event's success gives a great boost to the club's fundraising efforts. "This event is a major fundraiser for the club with the proceeds going to youth activities within our community," she said. "The success of this event is directly related to community involvement from our vehicle participants, spectators, and vendors. We had the support of our local community businesses coming up with generous donations, St. Clair Township for Council's continuing support and assistance, and the extra help of "Friends of Optimists" who worked at the Soap Box Derby and helped set up and clean up."

Ms. Aarsen added that the club has no intention of taking a break from its labours. "We are lucky to have a community that works together for our youth and plans are already being made for next year's car show."



*Photos submitted*

Inset: This bright red Mach 1 Mustang belonging to Greg Shaw of Corunna is an annual crowd pleaser. Above right: Two hot soap box cars tear down the ramp in a quest to win the race.

## Aamjiwnaang nation launches new ceremonial canoe

A new ceremonial canoe was launched by the Aamjiwnaang nation in June. The sleek new vessel was hand made of cedar strips by Renee Boogeman with the help of Elder Roger Williams, Earl Cottrelle, and Alphonse Aquash.

During a ceremony to dedicate the new canoe, Pauline Williams, the wife of Elder Roger Williams, presented a tribute of tobacco. She explained that the tobacco was given as a sign of respect to The Creator.

Mrs. Williams named the canoe "Niiganii" which means The Leader.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the canoe was launched and tested by the men who built it. They were accompanied by several family members.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*



## New splashpad opens with community celebration in Courtright



Above: Most of these happy faces belong to some of the many Courtright kids who are enjoying their summer playing in their new splashpad. The splashpad is the latest addition to the Courtright baseball park, which now boasts a playground, installed last May, and a pavilion that was built last fall. Adults in this picture, taken at the splashpad ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 24, include Moore Optimist Club President Stan Marsh, left, Courtright Splashpad Committee member Diane Austin, to the left of Mayor Steve Arnold (center), and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna President John Cormier, right.

The hard-working volunteer Courtright Splashpad Committee that spearheaded the project from its proposal to Council right to the celebration community barbecue on June 24 consisted of Cathy Vickerd, Adam Brandon, Jeanette Robbins, Diane Austin, Melissa Miller, and Alysha Johnny. Committee spokesperson Cathy Vickerd says celebration attendees packed away dozens of hot dogs, plus baker Carol Weston's delicious event cake, all free as a thank you to the community for its support of the splashpad project. Pop corn was donated by Darrel and Cindy from The Courtright Variety Store. Daniel Steep made special balloon creations for the children, who also enjoyed two bouncy castles and glitter tattoos.

Special thanks were extended to Colleen Hudson for making and donating a quilt and Cindy Titlman, who donated Sting tickets to be raffled off. The efforts of Bob Brown and his grandson, Cory, are also much appreciated. They installed the concrete slab base so that the commemorative donor rock could be placed at the site in time for the



Above: Evan Miller, left, and Lucas Hanniman were among the young celebrants who flocked to the new facility at the ball diamond park on June 24 for a ribbon-cutting and a community barbecue. They also acquired some pretty spectacular balloon hats made by balloon artist Daniel Steep.

celebration.

The committee, community, and its happy kids are grateful for the support of sponsors including: St. Clair Township, Watson Timber Mart; Shell Canada; Lamsar Inc., Optimist Club of Moore; Ontario Power Generation Lambton G.S.; CF Industries; Patty Harkins; Timber Kids Charitable Foundation; Gord Vickerd Services; Rob MacPherson Excavating; LaFarge Canada; Doug Wilson; Dockside Industrial Park Inc.; Gaston Drapeau; Rick Gardner; Carpenters Union Local 1256; Kelgor Ltd.; Dave Tuckey; Danbury Homes; Brandon Contractors; Sarnia Concrete; Gord Williams Landscaping Ltd.; Mayor Steve Arnold; Knights of Columbus #9447; Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch #447; BMO Northgate-Sarnia; ANJ Industrial Fabricating Ltd.; I.B.E.W. Local 530; and Emma Brandon.

## COMMUNITY CONTACT

### **Brigden Fair prize book available**

The Brigden Fair prize book is now available. **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](http://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](http://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. 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.

### **Note of Thanks**

*The Wilkesport United Church would like to thank the Sombra Museum for hosting the church's July 8 bake/yard sale. The congregation also extends thanks to the United Church Women, their family members, and anyone else who baked, donated, or took time to help out. Most of all, a thank you to the community for supporting the church through this event, told others about the event, and made the event such a success.*




**Sombra Township Child Care is**

**Celebrating!**

**25 Years 1992 - 2017**

**Sunday September 10th**

**1 to 3pm**

Welcoming all previous and current  
Children & Families, Staff and Board Members!

**Come join us at Brander Park**

**Splash Pad and Pavilion**

Light snacks & refreshments will be provided      Bring your bathing suit for some fun in the splash pad!

# 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 until 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: Aug. 14-18. Sports combo: Aug. 8-11; Aug. 21-25.

### 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.

### 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 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](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)

## Legion service officer available



### Attention veterans and/or spouses

A new Royal Canadian Legion Service officer can now be contacted through the Corunna and Brigden Legion branches.

Do you know someone who is living on the street or who might benefit from the Soldier's On program? Are you interested in finding out if you qualify for assistance with problems like housekeeping, snow clearing, grass cutting, hearing aids or other medical assistance? For information, call the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 at 519-862-1240 or the Brigden Branch at 519-864-1395, or Service Officer Shawn MacNeil at 519-330-8425.

## Legion homeless veterans program surpasses 500

A program started in 2009 by the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command to address the injustice of homeless veterans has identified over 500 homeless veterans in 114 Ontario communities to date.

*Operation Leave the Streets Behind* is meeting the needs of these forgotten veterans through the generosity of the Legion Branches, Ladies Auxiliary, and donations from outside organizations and companies.

The magnitude of this problem came as a surprise to chairman of the Homeless Veterans Program. "No one knew at the beginning of this program how many veterans are homeless in Ontario and, for that matter, across Canada," said Chair Dave Gordon. "The veterans are coming forward on their own and we are assisting (them) as they identify...this includes both male and female."

Further information on the Homeless Veterans Program can be obtained by calling Dave Gordon at 613-354-3806 or Juanita Kemp, assistant executive director at the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command office at 905-841-7999.



## Rapids Family Health Team

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

### ***Living With Diabetes***

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

### ***Diabetes Healthy Eating and Keeping Active***

This is a two hour session for people who have already attended our Living with Diabetes class or who have had past education on the basics of Diabetes and want more information on diet. We will discuss the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level. The next session, led by a Registered Nurse, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### ***A Guide To Diabetes Prevention***

This is a 1.5 hour group session for those who want to learn about diabetes and how to prevent it, or for those who have been told they are at risk of getting diabetes. This session is led by a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian. They will discuss what diabetes is, risk factors for getting diabetes, and how to decrease blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes. The program is open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next session will be held on Friday, Sept. 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### ***Healthy Eating and You***

A the aim of this series of four two-hour sessions is to help you make permanent lifestyle changes. This is not a diet program. You will set your own healthy eating and physical activity goals and learn how to make plans for achieving them. Some topics that will be discussed include: carbohydrates, protein and fats (good and bad); physical activity—what types and amounts are beneficial; emotional eating strategies; sensible portions and portion control strategies; group discussions that will help you learn from the experiences of others. This program is open to the public and no physician referral is required. This program will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 20 for four weeks from 1 - 3 p.m.

### ***Quit Smoking Workshop***

This is a two hour session for those who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco.

We will discuss strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nicotine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications. We will also work on finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent a relapse. The workshop is open to the public and no physician referral is required. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our Nurse Educators. The next Quit Smoking session is slated for Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### ***Stress Management Workshop***

Created by our registered Social Worker, this two-hour seminar, offered monthly, will provide you with information on how to effectively manage stress through: regulating the stress response; goal-setting; problem-solving; challenging unhelpful thinking; and communicating assertively. This seminar is open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next seminars will take place Fridays at 9:30-11:30 on 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 Spice Makes Everything Nice, slated for Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Meatless Mondays, slated for Thursday, Sept. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m. 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 family medical practice is now in operation 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](http://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](mailto:mooretownladyflags@gmail.com)

## STILL MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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### Mark your calendar...

#### 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.

#### Hospice golf fundraiser set

The 7th Annual Ladies Fore Hospice Golf Tournament to benefit St. Joseph's Hospice will be held at Huron Oaks Golf Course on Thursday, Sept. 7. The event is a 9-hole scramble and dinner with cart and prizes. For more information, contact St. Joseph's Hospice at 519-337-0537.

#### Sombra Township Child Care celebrates 25th birthday - 1992-2017

Sombra Township Child Care will celebrate its 25th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brander Park splash pad and pavilion. This event is open to all previous and current children, families, staff, and board members who have been associated with the preschool during its operation. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, and attendees should bring bathing suits to enjoy the splash pad.

#### 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.

#### Taoist Tai Chi coming to Corunna

An open house and demonstration of the Taoist Tai Chi arts will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna, on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to come and find out how the practice of these arts can result in improved health. Weekly classes for those interested in learning these arts will begin following the open house on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This group is a non-profit organization dedicated to

promoting the health benefits of the Taoist Tai Chi arts by making them available to all who want to learn. Certified volunteer instructors, who have personally benefited from these arts and wish to share them with others, will lead these sessions. Tai Chi is a gentle art that can offer health benefits for every age and for many health issues. For more information, call 519-344-0346.

#### Moore Museum's 29th Downriver Craft Show

The Moore Museum's Downriver Craft Show, slated for Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is the place to find unique and handcrafted items. Whether it's cast iron accessories for the garden, original jewelry, something to tickle your sweet tooth, or gifts for special occasions, you'll find it all in one place - the Downriver Craft Show. With over 75 vendors already booked and more anticipated, there will be something for everyone. Admission is \$2 per adult and children will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. A food booth will be operating to nourish your shopping endeavours.

Vendors interested in arranging for a table at the sale can call the museum at 519-867-2020.

This event is the Moore Museum's largest annual fundraiser. It supports heritage preservation and educational work in this community through exhibits, events, and programs that highlight the history of St. Clair Township. The Moore Museum is located at the corner of Moore Line and Emily Street in Mooretown. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Tuesday. They will change to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in September.

### Brigden Fair 2017 information

The newly formatted Brigden Fair Prize Books are available for pick up at the fair office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those who prefer the online version of the book can find it at [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca). Entries can be made online or by using the paper entry form and forwarding it to the fair office before Sept. 25.

The Great Pumpkin Weigh Off Competition is set for Sunday, Oct. 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds. Pumpkins will be weighed in at 11 a.m. *Registration details are NOT in the prize book because that information was not available when the book was published.* Registration details can be found online at [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca).

The Outdoor Country Art Competition is open to all Lambton County residents. Please check the prize book for details. Classes include: traditional barn quilts, 4-foot square barn quilts, and 2-foot Garden barn quilts. Start your project today.

The 2017/2018 Brigden Fair Ambassador Contest is set for Sunday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall. **For more information, see page 4.**



## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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### 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. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$4 per student/senior; \$3 per child; or \$15 per family (two adults and two+ children under 18). When it's too hot for the beach or the kids begin to complain about being bored, let them explore one of the county's hidden gems. Children can experience a fun learning environment with hands-on activities, seniors can reminisce, and the entire family will discover artifacts and interpretive displays that uncover the stories that are distinctive to Lambton County.

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.



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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](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com)





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## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### 32nd Captain Kidd Days comes to Corunna

The 32nd Captain Kidd Days comes to Corunna again from Thursday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 6. **A weekend of fun begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3 at CAP Park with Movie Night at Dusk, featuring the movie ZOOTOPIA**, presented by Mainstreet Credit Union. **Friday, Aug. 4:** Earl Doan two-pitch tourney begins with teams vying for the coveted Patti Deveraux Memorial trophy; 6 p.m. - Little Miss Corunna/Miss Teen Corunna contest sponsored by Evolution Hair Studio; 8:45 - three great bands perform. **Saturday, Aug. 5:** all day two-pitch, beach volleyball (to benefit Noelle's Gift), and StandUp! 3-on-3 ball hockey tourneys; 11 a.m. - PARADE along Lyndoch to Cameron to CAP. *First Corunna Scouting will be collecting canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul along the parade route* and the beer gardens open; noon - Kids Zone opens (\$4 per child or \$10 per family includes admission to all Kids Zone attractions; 1 p.m. - Little Rays Reptile Zoo animal show; 1:30 p.m. - pony rides and various demonstrations and shows throughout the afternoon; 3:30 p.m. until close, four great bands perform. **Sunday, Aug. 6:** two-pitch tourney concludes; noon - Kids Zone opens, sponsored by Danbury Homes, at a cost of canned goods to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul; 1 p.m. - youth talent show; 10 p.m. - FIREWORKS! sponsored by Riverview Family Dental; 10:20 p.m. - Wednesday's Engine; and at 11:45 - Scott Manery and the Barn Burners.

A \$5 gate fee applies after 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Captain Kidd Days has partnered with Bad Dog Bar and Grill to provide a free shuttle around Corunna on the Friday and Saturday night of the event beginning at 10 p.m.

*Proceeds from this event will benefit the Mooretown Hockey Moms, Corunna Minor Baseball, Mooretown Flags, Noelle's Gift, and 1st Corunna Scouting.*

### Port Lambton Gala Days

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 a beer tent and 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: [parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com](mailto:parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com)

### 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 comradery, and maybe event take home dinner.

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