



# The St. Clair Township BEACON



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## Heritage St. Clair receives Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Award



MP Marilyn Gladu presented Heritage St. Clair with the Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Award at a special ceremony held at the Moore Museum's Trinity Chapel on Aug. 16. Accompanying the award certificate was a laser cut maple leave pin made from a piece of copper reclaimed from the roof of the Parliament buildings during recent renovations. The group gave MP Gladu two examples of the historical projects they had developed - a book documenting the names of the men and women from Moore and Sombra Townships who served in WWI, as well as a copy of one of the interpretive historical posters now on display at the new St. George's Square Sesquicentennial Park at the St. Clair Civic Centre. *For story, see Heritage St. Clair, page 4.* Above: On the steps of Trinity Chapel at the Moore Museum, front row left: Heritage St. Clair members Jan Smith, Bob Goodearle, MP Marilyn Gladu, Allan Anderson, Dave Pattenden (holding the Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Award certificate). Second row: Heritage St. Clair members Paul Smith, Ken Henry, Murray McAllister, Ian Mason, Bob Nicol, Dave Taylor. Back row: St. Clair Township Councillors Jim DeGurse, Jeff Agar, Darrell Randell, Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland, Councillor Tracy Kingston, guest Ann Gilliland, Councillor Steve Miller, and Mayor Steve Arnold. *Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

## Sombra Twp. child care event will mark 25 year anniversary

It's been 25 years since Sombra Township Child Care (STCC) got its start in the home of Carol Flanagan. Since its humble beginnings in Mrs. Flanagan's home, this initiative has steadily grown from a modest play group to a

thriving facility that currently serves 115 families and 155 children.

Nicole DeRoeven, assistant manager of Sombra

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## MUNICIPAL NOTES

At the Aug. 21 meeting of council, Bylaw 33 of 2017, which prohibits the parking of vehicles and recreational trailers in certain locations and at certain times within the Township of St. Clair, was passed. This bylaw replaces Bylaw 51 of 2014.

Additions 4 and 5 of the bylaw state:

"4. No person shall park a boat or recreational trailer in any private driveway where it extends beyond the property line along the street on which it fronts."

"5. No person shall park a recreational trailer or boat any-

## 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 September meetings are slated for Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. October meetings are slated for Monday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information.



## HYDRANT FLUSHING

St. Clair Township

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 discoloration 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 discoloration disappears.

If discoloration 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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## Recreational vehicle parking bylaw passed

where in any private driveway between the third Monday of October in any year and April 1 unless beyond the minimum front yard setback from the property line, as per the current St. Clair Township Zoning Bylaw."

This bylaw also makes provision for derelict (inoperable or improperly/expired vehicle license) vehicle parking, parking on Township boulevards or blocking municipal sidewalks with any type of vehicle. Anyone with questions about the bylaw can review it by contacting the St. Clair Township municipal office at 519-867-2021.

Contravention of this bylaw may cause a vehicle to be moved or taken to a suitable storage area, with all costs and charges for removal, care, and storage payable by the owner before the vehicle is released.

In addition, the cost of all parking tickets has been raised to \$25 for a violation, increasing to \$35 if not paid within 14 days.



## 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

No matter where you are, you can read The Beacon or make contact with us. Go to the St. Clair Township Website: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca) and click on **Beacon** on the black bar (top right).



## The Good Neighbour Experience

### A local Canada 150 project



Canada's 150th birthday may have passed, but there is still time to send in your personal Good Neighbour stories. Until the end of 2017, we want to hear from **YOU**. Tell us about the friendly, helpful people you know - the ones who brighten your life with their thoughtfulness and kindness.

To everyone who has contacted *The Beacon* to recognize of the **Good Neighbours** of St. Clair Township, thank you for your stories. We know there are a lot more good neighbours out there and we need your help to identify the 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 a place we can take pride in.

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 pos-

itive 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.

**An anonymous note to The Beacon has identified Bev Cassel as a Good Neighbour. He writes,**

"She seems to find time in her busy life to help people who are down on their luck, in poor health, or just in need of a cheering up. Her kindness may also include an invitation to dinner, a special food dish, or a visit to an invalid. She does these things at the expense of her own time. She probably doesn't realize how much this is appreciated and I think this recognition is overdue."

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### What's YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR EXPERIENCE ?



## *Heritage St. Clair receives Canada 150 award*

### From page 1

Heritage St. Clair, the historical group responsible for researching the history of St. Clair Township, received the Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Award from MP Marilyn Gladu during a ceremony at the historic Trinity Chapel on the Moore Museum grounds on Aug. 16.

The award recognizes the group's contribution to the preservation of the township's history. Heritage St. Clair has been responsible for the development of interpretive historic signs that mark many historically significant locations throughout St. Clair Township as well as the documentation and restoration of other sites.

MP Gladu noted that "by honouring the past and preserving history for future generations, the group is making a positive difference for Lambton County."

She noted that the group's achievements during the relatively short time it has been in operation made it an easy choice when she was considering who should receive the award.

Heritage St. Clair Chair David Pattenden praised the group

for its hard work and perseverance during the creation of the historical public story boards and plaques that were designed specifically for the Canada 150 celebrations. He extended special thanks to committee member and graphic artist Paul Smith for his tremendous contribution to the finished products. He also cited the significant overall contributions made by member Allan Anderson, one of the founders of Heritage St. Clair.

And on behalf of the group, Mr. Pattenden thanked St. Clair Township council for its ongoing support and encouragement.

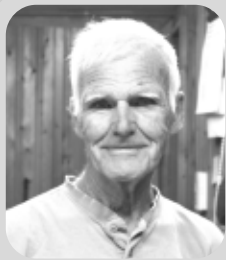
The group was nominated for the award by Mayor Steve Arnold in response to a request from MP Gladu's office. During the ceremony, he congratulated Heritage St. Clair for its enthusiastic efforts "to help us understand the history of St. Clair Township." He added, "We couldn't be prouder of the work Heritage St. Clair has done."

Heritage St. Clair welcomes new members to its ranks, whether you're already a history buff or you want to find out more about the genesis of your community. To contact Heritage St. Clair, go to: [stclairtownship.ca>heritage](mailto:stclairtownship.ca>heritage)

## Sombra's unofficial poet laureate captures essence of the community

By Bonnie Stevenson

A chat with Sombra's unofficial poet laureate on a lazy Sombra summer afternoon is like taking a mini vacation from the cares of the world. Bill Ansell has some great stories to tell and much of the varied life he's led has been recorded in captivating verse.



Bill Ansell

He has poems about the 46 years he piloted the Sombra ferry where he says he once made 55 river crossings in a single day. He has poems about the trucks he drove, carrying loads of sand, gravel, and top soil to customers throughout the community, and of his favourite truck, a 318 Dodge D600 dump truck he bought new in the early 70s and drove for decades.

Having retired from his delivery business on July 1 of this year, he says the truck is tucked away now, as good as it ever was. "The truck is in the garage to stay. It still looks good," he said.

Trucking seems to be an Ansell family tradition. Bill says his grandfather, William Ansell, was once the community ice man, delivering blocks of ice harvested from the river during the dead of winter.

The 318 Dodge truck holds many fond memories for Bill. As coach of the local Sombra Blue Denims girls' baseball team, he often used the truck to take loads of sand to the ball diamond and he remembers a time when the truck became a bus. "I took 13 girls over to Walpole Island in the back," he said, adding it happened long before there were laws prohibiting that kind of thing.

Along with the baseball team, Bill also coached the Sombra Blue Denims girls' hockey team. His coaching activities ranged over a period of 30 years in total.

Now, Bill has time to help his wife, Julia, tend Ansell's Mementos and Gifts in the village and he keeps his notepad handy in case the inspiration for a poem comes to mind. One of the hundreds he has written over the years is a memory of Sombra as it was years ago.

### SOMBRA

*We had no TV or computers, only games with friends to play.*

*Seems nearly everyone kept busy until the end of day.*

*Five gas stations, four grocery stores, blessed this little town.*

*People filled the churches coming from all around.*

*Our fire truck was a wagon kept behind a door without a lock; If needed, they could haul water from a nearby dock.*

*We had our own telephone office, operator and all*

*After ten at night, only emergencies you could call.*

*I know that there was not one house that I was*

*not at;*

*We knew the names of everyone, even their dogs and cat.*

*Always at the start of school, there would be a fight or two;*

*Never took too long to show just who was who.*

*Life takes us many places we've never been before*

*Yet memories of the past keep returning more and more.*

*Looking back in time, with our youth and life to live, Golden live those memories when we had a chance to give.*

A love of poetry has followed Bill since he was in Grade 5, even though his first encounter with it was less than pleasant. "In high school, the teacher gave us a poem to learn by a certain date," he said. But the teacher asked the students to recite it the next day and only one person knew it. The rest were able to cheat and read it while the teacher wasn't looking. "I was the only one that didn't cheat. I could only say a few lines and I was the only one who failed." The poem was Indian Summer by Canadian poet William Wilfred Campbell and Bill can recite most of it to this day.

Everywhere he looks, from the tiniest bee to the powerful St. Clair River and even to the moon, Bill finds inspiration. Robson's Bush near Sombra has inspired Bill to wax poetic several times, and he derives endless pleasure from watching the purple martins come and go in the gourd martin houses that hang by the river in front of his home. And now, the antics and wonder of two young grandchildren are also being captured in words on the pages of their grandfather's notebook.

Bill's philosophy of life is simple. "The road of life's got bumps in it," he said. "Everything has a purpose." He says people are too busy to stop and take time to enjoy the beauty around them.

"I had three kids and was making \$50 a week. Never had a lot of money and never will have a lot of money, but I've been lucky all my life," he said. And yes, he's even got a poem for it. "Life is what we make it, we all must pay our dues, stick with God and nature, never will you lose."



Bill Ansell, left, and customer Tim McNaughton chat during Bill's last delivery before retirement on July 1. Mr. McNaughton was also one of the first customers to receive a delivery from Bill when his Dodge dump truck was brand new. Photo by Mike McNaughton

## HERITAGE CORNER

### Sombra Museum Blueberry Social offers sweet treats, sweet music and fun



Inside the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre, visitors enjoyed their choice of a variety of sweet blueberry treats. But that was just one of the things that made the day so special.

**Left:** The sweet voice of Bettina Mercer Hart filled the air from her outdoor stage at the annual Sombra Museum Blueberry Social. The classically trained singer, who has retired from her 28 year singing career, now teaches voice and piano.

**Top right:** The wooden boat puzzles were a hit with the Rooney kids, Will, 3, and Alex, 6, although their mom, Amy and grandpa, Tom also seemed to enjoy building an assortment of long lakers.



### MP Marilyn Gladu receives historical memento

MP Marilyn Gladu received a memento of St. Clair Township's past from Heritage St. Clair during her visit to the Moore Museum on Aug. 16. The poster is a copy of one of the interpretive displays that visitors can see when they tour the new St. George's Sesqui-centennial Park at the St. Clair Civic Centre on Emily Street in Mooretown. MP Gladu was at the museum to present Heritage St. Clair with the Canada 150 Sesqui-centennial Award in recognition of their dedication to the preservation of the township's heritage.



### 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 before they're all gone.



### Seasons In St. Clair - Canada 150 photo contest

There is still time to enter the **Seasons In St. Clair 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)

## Moore Museum honours a bumper crop of great volunteers for their years of service

The Moore Museum's annual Volunteer Appreciation event on Aug. 15 honoured a large group of volunteers for their years of service. Many of them are shown here but unfortunately, some were unable to attend.

In their remarks to the group, Moore Museum Advisory Committee Chair Jim Townsend and Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason thanked the volunteers for the generous donation of their personal time, their talents and their dedication to the museum. Here is the extensive list of the many volunteers who help to make the Moore Museum a brilliant showcase for the heritage of St. Clair Township.

**New volunteers for 2017:** Harry Boers, Rick Clubb, Simon Elbourne, David Faith, Viane Knight, Ben Lester, Ian Marnoch, Cheryl McDonald, Jessie Otten, Dorothy Pettit, Kathy Scott, Jack Stewart, Diane Stewart, Helen Vandevenne, Deb Vannieuwenhuyze. **2 years:** Jack Breddy, Rodney Jantzi, Lloyd MacDonald, Lynda Richardson. **3 years:** Julie Moorehouse, John Richardson, Cathy Seward, Sawyer Westfall, Kaitlyn Zavitz, McKenna Zavitz. **4 years:** John Derler, Lyle Gander, Tracy Kingston, Allan Mearns, Nina Strickland. **5 years:** Jim Hodgins, Spencer Johnson, Rebecca Moorehouse, Devin Oldham. **6 years:** Deb Bogaert, George Chase, Mike Johnson, Tammy Johnson, Del Knight, Catherine McKenna, Jack McKenna, Emily Moore, Al Seward, Madelyn Westfall. **7 years:** Leo Griffiths, Nick Johnson. **8 years:** Dave Beer, Dan Hayward, Dave Taylor. **9 years:** Marg Griffiths, Susanne Hodgins, Tom Walter. **10 years:** David Pattenden, Laurel Pattenden, Kathleen Smith, Tegan Taylor. **11 years:** Bob McPhee, Amy Virostek. **13 years:** Fred Strickland. **14 years:** Judy Rausa, Jeff Searson, Jacob Westfall. **17 years:** Kathy Roswell. **18 years:** Jim Townsend. **20 years:** Joyce Brock, Ian Mason, Arnold Pole, Shirley Warner. **23 years:** Bev Hill. **25 years:** Bob Johnson, Marilyn Johnson, Sally Townsend.

**The Moore Museum also recognizes with thanks the ongoing support of these individuals:**

Edith Bailey, Ruby Bailey, Cindy Benedictus, Pat Burns, Eva Dalrymple, Mary Ann Gordon, David Gordon, Winnie Hamilton, Bob Laframboise, June Maginn, Grace McLaughlin, Rita Murphy, Dan Mullen, Ken Prouse, June Rankin, Dave Robinson, Nicole Selman, Scott Shaw, Susan Shaw, Gary Shrigley, Bob Strangway, June Strangway, Bruce Strangway, Lori Walker, Reta Walton, Al Williams, Betty Willock, Rita Zammit.

**Volunteers who provide equipment and labour:** Bruce MacPherson, Jim MacPherson, Gerry MacPherson.

**Volunteer who provides promotional support:** Bonnie Stevenson.

**Appreciation and thanks to Moore Museum staff for their dedication and the excellence they bring to the museum's projects and programs:**

Curator Laurie Mason, Linda Woods, Amanda Moorehouse, Melissa Westbrook, Lewis Clegg, Meghan Cunningham, and our 2016 student Amy Virostek.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson (and valued assistants)*



Thank You  
to all of our  
Volunteers!

## Revamped archive facility will accommodate future heritage

Today's news is tomorrow's history, but what if there is no room to keep a record of it? The Lambton County Archives (formerly called the Lambton Room) recently took steps to ensure that there would be ample storage space for historical documents and records for decades to come.

Archivist Dana Thorne says an innovative new shelving system has greatly increased the facility's storage capacity. "The mobile shelving unit has given us over twice as much space so there is room to grow," she said. The ceiling-to-floor shelving is equipped with a crank system that allows a bank of shelves to open selectively, causing one aisle to open while others remain securely closed. The upper shelves of the system can be accessed using a rolling step ladder that is equipped with safety railings.

To allow for the easy movement of the new shelving, the old carpeting in the archive room had to be removed and the concrete floors were polished, removing much of the odor and dust that is often present with the storage of paper materials.

Of course, the mobile nature of the shelves gives rise to a safety issue; without some form of safeguard, an employee could easily be trapped between the shelving if another employee is able to activate the crank system. To prevent this potential tragedy, once an employee has opened the aisle she or he wishes to access, a locking system is activated, preventing any further use of the crank system until the lock is released by the first user.

Ms. Thorne says the renovation project had its challenges. The wild variation in the size of the documents and compilations being stored presented the problem of where to put everything.

The project took about six months to complete, and while the archive facility was being renovated, all of the facility's contents were stored off-site at the University of Western Ontario Research Park in Sarnia. The ability to store and protect Lambton's precious heritage is a responsibility Ms. Thorne says the public can take advantage of through the archive system. Although the public is not allowed in the archive room, they can access it through archive staff. "They can tell the archive staff what they want and he or she will retrieve it and bring it out to the public research area," she said. Donated documents and materials are welcomed, and Ms. Thorne said church records, school records and family documents are especially welcomed. Family photos can be copied and returned. However, all items donated to the archives cannot be returned.

The Lambton Archives can be contacted at 519-845-5426, toll-free at 1-866-3246912.



Mobile shelving uses a crank system to open one aisle at a time. Archivist Dana Thorne demonstrates how the crank moves the entire bank of shelves during the recent reopening open house on July 21.  
*Story and photos by Bonnie Stevenson*



Visitors to the July 21 open house check out the large collection of family histories on file at the Lambton County Archives.



Copies of the Petrolia Advertiser, Advertiser-Topic, and Topic are now part of the protected Lambton Archives collection.

## Gala Days in Port Lambton brings out the pirate in everyone



Photos by Bonnie Stevenson



Pirate power seemed to be the theme of the Civic holiday long weekend all along the St. Clair Township shore. At Port Lambton's Gala Days, the majority of pirates were baseball players. **Above left:** There was a disturbing report of an incident between a plastic sword-wielding pirate and an innocent inflatable bystander who was beheaded. Remarkably, the bystander received no ill effects from his ordeal. He merely responded "I just feel a bit light-headed." **Above:** Otis the pug took his faithful owner, Jane Morrison of Port Lambton, to Gala Days to scout for something tasty to munch. **Left:** Fortunately for Otis, volunteers from the J.C. Powerwash Ladies baseball team, Heather Morrow, foreground, Karen Schepens (wielding tongs), and Lisa Cornish showed winning style as they tended the hot dogs and burgers. Meanwhile, **below left,** clockwise from top left, Jace Burgess, Tyson Lozon, Austin Lozon, and Hudson Burgess, from the Port Lambton Rookie OBA 7-9 team, got a good look at the trophy their group won for having the best baseball float in the Gala Days Parade. And over at the stage, **below,** the children were showing off their dance moves at the Beebo Kids' Show. The young dancers enjoyed moving to Beebo's interactive songs.



Results from women's two-pitch: C Division - C Finals Brew Crew; B Finals Outsiders; A Finals I'd Hit That. A Division - C Finals Rum Runners; B Finals River Rats; A Finals Rosie's Girls.



## 2017 Capt. Kidd Days keep things lively in Corunna



The weather cooperated and another Captain Kidd Days helped families make more happy memories.

**Left:** A dwarf cayman from Little Ray's Reptile Zoo and Nature Centre charmed everyone who met it. **Below:** It's not Everest, but the climbing wall challenged young climbers to test their skills and their courage.



**Above:** Ball hockey (9-year-old category) pits the Mixed Bag 'O Nuts against the Spit-tin' Chiclets.



**Left:** Baron Gerrard Carpenturius, aka Jerry Dowswell of the Sarnia Society for Creative Anachronism, was on hand to help Capt. Kidd encourage the crew to behave while ashore. **Above:** Human soccer balls wobbled around the lawn courtesy of Sarnia-Lambton Rebound.

*Photos by Bonnie Stevenson*

## 4-H Club members from Saskatchewan visit Brigden



Above: Alameda 4-H Club members and their chaperones are shown here with Brigden Fair Board President Bill Myers, left, and Homecraft President Michelle Evanitski, right. The Alameda group, in no order, included: Chaperones Charlene Chapman and Melissa Frey. Members are Aaron Chapman, Tori Chapman, Grace Christensen, Paige Freitag, Reegan Frey, McKenna Walls, and Shaelyn Walls.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

A group of 10 4-H members and leaders from Brigden recently participated in the 4-H Club to Club Exchange program and hosted the Alameda 4-H Beef Club delegates from Saskatchewan from Aug. 11 to 19. The Brigden group was hosted in Saskatchewan earlier this summer and enjoyed learning about and meeting people from that area. Brigden 4-H members from the Brigden Lifeskills Club included: Chaperones Darlene Hodgins and Sandi Shaw. Members are Logan Bestard, Aurora Bressette, Kate Denkers, Daniella McKitterick, Eve Pettit,

Rory Pettit, Alec Riedl, and Lillian Shaw.

While in Brigden, the Alameda group was taken to places like the Oil Museum of Canada, Niagara Falls, Pinery Provincial Park, Grand Bend beach, and local Sarnia and Lambton County locations including the Bluewater Bridges, local farms, and much more.

The 4-H Canada Club to Club exchange program is open to groups of 4-H members between the ages of 12 and 17. Selected groups from Eastern Canada were "twinned" with groups in Western Canada.

## Lambton County Library offers autumn programs for everyone

Autumn means it's time for adults to return to the daily routine and kids to go back to school. Lambton County Library branches have programs and activities to please every individual interest.

New preschool sessions begin the week of Sept. 18 at most branches. Tales for Tots and Story Hour offer songs, stories, activities and crafts that spark a love of reading. Children will also enjoy *Muzzy Online*, an interactive animated program that makes learning fun and easy.

Online resources are available to encourage everyone to keep learning. They are free with a current library card at [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca)

Whether you're looking for college-level, professional development, or personal enrichment courses, *Gale Courses* offers a

wide variety of subject choices. You can even learn a new language with *Transparent Language*, which offers over 100 languages.

And the popular Mobile Makerspace equipment program will continue at all of the St. Clair Township library branches through the fall. The public has free access to this equipment although its use requires attendance at a workshop before independent use is allowed.

**Note: The Brigden library is expected to open the week of Sept. 8.**

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).

## Creative County Grant 2018 intake to begin

The Creative County Grant program will begin accepting applications from Oct. 2, 2017 to Nov. 13, 2017.

This program invests in new and innovative projects that build cultural capacity, strengthen the creative community, define Lambton County's unique identity, and enrich the quality of life of all residents.

The objectives of the program respond to "Building a Creative Economy: A Cultural Plan for Lambton County" as well as the overall intent of the Creative County Committee (CCC) to: nurture creativity and imagination through arts, culture, and heritage projects; promote innovation and support new, dynamic efforts in the creative community; develop unique cultural resources that enhance the health and vitality of our communities; support inclusion and celebrate diversity through our rich creative community; foster creativity by encouraging collaborative partnership; and promote culture as a key component of economic growth and quality of life.

For more information about the Creative

County Fund, please contact Andrew Meyer, Corporate Cultural Officer, Cultural Services Division I, County of Lambton by email at: [andrew.meyer@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:andrew.meyer@county-lambton.on.ca) or Tara Pounds, Revenue Officer, Office of the CAO I, County of Lambton by email at: [tara.pounds@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:tara.pounds@county-lambton.on.ca)

### 2017 Cultural Forums

The Creative County Committee will host a series of Cultural Forums throughout the month of September at various locations throughout Lambton County.

Forums will be held at these locations.

**Central Lambton** - Oil Museum of Canada, Oil Springs, Thursday, Sept. 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Theatre Room.

**South Lambton** - Alvinston Library, Alvinston, Thursday, Sept. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**North Lambton** - Lambton Heritage Museum, Grand Bend, Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Sarnia** - Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery in the Gurd Room, Christina Street, in Sarnia from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Community invited to help celebrate 25th anniversary of STCC

Township Child Care, says that in 1992, Mrs. Flanagan formed a board of directors and started a child care group operating out of the Port Lambton United Church. It offered a co-op pre-school program and a before-and-after school program. By 1994, the group expanded to Riverview Central Public School, offering a family drop-in program.

In 2003, the group used a grant through the Ontario Early Years Challenges Fund to move its pre-school program into the St. Clair Township Community Services building (formerly Sombra Township municipal offices), where it became part of the Ontario Early Years program. The program benefited greatly from the assistance of Elisabeth vanStam, the coordinator of the Early Childhood Education program at Lambton College. "She was a great supporter of Carol (and this facility)," said Mrs. DeRoeven.

By 2006, the group expanded again to become part of the Ontario Best Start initiative. This gave them an opportunity to move into full child care for children ages three months to 12 years. The program currently has 108 licensed spaces. 2006 was also the year that the Best Start Hub was opened at Riverview Central and at Sacred Heart School, where the before-and-after school program was started as well.

That's a long, successful story made short, but it tells a happy tale of the evolution of a valued service to the community and a bright beginning to the lives of hundreds of south St. Clair Township Children.

Mrs. DeRoeven says the facility has seen the return of one of the original STCC children. "Samantha Lester was one of the first children in the co-op pre-school program," she said. "She became an early childhood educator and now works here. Her children attend the program."

So now, as a way of celebrating 25 years of remarkable child care service in south St. Clair Township, Som-

bra Township Child Care is hosting a public event at Brander Park on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. "We hope children who have attended the program, as well as parents and families will come and celebrate with us," said Mrs. DeRoeven. She hopes everyone will pass the word to former alumni who have moved away or who have not heard of the event.




**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

2 o'clock recognition ceremony  
in the pavilion

# The Canada 150 Committee takes a bow



The Canada 150 celebration on July 1 was a rousing success thanks to the hard work and dedication of this group of volunteers and St. Clair Township staff members. The team encountered some tough and unusual challenges along the way, like who can supply us with a few thousand freezies and how many frisbees do we need and how long will it take to assemble 1,800 Canada 150 ten dollar bill packages for our elementary school students and what is our contingency plan in case of bad weather.

Through it all, the committee persevered. The result was a truly magnificent 150th birthday party for Canada and a memorable experience for the people of St. Clair Township.

## ***Members of the Canada 150 Committee include...***

**Front row, left:** Edna Mitchell; Ruth Buffinga; Tracy Kingston; Randy Mair; Bob Mitchell; Geoff Dale.

**Middle row, left:** Beacon Editor Bonnie Stevenson; Mary Jane Marsh; Deb Vannieuwenhuyze; Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason; Mary-Ann Buntrock; Ray Fillion; Neil Jeffery; Program Coordinator/Committee Secretary Michelle Dennis.

**Back row, left:** Director of Community Services/Canada 150 Committee Chair Linda Kennedy; Dennis Robinson; Mayor Steve Arnold; Shawn Antle; Jeff Peters; Dave Pattenden.



## ***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 519-383-9386.

## 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. 25. Watch The Beacon or look online at [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) for updates. See page 18 for more info.

### **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 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.

### **Summer vehicle storage available in Brigden**

Are you looking for a place to store your summer "toys"? Inside storage is available for your motorhomes, trailers, boats, etc. at the Brigden fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, go online to: [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca)



## 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).

# Mooretown Sports Complex

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

Don't let winter send you into hibernation. Get energized and keep your spirits up with activities you can find at the Mooretown Sports Complex. Here are some of the exciting programs you can find at the Mooretown Sports Complex this fall.

## Fall Swimming Programs

Register now for fall swimming lessons. Private lessons, group, adult, parent and tot programs are also available. Lessons begin the week of Sept. 18.

## 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.

## Muscle Mix group fitness classes

The Muscle Mix group fitness class includes kettlebell training to build lean muscles, improve strength and power in the upper body, core, and lower body, and increase coordination, joint mobility, and overall endurance. Classes are Wednesday at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$5 per class per senior, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$255 per year for a full fitness membership.

## Cardio Kick Boxing

The Cardio Kick Boxing fitness class is a high energy cardio workout with martial arts moves to get your metabolism revving. Classes are Monday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$5 per class per senior, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, or \$255 per year for a full fitness membership.

## Shallow and Deep Water Aerobics

Experience and enjoy the rejuvenating power of water. Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow water classes are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m.

to 11 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are Monday and Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$5 per class per senior, \$45 for a 10 visit pass, \$205 per year or \$195 per year per senior, or included with the full \$255 per year full fitness membership.

## Water Therapy - arthritis and fibromyalgia water exercise

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, and balance and flexibility training with a goal of improved mobility. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$5 per class per senior, or \$45 for a 10 visit pass. Join any time.

## Red Cross Babysitting course

This course is offered on PA Day Friday, Nov. 29 from 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is designed for youth ages 11 years and up who want to become babysitters. The course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills and what to do in case of an emergency. The cost for the program, including manual, is \$50 per child.

## Shinny Hockey Is Back!

Adult shinny hockey will be held every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning on Sept. 12. The cost is \$5 per person.

## Public Skating

Public skating will be held on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 17. The cost will be \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, and \$6.50 per family.

## Parents, Tots, and Seniors Skate - Free!

The free parents, tots, and seniors skate will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. beginning on Sept. 6.

## Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor Courses

Become a lifeguard or swimming instructor. Contact the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information.

## 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.

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)



## 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.; Friday, Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.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.; Friday, Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.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.; Monday, Oct. 23, 1:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.; Thursday, Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.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.; Wednesday, Oct. 18, for four weeks from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 21, for four weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. \*Patients must attend the first class in order to attend the final three classes.\*

### ***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 on Fridays: Sept. 8 at 9:30-11:30 on Sept. 8; Oct. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Nov. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### ***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 will be: Meatless Mondays, slated for Thursday, Sept. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Meals For One, Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Dining With Diabetes, Nov. 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Healthy Holiday Baking, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. 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.

## Taoist Tai Chi classes coming to Corunna

Taoist Tai Chi classes are coming to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in September. The group will host an open house at the church on Wednesday, Sept 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. as a prelude to regular classes which will begin following the open house.

The Taoist Tai Chi group has been holding classes in Samia for many years now, and President Phil Vallance says this form of exercise has numerous benefits for people of all ages. With a heritage dating back over 4,000 years, the practice of Tai Chi has been shown to benefit the practitioner physically and psychologically, even under the scrutiny of modern research.

"One hundred and twenty systematic reviews of Tai Chi have yielded no negative effects," said Mr. Vallance. "It is calming for the mind, it fosters suppleness and helps keep the organs toned and functioning well."

Chronic illnesses such as arthritis, osteoporosis and back pain respond well to the gentle movements involved in Tai Chi. Mr. Vallance says, "There are improvements in cognitive capacity and flexibility, and it is helpful in stroke rehabilitation."

The Taoist Tai Chi classes host people of all ages, from youth to seniors. This gentle art is practiced according to the individual's abilities and can even be done from a chair or wheelchair. Mr. Vallance says as they continue to practice the movements, they begin to notice positive changes and are able to do more.

There is also a social side to Tai Chi. Mr. Vallance emphasizes that the atmosphere is positive and non-judgemental, and that everyone is encouraged to go at their own pace. "You're joining a community of practitioners," he said. "We have a



Instructor Jacques Poirier, left, leads Corunna residents Shirley Warner and Loretta Bresolin-Randall, and group member Stan Dros, in a move called Grasp Bird's Tail.  
Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

social side."

Beginners are welcomed and classes are designed specifically for those who have never tried Tai Chi before. Moves are taught one by one according to the student's need. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about Taoist Tai Chi can ask questions and find out more during the open house on Sept. 13.

## 2017-2018 Mooretown Flags Home Schedule

The time is at hand for another exciting season of Mooretown Flags hockey. Check out this home ice schedule and be in the arena when the team makes its run for the championship.

Saturday, Sept. 16, Wallaceburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 23, Wheatley, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 30, Essex, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 4, Lakeshore, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 7, Petrolia, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 14, Blenheim, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 21, Wheatley, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 28, Amherstburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 4, Essex, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11, Dresden, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 18, Petrolia, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 2, Amherstburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 9, Essex, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 16, Wheatley, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 23, Blenheim, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 30, Wallaceburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 3, Lakeshore, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 13, Amherstburg, 7:30 p.m.

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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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

### Wilkesport Harvest Home dinner set

The popular Harvest Home dinner is back! The Wilkesport United Church is proud to announce that the dinner

will be held on Friday, Nov. 3. Details are still being finalized but tickets will be \$20. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of good food and lively entertainment. *Watch The Beacon for further information.*

### Remembrance Day service set

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Brigden invites everyone to attend the annual Remembrance Day Service at the Brigden Cenotaph (corner of Brigden Road and Jane Street) on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10:57 a.m. The Two Minute Wave of Silence will be followed by the service. At the conclusion of the service, everyone is invited to the Legion hall for a light lunch.



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hold its annual Pickerel Fry and Dance on Saturday, Oct. 21 with entertainment by Kim & Vic. The cost will be \$20 per person - advanced tickets only. For tickets call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240. The facility is wheelchair accessible and everyone is welcome. Tickets go on sale on Sept. 18.

### **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.

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### **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 even 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.

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## **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). **Please note changes/additions in classes and set up.** Entries can be made online or by using the paper entry form and forwarding it to the fair office before Sept. 25. Watch The Beacon or go online to the above address for updates.

**Midway lovers, this is for you!** World's Finest Midway advance online ride coupons are now available online at: [worldsfinestshows.com](http://worldsfinestshows.com)

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 Brigden Fair Harvest the Gold 50/50 raffle** tickets are on sale at the Brigden Fair office and at events held at the fairgrounds. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Proceeds go to agricultural/education features.

Tickets for the **annual handmade quilt draw** are also available at events at the Brigden fairgrounds or from any Homecraft member. The winning ticket will be drawn on Thanksgiving Monday.

**Students take note: Volunteer opportunities** are available at the Brigden Fairgrounds in Brigden all year long. Call the Brigden Fairgrounds office at 519-864-1197 for more information. **LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEER YOUTH BURSARY DRAW.**



## **Attention motivated youth**

The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia invites boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn new skills, marksmanship, orienteering, hiking, leadership, pipes and drum band, and teamwork, participate in many new challenges, make new friends and attend great summer camps, all at no cost. 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)

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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 here in one place. With over 100 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.

### Quarter Auction planned for Brigden

Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge will host a quarter auction at the Brigden Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 19, with doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction beginning at 7 p.m. Snacks will be available. Admission will be \$5 per person. Proceeds will benefit local lodge initiatives in the community. For more information call 519-542-2876 or 519-864-1820.

### Light On Sugar wellness program in Corunna

The Cruickshank Centre at Thompson Gardens will host a wellness program called *Light On Sugar* on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. The program, sponsored by VHA Home Healthcare, will provide information with tips on pre-diabetes, type 2 diabetes, and how to be more aware of simple things a person can do to help prevent or control diabetes. There is no fee for this program, which will include a light lunch, but pre-registration is required. Call Thompson Gardens at 519-862-1628 or 519-862-2629 to register.

### K of C present A Little Knight Music

The Knights of Columbus Council #9447, Corunna, will host *A Little Knight Music* on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Courtright Community Hall. The featured artist will be C.A.R.D. at 6 p.m., with Family Brown with Father Dan Vere at 7 p.m., Lodge Brothers at 8 p.m., and Big Highway at 9 p.m. Ticket price of \$20 per person includes the draw for three door prizes. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this evening of music and fun.

### Sombra Museum announces upcoming lectures

The Sombra Museum's fall and winter lecture series is coming up with the first lecture by Dwayne Cloes on Tuesday, Sept. 26. He will present *We Are Still Here*, a presentation featuring three survivors of the residential school system. On Tuesday, Oct 24, Tom Walters will present *Railways in Lambton County*. (The lecture date has been changed to the second last Tuesday of the month so as not to conflict with Halloween). On Tuesday, Nov. 28, Cris Kohl will present *Canada's 150 Most Famous Great Lakes Ship-*

*wrecks*. In the new year, on Tuesday, March 27, speaker Steve Loxton will present the lecture *Lost Lambton, Found Lecture*. And on Tuesday, April 24, enjoy *You're In The Movies-Marine City 1939*. For more information, call the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982 or go online to: [sombra-museum.webs.com](http://sombra-museum.webs.com)

### Annual bridge luncheon at Corunna United

The Corunna United Church Women will host their annual Bridge Luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at noon. The cost is \$60 per table. Please contact Sylvia Knight at 519-862-1040 before Sept. 20 to reserve a table.

### Lambton Heritage Museum summer displays

The Lambton Heritage Museum at 10035 Museum Road south of Grand Bend presents *150 Years of Lambton County Quilts* until Sept. 30. This exhibit includes 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.

### Turkey bingo at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will hold a turkey bingo on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. There will be 25 regular games with four cards for \$20, plus a Special Game at \$2 per strip. Food will be available. For more information, call the Legion at 519-862-1240.

### Pickerel Fry and Dance at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will

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## St. Clair Parkway Golf Course

Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy a game at the St. Clair Parkway Golf at 132 Moore Line in Mooretown. 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

### 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.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### Registration for Royal Canadian Legion sports events

Legion members are invited to register for the follow-

ing sport events to represent their Royal Canadian Legion branch. Registration deadlines are: Sept. 8 for Zone cribbage being held in Sarnia on Saturday, Sept. 16; Sept. 23 for Zone euchre being held in Sarnia on Saturday, Sept. 30; Nov. 4 for Zone darts being held in Sarnia on Saturday, Nov. 18; Nov. 25 for Zone 8-ball being held in Brigden on Saturday, Dec. 2. Contact your local branch for details.

### Concert at Zion Free Methodist in Sombra

Christian country singer Trevor Baker will be in concert at Zion Free Methodist Church, 2951 Bentpath Line in Sombra, on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10:45 a.m. A free will offering will be received and a free picnic will follow. The church is located at the corner of Bentpath Line and Mandaumin Road about a minute's drive from the Dawn Union Gas Plant. For more information, please call 519-864-1511.

### 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. A special ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. 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. (Story on page 12).

### Vocal ensemble invites new members

New singers are being sought to join the Blue Water Vocal Ensemble. An information meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church in Wallaceburg. New members are always welcome.

### 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. (Story on page 17).

### 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



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If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or an event that will benefit the residents of the township, you may promote it free of charge here in The Beacon. The deadline for Beacon submissions is the third Monday of each month by noon.

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