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Moore Museum's Canada 150 Seasons in St. Clair photo contest winners announced



Three winning photos, from top, are by: Ben Hazzard, 1st prize; Jane Drummond, 2nd prize; and Lorraine Kraayenbrink, 3rd prize.



The top three winners of the *Seasons In St. Clair* photo contest, the Moore Museum's Canada 150 project, were honoured at the June 4 meeting of St. Clair Township Council. (See page 5.) The contest invited township residents to submit photos that highlighted the beauty of the four seasons within the municipality.

The top 12 full-colour photos have been used to create a stunning 2019 calendar, which is now on sale at the Moore Museum and will be sold at upcoming museum events at a cost of \$10 per calendar.

Photos have been converted to black and white for publication.



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Municipal Election 2018

The municipal election is slated for Oct. 22, 2018. St. Clair Township ballots will be mailed out the first week of September. Anyone interested in running for a position on St. Clair Township Council, the Lambton Kent District School Board, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board (South Lambton East Kent School Board), or the French Language Public School Board can contact the St. Clair Township municipal office at 510-867-2021.

Candidates registered to date

Candidates registered to date for the 2018 Municipal Election in St. Clair Township are: **Ward 1 (former Moore Township) Councillor** - Tracy Kingston. **Ward 2 (former Sombra Township) Councillor** - Rose Atkins, Bill Myers. **Deputy Mayor** - Steve Miller, Peter Gilliland. **Mayor** - Jeff Agar, Steve Arnold. **St. Clair Catholic District School Board (South Lambton East Kent Separate School Board Trustee)** - Carol Bryden. **French Language Public School Board Trustee**.....Pierre Lambert.



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 AM to 4:30 PM

May 2018 – Fall 2018

For current areas affected refer to stclairtownship.ca

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some water discolouration using your 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 the discolouration disappears.

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

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monthly by St. Clair Township as a
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St. Clair Township Council declares “lame duck” status

St. Clair Township Council has declared “lame duck” status. Meetings will now be held only once per month on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information.

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Residents are urged to confirm their voter information by using voterlookup.ca. If you do not have access to a computer, you can also call 1-866-296-6722 for information.

You are qualified to vote if: You are 18 years of age or older; a Canadian citizen; and either a resident of the municipality or a property owner or tenant or the spouse or same sex partner of an owner or tenant in the municipality during a specific time just before the election.

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You can be a candidate if: You are a resident of the municipality or a non-resident owner or tenant of land in the municipality or the spouse of such non-resident owner or tenant; a Canadian citizen at least 18 years of age or older; not legally prohibited from voting; not disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office; you have 25 signatures on the required nomination form and have paid a fee of \$100 (\$200 for the position of mayor).

Deadline for filing nomination papers will be Friday, July 27 at 2 p.m.



SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

St. Clair Township Residents

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of

7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

April 2018 – Fall 2018

For current areas affected refer to stclairtownship.ca

During this maintenance procedure you may notice some gurgling noises in drains.

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



**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
2018 FINAL PROPERTY TAX TENTATIVE DUE DATES**

The 2018 TENTATIVE Final Tax due dates are
Aug 1st and Oct 3rd, 2018 (These are Wednesday's)

**Note dates are tentative and may change*

**The Final Tax Notices were mailed out
the last week of June, 2018 with both installments.**

Most chartered banks and financial institutions will accept payment of your current taxes on or before the due date (*any bank charges will be the responsibility of the ratepayer*).

The following methods of Tax and/or Water Payments may be utilized:

- Automatic Bank Machines
- Telephone & Internet Payments through Bank
- Payment at most Financial Institutions
- Post dated cheques
- Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- Mail to, or
- Drop Box at 1155 Emily St. Mooretown Ontario N0N 1M0

Pre-authorized payment plans are also available free of charge and encouraged. Find the form at <http://stclairtownship.ca>

**St. Clair Township Tax Department
519-867-2024
fax: 519-867-5509
taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca**

***Find township information and The Beacon at:
www.stclairtownship.ca***



**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**

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Recycle Coach™ app

You get:

- A personalized collection schedule
- Custom pick-up reminders
- A 'What Goes Where?' search tool
- And more!



Search "Recycle Coach"



Property owners urged to call Ontario One Call before digging

Spring and summer present homeowners with opportunities to make changes and improvements to their property. And in the rush to get their projects finished by the time the snow flies, they are often tempted to not bother finding out the locations of buried lines and pipes before they start digging.

Big mistake! Severing buried infrastructure can be an expensive problem for you and/or your neighbours. It can also be dangerous if you hit a live power line. One call can prevent costly repairs or even save your life.

Before you dig, call **Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255**. Locators from local utilities will be called out to your property to find and mark buried lines.

**One call could save you money and save your life.
Call 1-800-400-2255.**

Hazardous waste disposal opportunities

Household hazardous waste disposal is being offered again this year. Lambton County, in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Ltd. will host six household hazardous waste collections in the coming months. There will be no charge for this service.

The collections will be held on Saturdays on September 29 and October 27.

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: PCBs, commercial, infectious, radioactive, tires, explosives/ammunitions including flares.

Please note, commercially generated hazardous waste and containers larger than 20 litres or weighing more than 25 kg (55 lb) will **NOT** be accepted. For more information, call the Household hazardous waste phone line at 519-845-0809, option 6.

Disposal of expired marine flares

Flares (pyrotechnics) are valid only for four years from their date of manufacture, which is printed on each flare. To dispose of flares, take them to Sarnia Police Services, 555 Christina Street North in Sarnia.

LPH warns of dangers posed by extended heat

Summer is barely upon us and already we have had to cope with spells of unusually hot weather. Lambton Public Health (LPH) urges everyone to take precautions during times of prolonged heat and humidity. Severe dehydration and associated symptoms can happen very quickly.

In a news release issued by LPH during a series of extremely hot days, the risks posed by such severe conditions were outlined by Lambton County Medical Officer of Health Dr. Sudit Ranade. "The elderly, very young, and people with chronic illnesses are at higher risk of heat-related illness," he said, adding, "...even healthy people can be affected if they participate in strenuous activities and do not take precautions."

Symptoms of heat-related illness may include: rapid breathing, dizziness or fainting, vomiting, rapid heart-beat, extreme thirst, and decreased urination. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should immediately move to a shaded or air conditioned area, drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids, and rest. It is also wise to contact a family member, friend or health care provider.

If an affected person has a high body temperature, is unconscious, confused, or has stopped sweating, as in the case of a heat stroke, it is considered to be a medical emergency and 911 should be called immediately.

LPH recommends that those who are at an increased risk for heat-related illnesses be contacted during heat events to ensure they are not experiencing difficulty because of the heat.

In St. Clair Township, the Mooretown Sports Complex is considered an official cooling centre during normal hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday in June, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and July and August, 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. But any air conditioned location, including libraries, restaurants, and stores can offer temporary places to cool down.

And remember that animals are also adversely affected by extreme heat. Make sure they have access to a cool shelter and abundant fresh water, and never leave them in a parked car.

For complete information about coping with heat warnings, go to online to: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or call 519-383-8331 or toll-free 1-800-667-1839.



SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018
10K Run • 5K Run/Walk
Minnow Run

presented by: **CF Industries**
stclairriverrun.com

proceeds to: **St. Clair River TRAIL**
 actively connecting communities

"Go With The Flow" is the theme for the 9th Annual St. Clair River Run, presented on Saturday, July 21 by CF Industries. Participants will gather at Brander Park in Port Lambton (on St. Clair Parkway) where registration opens at 6:30 a.m. They will be bussed to the 5 km and 10 km starting lines. The run/walk will begin at 8 a.m.

Participants can use the *Leave It Behind* service if they don't want to carry their personal items with them. Items such as keys, sweaters, etc. can be left at Brander Park for safe keeping and can be picked up following the run.

Join hundreds of people on this journey along the beautiful St. Clair Parkway, which will be closed to traffic for you to enjoy a safe, flat, paved, 5 km run/walk or 10 km run through Sombra and Port Lambton.

You will be inspired by the scenic river views, on-route entertainment, and cheering spectators as you make your way to the finish line. All participants will receive a technical shirt, bearing our "Go with the flow" motto, and a newly designed finisher's medal. This run/walk is a stroller-friendly event. Children who no longer require a stroller can still participate in the free Minnow Run, which will take place at Brander Park immediately following the medal ceremony.

Make today your day to register at: { <http://www.stclairriverrun.com/> }, www.stclairriverrun.com

Please note pets are NOT allowed on the course.

Air monitoring website now available



The Clean Air Sarnia and Area website, cleanairsarniaandarea.com is now available for those who want to stay informed about the air quality in their communities.

The website allows public access to government and industrial air monitoring information. Seven air monitoring stations distributed throughout the Sarnia area are refreshed hourly to indicate whether air quality is good, moderate or poor when compared to provincial standards. The site also provides information about the monitoring stations, technology being used, and contaminants being monitored.

This website is not meant to provide health or emergency information.

The Air Quality Health Index can be found at the Air Quality Ontario website www.airqualityontario.com and emergency notifications in Lambton County can be found through My Community Notification Network (MyCNN).

Moore Museum Canada 150 photo contest winners receive awards



The Moore Museum's Canada 150 Seasons In St. Clair photo contest attracted a lot of interest from the residents of St. Clair Township. The top 12 winning photos are now featured in a full-colour calendar for 2019, which is on sale at the Moore Museum and will be sold at upcoming museum events at a cost of \$10 each. This special calendar offers glimpses of the township's changing seasons as seen through the eyes of those who experience its natural beauty on a daily basis.

The winners of that contest were acknowledged during an award ceremony at the June 4 meeting of St. Clair Township. The top three photographers were presented with a calendar and a

one-year Moore Museum membership, as well as a cash prize of: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, and 3rd - \$25.

Shown here during the presentation, front left: Moore Museum Program Staff Linda Woods; Jim Townsend, Chair of the Moore Museum Advisory Board; 1st prize winner (Ben Hazzard) represented by wife, Erica, and son, Liam; 2nd prize winner Jane Drummond; 3rd prize winner Lorraine Kraayenbrink; Mayor Steve Arnold. Rear row left: Township CAO John Rodey; Councillors Jim DeGurse; Steve Miller; Tracey Kingston; Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland; Councillor Jeff Agar; Clerk Jeff Agar; Councillor Darrell Randell.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Donation to "Buddy Rock" initiative supported to improve inclusion

As many of us know, school days are not always a time of carefree recesses and the development of new friendships.

Some children find themselves bullied or excluded from activities. For them, school days are a series of lonely hours to be endured and not enjoyed.

The "Buddy Rock" program is being adopted by Col. Cameron Public School in Corunna to give these children a safe place it is hoped will make their school days a lot more tolerable. Samantha VanHooft, who teaches Grade 2/3 at the school, says the rocks are a way to encourage an environment of acceptance within the school community. "The buddy rock is to help encourage a stronger sense of inclusiveness and community on our playground," she said.

The rock is a place for students who have no one to play with to connect to others. "Others will see they are in search of a friend...they can go scoop them up to join in (the activities)," says Ms. VanHooft. "It's a way to encourage social responsibility, make new friends, try new activities, and make an inclusive school community."



Above: Mayor Steve Arnold presents Samantha VanHooft with a donation of \$1,000 in support of the Buddy Rock program. Council and staff were on hand to hear about the program and to lend their support to the initiative.

HERITAGE CORNER

Noted historian shares the story of the St. Clair Raids

*If you had lived along the St. Clair River in the late 1830s, you would have found it a lot less pleasant and peaceful than it is today. In this two-part story, noted historian Dr. John Carter, an authority on the events of that time and the author of *Piratical Doings on the River St. Clair*, gives us a brief look at the St. Clair Raids.*

Trouble brews along the border

Troubles on the shared frontier between Canada and the United States were projected prior to the St. Clair Raids in June of 1838. As early as December of 1837, then Lieutenant-governor Sir Francis Bond Head addressed the legislature of Upper Canada, after the invasion of Navy Island by Patriot forces. He reported that; "I am informed that Americans from various quarters are hastening from the interior to join this standard of avowed plunder and revolt; that cannon and arms are publicly proceeding there; and under these circumstances, it becomes my painful duty to inform you, that in having offered to the United States the smallest provocation; without having entertained the slightest doubt of the sincerity of American alliance, the inhabitants of this province may in a few days be called upon by me to defend their lives, their properties and their liberties, from an attack by American citizens, which, with no desire to offend, I must pronounce to be unparalleled in the history of the world." This would be a precursor to the population not only in the St. Clair River region, but across Upper Canada, to begin to prepare for unrest during the next year.

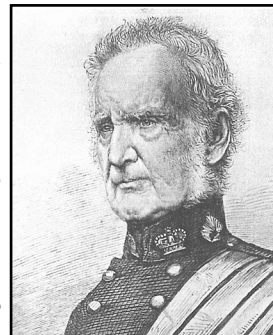
These warnings continued. In a June 2, 1838 despatch from the Earl of Durham to the British Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, Lord Glenelg, Durham wrote; "I have received information that it is intended to keep up a state of constant alarm on the whole line of the frontiers by attacks of this kind, at various and distant points. If this system be permitted, the consequences will be most serious, both as regards the population on our side of the line, and also the expense which will be incurred providing adequate means of defence."

Shortly after this, further concern was expressed by Sir John Colborne in June 8th correspondence that he had with Lord Durham. As the Commander-in-chief

of the British forces in the Canadas, Colborne warned; "...that without the zealous co-operation of the authorities of the United States, it appears impossible to protect our extensive water frontier from the incursions of the pirates now acting in small parties in this vicinity."

Eleven days later, Arthur sent a June 19 note to Lord Glenelg changing his projection; "The accounts which I continue to receive from Amherstburg and Sandwich represent the inhabitants of the western frontier as still greatly apprehending predatory incursions from the States Michigan and Ohio, where it is said assemblages of brigands are heard of from time to time at various points along the border, or at a short distance in the interior." Arthur added that reports he'd received from Colonel John Maitland "...tend to support the apprehension entertained on the western frontier, of an attack from Michigan and Ohio."

On June 23, Durham again corresponded with Glenelg. He wrote; "It seemed to me of the highest importance to bring the fair intentions of the American government to a practical test as soon as possible after receiving such hearty assurance of co-operation. I am also of the opinion that a great and salutary effect will be produced by the sight of two flags united on common effort to put an end to this unnatural excitement on the frontiers." This was after a June 11 announcement by the U.S. Secretary of War, Joel R. Poinsett, which stated that the American Department of War would employ unarmed steamers on Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, to help maintain peace on the frontier. Durham concluded his letter to Glenelg by requesting that the Secretary; "Keep up the amount of our naval and military force to the fullest possible extent during the present year." This request coincided with a June 14th order from Charles Paget, Vice-admiral and Commander-in-Chief of British naval forces in Canada, that captains were authorized to have their crews "... volunteer their services for the purpose

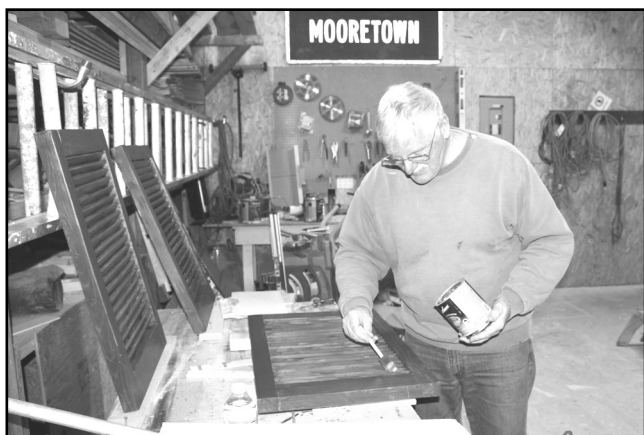


Sir John Colborne

of being employed on the lakes, for the protection of our own shores against future attempts of piracy and robbery which may be made by these hordes of buccaneers!"

It would not be long before actual events of armed incursion took place along the St. Clair River.

Museum volunteers work smart to beautify buildings



Moore Museum volunteer Leo Griffiths puts the finishing touches on shutters he created using miscellaneous pieces of wood left over from other projects at the museum. Leo's smart use of materials resulted in the beautiful shutters that now grace the main museum building.

The shutters were installed to give the museum a more welcoming façade.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Part 2 of the
St. Clair Raids
will appear in the
August 2018 Beacon.

MORE HERITAGE CORNER

Calendar highlights seasonal beauty of St. Clair Township

The beauty of St. Clair Township varies from season to season, but it is never diminished. The Moore Museum has issued a captivating photo calendar for 2019 that highlights 12 of the many scenic settings on view in the township throughout the year.

The calendar is the culmination of the museum's Canada 150 photo project, *Seasons In St. Clair*. The project invited township residents to submit photos that presented each photographer's individual idea of what makes St. Clair Township beautiful. The engaging full-colour photos that illustrate this calendar were chosen from those submitted images providing a monthly feast for the eye.

Photographers featured in the calendar include: Ben Hazzard; Jane Drummond; Lorraine

Kraayenbrink; Kai Sorensen; Bonnie Spitzig; Patty Colquhoun; Liam Hazzard; Shaun Antle; Erica Hazzard; Steven Hunt; Lauren Mullen; and Debbie Anderson.

The calendar is now on sale at the Moore Museum during summer hours of operation, *May through August, Friday through Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.*, and will be sold at upcoming events at the museum.



Model Train event rolls into Moore Museum

The Model Train event rolls into the Moore Museum on Sunday, July 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Train enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy watching the museum's multi-display train room come alive under the knowledgeable hands of the museum volunteers. For details about this popular event, see *Around the Township*, page 20.



Township's baseball heritage now on show at Sombra Museum

The Sombra Museum is open for the summer season and there are lots of intriguing displays and exhibits for visitors to take in.

You have a unique opportunity to add your own local baseball experiences, or just leave your name and team affiliation, at the exciting baseball exhibit that has been assembled to highlight the vibrant baseball heritage of St. Clair Township. Photos, local baseball cards, newspaper articles, and personal memories or anecdotes will continue to be accepted throughout the summer.

Other displays will include: a collection of items from the Baby Point settlement, discovered by Cliff Roy, author of *Shawanese Township: The Baby Point Settlement*; a featured exhibit about the local railway; and exhibits created by the museum's summer students, which will be displayed in the Bury House.

The Sombra Museum is now open every day from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Sept. 20.

MORE HERITAGE CORNER

Can you identify this Waubuno baseball team and players?

Mystery photos, like this one of an unidentified team representing Waubuno, are currently waiting at the Sombra Museum for someone to give its players names and, perhaps, some information that will illuminate its history. So far, two similar mystery baseball team photos from St. Clair Township's rich baseball heritage have been identified and it's hoped the same can be done for several

more that are currently on display at the museum as part of its special local baseball exhibit.

To view the photos, visit the Sombra Museum at the corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway in Sombra village. You can also call the museum at 519-892-3982.

BRIGDEN FAIR AMBASSADOR CONTEST ON THE WAY

The Moore Agricultural Society is looking for some energetic, personable young women and men to participate in the 2018 Brigden Fair Ambassador contest, slated for the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

If you've ever wondered what it's like to represent the fair, both locally and at the great events and conventions ambassadors get to attend during their one-year reign, stop wondering. Check out the MAS Facebook page and www.brigdenfair.ca for more information.





St. Joseph Saints sharp shooter now provincial champ

Emma Greenwood of Corunna recently won the Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Competition for 13 year-olds in London.

She nailed 22 out of 25 shots taken, notching up the high score of all the regional sites and earning top spot in the province.

At the district round, Emma made 23 out of 25 shots, and at the council round, 11 of 15.

This is the fifth consecutive year Emma has competed for the top honour in the province and she won on two occasions.

Emma is shown here with her coach, Mr. Ric Mathany, who helped her perfect her winning technique.

Submitted Photo

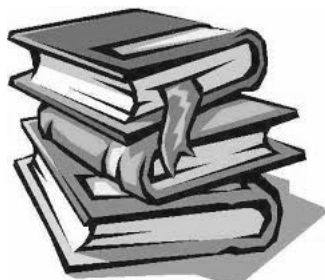
Summer reading program in progress at local library branch

The TD Summer Reading Club theme for this year is Feed Your Passions. This annual free bilingual program is for children of all ages, all interests, and all abilities, and it's offered at 2,000 libraries across Canada. Children will be encouraged to discover and explore what fires their spirit,

excites their mind, and influences their choices. Registration can be done at all Lambton County Library branches and the collecting of stickers for individual reading progress begins after July 1. For more information about the club, visit:

www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca

Summer reading for everyone is available online at the eLibrary. RBDigital and Press Reader offer a wide selection of titles that can be easily downloaded to digital devices. Magazines to suit all ages, interests and lifestyles can also be found. These eResources are available at: www.lclibrary.ca under 'eLibrary' or 'eMagazines'.



St. Clair Parkway Golf Course

The St. Clair Township Golf Course membership and event information, go online to: www.stclairparkwaygolf.com or call 519-867-2160.



2018 JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY



Junior golfers wanting to take the next step to golfing perfection can take advanced lessons and instructions. The second five-week session on the driving range, led by instructor Chris Elliott, will be held **Sunday** nights from July 15-Aug. 12, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Each session is limited to 10 golfers. The cost is \$99 plus HST. Call the Pro Shop to register at 519-867-2810

Find The Beacon online

No matter where you are, you can read *The Beacon*. Back issues are also available online. Go to the St. Clair Township Website: www.stclairtownship.ca and click on **Beacon** on the black bar (top right).

SCRCA and Enbridge complete eight-year naturalization project

An eight-year partnership between the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and Enbridge Pipelines Inc. is now complete. The series of stewardship projects carried out on 34 hectares of Enbridge land holdings within St. Clair Township, known as the Lambton County Naturalization Project, has resulted in the creation of new wildlife habitat and a greener landscape.

Components of this ambitious project included: the creation of one hectare of wetlands adjacent to Bear Creek; the establishment of two hectares of tallgrass prairie habitat over underground pipelines; and the reforestation of 31 hectares through the planting of 62,000 trees. This is particularly important, since Lambton County currently has only half the recommended forest necessary for the establishment of a healthy environment.

Not only will the project benefit the area's environment in the short term, it will provide important information that will inform future research on climate change. Steve Shaw, manager of Conservation Services at the SCRCA, says, "Not only will these new trees provide much-needed forest cover; we designed sections of the tree plantations so we can collect long-term climate change data." Explaining the process, he added, "We selected a range of Carolinian tree species, including some that are not commonly used in our tree planting program, so we can study their adaptability in a changing climate."



To mark the completion of the eight-year joint naturalization project, 17 Enbridge staff members joined SCRCA forestry specialists to hand plant 900 tree seedlings on one of the properties near Wilkesport.

Photo courtesy Enbridge

As part of its effort to promote reforestation, the SCRCA employs a seed collection program - the regular collection of seed from trees genetically adapted to this area. Enbridge provides financial assistance to the SCRCA to help develop a sustainable tree seed collection program in Lambton County.

Ken Hall, Senior Strategist Community Engagement for Enbridge, says, "The opportunity to work with the SCRCA to develop a seed collection program was something Enbridge was very pleased to support... These types of efforts are critical to sustaining our local environment and the diversity of our local forests and wildlife habitat."

Lambton Public Health issues summer warnings for outdoor living

When you're enjoying the great outdoors this summer, keep in mind that some precautions need to be taken to ensure your good health.

Lambton Public Health (LPH) urges everyone to protect themselves and their families against ticks and tick bites, which can transmit Lyme disease.

Lyme disease is spread by the bite of infected blacklegged ticks, sesame-seed sized bugs that live in wooded areas and fields. They can be found on bushes and plants, and in tall grass, and they attach themselves to animals and people that walk by. The tiny bugs feed on their host's blood and most people never feel the bite.

Lori Lucas, supervisor with Lambton Public Health, says not all ticks are a threat. "Not all blacklegged ticks carry the bacteria," she said. "Even if a tick is positive, the risk of getting Lyme disease is low."

In Lambton County, the American dog tick, a larger kind of tick, is most common and it isn't an efficient carrier of the disease.

To prepare for a walk that includes a path through a overgrown or grassy area, LPH recommends the use of bug spray containing DEET, and that long sleeved shirts and long pants be worn. After being outside, check yourself and your family for ticks.

If you find one, use tweezers to grasp the tick's head

as close to the skin as possible, then pull straight out using steady pressure. DO NOT twist, squeeze, or burn the tick. Prompt removal of the bug helps prevent Lyme disease, and when detected early, the disease is easily treated with antibiotics.

The most common symptom is an expanding skin rash, which can appear between three and 30 days after the tick bite. A doctor should be consulted if a symptom is noticed.

Blacklegged ticks have been found in Lambton County, and there is a confirmed population in Pinery Provincial Park.

Ticks removed from a human host can be submitted to LPH for identification. For more information or to learn more about ticks or Lyme disease, visit www.lambtonhealth.on.ca, ontario.ca/lyme, or call 519-383-8331 or 1-800-667-1839.

Be aware of water quality

LPH cautions beach users to be aware of water quality before heading for the beach. Go online to www.lambtonhealth.on.ca. Please note no sampling is done along the St. Clair River. However, high bacteria levels can be found after a heavy rainfall. Avoid swimming in cloudy water where harmful bacteria may be suspended.

Peewee Corunna Giants win Port Dover Minor Baseball Peewee OBA Tourney



The proud baseball heritage of St. Clair Township (see *Sombra Museum*, page 7) was maintained on the May 25-27 weekend as the Peewee Corunna Giants took top spot at the Port Dover Minor Baseball Peewee OBA Tournament.

Team spokesperson April Brander says the team won its division in round robin action, then defeated Kingsville 6-5 in the semi-final and bested Essex by a close 13-12 in the championship game.

The team continues WCBA league play with home games on Wednesday nights at Duggan Park in Corunna

and all Giants schedules are online at: corunnaminor-baseball.com.

Front row left: Ryan Moosberger; Will Greer; Casyn Foster; Charlie Brander; Vince Krohn; Carter Foster; Jackson Sterling.

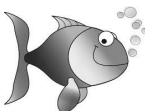
Back row left: Assistant Coach Mark Moosberger; Colin Haskins; James Snedden; Assistant Coach Geoff Haskins; Jordy Muir; Chase MacDonald; Assistant Coach Blake Greer; Head Coach Jeff Sterling.

Submitted Photo (April Brander)

Bluewater Anglers present free Family Fun Fishing Day

Everyone is welcome to attend the Bluewater Anglers Family Fun Fishing Day on Saturday, July 7 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This free event does not require a licence to participate. Just sign in at the registration booth set up near the fish fountain in Centennial Park (south end of London Road at



Front Street) in Sarnia to receive a bucket to be used to collect your gobies as well as a ticket for a hot dog and pop back at the weigh-in. (You must fish as a family and children can bring a friend.) Further information will be available there as well.

The event will take place rain or shine, unless there is thunder and lightning.

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St. Andrew's foodbank in operation

The food bank at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is now in operation every other Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (July dates are July 4 and July 18). The food bank is also open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

MAS invites vendors for Country Arts and Craft Show

The Moore Agricultural Society invites vendors to participate in the **Brigden Country Arts and Craft Show** on Saturday, Aug. 4. (Note change of date.) For interested vendors, more details are available by email at: finance@brigdenfair.ca. Don't delay - reserve your space now!

2018 Brigden Fair prize list now available

Now is a great time to start making your projects for entry at the Brigden Fair. Advance prize lists for the Brigden Fair are now available at the fair office or online at www.brigdenfair.ca. **Check out the new Industrial Arts section and the Junior Department High Point classes.**

Volunteer hours for secondary students

Secondary school graduation is fast approaching and the Brigden Fair office is the place where students can find many ways to get the volunteer hours they need to graduate. Call the office at 519-864-1197. *Volunteer opportunities are available all year long.*

Are those coins still making noise in your pocket?

Are you still walking around with noisy pockets? May we suggest a way you can silence those pesky noise-makers? Stop off at the following locations and donate your loose change to the on-going upkeep of the St. Clair River Trail, one of the most scenic trails in the country: Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton (*the Canada Post office no longer accepts donations*) or the Riverview Restaurant in Sombra Village. Your donations will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council and life will be a lot less noisy. 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

Taoist Tai Chi now offered in Corunna

Weekly Taoist Tai Chi classes are held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome. The 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. For more information about tai chi or class times, call 519-344-0346.

Be a community builder with the Optimist Club

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 Junior Optimist Club

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.

Down River Junior Optimist Club seeks members

New members are being sought for the Down River Jr. Optimist Club. Youth between the ages of 10 and 18 are invited to get involved with the community and make a difference for kids. The club meets at the Port Lambton Community Hall on the third Monday of each month. High school students can acquire volunteers hours needed for graduation. For more information, call Carla at 226-402-3870.

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 also hosts **Messy Church** through May (except December) every last Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 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 Our Lady of Mercy Church rectory hall at the corner of Christina and London Road (entry off London Road) in Sarnia. For more information, contact Rita at 519-867-2932.

Local TOPS weight control group meetings

TOPS weight loss groups help members sensibly take off and keep off pounds. Three TOPS groups hold meetings in the St. Clair Township area and everyone

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(all ages) is welcome to attend. **Brigden TOPS** hold 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. **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. **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. For more information, call Wendy at 519-381-5584.

Ontario Command Service Officer to visit

The Royal Canadian Legion's Ontario Provincial Command Service Officer, Rebecca Calder, will be in the area the week of Aug. 1 to Aug. 3.



She will be able to provide information and advise on topics such as disability pensions, financial assistance, veterans independent programs and services.

Veterans and/or their families with concerns or questions about eligibility or access to benefits and services can set up an appointment to meet with Service Officer Calder by calling Shawn MacNeil at 519-383-9386 or Corunna Legion Branch 447 at 519-862-1240 before July 12.

CE summer program benefits children with motor challenges

The four-week SWONT Conductive Education summer program is offered to children aged two to 16 from southwestern Ontario who have various motor challenges.

Conductive education (CE) is an intensive, multi-disciplinary approach to education, training, and development. This program helps children build cognitive skills and helps them learn to use alternate strategies to accomplish common motor tasks such as sitting, standing, walking, dressing, and eating.

The focus is also on teaching family members to use these strategies at home to reinforce the application of CE skills in all aspects of daily life. The program is led by certified conductor teachers who come from Hungary each summer. They are trained by the Peto Institute,

where Conductive Education was developed.

The CE program is usually only available in larger Canadian cities, but through the southwestern Ontario Optimist Clubs, it was brought in 19 years ago to give children in southwestern Ontario an opportunity to attend.

SWONT Conductive Education is a registered, non-profit charitable organization. As a result of various fundraising efforts and the support of area Optimist Clubs, the cost of the camp for each child, with the exception of a \$200 commitment fee paid by the parents, is covered.

For more information about this remarkable program, go online to: www.swontconductiveeducation.com or call Christa MacLaggan at 519-384-5421. Some spots are still available in this summer's program.

Wanted: Motivated youth looking for rewarding challenges

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

Positive Space policy reduces stigma and barriers to health care

Lambton Public Health recently announced it will now identify as a *Positive Space*, open and welcoming, unbiased and accessible to people of all sexual and gender diversities.

A 2016 review of the LPH sexual health program revealed a need to gain a better understanding of the unique health concerns of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, two-spirited, intersex and asexual (LGBTQ2IA) members of the community. To investigate this issue, LPH staff applied to Rainbow Health Ontario for a project grant.

In 2017, a survey was conducted to gather feedback from LGBTQ2IA community members, garnering responses from 138 local residents. According to the survey, 40 per cent of those canvassed said they had not disclosed their sexual orientation or

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gender identity to their health care provider, with most listing the fear of stigma as the main reason for this decision.

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sudit Ranade, says the creation of Positive Space creates a welcoming atmosphere for everyone. "A welcoming environment and a strong commitment to privacy can reduce barriers such as the fear of stigma, which in turn supports the health and well-being of all community members," he said.

Declaring a Positive Space is a process that has involved education and training on LGBTQ2IA health for all staff and the development of an internal policy, as well as the development of a Positive Space symbol, shown above.

Great programs at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Summer is ready for you but are you ready for it? Here are some great classes and programs you can join to shape up your body and rev up your energy levels.

Spring into Fitness!

Join Fitness Kick Boxing, Muscle Mix, or Water Aerobics any time. Cost is \$7 per class (\$5.50 per senior) or \$50 for a 10 visit pass. See our brochure for more information.

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.

Summer swim lessons

To inquire about or register for summer swim lessons, call 519-867-2651.

POUND your way into fitness!

Pound is the world's first cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums, and we have it at the Mooretown Sports Complex! Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm. The cost is \$7 per class (\$5.50 for seniors) or \$50 for a 10 visit pass.

New! Introduction to diving

The new Introduction to Diving class will begin Tuesday, July 3 from 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. It is open to ages seven and up. You must be able to swim a front crawl two lengths of the pool. Work at your own pace in a safe, non-competitive environment while mastering a new skill. The cost is \$90.

National Lifeguard Service recertification

This program will be offered on Thursday, June 7 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$85.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

minimum age 11 years

This course is set for Friday, June 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a cost of \$60.

Red Cross Water Safety Instructor recertification

This program will be offered on Thursday, June 14 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$85.

To get more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Junior Summer Camp for ages 5-8 years

Junior Summer Camp begins on July 2 to Aug. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Early drop-off/late pick-up available for \$20 per week). The fee will be \$30 per day, \$125 per week, \$900 per summer or ask about our multi-child rates and family rates. Kids can join our junior summer camp and enjoy creative activities all day. We will be focusing on building physical literacy by concentrating on a different sport or skill each day.

Senior Summer Camp for ages 9-14 years

Senior Summer Camp begins on July 2 to Aug. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Early drop-off/late pick-up available for \$20 per week). The fee will be \$30 per day, \$125 per week, \$900 per summer or ask about our multi-child rates and family rates. The NEW senior summer camp will focus on a different sport and skill each day to build physical literacy. Each day will include age-appropriate activities as well.

Emergency First Aid/Bronze medallion/ Bronze cross

This course will be presented from Monday, July 23-Friday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fees, including taxes, materials, and exam fees) will be \$220 for Emergency First Aid and Bronze medallion, and \$120 for Bronze cross.

National Lifeguard Service with standard First Aid

This course is slated for Monday, Aug. 20 to Friday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fees include taxes, materials, and exam fees) will be \$276 for NLS only and \$426 for NLS with SFA/CPR-C.

Find the latest Mooretown Sports Complex brochure online at: www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

Heritage St. Clair seeking old photos of St. Clair Township's past

Heritage St. Clair is still seeking the help of township residents to gather old photographs (over 20 years old - the older, the better) depicting St. Clair Township (and former Moore and Sombra Townships) from the past.

Photos that are precious to you can be scanned and returned to you.

If you would rather see them in a place that will care for and preserve them for future generations, Heritage St. Clair can help you find a suitable home for them.

For more information, contact Heritage St. Clair by email: secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com. Or visit the St. Clair Township site: www.stclairtownship.ca under the "Residents" or "Recreation" tab to find Heritage St. Clair. Or call Ian at 519-864-1119 or Dave at 519-862-3797.



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**United Way
Sarnia-Lambton**

Rapids Family Health Team

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

Living With Diabetes

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The next sessions, led by a Registered Nurse Educator, will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on July 10, and Aug. 7.

Physician referral is required.

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 sessions, led by a Registered Dietitian, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays on July 17, and Aug. 14.

Physician referral is required.

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/or a Registered Dietitian who will discuss what diabetes is, risk factors for getting diabetes, and how to decrease blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes. **The program is open to the public and no physician referral is required.** The next sessions will be held Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on July 20, and Aug. 24.

Healthy Eating and You

Healthy Eating and You is a series of four sessions lasting two hours each. The aim of this program 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.** *Date and time for next session not available.*

Stress Management Workshop

Created by our registered Social Worker, this monthly two-hour seminar 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. *Date and time for next workshop not available.* **It is open to the public and no physician referral is required.**

Teaching kitchen

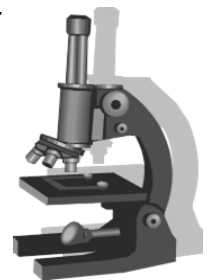
Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build your knowledge of healthy eating, but also help you apply them in a friendly group setting. A wide range of health conditions and topics include: heart health, digestive concerns, vegetarian, cooking for one, increasing fruit and vegetables, high blood pressure and more. **Cooking classes are open to the public and no physician referral is required.**

The next classes will be held as follows: Spice Makes Everything Nice, Thursday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - noon; Meatless Mondays, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - noon; Meals For One, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - noon; Dining with Diabetes, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. - noon; and Healthy Holiday Baking, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - noon.

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 in operation at the Shell Health Centre (Rapids Family Health Team), 233 Cameron Street, in Corunna. Applications are available by calling 519-813-9800.

Never a dull moment for the Optimist Club of Sombra

The energetic Optimist Club of Sombra continues to keep up its community support efforts as it grows its membership.

Below: Sombra Optimist President Vic O'Leary proved he'll do anything for a good cause when he had his head shaved to raise \$300 in support of the SWONT Conductive Education summer program. Christa MacLaggan, seen here relieving Vic of his locks, recent-

ly attended a meeting of the Sombra Optimist Club to talk about the program. (See more about the CE program, page 13.)

Below: The club recently inducted three new members. Here, Optimist President Johanne Leach, third from left, was on hand to welcome Holly Hicks, left, Janine Blair, and Denise Hart. Submitted photos



Victorian Tea at Moore Museum keeps a civilized tradition alive

The annual Victorian Tea at the Moore Museum in May highlighted one of the most important services community museums give to local residents. They keep alive the traditions of times past by allowing visitors to experience them first hand; in this case, it was the tradition of afternoon tea which was once observed by some of the early settlers of St. Clair Township. About 100 people, including Linda and Alan McLaughlin, left, enjoyed homemade scones with their warm beverages.

But you don't have to wait to find out about life as it was in the early days of the township. **The Moore Museum is now open through August, Friday through Tuesday, 11-5 p.m.**



Lambton Queen of the Furrow contest

Contestants are being sought to participate in the Lambton Queen of the Furrow competition. *Contestants must be 18 years of age by Jan. 1, 2019 and have not reached their 25 birthday by Sept. 1, 2018. *Plowing three rounds will be part of the competition and equipment will be provided if contestant has not made her own arrangements. *Each contestant is required to provide proof of \$2 million liability insurance (Ontario Plowmen's Association regulation). *Speech topic will be contestant's choice of agricultural topic and will be given at the banquet. *Contestant will also be asked an impromptu question. (Sample questions will be given to let contestant know what to expect.) *The interview will be done the day of the match at the match site.

Queen of the Furrow contestants will be guests of the Lambton County Plowmen's Association at the banquet and the winner of the

contest will represent the Lambton County Plowmen's Association for the next two years.

Duties

The new queen will compete in September for the next two years. She will attend workshops offered by the IPM and functions on behalf of the Lambton County Plowmen's Association to promote agriculture and the Lambton Plowing Match and IPM.

The queen will attend and give a report at each meeting. If she is unable to attend, she will submit a report by email.

She will also receive reimbursement for expenses incurred as duties performed as Queen of the Furrow. Mileage will be .45 cents per km.

The Lambton County Plowing Match is set for Sept. 1, 2018 in Dawn-Euphemia. Site is unknown at this time. For more information, call Linda Bryson at 519-828-3311 or email: dlbryson@brktel.on.ca

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marked. Non-members fee is \$10 and members fee is \$5. Ages 15 years and under will be admitted free when accompanied by a paid adult guardian. Lunch will be available. Menu and prices are posted at the club. Outdoor footwear and insect repellent are recommended. For more information call Len at 519-344-7009 or Elsie at 519-867-3940.

Weekly Souper Thursdays in Corunna

The Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, hosts a FREE **Souper Thursday** hot lunch every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the church and enjoy a home-made lunch to eat in or take out. Those who require assistance can call 519-862-3380 to have lunch delivered. For more information, contact the church online at: parkwaychurchmichelle@gmail.com

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.

Pickleball is back!

Another season of pickleball has begun in Corunna and games are held several days each week at the Corunna Athletic Park courts on Hill Street. Adults are invited to join the fun and lessons can be arranged. For more information, call: Keith at 519-918-5359; Jim at 519-862-3447; or Michael at 519-813-9274.

Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and now plays Pepper every Friday evening at 7 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

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 has four 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. On Friday nights, enjoy Meat Darts starting at 7:30 p.m. And every Saturday at 4 p.m., get in on the meat draw. The cost is \$1 per stick. Join the fun, enjoy a beverage and camaraderie, and maybe even take home dinner.

Catch the Ace at Corunna Legion

The Catch the Ace lottery is now being played on Wednesdays at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, 350 Albert Street. Ticket sales will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the draw will follow. The weekly draws will continue until the game is won.

Food will be available and the hall is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds from the lottery will support the work of the Mooretown Optimist Club and the Corunna Legion. Rules are available at the Corunna Legion website, legion447.ca, or at the Legion branch.

LEO exercise for seniors in Sombra

Lambton Elderly Outreach continues to offer Forever Fit exercise classes for seniors at Sombra community 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 age 55 and older are welcome. Shoes with a good tread are required.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Downriver Craft and Gift Sale set

The 30th annual **Downriver Craft & Gift Sale** will be held on Sunday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 80 tables of handmade crafts, curiosities, and delectable food items will be offered. A food booth will be available to feed hungry shoppers and fuel their continued adventures in delightful shopping. New and familiar craftspeople are invited to participate. Call Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 to be added to the mailing list. Admission is \$2 per adult with children under age 13 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

PORT LAMBTON GALA DAYS 2018 50th Year PARADE Saturday August 4, 2018

The annual Port Lambton Gala Days
takes place August 3, 4 and 5, 2018.

To kick things off a parade will be held on Saturday morning
Enter a float, truck, car, farm eq., walkers or whatever!
This a great opportunity to advertise your company.

JOIN THE PARADE...IT'S FREE !

Jan 677-5954 or Ivy 677-5823

PARADE LAUNCHES AT 11:00 A.M. SHARP!

Staging at Pt. Lambton United Church
(William Street at Hill Street)
FLOATS&VEHICLES 10AM/Walkers 10:30AM
JUDGING at 10:30AM



DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS, PLEASE NO WATER BALLOONS OR WATER GUNS
DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM VEHICLES OR FLOATS. DISTRIBUTE BY HAND ONLY.

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Nine from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Brigden Bluegrass & Country Campout Jamboree

The Moore Agricultural Society will present the annual Brigden Bluegrass and Country Campout Jamboree from Wednesday, Aug. 1 through Monday, Aug. 6. (Nothing will be parked before 10 a.m. on Aug. 1.) Camping will be available at \$25 per night and hydro and water will be available. There will be a daily jamboree, with 50/50 draws, dancing, music, fun and fellowship. On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., everyone is welcome to attend the craft show and a roast beef dinner will be served at 5 p.m. at \$18 per plate. Tickets will be available as of Monday, July 30. A gospel sing is slate for Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the exhibition hall. For more information, please contact Bill Myers at 519-627-5065 or the fair office at 519-864-1197. *Join the Brigden Country Jamboree Facebook page for updates.*

Bus Tour to VPP planned

The Cruickshank Centre will host a bus trip to the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia on Wednesday, Aug. 1 to see the musical "The Andrews Brothers". The cost is \$45 per person and it includes play tickets and transportation. Prior to the show, the bus will stop for lunch at the Truckin' Mommas Restaurant. This meal is not included in the cost of the ticket. Participants will meet in the lobby at Thompson Gardens a 10:45 a.m. The deadline to register will be Thursday, June 28. For more information please call 519-862-1628 or 519-862-2629.

Sombra Museum Blueberry Social on the way

The Sombra Museum, located at the corner of St. Clair Parkway and Smith Street in Sombra village, will host its Blueberry Social on Sunday, Aug. 5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of delicious blueberry desserts, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and juice, plus entertainment.

Sombra Optimist 3rd annual Family Fun Day

The third annual Sombra Optimist Family Fun Day will be held in Brander Park south of Port Lambton on Sunday, Aug. 12. This great family event will start at 10:30 a.m. with a craft under the pavilion, followed by a free lunch of hot dogs, pop, and freezies, and the Griffen and Friends Reptile Petting Zoo will be presented at 1:30 p.m. The event will feature a bouncy castle, kick dartboard, and inflatable balls from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is funded by the Sombra Optimist Club with the help of the Port Lambton Knights of Columbus.

Archery range now open

The archery range at the Lambton Sportsman's Club, 521 Bickford Line, Sombra, is now open to the public until mid-September every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon as long as an Archery Committee member is on site. New archers or novices will be introduced to the sport and assisted as well as supervised, depending on weather conditions. For more information, please call Len Lemaire at 519-344-7009.

3-D Archery Shoot will be held on Aug. 18. Shooting will be done in the club's bush, with trail and targets

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Legion service officer available

Assistance for Veterans and Spouses available

Do you know someone who is living on the street or who might benefit from the "Soldier On" program? Are you interested in finding out if you qualify for assistance with problems like housekeeping, snow

clearing, grass cutting, hearing aids or other medical assistance? For information call the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch at 519-862-1240 or the Brigden Branch at 519-864-1395, or Veteran Service Officer Shawn MacNeil at 519-383-9386.

Parkway Church in Corunna offering free clothing

Parkway Church at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna has free clothing available for children and young adults. The room is open Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment.

Clothing donations are always accepted. They can be dropped off in the church's clothing bin at the side door or call 519-862-3380, ext. 21.



EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The EarlyON Child and Family Centres Samia-Lambton is a free family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6.

Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School

3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, 519-892-3151

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Best Start Hub - St. Joseph's School, Corunna

535 Birchbank Drive, Corunna, 519-862-5071, ext. 224

Hours of Operation: Monday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

& 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Brigden United Church,

2420 Jane Street, Brigden

519-892-3151

Hours of Operation: Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of hours and parent/caregiver workshops, go online to: www.ontarioearlyyears.ca.

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Music Camp at Brigden Community Church

Brigden Community Church, 2389 Courtright Line in Brigden, will host the Brigden Music Camp from Monday, July 16 to Friday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Youth in Grades 4 to 10 as of fall 2018 are invited to enjoy musical experiences through singing and playing various instruments. On Friday, participants' new skills will be showcased during variety night. The cost is \$50 for the week. To register, call J. White at 519-864-4111.

Kids Chef Camp in Corunna

Children ages seven through 11 are invited to attend the **free** Kids Chef Camp at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna, the week of July 23-27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This day camp will be for children interested in cooking and nutrition, and they will enjoy the meal they prepare. To obtain a camp application, go online to www.rapidsfhteam.ca For more information, please call 519-339-8949. This program will **NOT** be allergen free.

This program is part of the Rapids Family Health Team Healthy Kids-Chefs in Training program sponsored by St. Clair Township and the Optimist Club.

BorderFest Music & Entertainment Festival

The BorderFest Music and Entertainment Festival, set for Centennial Park in Sarnia on July 27 and 28, will be held through the provincial Celebrate Ontario Program. This non-profit event will feature various kinds of music and food providers.

Captain Kidd coming to Corunna

That popular pirate and his crew will be coming to Corunna for their annual visit from Thursday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 5 and Captain Kidd Days will be bigger and better than ever. Here's what the captain has planned:

Thursday night, Aug. 2.

Mainstreet Credit Union presents Outdoor Movie Night- "The Sandlot" with special musical guests, *Roundhouse*.

Friday, Aug. 3

6 p.m. - Earl Doan co-ed two-pitch tournament begins - winners receive the Patti Devereaux Memorial Trophy.

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Little Miss/ Miss Teen Corunna Pageant

9 p.m. - 10 p.m. - *Rob Jenkins and The Room*

10:15-1:15 - *Breaching Vista*

11:30 - to close - *The Almost Hip*

(Tragically Hip Tribute Band)

Saturday Aug. 4

9 a.m. - Two-pitch tournament continues
Beach volleyball tournament - *a fundraiser to benefit the Sarnia Humane Society*

11 a.m. - Parade (Beckwith to Lyndoch to Cameron to Hill Street (Corunna Athletic Park))

12 p.m. - Kids Zone opens (sponsored by Danbury Developments)

All afternoon - Pony rides available

12:30 - Live Action role play demonstration

1 p.m. - Little Rays Reptile Show

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Face painting by Dotsy the Clown
2:30 p.m. - Live demonstration by Corunna Training Academy

3 p.m. - music by *Wild Cards*

4 p.m. - Inflatables close

9 p.m. - 10 p.m. - *The Gypsy Flats*

10:15 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - *Chain Reaction*

11:45 p.m. - to close - *Dave Russell and the Precious Stones*

Also on Saturday

There will be a 3-on-3 ball hockey tournament to raise awareness for the Canadian Mental Health Association and mental health, Rebound, and St. Clair Child and Youth. All three groups will have booths set up on-site all day.

Sunday, Aug. 5th

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Semifinals and Finals of two-pitch tournament

12 p.m. - Kids Zone opens (sponsored by Danbury Developments) - *Sunday admission is a canned good for the Corunna St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank*

1:30 p.m. - Youth Talent Show

3:30 p.m. - Open Mic (following Talent Show)

9 p.m. - *Scott Manery and the Barnburners* family friendly set)

10 p.m. - Fireworks (sponsored by Riverview Family Dental)

10:15 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. - *Upside of Maybe*

11:30 p.m. - to close - *Scott Manery and the Barnburners* second set.

AND to help you party responsibly, a free nightly shuttle, sponsored by Bad Dog Bar and Grill, will run through Corunna.

50th Port Lambton Gala Days

The popular annual Port Lambton Gala Days celebrates its 50th year of operation the weekend of Aug. 3, 4, and 5 at McDonald Park, Reedy at First Street in Port Lambton.

Friday: Ladies two-pitch starts at 5:30 p.m. and men's at 6 p.m. and will continue through the weekend at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Friday night dance, featuring *The Downriver Band*, will open at 8 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. (ages 19+, ID required) with admission \$10 per person. *No entry after 11 p.m.*

Saturday: The volleyball tourney will begin at 12 p.m. on Saturday and continue at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Good food and a licensed entertainment area (ID required) will be available throughout the weekend. On Saturday at 11 a.m., the Gala Days parade will hit the street. **(See ad on page 17 for more parade info.)** For the children, Griffen and Friends Reptiles will be on-site from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Dotsy the Clown will be doing face painting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; the kids' water ball fight, coordinated by the volunteer firefighters, will be held at 1 p.m.; classic games will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and the reptile races (for snakes, frogs, toads, turtles, etc.) will start at 2:30 p.m. And as always, there will be a large penny table to browse and a 50/50 draw. Entertainment from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. will be by *The Groove Noodles*.

Sunday: Men's two-pitch finals and the Home Run Derby will be held, with the penny table draws to be done at 4 p.m. and 50/50 draw at 5 p.m. Entertainment will be by *TBD* from noon to 3 p.m. and *Bed By*

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Sombra Days on the way

The annual Sombra Days weekend is on the way from Friday, July 6 to Sunday, July 8.

The fun starts **Friday night** at 6 p.m. as the refreshment tent opens and the co-ed two-pitch tournament gets underway. The dance for age 19 and over opens at 8 p.m. (admission \$10 per person) and the live band, *Contact O*, takes to the stage at 9 p.m. (No admittance after 11 p.m.)

Saturday at 8 a.m., the two-pitch tourney resumes and the food booth opens at 9 a.m., with the refreshment tent reopening at 11 a.m. The soap box derby will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from noon to 4 p.m., the children will enjoy getting airborne on the inflatables. Through the afternoon, the horseshoe tourney will begin at 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., musical entertainment will fill the air with *Scott Manery and the Barnburners*. The refreshment tent and food booth will close at 8 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m., the food booth opens and the two-pitch tourney finals will be held. Children's inflatables will be open from noon to 3 p.m. and at noon, the refreshment tent will open and co-ed volleyball will begin. Horse-drawn wagon rides will operate from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., children can enjoy crafts at 3 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., musical entertainment will be supplied by *The Groove*. At 4 p.m., the Sombra Sports and Rec 50/50 draw will take place and the event will close at 7 p.m.

Wilkesport U.C. yard sale set

The congregation of Wilkesport United Church will hold a yard sale and bake sale on the Sombra Museum grounds, 3476 St. Clair Parkway, on Sombra Day Saturday, July 7 starting at 9 a.m., rain or shine. Proceeds will go to the Wilkesport U.C. general fund. Anyone wishing to donate items to be sold can email: wilkesportunitedchurch@hotmail.com or call the museum at 519-892-3982 to arrange to drop off items from July 4 to 6. *Please note that no museum artifacts will be for sale.*

Model Train event set for Moore Museum

The Moore Museum's popular Model Train event

will be held on Sunday, July 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Additional model train layouts will be on display at the event, as well as the museum's regular Lionel train exhibit. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroading and all layouts will be operating. Children's activities will also be featured. Admission is \$6 per adult and \$3 per child.

Annual summer lawn concert at Sombra Museum

The Sombra Museum, 3470 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra village, will host its annual Lawn Concert on Sunday, July 8 at 7 p.m. at the museum site, 3470 St. Clair Parkway at the corner of Smith Street. The event will be held rain or shine, and light refreshments will be provided. Admission will be by free will donation. For more details, call the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982 or visit the Facebook page.

Vacation Bible School at Courtright U.C.

Kids ages five -12 are invited to join the fun at Courtright United Church's Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 9 and Tuesday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme of this annual event will be *Heroes of the Bible*. Children will enjoy music, crafts, nutrition time and Tim's famous *Talk Time*. Lunch will be included. To pre-register, call 519-491-5510.

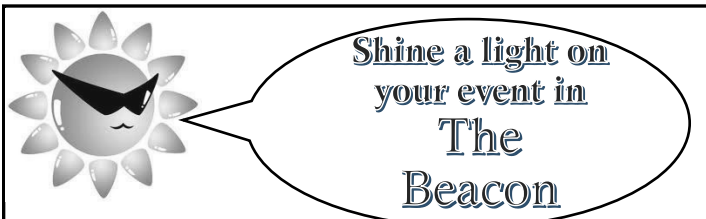
Fire Truck RIG-ATA in Port Lambton

The Sombra Optimist Club will host a family-friendly Fire Truck RIG-ATA on Saturday, July 14 at Brander Park in Port Lambton. Antique fire trucks that have served communities across Canada and the U.S.A. will assemble at Brander Park and at 11 a.m., the group will set off in a parade traveling north on the St. Clair Parkway to Courtright Line, where they will turn around and proceed back to Brander Park for staging and pumping demonstrations. *Stan the Fireman* will be giving kids free rides through the park and they will be able to participate in a Junior Fire Obstacle Course. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. All proceeds will help the Sombra Optimist Club support youth in the community. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the day.



Vintage fire trucks on display

Yuk Yuk's comedy in Corunna
Yuk Yuk's On Tour is coming to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna hall on Saturday, July 14. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the laughter starts at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are already available at the Legion hall for \$20 per person advanced or \$25 at the door, and only 200 tickets will be sold, so get 'em before they're gone! The hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 519-862-1240.



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, don't stress! Put your event in the spotlight **free of charge** here in The Beacon.

The deadline for Beacon submissions is the third Monday of each month by noon.

E-mail: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

Please note: Photos submitted close to the deadline may be held until the following issue due to lack of space.