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A PERFECT DAY FOR A PADDLE: A brilliant mid-July day on the St. Clair River presented a perfect opportunity for these kayakers to get out on the Caribbean blue water for a leisurely paddle. This duo was spotted at the Sombra Community Dock on their way downriver.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Safety day fun helps avert future tragedy

About 125 children ages six to 12 participated in the annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, presented by the Lambton Farm Safety Association at the Brigden fairgrounds on July 5.

The Progressive Agricultural Safety Day is an educational program that provides training and resources for local communities to conduct one-day safety and health programs in an age-appropriate, safe environ-

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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Municipal Election 2018

**Oct. 22, 2018 is
Municipal Election Day.**

St. Clair Township ballots will be mailed out the first week of September.

Are you registered to vote?

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.

Registered candidates

The deadline for filing nomination papers was July 27. The list of candidates registered at press time for the 2018 Municipal Election in St. Clair Township are:

Mayor - Steve Arnold, Jeff Agar.

Deputy Mayor - Peter Gilliland, Steve Miller.

Ward 1 (former Moore Township) Councillor - Tracy Kingston, Michelle Kelly-Maitland, Pat Brown, Neil Fulkerson.

Ward 2 (former Sombra Township) Councillor - Rose Atkins, Bill Myers.

St. Clair Catholic District School Board (South Lambton East Kent Separate School Board Trustee) - Carol Bryden.

French Language Public School Board Trustee.....Pierre Lambert.

For an updated list of nominees, go online to: stclairtownship.ca/municipal-election-2018/current-nominees-for-the-2018-municipal-election/

Council Meeting Schedule

St. Clair Township Council meetings will now take place once per month at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates: Monday, Aug. 13; Monday, Sept. 10; Tuesday, Oct. 9; Tuesday, Nov. 13; and Monday, Dec. 10.

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

Please note that these dates are accurate at press time but are subject to change.



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.



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 discoloration 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 discoloration disappears.

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

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

The 2018 TENTATIVE Final Tax due date is
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018

***Note: This date is 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**



Public Information Project Summary

Courtright WWTP Odour Control Project and Final Effluent Reuse System

St. Clair Township is in the process of upgrading the odour control system and installing a final effluent reuse system at the Courtright WWTP. The Township has applied for funding through the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) grant to assist with the costs. Some of the benefits from these projects include:

- Improvement to public health
- Improvement to the community's
- quality of life
- Reduction of off-site odours
- Positive impact on nearby land and residents
- Increase in home value on neighbouring properties
- Reduction in water consumption (estimated to be reduced by up to 80%)
- Decrease in facility operating and maintenance costs
- Operational improvements from the newly installed systems

The Courtright WWTP Odour Control Project is projected to be completed by Spring 2019. Tours of the facility are expected to be planned for late Spring 2019.



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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BRIGDEN FAIR AMBASSADOR CONTEST ON THE WAY

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

If you are outgoing and enjoy networking, you'll find the experience of being our ambassador memorable and it's an excellent career opportunity to include on your resume.

You will enjoy fair events, The Toronto convention and the CNE. Check out the MAS Facebook page and www.brigdenfair.ca for more information and an application.

Everyone is welcome to attend the contest and support our youth. The afternoon event is free to all and light refreshments will be served by our Homecraft division while our judges decide who will be our next Brigden Fair Ambassador.



ICE program prepares students for future employment experiences

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRC) and Ecole secondaire catholique Saint-Francois-Xavier (SFX) recently joined forces to develop a three-day Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) training session for Grade 11 and 12 students. Ice training is provincially recognized and designed for secondary school students working towards a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM). Training aims to prepare students for future employment experiences. The students develop tools needed to create new and interesting ways to solve a challenge. In this case, students were challenged to find a way to help the SCRC maintain safe and user-friendly trails.

Teams of students spent the first day learning about the trail, trail user needs, and challenges posed by heavy trail use. Using this information, they brainstormed to figure out a way to solve the problem. And finally, they pitched their ideas to a panel of teachers and SCRC staff, who selected the winning design.

This program is offered to all secondary schools within



the SCRC watershed.

Above: Students work to move a boardwalk into position over a muddy section of the trail.

Sombra Township C. C. celebrates year end



tended the event was St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, who presented every child with a congratulatory stuffed moose. One of the happy recipients was Callie Kerwin, shown here with Mayor Arnold.

Children at the Sombra Township Child Care Sacred Heart Catholic School site celebrated the STCC's annual year-end on June 20 by entertaining parents and visitors with some delightful songs. The assembly also enjoyed a DVD slideshow of photos taken during the past year. Among the visitors who attended the event was St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, who presented every child with a congratulatory stuffed moose. One of the happy recipients was Callie Kerwin, shown here with Mayor Arnold.

Submitted photo

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.



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.

HERITAGE CORNER

Increasing cross-border raids and incursions raise concern at federal level

Part 2 of the St. Clair Raids as recorded in the 1839 British Parliamentary Papers

By Dr. John C. Carter

The first report of an actual attack on the St. Clair River was reported in a June 30 letter, which was published in the 1839 *British Parliamentary Papers*. It was sent to American General Hugh Brady by Colonel Henry Reid of the 32nd Regiment. As the officer in charge British troops in the Western District and commander of Fort Malden at this time, Reid warned of "...the intended movements of the pirates said to be scattered along the St. Clair frontier." He included specifics about the Sombra raid, saying "...that the pirates who plundered Govin's [sic] store were partly American citizen's; and having assembled and armed themselves within the territory of the United States, have by her laws subjected themselves to a heavy fine and imprisonment, even had not the crime of robbery been added to their other lawless movements and conduct."

Lieutenant-Governor Arthur's June 30 despatch to Lord Glenelg, noted that documents showed "...that from Cleveland in Ohio, to Fort Gratiot in Michigan, a general plan of invading the western part of the province, has been for some time past maturing, and that violence would be used about the time for celebrating the great anniversary of the American Union (July 4)." From other accounts reaching Arthur, it was reported, "...that the hostile force has made its first movement a little sooner than I was led to anticipate, and that a party of about 300 men, well armed, and with an abundance of ammunition, actually crossed the St. Clair River, at a place called Nugent's Inn, on the 27th instant, and planted the pole of liberty on the Canadian soil, where, it is not improbable [that] many disaffected persons already in the province will be found to swell their ranks." Arthur noted that he would be sending reinforcements to support the troops on the line who were defending the Western District. On July 1, Arthur confirmed to Glenelg that; "...the actual landing of about 300 men at a place called Nugent's Inn, on the River St. Clair, in the western district," had occurred.

In a July 2 response to Colonel Reid from Hugh Brady, the American general suggested that Reid was misinformed about the Sombra raid, pointing out that; "...only one or two were citizens of the United States, and the party equipped themselves and made ready for the expedition at some point near, Beldoon [sic], on the Thames river." Brady added that; "Col. [John] Clark's interference prevented the issue that was about to be tried; happy, not only because our soil [United States] was thereby preserved from violation and insult, but because such an act would have increased, very much, the excitement which already so unhappily exists in a certain part of the community on this border, relative to, the existing state of things in Canada."

Brady also noted that he had dispatched an armed American steamboat to reconnoitre the St. Clair River and to lend aid to the civil officers in the discharge of their duties. Brady confirmed that the vessel had returned to Detroit on July 1, "...with certain individuals on board as prisoners, said to have been engaged in the robbery [at Sombra] heretofore alluded, and who are now undergoing a trial, or rather examination for that offence." He concluded his correspondence by saying that he would soon be strengthening the garrison at Fort Gratiot, and that these efforts; "...I trust will put a check to the operations of those troublesome men, nine-

tenths of whom are Canadian refugees, and show them the utter folly of expecting to set our laws [American] at defiance with impunity."

In a July 10 message to Lord Glenelg, Sir George Arthur revised information he had previously sent. He suggested that accounts received from the London and Western Districts "...had been singularly magnified." Arthur wrote that Colonel John Maitland had confirmed that 100 instead of 300 rebels had crossed the St. Clair River at Nugent's Tavern, and that he believed that 20 men may have been taken into custody. Regarding the Sombra raid, Arthur said; "Of the brigands who crossed the River St. Clair, and were concerned in the pillaging of Mr. Govin's [sic] store, it is reported that



Sir George Arthur

12 or 13 of them have been arrested by the American authorities...it is my intention to demand from the Governor of Michigan their surrender for trial in this country."

In Colonel John Prince's July 3 letter to the Honorable John Macaulay, which was forwarded by Arthur to Glenelg on July 10, mention was made of the Bear Creek incident, and of the death of Captain William Kerry. Prince wrote that; "The disturbances on this frontier are, I lament to say, [are] increasing. One of our most loyal men on Bear Creek has been murdered, and property and persons plundered to a vast extent."

Lieutenant-governor Arthur provided his feelings about these events, in a July 10 despatch to Glenelg. In a positive report, Arthur wrote that; "I am perfectly convinced that the general disposition of the disaffected persons in the London and Western districts, to rise simultaneously about the 4th of this month has been completely defeated by the sudden turn-out of the militia; and there is nothing to be now apprehended from invasion, since the foreign brigands can no longer entertain any hope of effective co-operation from any considerable number of persons resident in the Provinces."

In early August, Sir John Colborne made a tour of inspection of the Western District, and came to a similar conclusion as Arthur had. His report was forwarded by Lord Durham to Glenelg on August 10, 1838. Colborne concluded that; "The best spirit prevails in all the townships on the river St. Clair, which I visited; and at Sandwich, Amherstburg, and in the townships in that vicinity. In fact, few instances of disaffection appear to have occurred in that section of the country; and I am inclined to believe that the information received by the local government respecting the encouragement held out to the

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American gangs on the United States frontier, cannot be depended on."

The last mention of the St Clair Raids to appear in the 1839 *British Parliamentary Papers*, came in details included in the 1839 *Report of the Select Committee of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada*. In this assessment of the political state of Upper Canada in 1838, seven legislators wrote; "In the month of July, a party, supposed to consist of about 50 brigands, crossed over from a place called Palmer, in the United States, to the settlements on the St. Clair river, where they robbed and imprisoned several of the settlers, and then returned [to Michigan]. About the same time a loyal subject by the

name of Carey [Kerry], who was also an officer of the Militia, was shot in the night by a set of murderers, who it is well known were from the opposite [American] shore, although they were never clearly identified."

In the future, the events and occurrences of the St. Clair Raids would be assigned to a relatively few Canadian and American history books, or completely forgotten. However they remain as part of the political record in the British Parliamentary Papers, and are an important part of the history of Lambton County.

Dr. John C. Carter is author of Piratical Doings on the River St. Clair, which will be published later this year by Heritage St. Clair.

Local baseball mysteries solved; identities revealed

The local baseball heritage exhibit currently on display at the Sombra Museum is yielding a wealth of information about some of the mystery photographs that have been contributed by township baseball fans. These two photographs are mysteries no more.

The St. Clair River League Champions of 1953

Front left: Bill Kimball; Keith Arnold; Ken Grant; Bob Grant.

Middle left: Jerry Grant; Clayton Roberts; Ron "Spider" Winder; Jack Swain.

Back left: Bud Morrison; Glen Morrison; Bill Arnold; Glen Scott; Simon Grant.



Courtright Ladies team 1946 (or 1947)

Kneeling left: Joanne Burns, Jeanne Ingles.

Standing left: Alva Bullock; Jackie Johns(t)on; Loreen Walton; Loraine Hiller; Shirley Hiller; Miza Hiller; Coach Lawrence Muxlow; Reta Lester.

Township museums host community events



Above: The Sombra Museum recently hosted a yard sale put on by Wilkesport United Church. The event raised just over \$500 and donated all items that remained to the Diabetic Clotheline program. The church expressed thanks to the museum for hosting the event, to the volunteers who helped run it, and to those who donated items or stopped by to support the event.



Left: Those who attended the annual Lawn Concert at the Sombra Museum were treated to music of *Sweet Pea and the Elderberry Jammers*.

Bottom left: The Moore Museum's popular Model Train event on July 8 was a hit with train enthusiasts of all ages. Here, train exhibit volunteer Allan Mearns, left, keeps the big engines (and little ones) running for two of the over 150 visitors who attended the event.

Submitted photos

Bottom right: During the Moore Museum's Model Train event, the engine Lloyd MacDonal brought along with him was attached to a 1941 Farmall "A" tractor.



Lambton County Jr. Optimists hold Carnival Day fundraiser

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club recently held Carnival Day for community youth at the Courtright Community Centre. It included a rubber ducky race, fishing, glitter tattoos and a lot of kid-friendly fun. Proceeds from this fundraiser was donated to The Hub.

The Hub is a community collaborative project providing wraparound services involving over 30 community partners to youth aged 16-24 within a centralized, safe space. All services are free of charge. Some of the services offered by The Hub include: recreational activities, food, health care, hot showers, life skills, daily programming, and much



more. The Hub is located in Sarnia in St. Luke's Church, 350 London Road adjacent to the Sarnia-Lambton Rebound building.

Above: Junior Optimist members are shown here with items donated to The Hub by community members who attended Carnival Day.

Left: Mayor Steve Arnold (to the right of the banner) dropped in to show support for the Junior Optimists' fundraising efforts.



Lambton County Library reading program in progress

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

is also underway. 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).

Progressive Agricultural Safety Day promotes farm safety to youth



Safety day children, staff and visitors pose for a 'family' photo.



Beef producer George Dickenson demonstrated the "catcher", a chute that confines an animal so that it can be safely handled for purposes such as vaccination.



Hydro One representatives Nico Sijben, left, and Cam Major demonstrated the dangers of electricity.

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ment. The program's stated goal is to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities.

The children were divided into small groups that rotated between a number of important safety education stations, including grain safety, tractor and PTO safety, livestock handling, lawnmower safety, electrical safety, ATV safety, and a Call Before You Dig lesson.

Participants who delivered these lessons included: the OPP Petrolia detachment, Union Gas, St. Clair Fire Department, Hydro One, Dowler-Karn, and volunteers experienced in their respective fields.

The children received event t-shirts, safety vests, and goodie bags to take home, as well as lunch. And though there was a lot to see and do, the messages the children heard all had the same pur-

pose. They received knowledge that will help them avoid dangerous situations that has, in the past, resulted in catastrophic injuries and needless fatalities.

Carlie Douglas, one of the coordinators of the event, says the program can benefit all children. "Our safety day has something for everyone, including urban kids," she said. "There are potential dangers everywhere... It's better to give them knowledge now."

Progressive Agricultural Safety Days are presented throughout the United States and Canada, and the program is also licensed in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Locally, the event was sponsored by: Bunge 200; Nutrien; Crop Production Services; TransCanada; CHS; John Deere; ADM; Farm Credit; and CASA-ACSA. Donations were contributed by: FCC; LFA; Cargill Sarnia; Lambton County Milk Committee; and Gaylea Foods.

Lawsuit filed to acquire financial relief for Sombra ferry

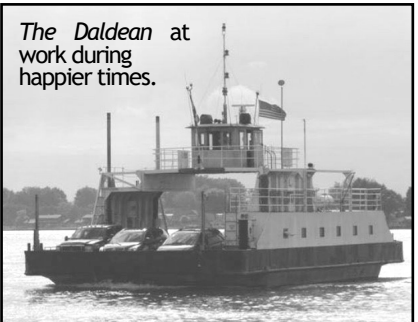
A last ditch effort to acquire financial relief to fund repairs to the Sombra ferry dock is being made by Bluewater Ferry Company owners Rob and Morgan Dalgety in the form of a lawsuit they have filed against the federal government.

Catastrophic ice damage done to the dock's causeway last January has kept the business closed and all efforts to find an affordable fix have been exhausted. Plans to replace the damaged half of the causeway with a Bailey bridge

have been ruled out and the estimated cost of a complete out-of-the-water access to the ferry dock has proven to be prohibitive.

"With no help from the government, we had no choice but to file a lawsuit. It is moving forward," said Morgan Dalgety.

He added all permits required to fix the causeway have been applied for but they are still waiting to hear back from the agencies involved. "All we can do is wait," he said.



The Daldean at work during happier times.

Babysitters-in-training receive fire safety training



Future babysitters received a valuable lesson in fire safety recently when volunteer firefighters from the St. Clair Township Port Lambton station conducted a class in the use of a fire extinguisher. In this scenario, firefighters Adam Melo, left, and Kevin Moran show the class how to deal with a stove fire. Trainee Brennah Bowles is learning where to direct the extinguisher stream to effectively extinguish the flame. The free babysitting course was co-sponsored by the Optimist Club of Sombra Township and the Port Lambton Athletic Association. Organizers report a fun day was had by all.

Submitted photo



Get answers from Ontario Command Service Officer

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.



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

COMMUNITY CONTACT

Lambton Youth Choir accepting new members

The Lambton Youth Choir is accepting new members. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday during the school year from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at LCCVI in Petrolia. The choir is comprised of youth attending Grade 4 and up as of Sept. 2018. For more information, contact D. O'Dell at 519-882-2315 or email: odelld@cogeco.ca Check out the Lambton Youth Choir Facebook page.

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. The food bank is also open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

2018 Brigden Fair prize list available

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 your pockets 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 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.

Sombra Sports and Rec/Field Bd. elections planned

Sombra Sports and Rec and Field Board will hold a meeting to elect a new executive on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Sombra ball park.

Moore Agricultural Society general membership meeting

The Moore Agricultural Society will hold a general membership meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. The meeting will cover:

- ◆ a proposal for a long-term lease on the fairgrounds
- ◆ financing for upcoming improvements.

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.

Chose the Mooretown Sports Complex for summer fun

When the kids start to get restless this summer, take the short trip to the Mooretown Sports Complex and let them enjoy some quality time in the pool. Swimming is just one of the many healthy activities you can find there.

Summer swim lessons

Space is still available! Call now to reserve your spot. For more information about when to register, call 519-867-2651.

POUND your way into fitness!

Call 519-867-2651 for more information.

Junior Summer Camp

for ages 5-8 years

Junior Summer Camp is now in session and will run until 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. Ask about our multi-child rates and family rates. Kids will enjoy our Junior Summer Camp, where they will enjoy creative activities all day, with the focus on building physical literacy by concentrating on a different sport or skill each day.

Senior Summer Camp

for ages 9-12 years

Senior Summer Camp is now underway and will run until 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. Ask about our multi-child rates and family rates. The new senior summer camp will focus on a different sport and skill each day with the goal of building physical literacy. Each day will include age-appropriate activities.

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. They will be \$276 for NLS only and \$426 for NLS with SFA/CPR-C.

Summer fitness and spin classes

Join any time!

Call 519-867-2651 for more information.

Fall swim classes

Fall swim classes will begin the week of Sept. 17, 2018. Group or private lessons will be available. Call 519-867-2651 for more information.

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

COMMUNITY CONTACT

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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 rec-

tory 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 (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.

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.

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 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on: Aug. 7; Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 6; and Dec. 4. **Please note: a physician referral is required.**

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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 on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on: Aug. 14; Sept. 18; Oct. 16; Nov. 13; and Dec. 11.

Please note: a 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 next sessions will be held on: Friday, Aug. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Monday, Oct. 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **The program is open to the public and no physician referral is required.**

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. The next sessions are planned for: Friday, Sept. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **This program is open to the public and no physician referral is required.**

Teaching kitchen

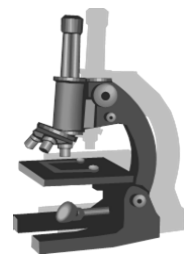
Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build your knowledge of healthy eating, but also help you apply them in a friendly group setting. A wide range of health conditions and topics include: heart health, digestive concerns, vegetarian, cooking for one, increasing fruit and vegetables, high blood 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.

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

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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.

Fall Craft and Vendor Sale planned

A Fall Craft and Vendor Sale is planned for Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall, 506 Stoddard Street in Port Lambton. The sale, sponsored by the Port Lambton United Church, will feature the work of craftspeople, vendor tables, and a raffle table, and lunch will be available. Admission will be free.

Vendors wishing to book a table can contact Betty at 519-677-5769 or email betty@kent.net

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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 Sarnia-Lambton is a free family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6.

Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School

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

Hours of Operation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brigden United Church,

2420 Jane Street, Brigden

519-892-3151

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

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

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

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.

Sombra Optimists present *Madison Violet*

The Sombra Optimist Club and Bogeys Inn present *An Evening with Madison Violet* on Thursday, Aug. 16 with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets



for the show are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Advance non-refundable tickets can be obtained by calling 519-892-3999 or 519-892-3459.

For those who are unfamiliar with this talented duo, comprised of Lisa MacIsaac and Brenley MacEachern, their music is described as "playful Americana folk-pop." Their show will feature seamless harmonies and poignant song writing style. Most recently, the duo returned from Australia after opening for singer James Blunt. *Madison Violet* has been nominated for both the Juno and the EDMA awards. It is the only Canadian grand prize winner of the John Lennon Song Writing Contest, and has garnered Best Vocal Group of the Year at the Canadian Folk Awards and Critic's Choice Award from Country Music People's Magazine.

1st Sombra Scouts registration night

The 1st Sombra Scouts will hold registration night on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall, 506 Stoddard Street. Boys and girls ages five to 14 are invited to register for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. The program offers youth an opportunity to experience new things, have adven-

tures, and develop into confident, capable individuals who are better prepared for success in the world. Learn new skills like leadership, First Aid, and teamwork, and take on new challenges through hiking, camping, and weekend camps. Make new friends and have fun. For more information, call 519-892-3105, email scouter_ralph@outlook.com, or visit www.scouts.ca



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 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 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

Cruikshank Community Centre hosts weekly activities

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

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.

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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.

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.

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.

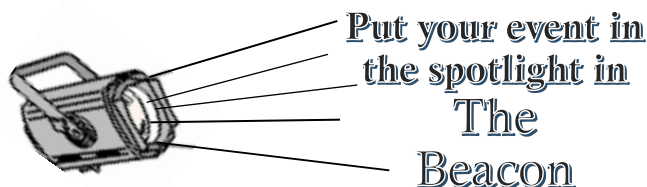
AND to help you party responsibly, a free nightly shuttle, sponsored by Bad Dog Bar and Grill, will run through Corunna.

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, proceeding from William Street along the St. Clair Parkway to McDonald Park. 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.



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.

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