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Winter walkers brave a stroll along the river



Although the St. Clair River Trail is closed during the winter months, the beautiful natural setting presented by the St. Clair River still attracts those who are willing to brave the icy winter winds. Against a background of ice and flocks of migratory birds, Jerry and Denise Rankin of Stanley Line recently put on their heavy winter gear and braved the bone-chilling temperatures to check out the wonders that can be seen along the river. One of the wonders they saw during their hike is shown here in the inset, bottom right. Bald eagles are increasingly frequent visitors to the river these days. In a tree near Bickford Line, this majestic king of the river was caught surveying the river below in search of lunch.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Council Meeting Schedule

TENTATIVE TIMES for upcoming St. Clair Township Council meetings will be Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m. and Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m.

Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information or to be put on the agenda.

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

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

2019 TENTATIVE INTERIM PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE

The interim tax due date is
April 29, 2019

***Please take note of the earlier due date
in April**

The following methods of Tax Payments may be utilized:

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

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

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

Wilkesport Park washrooms/canteen to undergo extensive renovation

A project that got its start in 2017 is finally going to be a reality for the Wilkesport Community Centre. A delegation from the community centre brought a proposal to council's Feb. 19 meeting outlining proposed renovations to the Wilkesport Park washroom/concession stand.

Chuck Lauwereys presented the new floor plan of the facility and a bid cost of \$164,000, explaining that the centre could contribute \$75,000 to the project if council could match it to get the project underway. Mr. Lauwereys pointed out that the renovations have been needed for years and it is hoped the project can proceed as soon as possible.

Council will be sending the proposal to Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay for comment and suggestions, but the urgency of the project was taken into consideration. To expedite the start of the project, council decided the township will contribute the remainder of the cost. Work is expected to begin shortly.

When completed, the renovated facility will include new women and men's washrooms plus a large "universal" washroom that will be wheelchair accessible and accommodate childcare requirements as well. The building will also include an updated concession stand. The building's roof will be tied into the existing pavilion.



Notice of 2019 Budget Meeting

St. Clair Township 2019 draft budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday March 7, 2019 in the Council Chambers starting at 5:00 p.m. The budget meeting is open to the public and all ratepayers are welcome to attend.

Charles Quenneville
Director of Finance



Winter parking by-law in force

The winter parking by-law is still in effect until April. Under this by-law, it is against the law to leave vehicles of any kind parked on public streets and roads overnight from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. This by-law ensures that snow plow crews can do their job efficiently without having to slow down to avoid parked vehicles.

Property owners are also reminded that it is against the law to shovel snow out onto public streets. These snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless vehicle collisions.



Public Works Dept. Notices

Contact Information

Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.ca

After hours emergency
~ 519-344-9318 ~

Water billing.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown



Water utility appointments require 48 hours notification

St. Clair Township By-Law 41 of 2017 user fees requires that property owners provide at least 48 hours in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

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Clear the road!

All homeowners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (e.g. basketball nets,

goal nets, etc.) off and away from roads and streets. Please contact St. Clair Township Public Works with any questions.

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NEEDED! Crossing guards - St. Clair Township

The Township of St. Clair requires a fill-in crossing guard to assist school children crossing in Brigden. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$31.35 per day. This position will be on a "call in" basis and hours will vary widely depending on need. Please send applications to public-works@twp.stclair.on.ca or in person at the Civic Centre.



Blue box update

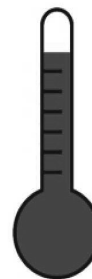
January 1, 2019 - The elimination of clear/blue plastic bags was made by the Contractor and the recycling industry. The plastic bags cannot be recycled and create issues for the sorting facilities. Previous companies said they could recycle 'plastic film' but the market shows there is no demand for it. The previous company (Waste Management) attempted to sort the plastic film at their Cambridge facility, but that plant burned down a few years ago. Therefore, the new processing company (Emterra) has stated that no plastic film can be used during collection and that only recycled material placed in recycling containers will be picked up.

The Township is selling blue boxes in the Public Works Dept of the Civic Centre at a reduced price of \$5.75



St. Clair River Trail winter closure

The St. Clair River Trail is closed annually from Nov. 30 to April 15. No winter maintenance will be completed during this period under By-Law 45 of 2018.



Attention Residents!

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Find township information and The Beacon at:

www.stclairtownship.ca

2020 Waste Calendar Photo Contest



Our St. Clair Township Recycling and Waste Calendar is celebrating its 10th year! As part of this celebration, Public Works is holding a contest for residents to submit photos which they feel represent St Clair Township.

One photo will be chosen for the cover of the 2020 Recycling & Waste Calendar. The contest will run from February 1st, 2019 to August 31st, 2019.

Submissions must be made by email to pwphotocalendar@stclairtownship.ca. Any additional questions, please contact Public Works Dept. 519-867-2993

Rules

- 1) Contest is open to St. Clair Township residents only
- 2) Photos must be taken in St. Clair Township
- 3) All photo entries must be accompanied by the photographer's name, address and phone number. Winner will be notified.
- 4) Must provide the date and location the photo was taken.
- 5) Subject matter of all photos must be family friendly in nature
- 6) No recognizable faces within the photos
- 7) Limited to a maximum of three (3) entries per person
- 8) No alteration of content or addition of graphic elements on digital files
- 9) Minimum resolution of 300 dpi at 8x12 inches for digital files
- 10) Deadline to submit is August 31, 2019

Disclaimer

By entering a photo, the photographer grants to The Township of St. Clair a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed for Township purposes, including but not limited to advertising and promotional materials, its website, exhibition and commercial products. St Clair Township will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

Car shelter in heaps as demolition efforts proceed at Lambton G.S.



Demolition efforts at OPG's Lambton Generating Station are well underway. The property surrounding the main building and stacks is being cleared in preparation for their removal later this year. In mid-February, the former coal yard and car shelter on the north side of the property was a focus of activity. Here, an excavator fitted with a huge claw stacks piles of twisted metal for transportation off the site.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Tax clinics available in Corunna and Sombra

Income tax time is here and if you need help with your tax return, the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) will be holding **FREE** tax clinics where you can find the help you need.

This program is for those who have modest incomes or who have a simple tax situation.

In Corunna, the CVITP clinics will be held at the Corunna library, 142 Lyndoch Street, 519-862-1132, on Saturdays on the following dates: March 16 and 23 and April 6 and 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and on Thursday, March 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In Sombra, the CVITP clinics will be held at the Sombra library, 3536 St. Clair Parkway, 519-862-3711, on Thursday, March 28 and Thursday, April 25 from 3:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers are not employees or volunteers of the Canada Revenue Agency, but the program is a government recognized initiative. For more information, go online to:

www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/service/tax/individuals/community.volunteer-tax-program.html

Moore Agricultural Society elects new executives at annual meeting



The Moore Agricultural Society—Home of the Brigden Fair, held elections at the recent annual general meeting and the Homecraft Division annual meeting.

The 2019 board of directors include: President Malcolm Rogers; 1st Vice President John Scott; 2nd Vice President Julie Maw; Past President Orrie Wigle; Directors Donna DeGurse, Ali Dion, Fred Gatt, Eldon Krohn, Devon Maw, Kathy Myers, Lori Ouellette, Alvin Scott, Ken Taylor, Eric Van

Dommelen, and Jason VanEsse.

The 2019 Homecraft Division executive is: President Michelle Evanitski; 1st Vice President Cheryl McGuire; 2nd Vice President Barbara Rogers; Secretary Marilyn Shaw; Treasurer Norma Jean White.

All committees welcome new volunteers. For more information or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Moore Agricultural Society, please contact the fair office at 519-864-1197 or email info@brigdenfair.ca

HERITAGE CORNER

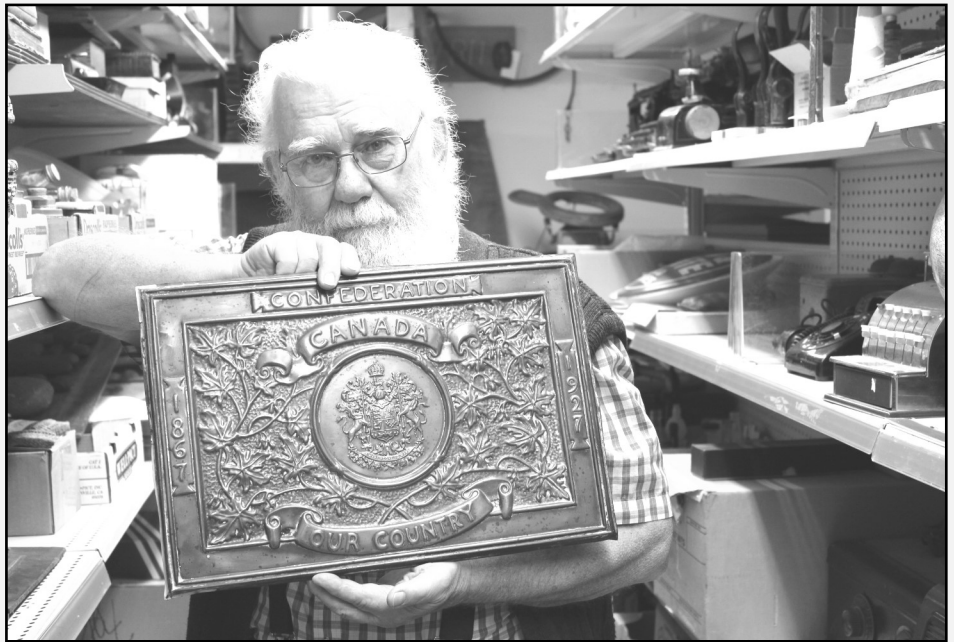
Mystery plaque puzzles museum staff

Sombra Museum volunteer Eldon Grant holds a copper plaque that poses a mystery. He remembers seeing the plaque on a school wall, but there is little other information regarding its origin or purpose.

The plaque, inscribed with the word "Confederation" and the dates "1867" and "1927", is not an original piece. Mr. Grant, who is knowledgeable in the field of antiques, says he has seen several through the years. "There's enough of them around," he said. "I've seen about nine of them in various conditions. The ones nailed outside don't look so good."

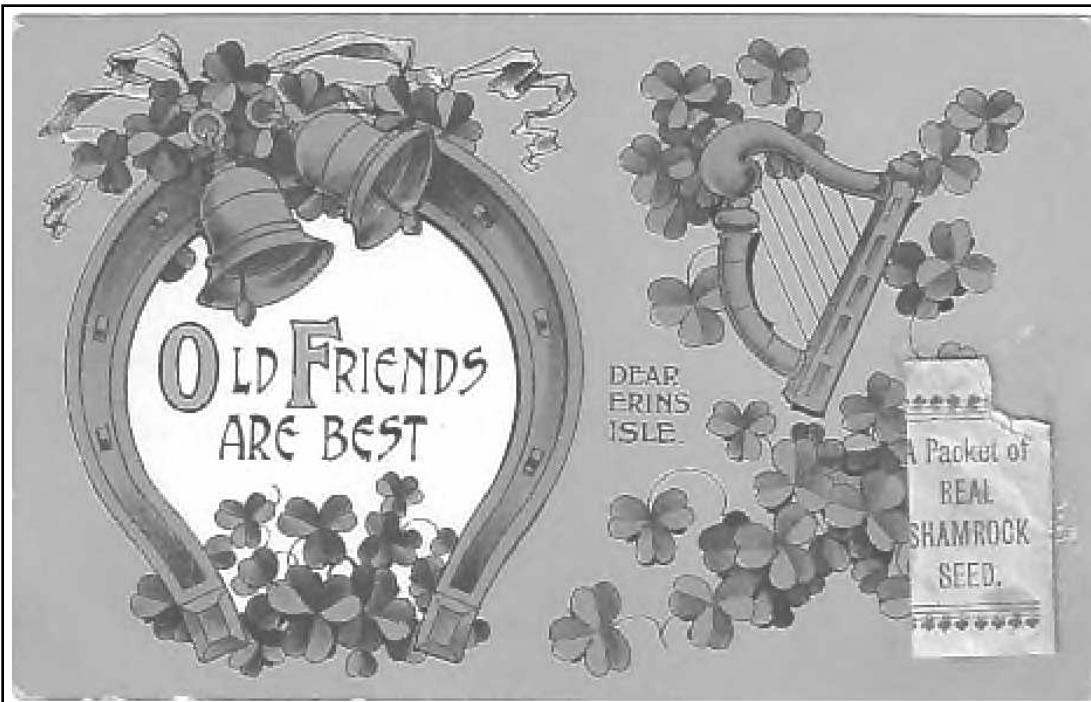
The plaque was donated to the museum and Mr. Grant assumes the plaques could have been issued by the federal government.

Information regarding the mystery plaque is being sought. Anyone with information that will help



solve the mystery is asked to contact the Sombra Museum by emailing sombramuseum@hotmail.com.

Bonnie Stevenson photo



Happy St. Paddy's Day!

This cheery St. Patrick's Day post card from the Moore Museum collection was sent to Miss Annie Piggott of Wheeler, Ontario (located in the southwestern section of Enniskillen Township) in 1911. It was sent for the princely sum of one cent and postmarked at both Brigden and Kimball.

Attached to this postcard was a packet of shamrock seeds.

Moore Museum photo

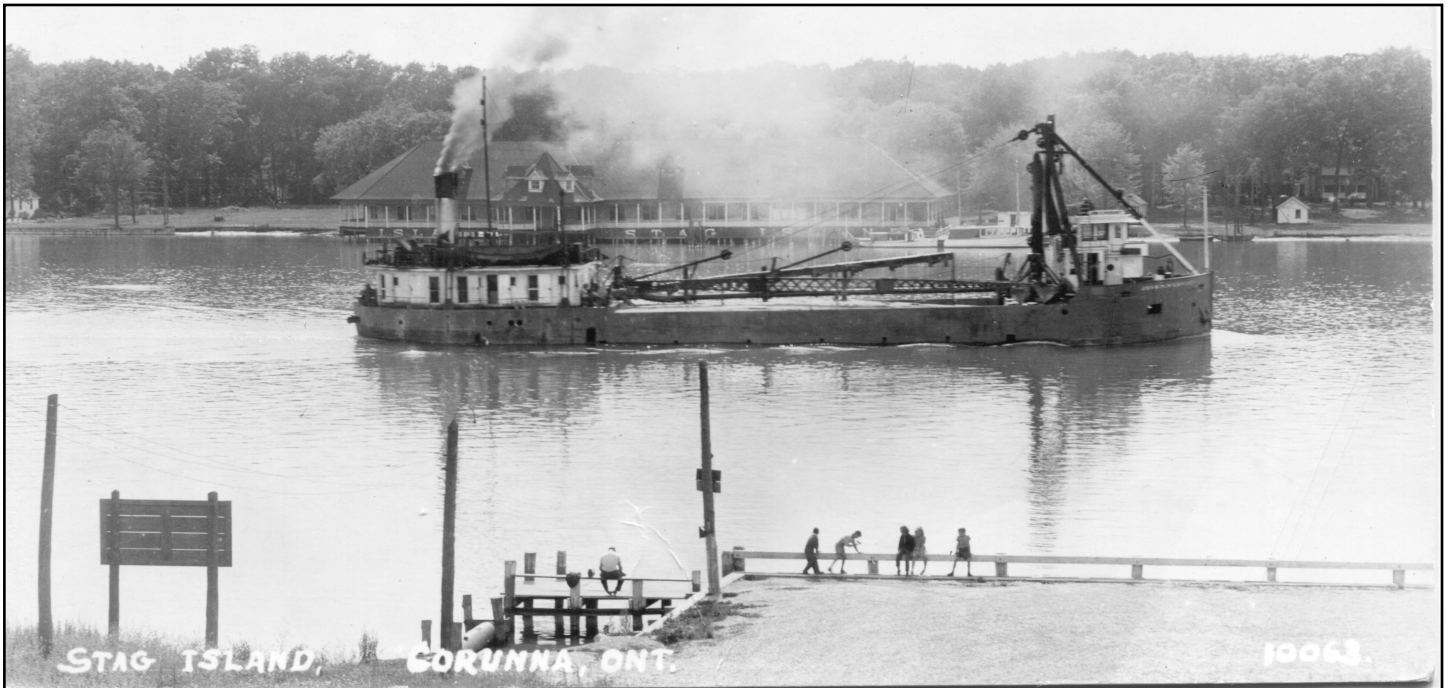
Heritage St. Clair seeking old photos of St. Clair Township's past

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.

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.

MORE HERITAGE CORNER



THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS...

Photos from Heritage St. Clair

The ferry dock in Corunna has seen some changes over the past century, but the view from the dock has undergone a major metamorphosis. By 1900, Stag Island had become a major resort area which included a large dance hall, clearly visible here. In its heyday, Stag Island was serviced by a series of ferries, beginning with a rowboat ferry operated by brothers Ed and Fred David. By 1896, their brother, Joe, brought in a steam-powered ferry called the Delila.

The east channel between the island and the ferry dock was also used for shipping and ferries often had to avoid the freighters. River traffic eased off in 1912 when a channel was dredged on the west side of the island to accommodate down bound shipping.

Sombra Museum lecture series returns for March and April

A pleasant way to spend an evening can be found at the Sombra Museum as the popular lecture series returns.

On Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m., a sweet subject will be on the menu as Justin and Felicia Nicol speak about the luscious subject of maple syrup production. Admission will be \$10 at the door.

And on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m.,

Larry Cornelis will present *The History of Southern Ontario Prairies* and *The Prairie Backyard Garden*. Learn about the history of tallgrass prairies in Ontario and then get advice on how to create your own backyard prairie garden. Admission will be \$10 at the door.

For more information, call 519-892-3982.

Don't miss these popular summer events at Moore Museum

These popular annual events at the Moore Museum offer wonderful opportunities to spend time with family and friends, and to immerse yourself in the heritage that helped to shape your community. They are the perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

At the Victorian Tea on Sunday, May 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., you can enjoy tea and scones served by Victorian-attired servers in the charming atmosphere of the turn-of-the-twentieth-century cottage. And after that, explore an abundance of exhibits in the other 11 buildings that make up the museum's heritage village. Admission is \$7.50 per adult, \$3 per child, and \$2 per pre-schooler.

The impressive Lionel train exhibit will be further enhanced by additional model train layouts when the Model Train Event comes to the museum grounds on Sunday, July 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroading and all of the layouts will be operating. Children's activities will also be featured. Admission will be \$6 per adult and \$3 per child.

And the fabulous Downriver Craft and Gift Sale makes its annual appearance on the museum grounds on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get an early start on your holiday shopping, find the perfect gift for a special occasion, or treat yourself wandering among over 90 vendor tables of handmade crafts. A food booth will be available to nourish your shopping endeavours. Admission is just \$2 per adult and children under age 13 are free when accompanied by an adult. **New craftspeople are welcome to participate by calling the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 to be added to the mailing list.**

Riverview Public School chosen to host International Women and Girls in Science event

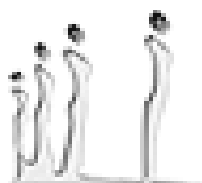
To celebrate International Women and Girls in Science Day on Feb. 11, a day-long event was held at Riverview School. The school was chosen by the Lambton Kent District School Board.

Several women who worked in non-traditional fields were on hand to introduce the girls to aspects of their careers through inter-active work stations. They also spoke about the educational paths they took to reach their career goals.

Guest speaker Bonnie Stevenson talked about her technical training and drafting career, and how educational options and industry attitudes towards women in traditionally male fields have undergone radical positive changes since the 1960s.

Co-ordinating the event were Learning Commons Teacher Nicole Burnham and Principal Ryan Myers.

"When this idea came up we decided we wanted to do something with it," said Mr. Myers. "It started off small and morphed into what it is today."



International Women and Girls in Science



Registered Nurse Jen Burnham, R.N. discussed heart health, demonstrated some of the diagnostic equipment she uses in her profession.

Learning commons lesson



At Riverview Public School in the Learning Commons room, these Grade 8 boys are mulling over a lesson in fluid mechanics. Using bottles and tubing, the boys are trying to build a system to determine how water flows from a water tower to their homes. These budding engineers are, clockwise from top left, Ewan, Reed, Jentzen, and Kaelen.



Pharmacist Seana Cadotte demonstrates how tablets can be processed for use by patients who cannot swallow them. Watching the demonstration are, from left: Grade 7 students Leah, Camille, and Marissa, and Grade 8 student Lindsey.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

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

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).

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. **The schedule for these classes was not available at press time. For more information, 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 are slated for the following Tuesdays: March 5, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; April 9, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; May 7, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; June 4, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please note: a 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 session is led by a registered dietitian. The next sessions are slated for the following dates: Monday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, June 11 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m..

Please note: a 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 the 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 to be discussed will include: carbohydrates, protein and fats, good and bad; physical activity - what types and amounts are beneficial; emotional eating strategies; sen-

sible portions and portion control strategies; group discussions will help you learn from the experiences of others. The next session is slated to begin on Wednesday, March 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This program is open to the public. 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. The following classes will be held on these dates: Eating Well for Cancer Prevention, Tuesday, March 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Cooking for Your Bones, Thursday, June 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Meatless Mondays, Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Meals for One, Thursday, Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Healthy Holiday Baking, Thursday, Dec. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cooking classes are open to the public and no physician referral is required.

Note: Class dates, times, and location within Corunna is subject to change/cancellation depending on number of patient registrations.

Note: Dates for the following programs have yet to be determined: Happiness 101; Stress Management Workshop; and Anxiety Awareness.

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.

Sacred Heart Food Bank extends thanks to community for Christmas support

The Sacred Heart Food Bank would like to say "Thank you" to the many people who supported the food bank's 2018 Christmas hamper and made it such a huge success.

Sacred Heart Food Bank President Frank Johnston wrote: "To all who volunteered in any way; to all the people who brought gifts; for the monetary and food

donations; to all who collected, sorted, packed and delivered; and to the school students and staff for their work, great job!"

Mr. Johnston added, "We could not have succeeded without their help. With all of these volunteers, we were able to make Christmas brighter for 56 families."



Junior Optimists in action

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club has been busy doing great things in the community.

The club recently enjoyed playing bingo with some residents at Thompson Gardens.

Club spokesperson Michelle Abrams says, "Residents say they like the juniors coming because they get an extra day of bingo with a chance of winning little gifts the juniors bring. Seeing the juniors with all their energy puts a smile on every face."

And on Family Day, the game was chocolate bar bingo where the entry fees and the prizes were all rectangular and sweet.

Jr. Optimist photos



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.

Creative County Grant Program

The next application intake for this grant program is not until the fall of 2019 but those who have a project concept that may conform to the program's parameters can watch for news about the fall application intake by going online late next summer to LambtonOnline.ca or watch local media for information.

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Spring excitement is on the way at the Mooretown Sports Complex

Spring is on the way and the Mooretown Sports Complex has a terrific lineup of popular and new activities to offer. And to show you all the good things that await you, our brand new brochure has a brand new look that's sure to capture your imagination. You'll soon find it in your mailbox or you can see it online. **New brochure-new excitement!** Here are some of the great programs and activities you can enjoy.

Group Swimming Lessons

The spring swimming lesson sessions are coming and registration begins March 4. Call the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information or register in person.

Spinning Classes

Join the certified spinning instructors for a great workout that improves cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and power! Join any time for a 10 week session for \$10 per class or buy a 10 pass admission for \$85. Morning spin classes are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. If you're a beginner, there are classes designed for you on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you're looking for strength training combined with a spin workout, come to the Bikes & Bells class on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Muscle Mix Group Fitness Classes

The Muscle Mix group fitness class includes kettlebell training that will build lean muscles, improve strength and power in the upper body, core and lower body and increase co-ordination, joint mobility and overall endurance. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 per class or \$5.50 per class per senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$275 per year. Senior rate is \$255 per year for full fitness centre membership.

POUND®!

POUND® is the world's first cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Classes are Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7/class, or \$5.50/class/senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$275/year for full fitness center membership.

NEW! Youth POUND®!

Kids ages 10 to 15 can get in on the fun now with the new Youth POUND classes. Registration is required. The cost is \$55 for a 10-week session. Call today for more information at 519-867-2651.

Cardio Kick Boxing

The Cardio Kick Boxing fitness class is a high energy, cardio workout with martial arts moves to rev up your metabolism. Classes are Monday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7/class, or \$5.50/class/senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$275 per year for full fitness centre membership.

Shallow & Deep Water Aerobics

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

10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Deep water classes are Monday and Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$7 per class or \$5.50/class/senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$225 per year or \$205 per year per senior; or included in full \$275.00 fitness centre membership.

Water Therapy -

Arthritis, Fibromyalgia Water Exercise

This program includes cardiovascular training, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, balance and flexibility training with a goal of improved mobility. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$7 per class or \$5.50 per class per senior; \$50 for a 10-visit pass; or \$225/year, or \$205 per year per senior; or included in full \$275.00 fitness centre membership. Join any time!

Red Cross Babysitting Course

This course will be offered on PA day, Friday, April 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is designed for youth 11 years and up who want to learn the skills needed for becoming a babysitter. The course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in case of an emergency. The cost for the program, including the manual, is \$60 per child.

March Break Fun!

March Break is coming up March 11-15 and the Mooretown Sports Complex is the perfect place for young students to spend their time. Call the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information.

Low Impact Exercise - FREE!

This West Lambton Community Health Center sponsored exercise program is held Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. until April, 2019. Call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 for more information.

Shinny Hockey is back!

Adult Shinny Hockey is now being held every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. until March 19. The cost is \$5/person.

Public Skate

Public skating is now being held on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. until March 28. Cost is \$2.50/child, \$3.75/adult, and \$7.50/family.

Parents, Tots & Seniors Skate - FREE

Families are now invited to enjoy free skating on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. until March 28.

Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor Courses

Become a lifeguard and swimming instructor! Contact the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information or to register.

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



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COMMUNITY CONTACT

Lambton Youth Choir accepting new members

The Lambton Youth Choir is accepting new members in Grade 4 and older. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday during the school year from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at LCCVI in Petrolia. For more information, email Diane O'Dell at odelld@cogeco.ca. You can also check out the Lambton Youth Choir Facebook page.

St. Clair Community Church services

St. Clair Community Church, 3435 John Street, in Sombra welcomes everyone to attend services at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church is part of the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada. For more information, call 519-542-4447 or go online to www.stclaircc.ca/

St. Andrew's foodbank needs supplies

The food bank at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is 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. *Thanks are extended to the Operation Christmas program (Moore Optimist Club) for its contribution to the food bank during the Christmas season.*

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.*

Supporting the St. Clair River Trail makes good cents

Supporting the beautiful St. Clair River Trail, with its scenic views of the river and safe pedestrian use is a good sense use for your spare cents. Donation locations can be found at Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton 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 NOTE: The trail will

Taoist Tai Chi open house in Corunna

An introduction to the Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi® Arts will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna, on Wednesday Jan. 9 at 6:30pm. A demonstration and registration period will be followed by the first of the series of weekly classes. These gentle arts offer benefits to people of all ages in a compassionate and non-competitive environment. For more information, please call 519-344-0346.

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.

Be a community builder with the Optimist Club

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members who want to help their com-

munity 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/service

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 (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. **TOPS Corunna** meets every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 437 Colborne Street in Corunna. Weigh-in is at 6 p.m. with a meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Wendy at 519-381-5584.

New CloudLibrary app available at the Lambton County Library

The Lambton County Library is launching a new app that will allow users to borrow the newest and most popular eBooks and eAudiobooks quickly and easily.

CloudLibrary will feature best sellers and new releases, allowing users to access titles faster than traditional books or eBooks offered by other apps. Users can borrow two items at a time for a period of seven days, providing materials on a first-come first-served basis with no holds or waiting lists.

Titles are sorted by genre and library-curated bookshelves make it easy to find the titles you

want. The app functions 24/7 and has no late fees.

To download the app on a compatible device, go online to Lambton County Library and log in using your library card number and pin code. The CloudLibrary app is compatible with iOS, Android, Windows, and several eReader devices.

The Lambton County Library also offers access to eBooks and eAudiobooks on other digital content services including Libby, Overdrive and Hoopla.

For more information, visit lclibrary.ca and click on [eResources](#).

Wilkesport Community Centre hosts ACT Now Initiative event to benefit cancer treatment funding

The Wilkesport Community Centre will be the scene of an ACT Now Initiative fundraiser on March 30, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will include a live auction be-

ginning at 7:30 p.m. with a dance to follow.

All proceeds from this event will help cancer patients purchase state-of-the-art treatments they would otherwise be unable to afford. Tickets are only \$10 per person and can be purchased by calling 519-365-8592.

Money raised will go to the ACT Now Initiative through the LHSC. To learn more about this initiative, visit actnowforcancer.ca. If you would like to donate to this effort but cannot attend this event, go online to <https://secure.lhsf.ca/anightforcancer>

'Write to Us' Judges' Panel for Charity

Presents the 10th Annual, and 1st Annual Rotating WRITING CONTEST
Hosted by: Organization for Literacy in Lambton - 2019

Dear Writers,

We want your letters, poems, or short stories that this photo inspires you to write about 'bridging the gap' between generations and friends; and the value of communications, connections and raising awareness.



• All ages welcome • Cash prizes & Book Keeper gift cards
Two age categories

17 and younger is FREE; 18 and over, \$20 entry fee

Contest Opens Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019

Deadline for entries, Wednesday, May 15th, 2019

Contest rules can be found on our website:

www.readsarnia.com

For more information, call Judith at 519-332-4876



St. Clair River Trail Facebook page



The St. Clair River Trail has a new Facebook page.

Message the page if you have photographs of the trail or events you would like us to add. Trail committee member

Susan Vollmar says, "We would love to hear from you. Search the St. Clair River Trail on Facebook to find us."

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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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 various community groups, youth sports programs, and the Corunna Legion. Rules are available at the Corunna Legion website, legion447.ca, or at the Legion branch.

LEO fitness classes in Corunna accepting new members

The LEO Forever Fit class for seniors 55 and over, held at Thompson Gardens/Cruickshank Centre, is accepting new members. The one our classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Gayle at 519-813-9853, Diane at 519-862-2678, or Mary at 519-862-2124.

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.

Writing contest for Literacy in Lambton

The Organizations for Literacy in Lambton is hosting its annual writing contest, looking for letters, poems or short stories with the theme "bridging the gap" between generations and friends, and the value of communications, connections, and raising awareness. For more information, see the notice on page 13.

Mark your calendar...

Bus trip to Stratford

The Corunna United Church will host the annual bus trip on Tuesday, May 14. The destination will be the Stratford Festival Theatre where you will enjoy a

performance of "Billy Elliot". For more information, contact Jill at 519-862-3517.

Making plans for summer camp?

The Brigden United Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School the week of Monday, July 8 through 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Watch the Beacon for further details.

Moore Museum summer events

Watch for more information about the Moore Museum's Model Train Event on Sunday, July 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

And don't forget to take in the annual Downriver Craft and Gift Sale on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As always, the museum site will be filled with vendors offering a wide variety of handcrafted wares and homemade treats.

BRIGDEN BLUEGRASS & COUNTRY CAMPOUT JAMBOREE

The Moore Agricultural Society presents this popular event from July 31 to Aug. 5 with camping available at \$25 per night and hydro and water available. (Nothing will be parked before 10 a.m. on July 31.)

The Ploughman's Diner will be open Wednesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to a daily jamboree, the weekend will feature a number of special events. On Friday, enjoy Banana Split Night for \$5 each. Saturday will feature a craft show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a roast beef dinner at 5 p.m. for just \$18 per plate. (Tickets go on sale Monday, July 29.) And on Sunday, breakfast will be followed by an open gospel sing at 9 a.m. in the exhibition hall.

For more information, please contact Bill Myers at 226-627-1679 or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

COME AND JOIN US FOR 50/50 DRAWS, DANCING, MUSIC, FUN & FELLOWSHIP.

Join the Brigden Country Jamboree Facebook page

Vendors sought for Brigden Country Craft Show

Vendors are being sought for the 2019 Brigden Country Craft Show to be held on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 2976 Brigden Road in Brigden. For more information about contract details and to reserve your spot, contact finance@brigdenfair.ca or Ali.Dion@brigdenfair.ca



**Brigden
Fair
advanced
prize list
now**

It's time to start working on your Homecraft entries for 2019.

The Brigden Fair Advanced prize list is ready and copies are available at the Brigden Fair office.

The list will also be available soon online at www.brigdenfair.ca.

Be sure to check out the list for all the new and exciting classes for all ages as well as an increased Industrial Arts division.

There's something for everyone!

**This year's theme is
Cowbells and Carousels**

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Feb. 18 and everyone is welcome. The hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information call the Legion at 519-862-1240.

Beef stew supper in Wilkesport

The Wilkesport United Church will host a beef stew supper on Thursday, March 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The meal will include homemade biscuits, coffee/tea/juice; and desserts. Admission will be by free will donation with all proceeds to the Wilkesport United Church. For more information, call Ann at 519-892-3673 or email: sombra-museum@hotmail.com.

Lambton Wildlife presentation

The Lambton Wildlife Inc. will hold its monthly presentation at the Esso Careers and Learning Centre, 660 Oakdale Avenue in Sarnia on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be *Bird-watching in Lambton County: A 12 Month Adventure*. The group's next outdoor event will be at Hillman March on Saturday, April 20. For more information, go online to: lambtonwildlife.com

Ham Bingo at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host a ham bingo on Thursday, March 28. Doors open at 6 p.m. with heads down at 7 p.m. There will be 25 regular games with four cards for \$20, plus a special game at \$2 per strip. Refreshments and food will be available and everyone is welcome. For more information call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

Annual Beef Dinner at Brigden

Fairgrounds exhibition hall

It's time once again for the annual Beef Dinner at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, March 31 (*please note the corrected date for this event*). Seating will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and admission is by advanced tickets only. The cost is \$17 per adult, \$8 per child ages six to 10; and free for children five and under. Tickets can be purchased at the Brigden Fair office, at the jamborees, from directors and homecraft members, or at local Brigden businesses.

Pickrel dinner in Corunna

A pickrel dinner will be held at St. Joseph-St. Charles Catholic Parish, Lyndoch Street in Corunna on Friday, April 19. Two seatings will be offered: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The meal will include pickrel, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, coffee, tea, and all the fixings. The cost will be \$20 per adult, \$10 per child age 10 and under. Advanced tickets ONLY. Take outs are available. To order tickets, call Butch at 519-336-6858, Jay at 519-862-3741, or Nancy at 519-481-0337.

Easter Brunch at Brigden exhibition hall

The Moore Agricultural Society invites you to the Easter Brunch at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, April 21. Mark your calendar. More details to come.

Wilkesport C.C. annual meeting set

The Wilkesport Community Centre annual meeting is set for April 24 at 7 p.m. The meeting will include receiving the financial statement for the past year and electing directors for a two-year term. Everyone is welcome to attend and show

support to ensure a strong and viable community centre. For further information, call Chuck at 519-864-4221.

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 at Thompson Gardens in Corunna hosts several activities each week including: *The Coffee Social, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost is 75 cents for unlimited coffee and good company. *Fun Bingo is played Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Cost is a \$1 fee to participate and \$1 per card played. *Euchre is played on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Cost is \$3 to play, which includes light refreshments. On Tuesday, Dec. 4, play will be complimentary for everyone who wants to come out and play. Registration is required so please call 519-862-1628 or 519-862-2629.

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

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Brigden Fair sponsorship opportunities

Have you ever thought about being a part of the Brigden Fair? Opportunities to become a class sponsor at the fair are now available to individuals and/or companies. Please call the fair office at 519-864-1197 or email michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca to discuss these great opportunities.

And if you would like to sponsor a class in the Brigden Fair Prize Book, you are invited to contact the fair prior to April 1, 2019 so your name and/or company can be noted in the prize book. For example, to sponsor a typical Homecraft class, the cost would be only \$25. A livestock class is higher, so please call for details.

Other advertising opportunities are also available. The Brigden Fair is one of Ontario's premiere fall fairs and it boasts a substantial annual attendance that offers wide advertising exposure. These opportunities can be explored by calling the fair office at 519-864-1197.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

World Day of Prayer in Brigden and Corunna

The World Day of Prayer 2019 service will be held in **Mooretown** at St. Andrew's Church on Friday, March 1 at 1:30 p.m. The theme, "Come, Everything is Ready", was written by the women of Slovenia.

This event will also be celebrated in **Corunna** at Corunna United Church at 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come for prayer and fellowship at these events.

Brigden Legion plans events for March

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch 635 will host several events in March including: March 2, meat raffle at 4:30 p.m.; March 8, progressive euchre starts at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per player; March 16, meat raffle at 4:30 p.m.; March 22, trivia starts at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per player; March 30, meat raffle at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Corunna Legion to host cribbage tourney

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host the Hank Stothers Memorial Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, March 3. Registration is from noon to 12:45 p.m. with play beginning at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and all monies will be returned in prizes. Food will be available and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

Pancake supper at Brigden U.C.

A pancake supper will be held at the Brigden United Church on Tuesday, March 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and donations will be gratefully accepted.

Sombra Optimist draw at Rum Runners

The Optimist Club of Sombra will host meat raffles at Rum Runners Speakeasy in Sombra from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: March 6; and March 20. Come out and join the fun while supporting the great work of the Sombra Optimists.

Sydenham Field Naturalists presentation

The Sydenham Field Naturalists will hold the monthly presentation at the Wallaceburg Municipal Service Centre at 786 Dufferin Avenue in Wallaceburg on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Dragonflies will be the subject of the presentation. The next outdoor event will be held on April 20. For more information, go online to: sydenhamfieldnaturalists.ca

NERF night in Courtright

The Lambton County Jr. Optimist will hold a NERF night on Friday, March 8 at the Courtright Community Hall. Ages seven through nine will play from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and ages 10-13 will play from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 each and a snack and NERF 'bullets' will be provided. To register, contact Michelle by March 2 at 519-481-0577.

Jamboree fun at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall

The Brigden Fair exhibition hall is the place to enjoy monthly jamborees, held the second Sunday of each month through April. Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. A cash bar will be open and limited dinner tickets will be available for the 5 p.m. scalloped potato and ham supper. Musicians are always welcome. **For more information about any one of these jamborees, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.**

In March, get your Irish on! Everyone is a bit Irish at the **St. Patrick's Day Jamboree**, being held a week early on Sunday, March 10. Doors open at noon with music beginning at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of great music and dancing. Musicians are invited to bring instruments and join the jam. There will be a cash bar and supper tickets will be available at the door.

The "Thank Goodness It's Spring" Jamboree, slated for Sunday, April 14, will make you forget about those April showers. Doors open at noon with music beginning at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of great music and dancing. There will be a cash bar and dinner tickets for the scalloped potato and ham dinner at 5 p.m. will be available at the door. Musicians can bring their instruments and sign up to be part of the jam.

If you're looking for a terrific anniversary, birthday, or "just because I care" gift that will deliver hours of enjoyment to those who receive it, jamboree gift certificates are available at the Brigden Fair office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You can also pick them up at the jamborees.

Soups On at Corunna U.C.

A "Soups On" luncheon will be held at the Corunna United Church on Lyndoch Street on Thursday, March 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a free will offering with all proceeds to benefit Bluewater Health Palliative Care. Everyone is welcome.

Annual pickerel fry at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host the annual pickerel fry and dance, with entertainment by *Cornerstone*, on Saturday, March 16. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$20 per person and admission is by advanced tickets only. Tickets will be on sale starting

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Promote your event in The Beacon

The deadline for Beacon submissions is the
third Monday of each month by noon.
E-mail: beacon@stclairtownship.ca

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.

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