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~ Happy Easter ~



"What's that?" It's a question frequently heard when children visit the Moore Museum site. This group of moms and youngsters who visited the site during the March Break were only on the site for a few minutes before the first questions came to mind. Above, Mali, right, wanted to know the purpose of the weathered shed that houses the blacksmith forge. His question was fielded by grandmother Martha Giles of Niagara Falls. The rest of the group included, from left, Kendra Giles, a former Corunna resident, with Sam; and Naomi Lester of Sarnia with Lindsay. Mali's real interest was in the museum's awesome train room, which is currently closed to allow volunteers to enlarge the room and make the display even more spectacular. Museum Curator Laurie Mason says the site often has a lot of young visitors during the break. The newly renovated room will be highlighted in the summer Model Train Event slated for Sunday, July 14. (For more information see *Around the Township, Moore Museum coming events*, page 18.)



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# MUNICIPAL NOTES

## Council Meeting Schedule

**TENTATIVE TIMES** for upcoming St. Clair Township Council meetings will be Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings will be Monday, April 1 at 3 p.m. and Monday, May 6 at 3 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](mailto:taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca)**

### Multipurpose sports pad proposed for Sombra Park

Representatives from the Sombra Sports and Recreation Committee presented a proposal to council regarding a multipurpose sports pad to be used for several sports in the summer and an ice pad during the winter when the weather is right. The expected cost of the project is \$150,000 with the committee providing \$75,000 and the township providing the remaining \$75,000.

The proposal was supported in principal by council subject to approval from the Director of Community Services Kendal Lindsay. The \$75,000 township contribution will come from the Environment and Education Fund.

### St. Clair River Run update

The annual St. Clair River Run was the subject of a visit to council from River Run spokesperson Ben Hazzard, who announced that a half-marathon will be added to the event this year to mark its 10th anniversary. Mr. Hazzard noted in a 2018 survey, survey takers named the River Run as the best in the area and said they would recommend it to their friends.

### Former councillor receives 2019 Conservation Award from SCRCA

Former Sombra Township and St. Clair Township Councillor Darrell Randell was honoured with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's 2019 Conservation Award for his decades of work to help bring about positive change in the environmental health of local and regional areas, including the St. Clair River. **For more about the award, see page 10.**



### Notice to property owners to de- stroy 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



## Public Works Dept. Notices

### Contact Information

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

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://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.

### St. Clair Township Corunna downtown March 2019 - April 2019

Streetlights will be replaced along Lyndoch Street between Cameron and Beckwith Streets through April, 2019. During these installations, five or six streetlights will be out at a time for one to two days. During this replacement procedure, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works.

### Storm culvert replacements St. Clair Parkway

The St. Clair Parkway, between Port Lambton and Mooretown will have road closures for one to two days between April 15 and May 3 due to the replacement of storm culvert pipes.

No through traffic will be allowed at dig sites. Local traffic only will be able to enter from intersections north or south of each dig site. No Detour Route signs will be

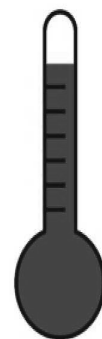
installed due to the short duration of the projects.

For further details during construction, please refer to the 'Public Notices' section of the township website: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca).

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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](mailto:public-works@twp.stclair.on.ca) or in person at the Civic Centre.



## Attention Residents!

We have 1445 residents using our Recycling app.  
Help us get to 2019 in 2019! Download the App!  
For your complete waste & recycling information

recyclecoach™



## 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

## BEFORE YOU DIG

call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255

It could save you money and save your life.

If you're planning to dig anywhere on your property, all it will take is one simple call to make sure the buried pipes and cable under the surface will not be damaged or severed. Cutting a power cable or gas line can be a dangerous thing for you or whoever is doing the work, and any infrastructure that is damaged could prove costly for you.

Find township information and The Beacon at:

[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

## 2020 Waste Calendar Photo Contest



Our St. Clair Township Recycling and Waste Calendar is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Submissions must be made by email to [pwphotocalendar@stclairtownship.ca](mailto: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.*

## Ride Don't Hide event returns to support the cause of mental health

The annual Ride Don't Hide event will take place at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Sunday, June 23.

Ride Don't Hide is the largest mental health bike ride in Canada, with a national reach and a local impact that engages over 25,000 Canadians from coast to coast. These ordinary citizens commit to bringing mental health into the open to dispel the myths and stereotypes that prevent people from accessing the support they need to thrive.

Ride Don't Hide raises funds in 30 communities across Canada to support mental health services and supports like drop-in programs, counselling, education and prevention programs that benefit those communities directly. Its goal is to raise awareness and help break the stigma surrounding mental health.



**Registration is Open!**

Join Ride Don't Hide on June 23, 2019 to bring **MENTAL HEALTH** into the **OPEN**.

Register, donate or volunteer now.

[ridedonthide.com](http://ridedonthide.com)

Join us for Ride Don't Hide 2019. Show your leadership in the most important community mental health movement in Canada to help raise funds and awareness for CMHA programs that support, protect and celebrate mental health.

Register for the Lambton-Kent event at the Mooretown Sports Complex online at: [www.ridedonthide.com](http://www.ridedonthide.com) or [www.ridedonthide.com/lambton-kent](http://www.ridedonthide.com/lambton-kent)



## Lambton Wildlife Inc. grant program offered

Lambton Wildlife Inc. is currently offering a grant program to support conservation, preservation, and protection of the natural environment of Lambton County.

A total of \$10,000 will be available for 2019 in awards from \$500 to \$5,000. The deadline for applications will be April 15. Successful applicants will be notified by May 1.

Community groups and organizations, schools, conservation authorities and indigenous groups are invited to submit applications for these grants.

For additional information and/or to apply online, go to the website at: [lambtonwildlife.com](http://lambtonwildlife.com)

## 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: April 6 and 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Thursday, April 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In Sombra, the CVITP clinic will be held at the Sombra library, 3536 St. Clair Parkway, 519-862-3711, on 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](http://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](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca)



## **Summer Student Employment Opportunities Available**

### **Department of Community Services - Moore Museum**

#### **PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS ASSISTANT**

**at a rate of \$14.25 per hour**

The position will involve:

- assisting with school programs and events
- assisting in the development of pre- and post-visit school program information
- assisting in the development of artifact exhibits
- surveying on-site visitors for feedback on their visit experience
- enhancing the Museum's social media presence through regular posts

This position is anticipated through funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program therefore all candidates must youth between the ages of 15 and 30 years.

#### **COLLECTIONS ASSISTANT**

**at a rate of \$14.25 per hour**

The position will involve:

- assisting with a reserve collections development project
- cataloguing of museum artifacts
- creation of a showcase exhibit and writing of newsletter articles.

This position is anticipated through funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage in support of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy, through the Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations Program, therefore, all applicants must be full-time students who are 16 to 30 years of age.

Ideal candidates will be post-secondary students in museum studies, history, art or a related field. Required skills include demonstrated research skills, creativity, organizational skills and excellent written English. Experience in a museum setting would be a valuable asset.

Start dates vary so applications should be directed as soon as possible to:  
Laurie Mason Moore Museum 519-867-2020 lmason@stclairtownship.ca

Personal information submitted will be used for the sole purpose of this competition. It is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for employment purposes.

Please note this document is available in alternative formats upon request, to accommodate individuals with a disability beginning with the recruitment process. The Township of St. Clair is committed to providing accommodations for people with disabilities. If you require an accommodation, please contact the Museum and we will make all necessary arrangements to meet your needs.

*Only those candidates selected for an interview will be acknowledged. We thank all candidates for their interest.*

## ***PMC donation supports important SCRCA safety program***

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has received \$5,000 from Plains Midstream Canada (PMC) to support the authority's Spring Water Awareness Program. The program teaches children about the hazards of spring floodwater and the importance of avoiding dangerous situations.

The program addresses a danger that often occurs in many SCRCA areas where rivers, ponds, streams and ditches are found. During the spring thaw, local watercourses can pose a greater threat than other times of the year. Children who are accustomed to playing around watercourses in the summer may face unstable ice, rapidly rising water levels, strong currents, and frigid water temperatures during the thaw.

"It is vitally important children understand the reasons why we must stay away from the high, cold waters during the spring thaw," said Sharon Nethercott, conservation coordinator for the SCRCA. "Accidents are often preventable through education and increased awareness."

"It's an honour for our organization to assist with the

SCRCA's Spring Water Awareness program," said Ian Forster, community relations advisor at Plains Midstream Canada.

SCRCA General Manager Brian McDougall noted, "This generous sponsorship from Plains Midstream Canada has enabled us to offer this important safety program free-of-charge to local schools. We are greatly appreciative of their support."

Right: SCRCA GM Brian McDougall and Education Coordinator Sharon Nethercott were recently joined at a local elementary school for the delivery of the Spring Water Awareness Program by PMC Community Relations Advisor Ian Forster and PMC Scheduler Emily Turner.

*Submitted photo*



## HERITAGE CORNER

### Moore Museum receives funding to build insulated walls

The storage of museum artifacts often presents a challenge to those entrusted with their care. Temperature extremes, such as the ones we experience during our Canadian winters, can badly damage metal and wooden objects such as furniture and vintage vehicles.

The newest structures on the museum site are two insulated storage buildings that house large artifacts. The insulation ensures that the materials from which the precious items are made are not subjected to the temperatures that cause expansion and contraction that weaken and damage the items over time.

The buildings, insulated on three sides, are adjoined to the large Francis E. Shaw Exhibition Building, which is not insulated and cannot contribute to the degree of insulation the new buildings require. Both adjoining walls had to be insulated, but finding the funds to pay for the materials was an issue. The labour, as always, was already available thanks to the dedicated efforts of museum volunteers.

The funding dilemma was solved by Shaun and Tara Antle of The Cooperators General Insurance Company who came through with a generous donation of \$3,750 to buy the materials required for the job. Shaun says the donation was a matter of leaving a



On hand for the donation presentation were, from left: Tara Antle with daughter, Callie, 4; Councillor Tracy Kingston; Mayor Steve Arnold; Moore Museum volunteer Lyle Gander; Moore Museum Advisory Committee Chair Jim Townsend; and Shaun Antle with son, Ethan, 7.

legacy for the community. "We've done lots of donations in Sarnia but we wanted to find somewhere we could leave a legacy," he said. "We have two children and the museum draws a lot of families like us...supporting it just made sense to us; to preserve historical artifacts from the area not only for us to enjoy but for our kids, their kids, and generations to come."

### English serving piece morphs from bone china to bunnies

*Files and photos from Moore Museum*

Those of us with a few decades of life behind us, as well as a few members of the less "experienced" generations, will likely recall eating soft boiled eggs from an egg cup.

During the Elizabethan period in the 1600s, the English ruling class would use silver egg cups. This fashion was quickly adapted by the working class, who used wooden eggcups to mimic upper class customs.

By the Victorian Era, egg cups decorated with the most popular chinaware patterns, were being made by china companies. China egg cups were also available in sets complete with a tray and spoons. Some egg cups had pedestals while others sat flat on the table, like the floral-patterned set shown left. The plate holding the four egg cups has round indentations to ensure the cups remain in place during their trip to the table.



Victorian-era china egg cups.

Egg cup designs further developed during the Art Deco period of the 1920s and 30s, including some bearing cheerful sayings like "Morning Fresh". In the mid-twentieth century, images of movie stars, cartoon characters, and famous literary characters were used to decorate them.

Cups designed to appeal to children, such as the examples shown right, may have been intended to encourage fussy eaters to finish their breakfast.

Today, egg cups are still found in many households and are often sold in many different materials and whimsical designs, especially around Easter.

As much as credit for this serving piece can arguably be claimed by the British upper class, there is proof egg cups have been around a while longer. During the excavation of the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, eggcups have been discovered preserved by layers of ash and lava.



Kid-appeal may have encouraged kids to eat breakfast.

### 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](mailto:secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com). Or visit the St. Clair Township site: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://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

### Sombra Museum lecture series returns for March and April

A pleasant way to spend an evening can be found at the Sombra Museum as another informative lecture is presented 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.

### Attention Moore Museum Downriver Craft Sale vendors

Vendor packages have been issued for the Downriver Craft Sale at the Moore Museum. Vendors who are on the mailing list and who have not received their packages are asked to see page 18 under the heading "Moore Museum summer events".

### Volunteers make big change

This t-shirt, a recent style choice for Moore Agricultural Society members who attended the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention, speaks volumes about the difference volunteering can make. If you want positive change, be the change. You can find many wonderful volunteer opportunities right here in St. Clair Township.



### VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME AT YOUR COMMUNITY MUSEUMS

For more information about how to become a volunteer in the effort to preserve local heritage, call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982.

### Lambton County Junior Optimists brainstorm novel event ideas

Members of the Lambton County Junior Optimists recently held a pj pot luck dinner meeting to brainstorm some new ideas for novel events they could host for community children. After a session spent bouncing ideas around and planning fun for others, the members divided into two groups and played a rock-paper-scissors race game with hula hoops.

Right: Members of the Junior Optimists have various degrees of success in keeping their hula hoops in motion while trying to avoid members of the opposite team.

*Submitted photo*



### MAS Jamborees winding up for the season. Don't miss the *Thank Goodness It's Spring* event!



Valentine's Jamboree listeners and dancers fill the hall.  
*Submitted photo*

Winter has been a lively place at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall thanks to the Moore Agricultural Society's monthly jamborees.

The final jamboree of the season, appropriately named *Thank Goodness It's Spring*, is coming up on Sunday, April 14 and everyone is invited to come out for an afternoon of great music and dancing, plus a chance to check in with good friends and make new ones. An after that, enjoy a delicious supper. Tickets for the meal are available at the door.

Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. See page 20 for more information.

## Golf simulator at St. Clair Parkway Golf Course a big hit



The new golf simulator at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course has been a big hit this winter as golfers of all levels have tried to hone their skills before the golf season begins. The simulator offers 27 different golf courses including Banff Springs, PGA National, Firestone, Pinehurst and Royal Troon, as well as a chip and putt program and a driving range. Golf club staffer Karen Grant, seen above addressing the ball, says simulator bookings have been

brisk.

The practice facility will be available until the end of April when the room will be converted back into the pro shop. In the meantime, a simulator special offers four 28-hole rounds plus four pound of wings and a pitcher of beer for \$40.

In addition, Hawthorne's Restaurant is now open for breakfast and lunch.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*



### Moore Skate Club has two new gold medalists

The Moore Skate Club has two new gold medal skaters in its ranks.

**Left:** Makenna Oakley, 12, recently completed her gold level skills test with the coaching of Cindy Oakley and Anita Amy.

**Right:** Emily Anthony, 17, completed her gold level test in the Interpretive discipline skating to the song, "Welcome to Burlesque", with the coaching of Cindy Oakley and Anita Amy.

These accomplished skaters will be among the Moore Skate Club's roster of performers as they present the 2019 ice show, "An Enchanted Evening" on Saturday, April 6 at two shows - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.



## St. Clair Region Conservation Authority annual meeting yields two award winners

The annual meeting of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, now in its 56th year of operation, saw the election of the new 2019 SCRCA executive and the presentation of two Conservation Awards. It also saw the election of a new chair as former chair Steve Arnold stepped down from the position he has held for seven years as well as a total of 14 years as a member of the executive committee.

In his final remarks, Mr. Arnold, who also serves as mayor of St. Clair Township, noted the importance of SCRCA initiatives such as the fish monitoring project and the environmental importance of endangered local species like the eastern spiny soft-shelled turtles, the eastern fox snake and the Butlers Garter-snake, wildlife that serves as a bellwether for the general health of the environment. "They are the candle in the coal mine," he said.

He also reviewed ongoing SCRCA projects including mass tree seeding and planting, and the strategic planning that will help carry the authority into the future. And foremost, he referred to the flood prevention and water management projects that are the heart of the SCRCA's original mandate. "We're still expanding the flood proofing role and project management along the shorelines," he said.



Steve Arnold delivers his final remarks as chair of the SCRCA after serving in that post for seven years and on the SCRCA board for a total of 14.



John Fraser, left, representing Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Monte McNaughton MPP, presents Darrell Randell the 2019 Conservation Award from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority as SCRCA Vice-Chair (2018) Andy Bruziewicz looks on.

areas of the river identified as "impaired". To date, the work has resulted in eight of the 12 identified impaired areas being cleaned up and work continuing in the effort to restore the river to an unimpaired state. Mr. Randell has also worked with groups such as the Lambton Stewardship Network and the Friends of the St. Clair River.

Another award was presented to the Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group. The volunteer group was recognized for its ongoing efforts to limit the spread of phragmites, an aggressive, invasive plant that kills off native species as it spreads. Volunteers understand the damage this fast-growing reed can do to the environment and to the beaches along the Lake Huron shoreline. A member of the group also works with the "Ipperwash Phrag Fighters".

The SCRCA, with funding provided by the County of Lambton, is the coordinator of the Lambton County Partnership to increase awareness of this growing threat to indigenous species and biodiversity of wetlands. Phragmites also has a "restricted" designation under the provincial Invasive Species Act. For more information on how to identify and deal with phragmites, visit the website [invadingspecies.com](http://invadingspecies.com) to view the Invasive Species Awareness Program site.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



The Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group receives a 2019 Conservation Award for its continuing work to control the aggressive spread of phragmites, an invasive plant that outcompetes native species for water and nutrients.

## Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 community support in action

The Corunna Legion Branch 447 has a wonderful track record of supporting community groups and organizations. Here are some of its recent donations.



### Clockwise from top left:

Branch 447 President John Cormier presents a \$500 donation to Todd Monaghan of the Sarnia Legion Pipe Band toward the purchase of regimetal neck ties for the band.

Branch 447 President John Cormier presents a \$500 donation to Moore Skate Club members Makenna Oakely, Isabella Barnet, and Danika Oakley in support of the club's upcoming 46th Annual Ice Show on April 6.

Branch 447 Treasurer Dan Watson presents a donation of \$1,000 to the 1st Corunna Scouts to, clockwise from back right: Scout Group Commissioner Lori Bassett, Mali Giles, Jake Esau, and Evan Peters.

*Submitted photos*

## MAS representatives attend annual OAAS Convention

A 22-person delegation from the Moore Agricultural Society recently attended the annual Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention in Richmond Hill.

MAS spokesperson Michelle Evanitski says over 1,000 delegates representing about 222 fairs across the province attended to share ideas and to discover ways to improve the individual fairs.

2018-2019 Fair Ambassador Eve Pettit was one of about 80 fair ambassadors who attended a three-day program specifically designed to enhance leadership skills.

Michelle says the delegation brought back many ideas and entertainment possibilities that will help enhance the Brigden Fair.

*Moore Agricultural Society photos*



Brigden Fair delegation included, from left: Duncan MacRae, Michelle Evanitski, Kathy Myers, Lindsay Myers, and Eric Vandommelen.



2018-2019  
Brigden Fair  
Ambassador  
Eve Pettit

### YOUTH VOLUNTEER EDUCATION PRIZE WINNERS

#### "Our Brigden Fair Future"

In 2018, \$2500 was designated by the MAS Board of Directors to be used as an incentive towards a Youth Volunteer Education Prize. The rules remained simple. The individual (to be eligible) needed to be in a school program and be an active volunteer at the fairgrounds. Ballots were designed with the volunteer's name, phone number, age, school/grade, Event/Task they completed, date of event, and # of hours. The chairperson or supervisor was then required to print and sign their name verifying the individual had completed the specific task as required.

Once again, these young volunteers had assisted in many different areas from all the aspects of Fair Weekend to assisting with fundraising events, campouts, craft show, catering, fair set up and clean up. They facilitated areas during Agriculture in the Classroom, helped prepare show areas, worked in the fair kitchen & diner and brought their enthusiasm to our patrons and the membership.

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The ten winners announced at the 2018 Appreciation Night received a prize amount of \$250 each. The lucky ballots drawn were Jaxon Brown (Jamboree); Aeowyn Dunlop (AITC Machinery); Noah Hachey (Picnic Table Construction); Logan MacRae (People Mover); Megan Mills (Food Prep – Fair Kitchen); Emma Ouellette (Beef Dinner); Eve Pettit (Photography Judging); Chase Powers (Entertainment Tent); Lilian Shaw (McCormick Funeral); and Michael Yoshita (Fair Kitchen).  
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## Wanted: Motivated youth looking for rewarding challenges

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## 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](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca) or to register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to reception.

### *Living With Diabetes*

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The next sessions are slated for the following Tuesdays: 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: 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.

### *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: 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

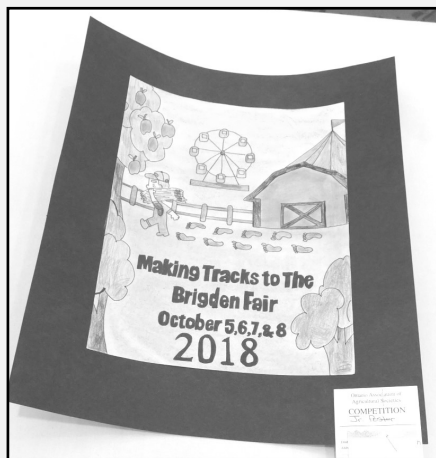
Laboratory services at the clinic are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.



### 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.

## Brigden Fair competitors do well at District level



This winning Brigden Fair junior poster by Ava Holmes won first place at the district level competition against 15 other fairs in November. It also took 3rd place at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Association competition "Promoting Your Fair" in the youth (up to and including Grade 4) category.

Other winning district level competitors included: Senior poster, 1st, Ali Holmes; chocolate chip cookies, 1st, Colton Konecny; machine quilted quilts, 2nd, Evelyn Evers; and intermediate poster, 2nd, Luke Holmes.

Moore Agricultural Society photo

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## Visitor from Israel brings message of peace to Brigden

The Brigden Community Church recently welcomed a visitor from Israel who brought a message of peace and hope to the congregation.

According to Milad Khoury's biography, he was born in Nazareth, raised in Gaza Strip, and resides in Bethlehem. As a psychologist and youth pastor, he says he has a unique understanding of the tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. As a Christian, Milad says his message is one of peace and hope according to Matthew 5, a bible passage known as The Beatitudes. "We want to see the love of Christ inside every Christian according to Matthew 5, bringing hope to our societies," he said. "Our area has lots of conflict. Our hope is to heal the children from these conflicts (of hatred and revenge)."

Mr. Khoury noted growing up in Gaza Strip has been a great help to his understanding of the issues faced by those who reside throughout the Middle East, both Arab and Jew alike. He added he brings a psychology degree from the AAU in Jordan and a Master's in Counseling from the Israel College of the Bible to his work. His vision is "to have an impact on the up-and-coming generation with counseling and training in the Word of God and by encouraging them to live a lifestyle of prayer and worship."

Church spokesperson Joanne White said this was not the first time she had met Milad. "I met him a couple of years ago but got to know him better this time," she said. "He's a Christian working with Arabs and Jews. He runs a generational program in Israel called "Up and Coming Generation" at the House of Prayer." She added Milad speaks at worship conferences encouraging youth to get together. "They do training of the youth through music and they learn instruments," said Joanne.

During his visit to Brigden, Milad brought a message that held generational appeal. "He spoke for two nights and different people from different generations came," Joanne said.



Milad Khoury, left, and Jason Cartier work on last minute preparations for an upcoming talk at the Brigden Community Church.  
*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

### Another program planned

Joanne says another program is planned for Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. The Sawuti Children's Choir from Uganda will be presenting an hour-long concert in African, Hebrew and English. "The choir is here to sing across Canada," she said.

The choir, comprised of children ages seven to 15, was recently in Manitoba as part of their six-month, 100-concert tour called "Sing Together One Voice". They saw snow for the first time according to radio station CHVN. The tour will wrap up in Montreal on Canada Day weekend.

The tour is backed by the Seven Wells and Return Ministries.



### Moore Agricultural Society General Membership Meeting

The Moore Agricultural Society will hold its General Membership Meeting at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Thursday, April 18. Registration and membership renewal will be done from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda will cover the location proposal for the Lambton Children's Safety Village on the Moore Agricultural Society grounds.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a paid member for 2018 and 2019 and you must be age 18 or older. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

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*Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.*

*-Anonymous*



### 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 the Creative County Grant Program is scheduled to open on **Oct. 1, 2019**.

Find out if you have a project concept or activity that conforms to the objectives of the grant program by going online to: [LambtonOnline.ca](http://LambtonOnline.ca) and clicking on "Creative County Home".

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## *Spring excitement is on the way at the Mooretown Sports Complex*

The Mooretown Sports Complex has joined the world of social media with a new Facebook account. Our goal is to keep our users and participants up to date on what is happening at this facility. From registration times and program schedules to last-minute cancellations, we hope to keep our followers informed, so please like us on Facebook. We also have a new look! Check out our new brochure for the Spring 2019 session. If you haven't received one or have missed it, you can find them at the front Complex's reception desk or on our website.

### **Spinning Classes - NEW PRICE!**

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 \$50. 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.

### **Spring swimming lesson sessions**

The spring session of swim lessons has just begun. It may not be too late to register so give us a call to see if openings are still available. Call now at 519-867-2651.

### **Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor Courses being offered**

Become a lifeguard and swimming instructor! Contact the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information or to register for spring 2019 courses.

## **Summer camp is on the way!**

It's time to think about where your students are going to spend their time this summer. Our junior and senior summer camps offer plenty of fun while focusing on physical literacy, keeping kids active and happily on-the-go all summer long. Camps will run from July 2 to Aug. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Camp cost per child will be \$30 per day, \$125 per week, and \$950 per summer. Early drop off and late pickup will be available for \$20 per week per child. *Family rates are available.*

### **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 per class, or \$5.50 per class per senior; \$55 for a 10-visit pass; or \$275 per 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 on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Registration is required at a cost of \$55 for a 10-week session. Call today for more information at 519-867-2651.

### **Generation POUND®!**

Kids ages five to nine will enjoy the Generation POUND classes on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Registration is required at a cost of \$55 for a

10-week session. Call today for information at 519-867-2651.

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

This course will be offered on PA day, Friday, June 7 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.

### **In-line public skating**

In-line skaters will find the weather always agreeable inside the Mooretown Sports Complex. Skating is available from April 21 to June 16.

## **Golf season returns!**

Get ready to enjoy the beautiful manicured greens and hours of friendly competition at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. For opening day announcements go online to: [www.stclairparkwaygolf.com](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com) See page 9 in this issue of *The Beacon* for a look at the virtual golf course, which is open until the end of April.

### **Shibashi classes - FREE!**

The West Lambton CHC sponsored Shibashi program is a gentle, beautiful and flowing exercise routine that is both deeply relaxing and a joy to do. They begin Wednesday, April 10 and continue for six weeks. Call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 for more information.

### **Canadian Mental Health Ride Don't Hide event**

The Ride Don't Hide event to benefit the Canadian Mental Health Association will be held at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Sunday, June 23. For more information, see page 5.

*For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the*

*Mooretown Sports Complex at*

*519-867-2651 or email: [info@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:info@stclairtownship.ca).*

## **Lambton Outdoor Club to host film festival tour**

The Lambton Outdoor Club will host the 2019 Paddling Film Festival Tour on Saturday, May 4 at Theatre 42 (900 Devine Street in Sarnia) from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, available online at [www.lambtonoutdoorclub.org](http://www.lambtonoutdoorclub.org). This event is open to the public. More information at 519-336-3919.

## **Thompson Gardens hosts RBC Financial Wellness Series**

If you're buying your first home, or selling or downsizing the home you have, the RBC Financial Wellness Series session on Thursday, April 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. will discuss the steps you need to take when buying a home and go through the new mortgaging rules and stress test that came into effect in 2018. This session will provide general information and principles attendees can use in their daily lives no matter where they bank. The presentation will be held in the Cruickshank Centre dining hall at Thompson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna.

## COMMUNITY CONTACT

### **Taoist Tai Chi open house in Corunna**

An Introduction to the Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi® Arts will take place at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna, on Wednesday April 10, 2019 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.

### **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](mailto: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/](http://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**

The St. Clair River Trail is a community treasure used by township residents and out-of-town visitors to enjoy the scenic beauty afforded by the river, its parks and its wildlife. You can help maintain and sustain the trail by donating that bothersome loose change that weighs down purses and pockets. Donation locations can be found at Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton or the River-view 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](http://stclairrivertrail.com)

### **Taoist Tai Chi open house in Corunna Be a community builder with the Optimist Club**

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members who want to help their community thrive. This volunteer organization

exists to make their community a better place by doing great things for the youth in their area. Be a friend of youth - join the Optimist Club of Sombra. For more information or to become a member, call Carla Aarssen at 519-892-3536.

### **New members welcome - Lambton County Junior Optimist Club**

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club is always on the lookout for youth who want to make a difference in their community. Club members ages 10 through 18 volunteer in the community and fundraise to put on their own programs and to donate to other youth programs. Hours spent volunteering with the club can be used toward members' volunteer hours at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

### **Down River Junior Optimist Club seeks members**

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

### **Brigden United Church activities/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.



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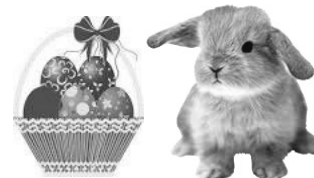
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## Trail Facebook page needs photos



The St. Clair River Trail now has a Facebook page and it's a great place for us to show off the natural beauty the trail is known for.

So when you're out and about this spring, take a camera along and message the page if you have photographs of the trail or events you would like to add to it. 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 Early ON 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

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### Hours of Operation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Brigden United Church,

2420 Jane Street, Brigden

519-892-3151

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

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

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### 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 17.**

**Mark your calendar...**

### Mother's Day Brunch in Brigden

Treat your favourite lady to Mother's Day Brunch at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, April 21 with seating from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch includes: eggs, bacon, hash browns, scalloped potatoes, ham, baked beans, toast, beverages, fruit cocktail, and pancakes. The cost is \$12 per adult, \$6 for children six to 10; and free for children five and under. For more information, contact the fair office at 519-864-1197, [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca), or Brigden Fair Facebook page. No reservations are required.

### 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

The Victorian Tea is coming up on Sunday, May 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Don't miss a chance to enjoy warm homemade scones, coffee, tea, or juice in the charming surroundings of the museum's Victorian cottage. Cost is \$7.50 per adult, \$3 per child, and \$2 for preschoolers. This includes entry to the entire museum complex.

The Moore Museum's Model Train Event on Sunday, July 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The trains will be operational and volunteers will be on hand to talk and answer questions about the trains. Museum volunteers are currently expanding the size of the train room to accommodate the many trains and setups visitors will enjoy. For more details, watch upcoming issues of The Beacon.

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.

**Attention vendors for the Downriver Craft and Gift sale:** Registration packages have gone out by mail or email to the crafts persons on the mailing list. If any potential vendor has not received their package, they should contact the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020. Registration forms are

also available on the museum's [website at www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)

### Corunna Volunteer Firefighter's Field Day

The 42nd annual Corunna Volunteer Firefighter's Field Day will be held on June 7 and 8, with a parade, children's activities, a two-pitch tournament, fire demonstrations, a beer tent and a dance. This is the firefighters' major fundraiser for the year, which benefits minor sports, the fire hall, and several community activities. *More information as the Beacon receives it.*

### Sombra Museum to celebrate 60th anniversary

The Sombra Museum will celebrate 60 years of heritage preservation this year and the occasion will be marked with a dinner and fundraising auction on Saturday, June 15. Tickets will go on sale in April at \$50 per person. More details will be released as they become available.

### Sombra Optimist 15th Annual Car Show

Get ready to rumble and roar as the Optimist Club of Sombra holds its 15th Annual Car Show on Saturday, June 15 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Brander Park, Port Lambton. Participants can register as they arrive at a cost of \$10 per vehicle and spectators are free. Event includes a soap box derby for kids and any child interested in trying a soap box vehicle can try the Optimist soap-box car. The event will feature a penny table, food, a beer tent and live music by Pull 3.

**Vendors are also being sought for this event. Contact Carla Aarssen at 226-402-3870.**

## 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 for updates.*

### 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](mailto:finance@brigdenfair.ca) or [Ali.Dion@brigdenfair.ca](mailto: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](http://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!

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tail, and pancakes. The cost is \$12 per adult, \$6 for children six to 10; and free for children five and under. For more information, contact the fair office at 519-864-1197, [www.bridgenfair.ca](http://www.bridgenfair.ca), or Brigden Fair Facebook page. No reservations are required.

### Easter services set for Moore Presbyterian Charge churches

Rev. Ian Marnoch will lead Easter services on Sunday, April 21 at St. Andrew's in Mooretown, 94 James Street in Mooretown, at 9:30 a.m. and at Knox Moore, 1354 Rokeby Line at 11 a.m. Sunday school will be held during the services and special Easter music will be provided at both churches. Everyone is invited to attend.

### 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.

### Sombra Museum card-making event

The Sombra Museum will host a card-making class on Monday, April 29 at 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 to make two cards. Please pre-register by April 26 by calling 519-892-3982 or emailing [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)

### 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](http://parkwaychurch-michelle@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. For additional information on any of our programs, 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 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](http://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.

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## Lambton Seniors Information Fair cancelled

The Lambton Seniors Association Board of Directors has announced the cancellation of the annual Seniors Information Fair held at the Point Edward Arena. Future fairs will be re-evaluated. The board extends noteworthy thanks to loyal participants, volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, community agencies, and donors who have made the event an unqualified success for the past 19 years. For more information, please contact the LSA office at 519-339-8866, email [lambtonsensors1@gmail.com](mailto:lambtonsensors1@gmail.com) or visit [www.lambtonsensors.com](http://www.lambtonsensors.com)

## 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](mailto: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

### Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge beef dinner

The Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge will host a hot roast beef dinner with assorted desserts on Tuesday, April 2 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Brigden Community Memorial Hall in Brigden. Takeout meals will be available. The cost will be \$15 per adult and \$8 for children 12 and under. For more information, call Mary at 519-542-2876 or Linda at 519-864-1820.

### Moore Skate Club presents 46th Annual Ice Show

The Moore Skate Club will present "An Enchanted Evening", its 46th annual ice show on Saturday, April 6 with two shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Members of the skate club will show off their skills and an entertaining time is guaranteed for all.

### Corunna Legion to host euchre

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host a Progressive Euchre Tournament on Sunday, April 7. Registration will be 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with play at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and all monies will be returned. The hall is wheelchair accessible and food will be available. For more information call 519-862-1240.

### Taoist tai chi open house

The Fung Lok Kok Taoist tai chi arts group will hold an open house at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, see Community Contact, page 16.

### Pasta dinner at Corunna U.C.

The Corunna United Church will hold a pasta dinner on Friday, April 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per adult, \$7 for children ages seven to 12, and free for children under six. For tickets call Holly at 519-332-7749 or Sylvia at 519-862-1040. Proceeds will go to the school snack program and the local food bank.

### Jamboree fun at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall

The Brigden Fair exhibition hall will host the final jamboree of the season with the "Thank Goodness It's Spring" Jamboree, slated for Sunday, April 14. 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.

### Corunna Legion Ladies Aux. chili event

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Chili Day for Cancer luncheon on Thursday, April 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The eat-in lunch will feature chili, roll, desserts, tea and coffee (seconds available) at a cost of \$6 per meal. Take-out meal will include chili, roll and dessert at a cost of \$5 per person. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Cancer Society. The hall is wheelchair accessible. For take-out call 519-862-1240.

### Good Friday service at Knox Moore

The congregation of Knox Moore Presbyterian Church, 1354 Rokeby Line, extends a warm welcome to those who wish to join the church's Good Friday service on April 19 at 10 a.m. Rev. Ian Marnoch will offer a Good Friday message and music will be offered by a joint choir from the two Moore Charge churches. The service will be a remembrance of the sacrifice Jesus made for all Christians. Following the service, coffee and hot cross buns will be enjoyed during a time of fellowship.

### Sombra Optimist to hold fish fry

The Optimist Club of Sombra Township will host its annual Good Friday fish fry on April 19 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Port Lambton Community Hall. Dinners will include yellow perch, fries, a dinner roll, cole slaw, and a dessert. Eat in or take out meals will cost \$15 per adult, \$6 for children 12 and under, and free for children three years of age and under. Proceeds from the event will go toward local youth and community projects.

### Pickarel dinner in Corunna

A pickarel 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 pickarel, 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 Egg Hunt at Parkway Church

The Parkway Church in Corunna will host Easter At Parkway, beginning with a free Easter Egg Hunt event on Friday, April 19 from noon to 2 p.m. Over 5,000 eggs will be waiting to be found and there will also be inflatables, a petting zoo, free barbecue, kids' tattoo station, fire truck, and raffle draws.

### Electronic Waste Recycling Day

The Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia will host its third annual Electronic Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. These items can be taken to Premier Recycling, 325 Gladwish Drive off of Plank Road west of Modeland Road. The Lions will pick up items if desired. For information contact Allan Knight at 519-862-1040 or email:

[aknight12@cogeco.ca](mailto:aknight12@cogeco.ca)

### Surprise visitors come to Parkway Church on Easter Sunday

Two popular Paw Patrol characters, Chase and Skye, will visit Parkway Church in Corunna after the Easter Sunday service on April 21 10 a.m. service.

### 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 with seating from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch includes: eggs, bacon, hash browns, scalloped potatoes, ham, baked beans, toast, beverages, fruit cock-

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## Promote your events and activities in The Beacon

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