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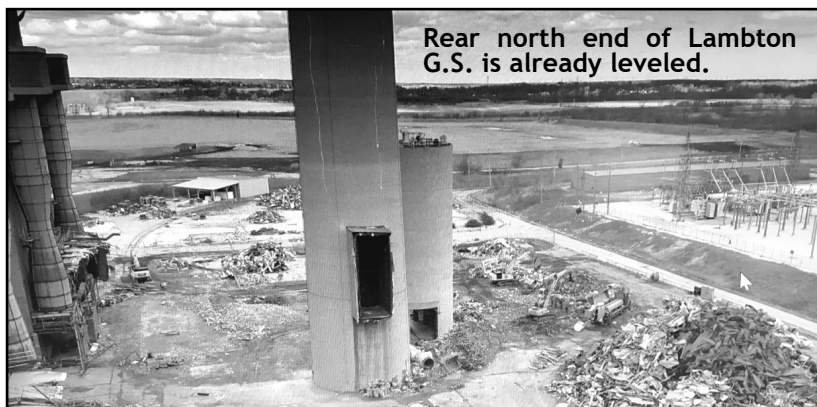
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OF ST. CLAIR

MOORE SKATING CLUB PRESENTS "AN ENCHANTED EVENING"



Members of the Moore Skating Club showed off their skating skills during their 46th annual ice show, "An Enchanted Evening", on April 6. One of the featured presentations was a journey into the world of Alice In Wonderland. Above: The stage was set for this wonderfully wacky trip by senior skaters: Laurren Theriault (March Hare), Tru Ward (Caterpillar); Danika Oakley (Mad Hatter); Makenna Oakley (Cheshire Cat); Gracie Farina (Alice); Emily Anthony (White Rabbit); and Isabella Barnet (Queen of Hearts). See Ice Show, page 9.

Bonnie Stevenson photo



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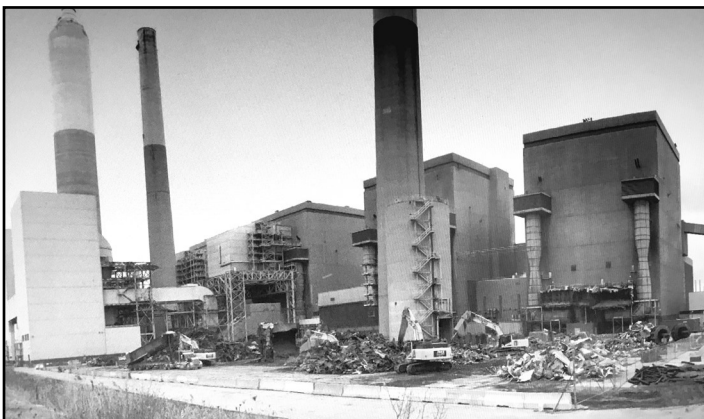
Lambton G. S. demolition plan presented to council

One of St. Clair Township's most recognizable landmarks will soon be just a memory as demolition on the Lambton G. S. site continues. Ontario Power Generation representatives, Project Manager Dan Roorda and Corporate Relations Officer Steve Repergel, recently attended a meeting of council to present an update on demolition progress and the projected sequence of actions that will be taken to remove the station from the site.

Mr. Roorda says large areas such as the coal handling area, conveyor, and parking garage, plus structures behind the north end of the power house and the inside of the powerhouse, have been removed, accounting for about 30 per cent of the project.

Demolition work that has been done to date is only partially evident from the St. Clair Parkway, but Mr. Roorda says this will change later this year. "We'll see a lot more visible work being done in August of this year."

A project schedule diagram that was part of the presentation showed that asbestos abatement work is underway in unit #1 at the north end of the station and will continue south through the four units, with expected completion by January of 2020. Demolition of the turbine hall will be done unit by unit from north to south, and the demolition of the pumphouses in front of the building are slated for August of this year.



View along back of powerhouse

The three chimneys are expected to be brought down in April 2020. However, Mr. Roorda says the method to be used for this purpose has not been decided. The decision to implode the stacks with explosives or to bring them down using mechanical means will be made closer to the time of their demolition. "The plans to take them down get developed along the way," he said.

If explosives are used, the stacks will be taken down much like a tree is felled. The specific direction of its fall will be controlled by weakening it on the chosen side of the fall prior to implosion. Mr. Roorda explained the north chimney would possibly be directed to fall toward the northwest.

Mayor Arnold asked about the potential for the creation of a large dust cloud should the stack be felled with explosives, especially in a northwest direction, which would carry the cloud across the river. Mr. Roorda assured him that this scenario has been taken into account. "The wind that day will determine a lot," he said.

The final result of the demolition will be a return of the site to a natural setting. The area where the station was removed will be made to give the impression of a park site. "Our intent is to bring the site down to slab-on-grade...we'll remove everything above the concrete slab the building is built on," said Mr. Roorda. He added the appearance of the site will look much like a park.

As the project continues, the need for environmental mitigation is being looked after by JMX Demolition and Environmental Contractors, but Mr. Roorda says the work will be closely monitored by OPG. This work will include the prevention or minimization of spills to the environment, noise, dust and vibration as well as any discharges to the St. Clair River. Vibration is to be addressed through careful design of demolition plans and the use of tools such as vibration absorbing mats.

Waste materials will be categorized and sent to the appropriate disposal sites such as scrap yards, certified offsite landfills and recycling facilities.

OPG photo

Council Meeting Schedule

TENTATIVE TIMES for upcoming St. Clair Township Council meetings will be Committee of the Whole meeting Monday, May 6 at 3 p.m.; regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m.; Committee of the Whole meeting Monday, June 3 at 3 p.m.; regular Council meeting on Monday, June 17 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.



Notice to property owners to destroy noxious weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 13, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$80.) The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Jeff Baranek
Clerk
519-867-2021



Public Works Department

After hours emergency
~ 519-344-9318 ~

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

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.ca

Water utility.....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 water utility department to avoid service fees.

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.

NEEDED! Crossing guards -

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.

Hydrant flushing

Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township Water Distribution System, during the hours of: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

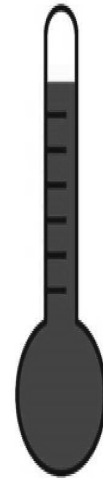
May 2019 - Fall 2019

For current areas affected, refer to stclairtownship.ca

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discolouration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry etc., as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears. If discolouration of the water continues after 10-15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works.

Yard waste

As of July 1, 2019, Yard waste will no longer be collected in clear plastic bags. Yard waste can be set out in either paper bags or in open containers clearly marked with an X and must be free of non-compostable materials. Fall yard waste collection for south township will change from Friday collection to Monday. North township collection will remain on Wednesdays.



Attention Residents!

We have 1445 residents using our Recycling app. Please help us get to 2019 in 2019!

Download this convenient app for your complete waste and recycling information.

recyclecoach™

Sewer Main Flushing

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township Sewer System, during the hours of: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 2019 - Fall 2019

For current areas affected, refer to stclairtownship.ca

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

If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works.

Blue box lids now available

St. Clair Township is now selling vented and solid lids for our 22-gallon blue boxes! Pick one up for \$3.50 each lid. Please note that lids will only fit current blue boxes being sold at St. Clair Township Civic Centre (lower level).



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.

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.

Household hazardous waste schedule

Household hazardous waste collection is being offered again this year. Lambton County, in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Ltd., 4090 Telfer Road (off Petrolia Line) is now hosting a series of household hazardous waste collections on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates: May 25; June 29; Sept. 28; and Oct. 26.

Some of the materials accepted include: batteries, drain and oven cleaner, pesticides, rat poison, pharmaceuticals, cleaning fluids, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach, aerosols, gasoline, paints, barbecue starter, oil, solvents, and propane cylinders.

Materials NOT accepted include: PCBs, commercial, infectious, radioactive, tires, explosives/ammunitions including flares.

For more information, visit www.LambtonOnline.ca

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.



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 or www.ridedonthide.com/lambton-kent

Adult day program funding received from Erie St. Clair LHIN

The County of Lambton has received \$50,000 from the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to help fund adult day programs offered to county residents.

The funding, made through the Ontario Dementia Strategy, will provide for an extra day of programming to adult day program sites at Lambton Meadowview Villa in Petrolia and Marshall Gowland Manor in Sarnia. The extra day at Meadowview Villa will make the program available Monday through Friday. This is expected to significantly shorten the wait lists for the program, which was attended over 6,700 times in 2018.

At Marshall Gowland Manor, Saturday programming will

expand the Sarnia program operating hours to Monday through Saturday.

The day programs offer a wide range of physical and cognitive activities through professional, individualized care and meaningful activities with the goal of encouraging and maintaining the individual's independence. They also offer companionship and respect for the participants, and provide support and respite for caregivers.

To learn more about these programs, go online to www.LambtonCares.ca or follow the long-term care division on Facebook by searching "Lambton Cares".

Port Lambton Pirates baseball organization players get new look

The players in the Port Lambton Pirates baseball organization are sporting a new look thanks to their brand new jerseys. Port Lambton Athletic Association Vice-President Jeremy VanRuymbeke offers a note of thanks to those who made the new look possible.

"During the past eight months, Port Lambton Athletic Association has been working very hard on the 2019 Jersey Drive, canvassing local business and sourcing out a new style and colour jersey for the entire youth baseball organization. The new 2019 Youth Pirate Jerseys were unveiled recently and the organization couldn't be happier with the way they turned out. This project started last year when we realized we were in need of new jerseys and how our existing stock pile was dwindling and just plain worn out.

Port Lambton baseball has grown in the past few years with a surge of new registrations and this is a record year for us with the amount of kids wanting to play Pirate baseball. But jerseys are not cheap and we knew this was something PLAA could not accomplish on its own while still keeping our registration costs low. With fundraising efforts and donations from our many great sponsors, we were able to raise \$9,000 to replenish our existing stock of jerseys while at the same time changing the design, colour scheme, and material. These jerseys turned out amazing and we feel everyone will love them once we all see them out on the ball diamond this summer.

We would like to officially thank our sponsors listed below. We wouldn't have been able to ac-



Pirate players show off new jerseys. From left: Nash Lane; Jace Burgess; Emma VanRuymbeke; Hudson Burgess; Sophia Burgess; Brock Lane; Noah VanRuymbeke. PLAA photo

complish this without your support. In no particular order, thank you to: UA Local 663; CMF Group; Sombra Optimist; Bar-tech Rigging; CF Industries; Sombra Lodge; Port Lambton Athletic Association.

Jeremy VanRuymbeke

Vice-President

Port Lambton Athletic Association

HERITAGE CORNER

THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS...IN SOMBRA



The Village of Sombra used to boast this impressive holiday destination. The Grand Hotel once graced the northeast corner of King and Water Streets. Thanks to Heritage St. Clair for this great glimpse at St. Clair Township's past.



Victorian Tea

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Victorian Tea at the Moore Museum in Mooretown. For more information, see page 20.

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.

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 call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020.

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



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.

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.

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.



SOMBRA MUSEUM CRAFT EVENT

One of the winter craft offerings at the Sombra Museum was a Learn-to-Paint Party led by instructor Marlene Rabideau, seen here explaining technique to the 17 students who attended the class.

Sombra Museum photo

Curatorial assistants wanted for summer at Sombra Museum

Sombra Museum is hiring two curatorial assistants for 12 weeks beginning June 2. Interested post-secondary students who are returning to school can apply by sending their resume to sombramuseum@hotmail.com with subject line *Curatorial Assistant Position*. The deadline for submissions is May 19 at 8 p.m. See sombramuseum.webs.com or the Young Canada Works portal for the job descriptions. These positions are funded through the Young Canada Works in Heritage program delivered by the Government of Canada.



HIT THE TRAIL **10 YEARS**
SATURDAY, JULY 20 **2019**

Half Marathon • 10K Run
5K Run/Walk • Minnow Run
st.clair river run

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

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

SCRCA scholarships now available to post-secondary school students

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) is currently accepting applications for its 2019 scholarships. The scholarships are available to graduating high school students who live within the SCRCA boundary and who are pursuing post-secondary studies in an environmental field (e.g. biology, ecology, geography, forestry, agriculture, fish and wildlife, etc.) Up to two \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to successful students.

The following communities fall within the SCRCA boundary include: Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Wallaceburg,

Dresden, Glencoe and Strathroy.

These scholarships were established in memory of Archibald W. Campbell, Tony Stranak, and Mary Jo Arnold, and they have been made available through donations to trust funds managed by the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation.

Scholarship applications can be obtained from the following sources: high school guidance departments; by contacting the SCRCA at 519-245-3710; or by visiting the SCRCA website at www.scrca.on.ca

The deadline for applications is May 31, 2019.

Dig Safe flag raising helps raise awareness of the importance of locating buried cables/pipes

The Dig Safe ceremonial flag raising was held at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on April 23. The event was held to make property owners aware of the importance of having all buried infrastructure, such as power and gas lines and water lines, located before digging for any reason on the property.

The Dig Safe flag raising at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown included members of the public, contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties.

With the home improvement season and a seasonal increase in construction projects at hand, the event serves several purposes, including: the promotion of information sharing and the creation of Dig Safe networking contacts; the reduction in the direct costs of damage repairs and the restoration of service; the reduction of indirect societal costs, including injury or death, traffic disruption, diversion of valuable emergency services, envi-

ronmental and economic impacts, etc.; the maintenance of the integrity of essential services including vital municipal and utility infrastructure; and the protection of communities from threats to health and security.

The event was organized by the Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA) in cooperation with St. Clair Township.

All property owners and contractors are urged to know who to call to have all buried infrastructure located and marked prior to any digging.

BEFORE YOU DIG
call Ontario One Call at



Once upon a time in Mooretown...

...the skaters from the Moore Skating Club gathered together for the 46th time to present a spring ice show filled with whimsical scenarios, fantastic performances, and adorable characters. They called their show *An Enchanted Evening* and those who filled the bleachers were most definitely enchanted. Here are a few memories from that show.

Clockwise from top right: *Four-year-old Trent of Corunna waits patiently for dad, Mark, to lace his skates. Trent participated in the *Wizards* and the *Cowardly Lions* presentations. **The March of the Cards* was part of the *Alice In Wonderland* fantasy. **Leprechauns* invaded the ice early in the show. **Tinkerbell*, a.k.a. Makenna Oakley, took to the air with a breathtaking aerial spin during her solo performance. *Continuing the fantastic fantasy that captured the imagination of the audience, a group of *Fairies* visited the show.

The show would not have been possible without the guidance and expertise of Moore Skating Club coaches Cindy Oakley, Carol McPherson, Karen Collins, Anita Amy, Jessie Marcinov. They were assisted by amateur coaches Maddison Cotter, Jaeden Hill, Samantha Hill, Laylah Leveille, Madison Lourenco, Danika Oakley, Makenna Oakley, Jessie Pearce, Katie Pearce, Ashley Schram, Lauren Theriault, MacKenna Wheeler, and Morgan Wheeler.



Bonnie Stevenson photos



Training is a year 'round pursuit for St. Clair Township volunteer firefighters

On a bright, sunny day in April, volunteer firefighters from the Becher and Port Lambton fire stations gathered at the Lambton College Fire School training facility on LaSalle Line to participate in an emergency scenario that would challenge their knowledge and help them hone their skills. A few of them were new to the job and for them, the training was crucial to their ability to respond safely and effectively in whatever emergencies they may be called to attend.

St. Clair Township Fire Chief Walt Anderson says these training sessions are held throughout the year. "We're out here six times a year with two stations each time," he said, adding attendance at these exercises is important because issues arise during this practical training that may not have been covered sufficiently during regular training.

Bryan Kraayenbrink, a volunteer firefighter with the Port Lambton station, says the training is important to the overall function of the firefighters when they respond to a real emergency. "It's all about teamwork," he said. "It's good to affiliate with firefighters from the halls we'll meet at the scene."

The firefighters began in a ladder truck stationed away from the scene of the emergency. Once summoned, they arrived and began a routine that not only helps them fight the emergency, but keeps tabs on each firefighter on the scene. The commander assessed the scene, developed an incident plan, and started to assign teams to various tasks.

Chief Anderson explained an accountability person is chosen to oversee a scheduling system that tracks the location of each firefighter. Once the commander assigns the firefighters to their teams, they check in with the accountability person who places their identification tags in the appropriate team area on the assignment sheet, **shown above**. For instance, the tags of the two firefighters who are assigned to staff the rapid response station will be placed on a square designated for that position. "Every person who goes in has to report to the accountability person," said Chief Anderson. Some tags are colour coded to indicate special tasks with green indicating those assigned to the "hot zone" and yellow indicating support firefighters.

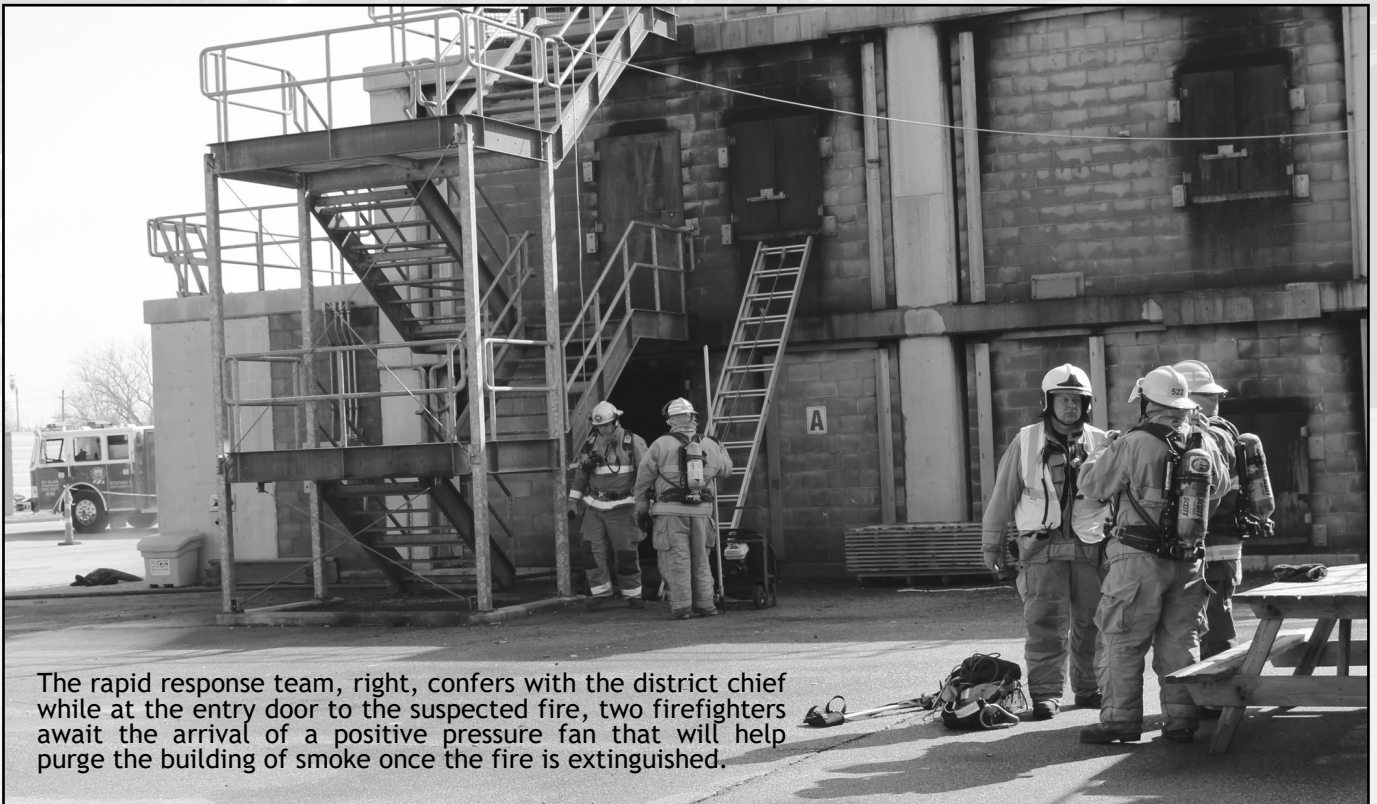
Throughout the emergency, all firefighters are required to stay in touch with the accountability person at regular intervals. When the emergency is over, firefighters must report to the accountability person where their tags are moved to the "rehab" location.

Chief Anderson notes that the accountability system varies only slightly from department to department. "We try to keep compatible with the rest of the county," he said.

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Accountability assignment sheet



The rapid response team, right, confers with the district chief while at the entry door to the suspected fire, two firefighters await the arrival of a positive pressure fan that will help purge the building of smoke once the fire is extinguished.

Fire training scenario identifies communication system glitch



Above: The fire site located at the rear of the building was identified and neutralized. Here, the ladder is extended and prepared to be used for firefighter support if necessary. Right, a firefighter stands in the doorway of the room where the fire occurred.

Left: At the conclusion of the emergency, firefighters report to the accountability area where Andrew Parsons, the accountability person for this exercise, right, moves their tags to the "rehab" position.

Below: A debriefing at the conclusion of the exercise revealed radio chatter was a problem and that interference by the building itself may have caused some of it. "Communication is always a skill we work on," said Deputy Chief Steve Bicum.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



Rapids Family Health Team

The following sessions are being offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic, located at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna. There is no charge for participation but you must register for each one you take. Please note that space is limited. If we are unable to accommodate you for the day of your choice, we will put you on a waiting list for future sessions.

For more information, go online to: www.rapidsfhteam.ca or to register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to reception.

Living With Diabetes

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The next sessions are slated for May 7, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 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 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.

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.



Maple syrup time

The Maple Syrup Festival at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area attracted over 800 visitors in March. The frosty nights and bright, sunny days had the maple sap flowing, making it easy for St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) staff members to demonstrate the various methods that can be used to produce maple syrup. They also spoke about the role this "liquid gold" has played throughout history and the significance it had on the lives of First Nations people and the pioneers. Visitors not only enjoyed maple syrup taffy but they were also able to enjoy scenic horse-drawn wagon rides along the park's beautiful trails.

Above: SCRCA Education Coordinator Sharon Nethercott speaks to visitors about how maple syrup was first discovered by First Nations people. *SCRCA photo*

Corunna Legion donates to Mooretown-Courtright P.S.



John Cormier, president of Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, presents donation of \$2,000 to Beth Wilbur-Smith, principal of Mooretown-Courtright Public School. The funds will be used for the school's snack and technology programs. *Submitted photo*

Spring excitement is on the way at the Mooretown Sports Complex

The Mooretown Sports Complex now has a Facebook page 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 will do our best to keep our followers informed, so please like us on Facebook. And don't forget to check out the new look of our 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 is in progress but it may not be too late to register. Give us a call at 519-867-2651 to see if openings are still available.

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!

Are you still wondering 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. Call the Mooretown Sports Complex for more information or to register.*

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 is here!

You waited all winter for the golf season to begin so don't waste a minute of golf weather. Enjoy the beautiful manicured greens and hours of friendly competition at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. And when the game is over, retire to the clubhouse and take time to do a leisurely assessment of the day's play with a cold beverage and some great food at Hawthorne's. For more information, go online to: www.stclairparkwaygolf.com

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. It will be held Wednesdays to May 15 at 10:15 a.m. Call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 for more information.

Simply Organized

The West Lambton CHC will sponsor *Simply Organized* at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. Learn about the benefits of keeping life simple and keeping your home in order, and how better to manage your time. You will also learn techniques to enhance your daily lifestyle. 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.

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 Samia) from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, available online at www.lambtonoutdoorclub.org. This event is open to the public. More information at 519-336-3919.

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).*

Brigden P. S. student participates in Lambton County Science Fair

Among the 99 entries in this year's Lambton County Science Fair was a bright young Grade 4 student from Brigden Public School.

Hunter Middaugh chose *Waterspouts* as his subject of inquiry and his display presented a well-researched explanation of his project.

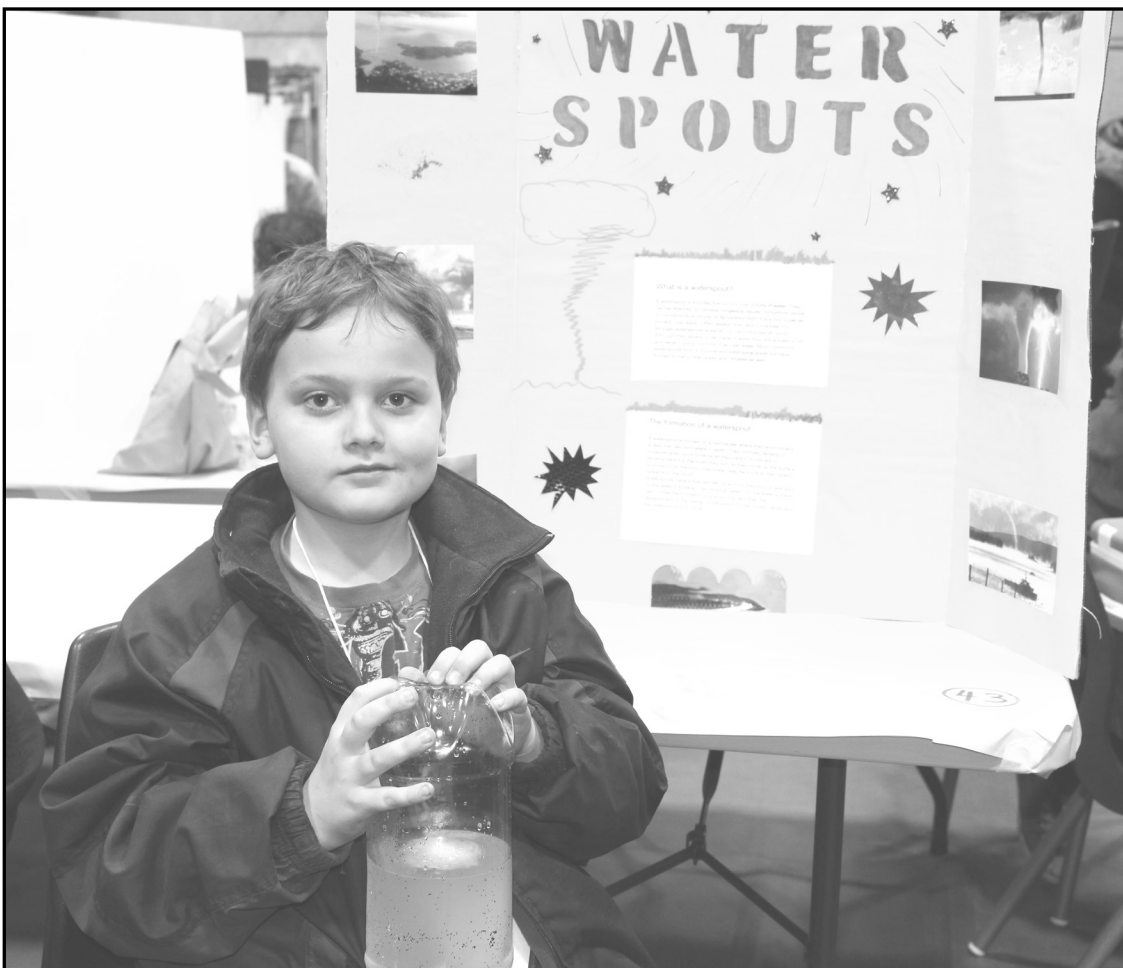
He says he was a bit undecided about the subject he would choose. "I thought about a volcano," he said.

But waterspouts took his interest and he developed an especially insightful way to explain this odd natural phenomenon. "I thought if you combine a beach and a tornado and water, you get a water spout," he said, adding waterspouts sometimes develop on land and move out into the water.

When asked how he researched his subject, he said, "I looked on Google."

Hunter was able to demonstrate the development of waterspouts using a two-litre bottle containing water. Holding the bottle upright, he quickly rotated it in tight circles until a tornado-like vortex formed in the center.

When he's not delving into scientific curiosities like waterspouts, Hunter says he plays a game called Beyblades. These are the modern version of spinning tops that can be fitted with various parts



Grade 4 student Hunter Middaugh with his display board and his waterspout demonstration bottle at the Lambton County Science Fair held at Lambton College on April 5.

and are used in play battle. "I'm a pro launcher," said Hunter.

The young scientist has already given some thought to the future. He's considering two careers so far. "I'd like to be a train driver or the best Beyblades player in the world," he said.

Bonnie Stevenson story/photo



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 assis-

tance 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.**

To find out if you have a project concept or activity that conforms to the objectives of the grant program, go online to: LambtonOnline.ca and click on "Creative County Home".

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COMMUNITY CONTACT

Are you a good listener?

Volunteers are needed to place calls to seniors and persons with disabilities who live alone and are feeling isolated. Good listeners are needed by the Family Counselling Centre to speak with individuals who need support and need to feel connected. For over 40 years, volunteers have been making contact with seniors and individuals struggling with day-to-day life challenges in Sarnia-Lambton. An information session is planned for May 6. To register or to find out more about this effort, call 519-336-0120.

Lambton Youth Choir accepting new members

The Lambton Youth Choir, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year (see page 16) 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. 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.

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.

Spring that change from your pocket to benefit the St. Clair River Trail

The St. Clair River Trail is a community treasure and with spring here, it's going to need some sprucing up and some maintenance. It's used and appreciated by township residents and out-of-town visitors who enjoy the scenic beauty afforded by the river, its parks and its wildlife. You can help keep the trail beautiful 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 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

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 volunteer 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.

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/

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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Lambton Youth Choir 25th anniversary reunion planned - alumni invited

The Lambton Youth Choir (LYC) celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and a reunion is planned. All former choir members and their families are invited to attend this landmark event, which is sponsored by Charles Fairbank Oil Properties Ltd.

The reunion will be held on Saturday, June 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Camlachie Community Centre. (If you know LYC alumni who are not likely to hear about this event, please let them know about this reunion.)

LYC alumni are asked to use any one of the following ways to register for this terrific event: *Visit the Facebook page - Lambton Youth Choir 25th Anniversary Reunion (if your last name has changed since you were a member, please include both names in your registration. *Email nagle@gmail.com. *Call Harriet or Mike Nagle at 519-845-1004.

Rabies clinics offered through Lambton Public Health

Two low-cost rabies vaccination clinics will be held in Lambton County in May. The clinics are open to all cats and dogs three months of age or older that are in good health and not vaccinated in the last year.

Clinics are set for the Oil Springs fire hall at 4589 Oil Springs Line on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the Enniskillen Township garage at 4465 Rokeby Line on Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



United Way
Sarnia-Lambton

United Way elects new board; starts new funding term

The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton recently elected a new board of directors at its 62nd annual general meeting. The organization's new three-year funding term of 18 agencies began on April 1 providing 36 programs and services.

The new board will set the organization's 2019 campaign goal this summer.

A complete copy of the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton financial statements, as well as community investments, is available at www.theunitedway.on.ca

'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



Trail Facebook page needs photos



The St. Clair River Trail has a Facebook page where we can show off the natural beauty the trail is known for.

When you're out and about at any time of the year 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 offers free clothing in May

Parkway Church at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna will run its free clothing ministry on May 9 and May 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

After these dates, it is uncertain whether

the clothing ministry will be continued.

Please watch the June Beacon for further information or call Johanna at 519-862-2204 or Pastor Michelle at 519-862-3380.



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

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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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

Music Camp offered in Brigden

The Brigden Music Camp will be offered at the Brigden Community Church, 2389 Courtright Line, the week of July 15 to 19 daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be a dynamic week where participants can explore their creativity off and on the stage. Experienced musicians look forward to helping those who come to get started with a new instrument and/or improve their skills with the ones they already play. There will be opportunities to play and sing in small groups in preparation for the presentation of a variety show on Friday evening at 7 p.m. The camp will be operated under Hope Alvinson Ministries under adult director Laura Breen. The camp is open to Grades 3 to 10 at a cost of \$75, and donations will be accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a lunch each day. To register, call Joanne White at 519-864-4111.

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. Thursday will be Movie Night. 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 or Brigden Fair Facebook page for updates.*

51st Port Lambton Gala Days

Summer's on the way and so is the 51st edition of Port Lambton Gala Days on the Civic Holiday, Aug. 2-4. Details are still being finalized but so far, Friday will see the beginning of the men's and women's baseball tourney and the Friday Night Dance Party with live music by Rumblefish. The Gala Days raffle will continue with the first prize of a Sea-Doo SPARK package. (Raffle tickets are available by calling 519-360-7215.) On Saturday, baseball continues and volleyball takes to the sand courts. There will be a penny table, 50/50 tickets, children's entertainment by Griffen and Friends Reptiles, face painting and

kids' games, and a waterball fight. Entertainment will be by Mat Gauthier and Rob Jenkins and The Room.

An annual highlight of the event is the Saturday morning parade at 11 a.m. This year, organizers are hoping for an especially crowd-pleasing parade. It's a perfect event to show off your team spirit, display your artistic talents and spread the word about your organizations and community pride. *Watch the Beacon for more information as it becomes available.*

R/C Flyers host scale model airplane rally

The Bluewater R/C Flyers will host its 42nd Annual Memorial Scale Model Airplane Rally on Saturday, Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will include simulators, raffles, and a special raffle for a sightseeing flight over Sarnia and the St. Clair River. Food will be available and there will be limited camping for pilots. Donations of non-perishable items for the Inn of the Good Shepherd will be appreciated from pilots and spectators. The cost will be \$5 per carload. For more information, go online to: pchitty@bell.net. The R/C Flyers website is: www.bluewaterrcflyers.com and they can be found on Facebook.

OPG sponsors school program enhancements at Moore Museum

The Moore Museum has received a donation from Ontario Power Generation to sponsor the museum's 2019 School Education Program.

Museum Curator Laurie Mason says the donation will help fund hands-on experiences that greatly enhance the understanding of topics the students learn. "The support of Ontario Power Generation allows the purchase of further reproduction items so students can engage in active learning, participating in various activities which bring the past to life," she said. "These hands-on experiences enable a level of understanding that reading about the past simply cannot provide."

On average, 2,000 school students attend the Moore Museum's education program each year. Museum staff, in the role of "pioneers" through first-person interpretation, help students experience various aspects of settler life.

"Ontario Power Generation is a long-term contributor to Moore Museum's educational programming and the museum very much appreciates their support for assisting students in gaining greater understanding of, and appreciation for, our community's heritage," said Laurie.

Wanted: Motivated youth looking for rewarding challenges

The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia invites boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn new skills, marksmanship, orienteering, hiking, leadership, pipes and drum band, and teamwork, participate in many new challenges, make new friends and attend great summer camps, all at no cost. Cadets are not required to join the military. Join us today! For more information, call 519-332-6555 or visit: www.petroliacadets.com

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ed 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. And every Saturday at 4 p.m., a meat draw is held. 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, [\[gion447.ca\]\(http://gion447.ca\), or at the Legion branch.](http://le-</p>
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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 is 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, go online to www.readsarnia.com or call Judith at 519-332-4876.

Mark your calendar...

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.

RCMP Musical Ride in Brigden

The world-famous RCMP Musical Ride will visit the Brigden fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 10. Performance times are still to be set. Watch the Beacon for further information.

Moore Museum summer events

The Moore Museum's Model Train Event will be held 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

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Fair ambassador contestants sought

If you're passionate about the Brigden Fair and your community, check out the fair website at Brigdenfair.ca to find out how you can become a fair ambassador or part of the ambassador's court. The contest is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 25 so gather your friends, get involved and have fun with this great leadership opportunity. Use your ideas and your enthusiasm to make the program event better!

Be a Brigden Fair Sponsor

If you've ever thought of being a Brigden Fair sponsor, many opportunities and options are now available for you and/or your company to become a class sponsor at the fair. This is an opportunity for you to put your business and your brand out where thousands of fair goers will see it all weekend long. Find out how you can get great value for your advertising dollar at the fair by calling the fair office at 519-864-1197 or emailing michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca



Sponsorships now available in the Brigden Fair Prize Book

If you would like to sponsor a class in the Brigden Fair Prize Book, sponsorships are still available. Your name will be noted in the prize book if you contact the fair office by May 20, 2019. The cost to sponsor a typical Home-craft class could be a little as \$25. Live-stock sponsorship is higher, so please call for details at 519-864-1197.



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 alison.dion@brigdenfair.ca

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will be available all weekend. For more information please call John Ohagan at 519-336-4814 or 519-330-7511, or Renny Stones at 519-918-8432.

Open jam at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the final open jam session of the season on Saturday, May 25 at 3 p.m. The popular open jam sessions will resume in October.

Steak bingo at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a steak bingo on Thursday, May 30 with doors open at 6 p.m. and heads down at 7 p.m. There will be 25 regular games with four cards at \$20. A special game will also be played at \$2 per strip. Three prizes will be awarded at \$1,000 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third. Food will be available and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information call the branch at 519-862-1240.

Knox Moore church garage and bake sale

Knox Moore Presbyterian Church, 1354 Rokeby Line, will hold the second annual Garage and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to come and see the treasures and baking that will be offered at this event...

Duthil Decoration Day service

The Duthil Cemetery Decoration Day service will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 2:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs.

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 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 soapbox 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.

Jr. Optimist hosts Lil' Shakespeares

The Lambton Junior Optimist Club will host an afternoon of interactive plays and crafts on Saturday, June 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Courtright Community Hall (Silverdome). This free event will feature two plays, The Little Red Hen and Stone Soup, performed by members of the Jr. Optimist group, plus fun crafts. A snack will be provided at no cost. Children under age five must be accompanied by an adult. **Please register by June 7. Call Michelle at 519-481-0577. This is a great opportunity for high school students to gain volunteer hours.**

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 are \$50 per person. For details or to purchase tickets please call 519-892-3982.

R/C Flyers to hold open house

The Bluewater R/C Flyers radio-controlled aircraft club will host an open house its Canada Day Spectator Open House on June 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special events will include: stunt flying; drone demos; simulators; a candy drop; and much more. Food will be available and the cost is just \$5 per carload. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Inn of the Good Shepherd will be appreciated from pilots and spectators. Limited camping will be available for pilots. The field is located at 2590 Petrolia Line in St. Clair, Township, 500 metres east of the intersection of Plank Road and Petrolia Line. For more information, go online to: pchitty@bell.net. The R/C Flyers website is: www.bluewatercflayers.com and they can be found on Facebook.

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

Cruikshank Community Centre hosts weekly activities

The Cruikshank 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

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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 usually held at the Point Edward Arena in May. 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 lambtonseniors1@gmail.com or visit www.lambtonseniors.com

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Sombra Optimists hold meat raffle

The Sombra Township Optimist Club meat raffles are underway at Rum Runners, 167 King Street in Sombra on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following dates: May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12, and June 26. There are six draws each evening with tickets \$1 each. Your support helps the club fund its work in the community and you may take home a package of deliciousness as a bonus.

Corunna U.C. to host basement sale

Corunna United Church on Hill Street in Corunna will host a basement sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. For further information please call Sylvia at 519-862-1040.

Good listeners wanted

Volunteers are needed to call seniors and people with disabilities through a program operated by the Family Counselling Centre. An information sessions is set for May 6. For more information, see **Community Contact**, page 15.

Corunna Legion to host euchre tourney

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a Progressive Euchre tournament on Sunday, May 4 with registration at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and play beginning at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and all monies will be returned. Food will be available and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

Catch the Ace at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Brigden is now hosting a Catch the Ace lottery on Fridays until Sept. 27 or until the ace of spades is revealed. There will also be a 20 per cent weekly prize. A 30 per cent progressive prize will also be awarded when you catch the ace of spades. Tickets are sold for \$4 each from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the ticket is drawn at 8 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the Branch 635 building fund, *Leave the Streets Behind* initiative for homeless veterans, and cadets (sea, air, and land). Please come out and support your local legion in this endeavour. (Ontario problem gambling hotline - 1-888-230-3505.)

Mother's Day Brunch in Brigden

Treat your favourite lady to Mother's Day Brunch at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday,

May 12 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, or Brigden Fair Facebook page. No reservations are required.

Brigden Legion May events

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Brigden will host the following events during the month of May: Catch the Ace from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, and May 31 (See **above for details**); May 11, Meat raffle at 4:30 p.m.

Pickleball resumes in May

The Corunna Pickleball group will resume playing in May. Weather permitting, the group will play every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. New adult players are always welcome to join the fun at the Corunna Athletic Park tennis courts. For more information, call Keith at 519-918-5359, Jim at 519-862-3447, Nora at 519-867-5490, or Michael at 519-813-9274.

Meat raffle at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 will hold a meat raffle on Saturday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Jr. Optimist hosts free family movie night

The Junior Optimist Club will host a free family movie night on Friday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtright Community Hall. Enjoy *Wreck It Ralph: Ralph Breaks the Internet* and enjoy popcorn, water or juice. Get comfy in your pjs, and bring your pillows and blankets for an evening of fun.

Sawuti African Children's Choir in Brigden

The Seven Wells Sawuti African Children's Choir will perform at the Brigden Community Church, 2389 Courtright Line in Brigden, on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. There will be no admission fee but a free will offering will be taken during the concert. There will also be a table of African products for sale. For more information about the choir and where they have appeared, go online to: www.singtogether.ca Everyone is welcome. For more information call Joanne at 519-864-4111.

Enjoy Victorian Tea at Moore Museum

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.

Jamboree for a Cause - Wilkesport

The Jamboree for a Cause will be held on May 24 -26 at the R Bar D Stables & Farms, 2742 Burman Line, RR#1, Wilkesport. This event to benefit local food banks will be collecting non-perishable food, donations, clothing, personal hygiene products, and other items needed by local food drives and women's shelters. The emcee for this event will be radio personality John O from B-Side Music and live music will be supplied by multiple bands. Rustic camping will be available onsite and a food truck

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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

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.