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Monday, July 1



RCMP Musical Ride coming to Brigden fairgrounds



Canada's world-renowned RCMP Musical Ride will be performing at the Brigden fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 10, with shows slated for 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Community groups, tour groups, families and members of surrounding communities are all invited to enjoy the pageantry and masterful horsemanship the 32 riders and their horses bring to the field through a variety of figures and drills choreographed to music. The show provides the public with an opportunity to experience the heritage and traditions of the RCMP as well as raise funds

for local charities across Canada.

Ticket information will be released in the near future. Follow brigdenfair.ca for more information, coming events and sponsorship opportunities.

For more information about the RCMP Musical Ride tour, go online to: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/event/en/t/2/e

See RCMP Musical Ride facts, page 11 for some background facts about this brilliant precision equestrian team that has been thrilling audiences for over a century.



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Council Meeting Schedule

Upcoming St. Clair Township Council meetings will take place as follows: Committee of the Whole meeting Tuesday, June 4 at 3 p.m.; regular council meeting on Monday, June 17 at 6 p.m.; Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, July 2 at 3 p.m.; and regular council meeting on Monday, July 15 at 6 p.m.

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

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



Moore Community & Recreational Foundation application deadline

The deadline for Moore Community and Recreation Foundation financial assistance is May 31, but late applications will be accepted until June 7. For detailed information about the foundation and to obtain a grant request form, visit the St. Clair Township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca

For further information, contact Treasurer Charles Quenneville at 519-867-2024.



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

Jeff Baranek
Clerk
519-867-2021

Report speeding ships and shoreline damage to Transport Canada

Damage to the St. Clair River shoreline due to the excessive speed of some passing ships remains a matter of concern for some residents along the St. Clair River. Those who experience wake damage to their shoreline properties often contact members of St. Clair Township Council to complain about this situation. However, council does not have jurisdiction over anything that happens offshore.

Transport Canada, through the St. Clair and Detroit River Navigation Safety Regulations, regulates the maximum speed of vessels proceeding through certain portions of the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers. When ships exceed that limit, shoreline impacts and other property damage may occur. If members of the public have any questions, or information related to speed limit violations in these rivers, they are urged to call Transport Canada Marine Safety at 519-383-1826.

For more information about St. Clair River and Detroit River Navigation Safety Regulations, go online to: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-84-335/page-1.html>



Monitor private wells during flood conditions

Heavy rains and flooding conditions experienced in Lambton County this spring pose a potential threat to the safety of private wells. Lambton Public Health (LPH) urges residents with private wells to test their well water as soon as possible if the well has been flooded.

Flooding can cause harmful bacteria to enter the drinking water supply making it unsafe for use.

LPH Inspector Theresa Warren says, "Until you can test your well water, use bottled water for daily use including drinking, making infant formula or juices, cooking, making ice, washing fruits and vegetables, and brushing teeth. Alternately, you can boil your water rapidly for at least one minute before use."

Water sample kits can be picked up and dropped off at: Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street in Point Edward or Bluewater Health CEE lab, 450 Blanche Street, Petrolia.

Lambton Public Health recommends well water be tested three to four times each year to ensure its safety. For information on disinfection and sampling procedures, visit www.lambtonhealth.on.ca or all LPH at 519-383-8331, toll free at 1-800-667-1839.

LPH urges protection against tick bites

Lambton Public Health warns the public to protect themselves against tick bites when exploring the outdoors this season. Blacklegged ticks can carry Lyme disease, a potentially serious disease. For more information, visit www.lambtonhealth.on.ca, Ontario.ca/lyme, or call 519-383-8331, toll-free at 519-800-667-1839.

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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.

Township of St. Clair Crossing guards

The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing guard to assist school children crossing in Corunna. 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.

The Township of St. Clair also 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 publicworks@twp.stclair.on.ca or apply in person at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

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.

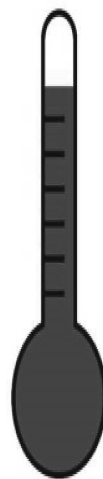
Yard waste

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.

Damaging underground services can have serious consequences such as:

- ☑ Injury to you and others
- ☑ Loss of essential services
- ☑ Creating a safety risk
- ☑ Expensive restoration costs
- ☑ Potential legal action against you

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Attention Residents!

We have 1467 residents using our Recycling app.

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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).



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DIG

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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: 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



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.

Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life a night of inspiration and hope



The Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life Sarnia brings together those in our community who are united by the same goal of creating a world where no Canadian fears cancer. This fundraising event is also an opportunity to celebrate those who live and have lived in the

face of cancer and those who are moving past cancer.

Last year, more than 12,000 cancer survivors across the country and 125 in Sarnia joined Relay For Life and took part in the Survivor's Victory Lap. This victory lap provides an opportunity for survivors to thank those who helped them through their cancer journey, to give hope to those currently in treatment and to be part of a caring community of people who have all been touched by cancer.

All cancer survivors in Sarnia-Lambton are invited to participate in the inspirational first lap of Relay For Life

Sarnia on June 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Clearwater Arena Park, 1400 Wellington Street in Sarnia.

By taking part in Relay For Life as a survivor, donor, volunteer and/or fundraising team, you show the people affected by cancer in this community that they're not alone. Money raised will help fund ground-breaking research as well as essential support services for local people living with cancer and their families.

The Canadian Cancer Society believes that no one diagnosed with cancer should have to face it alone. It's the only nationwide charitable organization located in over 70 communities, with support services reaching more Canadians than ever before. Join the Relay For Life and help continue the life-saving work of the Canadian Cancer Society. Together, we can prove that life is bigger than cancer.

Please make a difference and sign up today at relayforlife.ca/sarnia or call 519-332-0042

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

New nurse practitioner in Corunna

Nurse Practitioner Gemma Vitella is now working with Dr. W. O'Mahony in his family practice on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. With five years in practice at Twin Bridges nurse practitioner-led clinic and in long-term care homes of the Erie St. Clair LHIN, she says she is excited to be in primary care again. She holds a Bachelor of Biological Anthropology from the University of Toronto, as well as nursing from Western University, and a Masters of Nursing, and Nurse Practitioner certificate in primary health care from Western University. Dr. O'Mahony says Gemma will help a great deal to make

patient care more timely. "Complicated patients take a lot of time and people with one or two problems and families shouldn't have to wait forever to be seen," he said. He added he has worked with Gemma before and knows her to have a wealth of experience to bring to patients.

New office hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon; and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed during lunch hour).



Gemma Vitella, NP

Walk for Arthritis set for Sombra



The third annual Walk for Arthritis in Sombra (10th annual national walk) will take place on June 2 starting at Sombra Community Park with registration at 9 a.m. and the walk starting at 10 a.m. Individuals and teams are invited to participate in a 1 km or 5 km walk along the St. Clair Trail, returning to the park.

The walk is held to raise awareness of arthritis and juvenile arthritis, demonstrating that people of all ages, an estimated six million Canadians, are afflicted with this disease that is treatable but not curable. It also raises money to help fund the on-going effort to cure this painful disease.

The event is coordinated by Sombra resident Amanda Hay, who has had arthritis since she was eight years old, and Ross Benson of Sarnia, whose two-year-old daughter, Sloan, was born with juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

To register, go online at walkforarthritis.ca (click on "register" and choose "Sarnia/Sombra" or register at the park for a \$25 entry fee the day of the event. Those who raise \$100 or over will receive a free t-shirt.

Dig Safe event stresses dangers of underground hazards

Every contractor strives to get home safely when the work day ends. But every year, some don't because they fail to investigate the dangers that lurk beneath the ground they are excavating. Property owners often make the same mistake when they could simply contact Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 to locate buried utility and service lines. To raise awareness of these dangers, and of the measures that can be taken to avoid them, the Dig Safe initiative was highlighted during a formal flag raising and information distribution event at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on April 23. The initiative, put forward

by the Ontario Region Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), aims to mitigate risks to workers, the public, and infrastructure, including buried equipment, by simply having the dig site investigated for buried hazards before the ground is disturbed.

About 20 of these Dig Safe ceremonies were held in



On hand for the Dig Safe flag raising were, front row left: Doug Lapp, president and CEO of ORCGA; Mayor Steve Arnold; Councillor Jim DeGurse; Councillor Tracy Kingston; Warden Bill Weber; Mike Davis, regional supervisor, fuels division, Technical Standards and Safety Authority.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Ontario for 13 geographic councils during this annual safety initiative.

Museum model train room offers new excitement



If you and your kids haven't been to the Moore Museum's train room lately, you're in for a big surprise. The volunteers have been working all winter to enlarge the space and bring in exciting new train setups like this speeding Rio Grande Line SD50 diesel replica train that enthusiasts/Moore Museum volunteers John Derler and Tom Walter are test driving. The new control layout allows visitors of all ages an opportunity to try their hand at running some of the trains. You'll have a chance to really explore the new exhibit during the upcoming Model Train event slated for Sunday, July 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, see *Around The Township*, page 19.

HIT THE TRAIL

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019

NEW FOR 2019!
Half Marathon

- 10K Run
- 5K Run/Walk
- Minnow Run

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NEW at 10th River Run

Excitement is building fast as preparations for the 10th annual St. Clair River Run, boasting a new half marathon option, are completed. Over 800 participants, 150 volunteers, and an enthusiastic curbside crowd are expected. To register for the run, go online to stdclairriverrun.com. All proceeds go toward enhancing the beautiful St. Clair river Trail.

Triple "C" Carving Club members visit 4th Corunna Brownies

Members of the 4th Corunna Brownies got a lesson in wood carving on April 25 when four members of the Triple "C" Carving Club attended their meeting.

The girls were intrigued with the items the men had carved from a single piece of wood and they also got to try their hand at doing a carving with a bar of soap and a plastic knife.

The Triple "C" Carving Club founders Bob Gall and John Schols began the Corunna Carving Club but quickly discovered that Sarnia was also in need of such a club that met in the morning or afternoon, a more acceptable time for older adults and retirees.

The concept of having a meeting place for people who like to work with wood expanded into a social opportunity as well as members exchanged ideas, enjoyed coffee and renewed old acquaintances from their working days. Many of the members came from large industries like Dow Chemical, Imperial Oil, Polysar and other Sarnia businesses as well as agricultural producers.

Though the years, word of mouth has led to an expansion

of the club to over 100 people, men and women, with an average attendance at meetings of about 60 people.

The club participates in many area shows and demonstrations throughout the year. They can be seen demonstrating and exhibiting their carving skills at events like Hobbyfest and venues such as the Lambton Heritage Museum during the Return of the Swans. The group also does "show and tell" sessions at local nursing homes and seniors residences.

The carvers' work is on display at Bluewater Health in Sarnia, St. Joseph's Hospice, Sarnia City Hall, and the Sportsmans Hall of Fame.

The Triple "C" Carving Club has gained recognition far beyond the boundaries of Lambton County. Members have shown and received awards for their work all over southwestern Ontario and in Michigan.

Gord Dawson, a relatively new member of the club, says wood carving is a very satisfying thing to do in your spare time and it's a great way to meet and make new friends while learning a new skill from some very talented experienced carvers.

Long-time club member Jerry Shuster says the process isn't that difficult to understand; you just cut away the wood to reveal the object hidden inside.

The club's motto, "Treasures from the Trees", says it all.



Left: Triple "C" carver Jerry Shuster (seated) explains the process used to create the many finished wooden figures the men brought with them. Standing, from center left, are Triple "C" carvers Jim Buckingham, Gord Dawson, and Keith Grant.

Right: Brownie "Elf" Eva Marlowe, 8, works on a small whale figure made out of Ivory soap with a plastic knife.



Corunna sod-turning heralds beginning of new Habitat for Humanity build



A sod-turning for a new Habitat for Humanity home in Corunna proved a bit of a challenge for the dignitaries and Habitat representatives who took part. Seen here wrestling with their shovels are, from left: LCDS Executive Director Nick Salaris; Habitat home recipients Theresa Welch and Carly Crawford; property donors Nadine and Doug Lasenby; Lambton County Deputy Warden Kevin Marriott; and Habitat for Humanity Board Chair Rob Vandenende.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

By Bonnie Stevenson with files from Habitat for Humanity

A sod-turning ceremony on April 25 heralded the start of a new Habitat for Humanity home being built on Murray Street in Corunna. It will house two Lambton County Developmental Services (LCDS) clients, Theresa and Carly, and their caregivers. Since 1994, Habitat for Humanity has built 57 simple, affordable homes in Lambton County; it is the fifth built in partnership with LCDS, the fourth built through the County of Lambton's *Lambton Builds* home building project, and the first to be built in St. Clair Township.

The donation of the land on Murray Street was made as a family memorial. Nadine Lasenby and husband, Doug, made the donation in tribute to Nadine's uncle, Edward Kendel. "Uncle Eddie had Downs Syndrome and lived with my grandparents on Cameron Street in Corunna. Our hope was that we could donate this property to Habitat in partnership with Lambton County Developmental Services so that one day, there would be a new home in Corunna that could support people with developmental disabilities in pursuit of their life dreams," she said. She explained that her uncle was "a very loved and special man to our family...to our family, this home will always be in our hearts and lovingly referred to as 'Eddie's house'".

The two-bedroom home will be built by 14 10-person volunteer teams made up of 150 people from local businesses and industries, plus community and faith organizations (who will also help with fundraising). The teams

will receive assistance from volunteers in receipt of Ontario Works. The Ontario Works volunteers will receive hands-on experience to develop employable skill sets and will benefit from community involvement.

LCDS Executive Director Nick Salaris says the partnership with Habitat for Humanity has brought LCDS closer to its vision. "Working with this amazing organization allows us to assist people with developmental disabilities to have safe and affordable housing in their own community," he said. "Great partnerships like this help shape who we are as an agency. Being recent recipients of United Way funding and our on-going partnership with Habitat brings us closer to achieving our vision of 'Inclusive Communities-Innovative Leaders'".

Habitat Board of Directors Chair Rob Vandenende expressed gratitude to the community and project supporters for helping make the project possible. "We are grateful for the outpouring of community interest and support for this project, and welcome the opportunity to once more provide appropriate, affordable housing in partnership with LCDS for to individuals with developmental challenges," he said.

Speaking for the County of Lambton, Deputy Warden Kevin Marriott noted the Habitat builds help to increase the availability of housing in Lambton County and further the county's vision for a thriving community where individuals play an active role in caring for one another and sharing resources.

HERITAGE CORNER

Sombra Museum celebrates 60 years of heritage preservation

By Kailyn Shepley

The Sombra Historical Society formed in November 1957 with the purpose of beginning a museum in Sombra Township. Thanks to fundraising efforts, they were able to purchase the John Bury homestead in Sombra for \$3,000 in April 1958. The house was in bad shape; it had been left in disrepair after years of being used as a rental property.

Over the next year, repairs were made and donations of items such as chinaware, furniture, antique farming implements and more came in from the families of Sombra Township.

Opening day came on June 20, 1959, when local residents and dignitaries, including Sarnia-Lambton MPP and Ontario Minister of Travel and Publicity Bryan Cathcart, gathered to cut the ribbon on Lambton County's first museum.

Through the hard work of Historical Society volunteers, Sombra Township Museum operated and continued to grow every year. In 1972, two portable classrooms were attached to the Bury House, allowing for the addition of a marine room, agricultural room, archives and office. Over the following decades, the museum continued to evolve, introducing school and community programming, and hosting events such as Music on the Porch, Victorian Tea, and the Blueberry Social. It also provided summer jobs for local students.

In 1992, major work was done on the foundation and plaster in the Bury House. And in 2011, the long-awaited construction of the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre on

the adjacent street was done to house gallery space, an expanded marine room, an archival vault and a state-of-the-art meeting room.

Looking to the future, the next project is to replace the portable classrooms with a building to not only house the ever-growing collection, but also provide a workspace, more exhibit space and bring the 1820's-era Smith log cabin indoors.

This June, the museum is proudly celebrating 60 years of preserving and sharing the history and the story of Sombra and St. Clair Township. The kick off for this special year will happen on June 15 with a dinner and live auction at the Wilkesport Community Centre. It will also include entertainment, a 50/50 draw, giveaways, and more! Tickets are \$50 (includes \$20 tax receipt) and can be purchased at the Sombra Museum, the Moore Sports Complex, and the Riverview Restaurant in Sombra. Look for a full list of other locations around the township on our Facebook page. The proceeds from the fundraising efforts will go towards the new building project and community events throughout the year.

The celebration will continue throughout the summer and culminate with the Historical Village Ghost Tour on September 21. Please watch for more details over the summer.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are urgently needed for the anniversary events and throughout the summer and fall. Please contact the museum 519-892-3982 or sombramuseum@hotmail.com for information or to volunteer!

Moore Museum membership allows many heritage opportunities

The Moore Museum offers memberships that can open the doors to many heritage opportunities throughout Lambton County.

Purchasing a membership offers you and your family discounted rates at other museums in the county. A membership of \$20 per single or \$30 per family, HST included, has many benefits, including:

- ◆ Free admission to Moore Museum (not including events or programs)
- ◆ Half-price admission to the Model Train event (July 14) as well as free admission to the Downriver Craft and Gift Sale (Sept. 15)
- ◆ Free admission (not including events or programs) to other participating museums: Lambton Heritage Mu-

seum; Oil Museum of Canada; Lambton County Archives; Sombra Museum; Forest Museum; Plympton-Wyoming Museum; and Arkona Lions Museum.

- ◆ A copy of each issue of The Sampler newsletter that give you the latest information about what is happening at your community museums (by email or Canada Post if you wish).

Through your purchase of a membership, you are helping to preserve your community's past, supporting the development and provision of intriguing exhibits and programs that connect people to local heritage.

For more information, or to purchase a membership, please visit Moore Museum from Friday through Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or call 519-867-2020, or obtain it through the Contact Us page at www.mooremuseum.ca

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.

MORE HERITAGE

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.

Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) receives grant from Alix Foundation

Moore Agricultural Society would like to take this opportunity to thank the Judith & Norman Alix Foundation for their generous contribution to our renovation project at the Brigden Fairgrounds.

Over two decades ago, Hillary Rodman Clinton stated in her book "It Takes a Village", "We are living in an interdependent world where what our children hear, see, feel and learn will affect how they grow up and who they turn out to be". Her book chronicled her quest to help make society into the kind of village that enables children to become smart, able and resilient adults.

The Members of the Moore Agricultural Society (Home of the Brigden Fair) take pride in their ability to educate young and old, those from other cultures, urban dwellers or individuals with agricultural backgrounds, about the importance of agriculture and community in our lives.

In the fast-paced digital era in which we live, we are inundated with so much information. We check our phones to find the answers to all questions. Studies have shown that individuals actually learn more effectively with "hands on" activities. Our project's mission

is to provide "experienced based" learning in a fun, creative atmosphere so valuable lessons can be learned. In order to achieve this goal, accessibility to the buildings was a prime concern. Our belief in social inclusion was the driving force of the project. MAS wants seniors, individuals with physical and mobility challenges and young families with strollers to have the opportunity to experience events safely throughout the fairgrounds.

Through the funding provided by the Alix Foundation, a cement floor has been added to one of the horse barns which will allow patrons to move easily through the barn, meeting the animals, trainers and reducing tripping risks. Doorway access to the barn areas have been reconfigured to ensure all mobility supports can be used. Also the wash bay was replaced to ensure the safety of our exhibitors, their animals and our guests.

Once again, thank you to the Alix Foundation. Improving accessibility to the programs presented at the Brigden Fairgrounds will help to achieve our goal of inclusiveness for all.

-Moore Agricultural Society



Victorian Tea attracts "peerage"

Lord and Lady Graham, a.k.a. William and Casandra Graham of Courtright, enjoyed tea and a regal selection of scones at Moore Museum's recent Victorian Tea on May 19. Serving his lordship and her ladyship was 11-year-old Olivia who, along with several other young museum volunteers, provided superior service to those who attended the tea. The event was truly fit for royalty, or at least, members of the peerage.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

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

Children's Safety Village funding marks start of project: all county students benefit

A Children's Safety Village for Lambton County has been talked about for a number of years and various locations have been proposed for its construction. But community support and funding have been slow to get behind the project until now.

With a \$250,000 grant from the county and \$50,000 from St. Clair Township, village organizers say they are ready to make the Children's Safety Village a reality. "It gave us a big boost into starting the village," said Mary Ann Buntrock, who has been a stalwart advocate for the village since it was first proposed. The total project budget is \$750,000.

The value of such a development to the youth of Lambton County has finally been established. There are currently 16 Children's Safety Villages in operation throughout Ontario educating students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 in subjects ranging from road, farm, and fire safety to the safe use of the Internet.

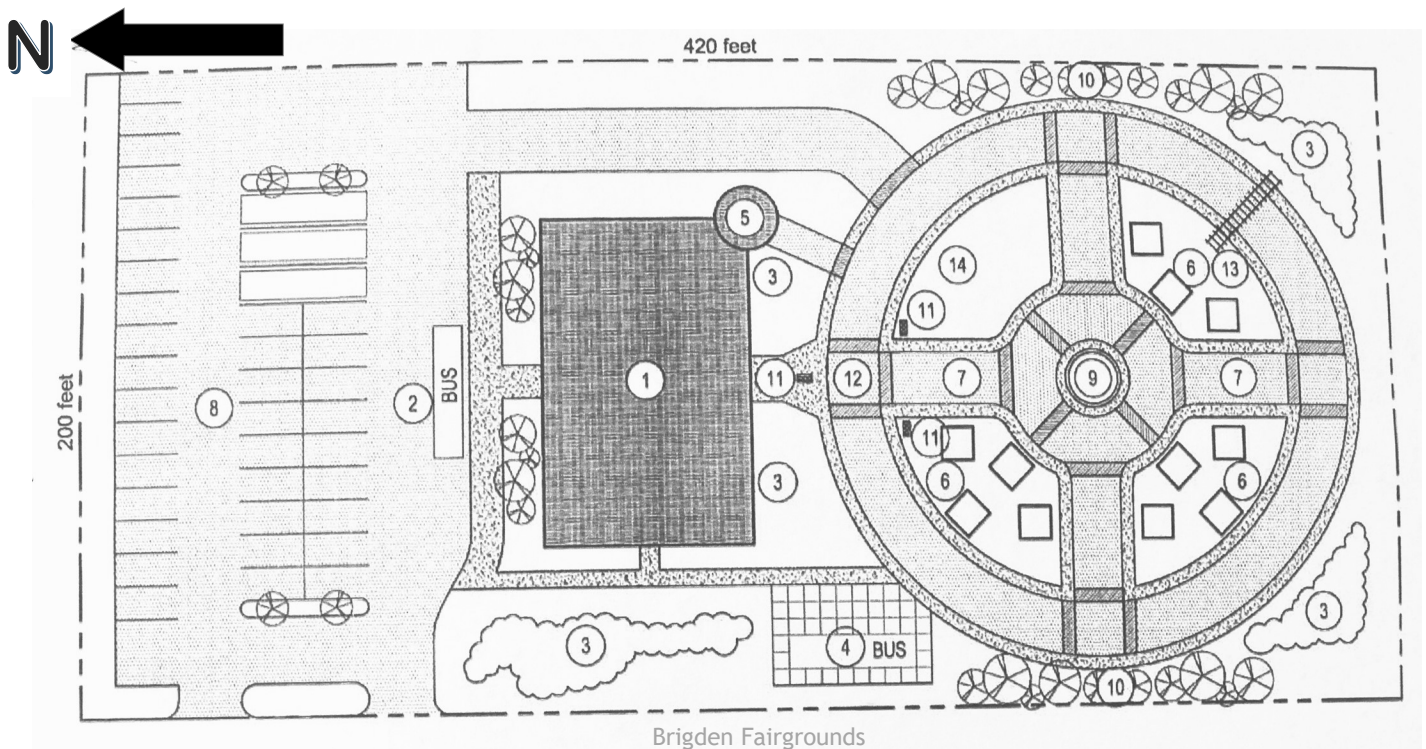
Mary Ann says the programs being delivered at the

village are supported by and in line with the curriculums of both boards of education. They will be led by safety professionals, including police, firefighters, EMS personnel and other well-qualified instructors in collaboration with the Farm Safety Association, Lambton Federation of Agriculture, Lambton County Library, Red Cross, Public Education and Lambton Public Health.

In Lambton County, Lambton College students will also be involved as instructors. "It's a nice arrangement for both of us," said Mary Ann. Approximately 12,000 students from every community in Lambton County are expected to attend village programs each year.

The site for the village will be to the east side of the Brigden Fairgrounds. Mary Ann says the facility will operate all year round. "It will be open all year and we'll have camps in the summer and on PD days during the school year," she said, adding the village will also be used by groups such as the Canadian Institute for the

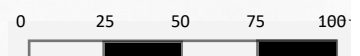
See Children's Village, page 11



Sarnia-Lambton Children's Safety Village Concept Drawing

Legend

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| ① INTERPRETIVE BUILDING | ⑥ MINIATURE CITY WITH ALLOWABLE EXPANSION | ⑪ TRAFFIC SIGNAL |
| ② BUS DROP OFF | ⑦ CHILDREN'S SAFETY ROADWAYS | ⑫ CROSSWALK |
| ③ GARDEN AREA | ⑧ PARKING | ⑬ RAILROAD CROSSING |
| ④ "BUS" CLASSROOM | ⑨ WINDMILL WITH POOL FEATURE | ⑭ OPEN DISPLAY FOR EMS, FARM DISPLAYS OR OTHER EXHIBITS |
| ⑤ SILO WITH STORAGE FOR ELECTRIC CARS | ⑩ MEMORIAL TREE GROVE | |



Children's Safety Village to host Nominate a Hero awards dinner

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Blind. "It will be a safe place to practice (skills such as) crossing the street."

Donations to the project are being welcomed. "We're a registered charity and we do give out receipts," said Mary Ann, adding in-kind and monetary donors will be acknowledged at the village on a permanent basis with a permanent donation installation in the main lobby of the interpretive centre.

The Children's Safety Village is currently running a *Nominate a Hero* program to acknowledge unsung community heroes in categories including: Kids; Teens; Outstanding Crossing Guard; Outstanding School Bus Driver; Farm Safety; Kids Safe Coaching; Kids Safety Educator; and Pets.

Nomination forms are available by calling Mary Ann Buntrock at 519-332-2686.

The program will terminate with a *Nominate a Hero* award dinner and award ceremony at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. Tickets will be \$25 per person and are available by calling Mary Ann Buntrock at 519-332-2686.

The speaker for this occasion will be Chris Doupe, OPP community officer, who will speak on the topics of the Amber Alert and of Internet hazards like the recent Mo-Mo site that encourages children to engage in dangerous behaviours.

"The safety village will also address computer safety issues like this," said Mary Ann.

Parents try to prepare their children for dangerous situations but they can't always know every situation that can arise. The new Children's Safety Village for Lambton County will be able offer the safety information that is so important to keeping children safe in an ever-increasingly challenging world.

What's on at your Lambton County Library branch

In June, your local Lambton County Library will offer some interesting activities for people of all ages.

The Brigden branch will offer Father's Day Cards and Crafts from June 10 to 15 during library hours. Show your favourite fellow how much he means to you with a handmade card and craft. The kids will also enjoy Sand Slime on Tuesday, June 18 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Treasure will be there for the taking as long as there is sand slime made in which to bury it.

The Corunna branch will offer the RBC Financial Wellness Series on Thursday, June 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The subject is Financial Literacy for Teens. It's never too early to develop positive financial knowledge, skills, and habits. (Note: This session will be held in the Cruickshank Centre dining hall at Thompson Gardens,

198 Beckwith Street, Corunna.)

The Courtright branch will host The Cookbook Club on Tuesday, June 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; taste, cook and share recipes. To pre-register for this session, call the Courtright library at 519-867-2712.

Excitement will rule as the Port Lambton branch hosts *Minute-2-Win-It School's Out Challenge Party* on Thursday, June 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Can you beat your friends at mini challenges, have fun with bubbles, enjoy snacks and more to become a champion? Kids, tweens, and teens are all welcome.

And Wilkesport branch will offer the Father's Day Cards and Crafts activity from June 10 to 15 during library hours where you can make something special for your favourite fellow. And the Sand Slime treasure activity will be offered on Thursday, June 20 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Help make some sand slime to hide the treasure.

These are just a few of the enjoyable programs and activities offered monthly by your St. Clair Township library branches. Why not come out and participate?

RCMP Musical Ride facts

The smart red serge tunics and Stetson-type hats of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been the stuff of legend and Canadian pride, as well as fodder for the occasional spoof and comic send-up, for generations. The heritage it represents has been built through the many decades of dedicated service this national police force has provided to this nation's citizens, even to the widest reaches of the Canadian landscape where horses were their only mode of emergency response. The need for expert horsemanship when negotiating the challenging terrain and long distances they were called on to cover provided the initial impetus for the development of the musical ride.

*The RCMP began as two separate services: the Northwest Mounted Police and the Dominion Police. The two merged in 1873.

*The RCMP Musical Ride was developed in 1876 by early members of the Northwest Mounted Police to display their riding abilities and entertain local communities.

*The first recorded public display of the musical ride was in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1901.

*The uniform worn during the musical ride is known as the "review order", which consists of the collared scarlet tunic, midnight blue breeches with a yellow stripe, brown felt campaign hat, brown gloves, oxblood riding boots, and a Sam Browne belt with a white sidearm lanyard.

For more information about the RCMP Musical Ride tour, go online to: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/event/en/t/2/e

Host information: Brigden Fair www.brigdenfair.ca

Corunna clock tower sidewalk repair



S & S Greenhouse employees Mike Ravenhorst, left, and Damion Gray reset brick paving stones that have heaved and pose a tripping hazard to visitors to the clock tower park. *Bonnie Stevenson photo*

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 session is slated for 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 session is slated for 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 are 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.



Photo submitted

Teens clean up Hill Street

Three young Corunna women didn't wait for a community cleanup event to hold a cleanup session of their own. Rachel Sexton, left, Taylor MacLean and Brooklyn Foster, Grade 10 students at LCCVI, took it upon themselves to beautify Hill Street on April 14. They collected four bags of garbage, plus a discarded hammock and other large pieces of debris.

"Girl Talk" offered for parents and daughters

Lambton Public Health will present "Girl Talk", an ice-breaker for parents and their daughters in Grades 5 and 6, to discuss changes including puberty and menstruation. These presentations are meant to make girls more aware of their changing bodies, help them prepare for the onset of menstruation, and help parents feel more comfortable discussing delicate issues with their children.

Sessions will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the following areas: Petrolia, Lambton Meadowview Villa auditorium, 3958 Petrolia Line, on Thursday, June 13; Sarnia, Sarnia Library, west room, 124 Christina Street, Monday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 18; Forest, North Lambton Community Health Centre, Crozier Hall, 59 King Street, Wednesday, June 12.

Registration is required. Register online at: <https://girltalk2019.eventbrite.ca> or call 519-383-8331 (toll free at 1-800-667-1839).

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.

Summer camp fun for students!

There's a wonderful way for your students to spend their time this summer? Our junior camps for ages three to eight and senior summer camps for ages nine to 12 offer plenty of fun while focusing on physical literacy and keeping kids active and happily on-the-go all summer long. Programs for all include: swimming, ice skating, library and museum visits, immersed outdoor activities, and weekly-themed activities. 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.*

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. Beginner classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Strength training combined with a spin workout is offered with the Bikes & Bells classes on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor Courses being offered

Become a lifeguard and swimming instructor! Contact the Mooretown Sports Complex to find out about our summer 2019 courses.

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 to become 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 until June 16.

Enjoy golf season at St. Clair Parkway Golf Course

Enjoy the beautiful manicured greens and hours of friendly competition at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. The season is in full swing and the food is great at Hawthorne's in the clubhouse. For more information, go online to: www.stclairparkwaygolf.com

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. This community bike ride is hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to raise awareness and help break the stigma surrounding mental health while raising essential funds to support mental health programs and services in communities, workplaces and schools - programs that change lives. This annual fundraiser is held in 31 communities in six provinces, with the support of about 7,000 riders.

To register or for more information, go online to: www.ridedonthide.com

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.



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.

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).*

Mayflower Rebekah Lodge celebrates 75th anniversary



The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary with a banquet dinner on April 27.

Grand Noble Joyce Brock, whose grandparents helped found the Mayflower Lodge in Mooretown in 1944, says there are currently 47 members comprised of both women and men.

The lodge's motto, "Friendship, Love & Truth", speaks to the lodge's purpose in the community. Its original mission was to visit the sick, relieve distress, bury the dead, educate the orphan, and help ease the suffering and pain in the world.

Today, the lodge assists charities including: Camp Trillium (for children faced with a cancer diagnosis and treatment); eye research; the Moore Museum; Operation Christmas Tree; the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Fund for Corunna; and a seniors home in Barrie, Ontario.

From left: Louise Lucas, conductor; Norma Vanderkloet, warden; Noble Grand Joyce Brock; and Dianne Forrest, secretary.

Firefighters honoured by Canada Post

Canada Post recently issued a series of five stamp designs paying tribute to the courageous members of the Canadian Armed Forces, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and search and rescue experts who put their lives at risk to help others in times of emergency. The Courtright Canada Post office staff ordered a plaque based on the firefighter stamp and presented it to the Courtright fire station crew on April 29 to show appreciation for their service to the community.

Right: Canada Post employees Tara Little, Postmaster Deb Little, Lisa Stewart, and Andrea Sexton are shown here presenting the plaque (see inset right) to Courtright station's District Chief Paul Mitchell.



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 odell@coyeco.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 Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and every other Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It operates in association with the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia. Thanks are extended to all local individuals and groups who support the food bank with donations. Your generous support is critical to its ongoing success. In the first three months of 2019, it has helped 31 different clients from our community, offering a variety of healthy food including milk, eggs, bread and meat at a cost of about \$75 per week. Financial donations are very much appreciated and can be made to: Food Bank, C/O St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0.

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 Aarsen at 519-892-3536.

New members welcome - Lambton County Junior Optimist Club

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club is always on the look-out 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.

LPH places sharps collection containers

Lambton Public Health, in partnership with municipalities and other partners, and in consultation with the Sarnia Police and the OPP, have placed sharps collection containers at several county locations for those who wish to safely dispose of sharps. Public concern over improperly discarded needles and the health risk they pose has prompted this initiative. The yellow, clearly marked mailbox-shaped bins can be found: in Sarnia in Mitton Village, in the Victoria Street Public parking lot, and at the Lambton Public Health building in Point Edward; in Forest at the North Lambton Community Health Centre; in Thedford Village; and Kettle Point First Nation.

"The installation of sharps disposal bins is a harm reduction measure intended to increase public safety," said Medical Officer of Health Dr. Sudit Ranade.

More information or if you see an improperly disposed of needle, call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 or online at: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca



SOMBRA OPTMIST CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Optimist Club of Sombra celebrated its 40th anniversary on May 6 with a special dinner meeting. **Below left:** The club was honoured to welcome both the club's Charter President Joe Vandenbogaerde (sixth from left) and original member Lowell Dalgety (seventh from left). Also on hand for this special occasion were past presidents, from left: Vic O'Leary, Marge Abrams, Phil Johnston, Carla Aarssen, Mike Hendrycks, Joe, Lowell, Johanne Leach, Louise Reek, and "Woody" Johnston.



Right: Terry Anne Burke, left of photo, provided balloon twisting entertainment before the anniversary cake was served.

Submitted photos



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.



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Trail Facebook page welcomes your photos



The St. Clair River Trail has a Facebook page where we can show off the natural beauty the trail is known for as well as related photos taken in the community.

Keep your phone or camera handy when you're out and about at any time of the year 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.



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.

STILL MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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the Brigden Fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug. 2 and Sunday, Aug. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone with items to donate to the sale can call Barb at 519-864-1593 or Marie at 519-864-4016.

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.bluewatercflayers.com and they can be found on Facebook.

Downriver Craft and Gift Sale

The popular annual Downriver in Craft and Gift

Sale is slated for 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

Tall Ships visit Sarnia ~ Aug. 9 ~ 11

The majestic Tall Ships will glide into Sarnia Centennial Park, 430 Front Street North, on Aug. 9 (time not known at publication time). Ships confirmed for this visit include: *Fair Jeanne*; *Bluenose II*; *Picton Castle*; *Appledore IV*; and *Empire Sandy*.

The ships will be participating in the Tall Ships Challenge Great Lakes 2019 race series. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page.

Dennis DeYoung to headline Bluewater BorderFest

Dennis DeYoung, a founding member of STYX, one of the most innovative rock bands to hit the airwaves in the 1970s and 80s, will perform the music of Styx at the Bluewater Borderfest on Saturday, Aug. 10. The group is known for iconic songs like *Babe*, *Come Sail Away*, and *Mr. Roboto*. On Sunday, Aug. 11, Lou Gramm, lead singer for Foreigner, will perform. For more information, visit www.BluewaterBorderFest.ca

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Riverview Restaurant celebrates 50th anniversary with open house

An open house to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Riverview Restaurant, 3465 St. Clair Parkway, will be held on Saturday, June 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Owners Judy and Charlie Morosics wish to extend thanks to their regular customers and the public for their five decades of support.

The couple opened their business in 1969.

Best wishes only please.

Brigden Library gets new water station



The Brigden branch of the Lambton County Library, located in the Brigden Public School, now has a new water bottle filling station thanks to a \$3,000 donation by St. Clair Township Council.

Principal Chad Brown noted uncertainty over the quality of the potable water in the school building led to students being offered bottled water and later, the installation of a water bottle station in the school. "Students bring their own containers," he said, adding the second water station was added in the library because it is often open when school is not in session. The water stations not only provide a sanitary area for filling reusable water bottles, it keeps track of every fill-up to demonstrate how many disposable water bottles have been saved.

The installation included new tile flooring for the area below the water station to make clean up easier in the event of a spill. It is also in line with Lambton Public Health requirements. To thank council, Principal Brown presented a Bulldog Building plaque in recognition of "a significant contribution to the water filling station". Shown here during the presentation are, from left: Principal Chad Brown; Jane Jarvis, assistant library supervisor for Region 4 of the County of Lambton; Councillor Tracy Kingston; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; and Mayor Steve Arnold.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

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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. 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, legion447.ca, or at the Legion branch.

LEO fitness classes in Corunna

The LEO Forever Fit class for seniors 55 and over, held at Thompson Gardens/Cruickshank Centre, has ceased for the summer and will resume in the fall on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

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...

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.

Brigden U.C. to hold yard sale

The Brigden United Church will hold a yard sale at

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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. The cost to sponsor a typical Homecraft 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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June 22. The first storyboard commemorating the Brigden station will be unveiled at the Brigden Optimist Park at 10 a.m. The second one commemorating the Courtright terminal of the Canada Southern Railway will take place at Courtright Waterfront Park at 11 a.m.

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.bluewaterrcflyers.com and they can be found on Facebook.

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.*

Brigden U.C. vacation Bible school

Brigden United Church will host a vacation Bible school the week of July 8 to 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children from Senior K to Grade 7 may attend at no cost. They are asked to bring a bag lunch but snacks will be provided. For more information, call Susan at 519-882-1575 or email: brigdennpc@gmail.com

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 Model Train Event

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 have expanded the size of the train room to accommodate the many trains and setups visitors can now enjoy.

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.*



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. Watch the Brigden Legion's Facebook page for weekly results. (Ontario problem gambling hotline - 1-888-230-3505.)

Pickleball sessions underway

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.

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

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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.

Activities offered at Wellings in Corunna

Wellings Corunna, 180 Bunker Avenue in Corunna, will hold several weekly activities offering people enjoyable afternoons to socialize and meet new friends. Euchre will be held every second and fourth Monday of each month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a \$2 fee, and bridge will be offered every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Call 226-778-0539 to register.

Line dancing offered at Wellings

Wellings Corunna, 180 Bunker Avenue in Corunna, will hold a free four-week session of line dancing beginning June 5. Everyone is invited to come and dance to music from the 60s to the 80s every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register, call 226-778-0539.

Corunna Volunteer Firefighter's Field Day

The 42nd annual Corunna Volunteer Firefighter's Field Day will be held on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, with the following activities planned: Friday night the fire hall opens at 8 p.m. with live music by Down River Band and Dave Russell; a parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. will proceed along Lyndoch Street to the Corunna fire hall on Hill Street where there will be a barbecue, children's activities, a junior firefighter combat challenge, a



meet-the-firefighters opportunity, and some Paw Patrol visitors; on Saturday night at 8 p.m. enjoy live music by The Rapids and Rodney James and the Riot. This is the firefighters' major fundraiser for the year, which benefits minor sports, the fire hall, and several community activities. The firefighters extend thanks and appreciation to the community

for continuing support through the years.

Riverside Cemetery Memorial Day

The Riverside Cemetery Memorial Day service will be held on Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited and attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair.

Decoration Day at Bear Creek Cemetery date changed

The date for Decoration Day at the Bear Creek Cemetery has been changed to Sunday, June 9 at 11 a.m. A lunch will be held at the Brigden Legion hall following the service.

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 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.

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.

Memorial service at Black Creek Cemetery

The 64th annual Black Creek Cemetery Memorial service to honour ancestors will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16 at 2 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair.

Annual Bike Rodeo in Corunna

The Optimist Club of Moore will host the annual Bike Rodeo at the OPP office parking lot, corner of Hill and Lyndoch Streets, on Saturday, June 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be free hot dogs and refreshments, as well as a draw for two bicycles. All children will be leaving with bike accessories.

Historical storyboards to be unveiled

Two historical railroad storyboards, spearheaded by Heritage St. Clair, will be unveiled on Saturday,

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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.