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HOT WHEELS: It's just a soap box racer but it looks fast even when it's standing still. Behind the wheel, driver Owen, 7, is nervous but just itching to get on the race course. He's a first-time racer but he's all business as he waits to be lifted to the top of the launching slope. The derby was part of the 15th annual Optimist of Sombra Township Car Show on June 15. For more photos from the event, see page 9.

GET YOUR RCMP MUSICAL RIDE TICKETS

Tickets for the RCMP Musical Ride at the Brigden Fairgrounds on July 10 are on sale now at: the Brigden Fair office, Brigden; Western Boot Corral, Petrolia; Progressive Ford, Wallaceburg; MacKenzie Oil, Sarnia; and Tourism Sarnia Lambton. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

For more information, please visit brigdenfair.ca. To sponsor or volunteer, or for group information, email: musicalride@brigdenfair.ca



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GRANT PROGRAM

The Creative County Grant program will open on Oct. 1, 2019. See page 12 and find out how to qualify for this grant.



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Broadband Internet expansion in Lambton County announced

The lack of Internet service to underserved homes and businesses in Lambton County has been a problem for years now, but solutions to date have proven to be financially prohibitive or impossible for many.

But a new targeted broadband project recently announced by Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Inc. (SWIFT), in partnership with the provincial and federal governments, may improve access to high speed Internet for homes and businesses throughout the county.

The \$11.2 million project will focus on connecting underserved homes and businesses where current service does not meet the universal service objectives of the CRTC (Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission).

According to a Lambton County media release, this project is part of the first wave of deployment from SWIFT. It notes, "Lessons learned from the experience in Lambton County will be used to ensure success as the project is carried out across the rest of Southwestern Ontario."

Lambton County Warden Bill Weber said, "The vision for this project began in 2005 and we are proud to be included in the early part of its implementation."

In St. Clair Township, there has already been an ongoing fact-finding effort by council to bring a workable, affordable solution to township residents who are underserved or unable to access the Internet from their homes. Mayor Steve Arnold says this announcement offers some hope that answers will be found to this important issue. "(So far) we haven't been able to find out much more, however we are optimistic that this announcement will benefit us as we continue in our quest for dependable high speed Internet for all of our township's residents," he said. "I think it is good to have (Lambton-Kent MPP and Ontario Minister of Infrastructure) Monte McNaughton and (Sarnia-Lambton MPP) Bob Bailey on board...We've been told there will be more information released to us as the plans are finalized."

Council Meeting Schedule

Upcoming St. Clair Township Council meetings will take place as follows: Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, July 2 at 3 p.m.; regular council meeting on Monday, July 15 at 6 p.m.; Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 3 p.m.; regular council meeting on Monday, Aug. 26 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.

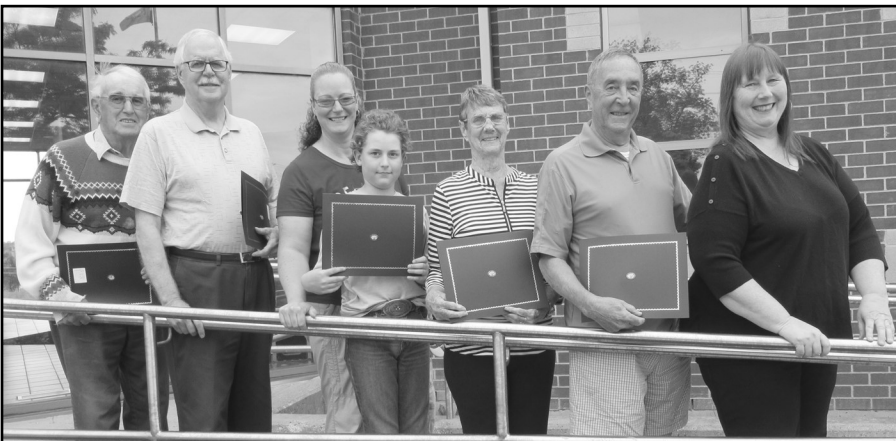


Notice to property owners to destroy noxious weeds

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



Community grants presented: Many deserving community groups recently received grants from St. Clair Township and five were chosen to attend a presentation ceremony at the June 17 meeting of council. Recipients included, from left: Ray Japp, Brigden and District Horticultural Society; Tom Rodger, Cruickshank Centre at Thompson Gardens (Moore Presbyterian Foundation); Sandi and Logan Shaw, Lambton County 4-H Association; Connie Heath, Corunna Community Safety Committee; Malcolm Rogers and Michelle Évanitski, Moore Agricultural Society. These grants are presented annually from the Education and Environment Fund in support of a vibrant, engaged community.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

LPH urges protection against tick bites

Lambton Public Health warns the public to protect themselves against tick bites when exploring the outdoors this season. To avoid potentially serious illness from the Lyme disease virus carried by many black-legged ticks, be informed. More information can be found online at: www.lambtonhealth.on.ca, or Ontario.ca/lyme, or call 519-383-8331, toll-free at 1-800-667-1839.

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Public Works Department

After hours emergency
~ 519-344-9318 ~

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Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.ca

Water utility.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

New waste/recycling collection changes July 1st, 2019

New changes to recycling and waste collection will begin Monday, July 1, 2019. Please refer to mailing sent out at the beginning of June.

Please Note: Clarifications

1. Lambton Line and Kimball Rd. are included in rural roads collected on both sides.

2. Your recycling day **may have** changed, but the **recycling rotation week number** has not, except for St. Clair Parkway between Courtright Line and Bickford Line (now week 2).

On the current Recycling and Waste Calendar, the week beginning Sunday, June 30th, will remain in rotation order as week 2, followed by week 1, week 2, etc.

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.

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. Until 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.

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 per lid. Please note that lids will only fit current blue boxes being sold at St. Clair Township Civic Centre (lower level).

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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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 guard

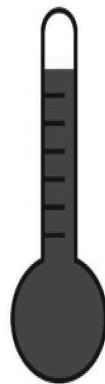
The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing guard to assist school children crossing in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on school days. The current compensation is \$31.35 per day.

The Township of St. Clair 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 with 'crossing guard' in the Subject line or apply in person at St. Clair Township.

Bentinck Drive Reconstruction

Bentinck Drive from St. Clair Boulevard to Manitou Drive will be closed to through traffic beginning June 17th for approximately 8 weeks. Local traffic only. Please find alternate routes.



Attention Residents!

We have 1686 residents using our Recycling app.

Help us get to 2019 in 2019! Download the App!

For your complete waste & recycling information

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Household hazardous waste

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 household hazardous waste collections on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 28 and Oct. 26.

Some of the materials
For more information, visit
www.LambtonOnline.ca

Do we care about our community?

This is the question many Corunna residents are asking these days. The Corunna Horticultural group can no longer keep up the beautification of the town's streets, and the township staff is tasked with their upkeep. But the township is a huge municipality and there is already a lot of vital work that must be done by staff aside from community beautification.

Every property and business owner can help by simply keeping grass cut and their grounds tidy. Business owners are encouraged to make their street fronts as inviting as possible. Let's show that we DO care about our community.



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.

New playground facility at Stewart Park now accessible to special needs children

Stewart Park on Hill Street in Corunna now has one of two accessible playgrounds in Corunna that offer fun for special needs children. The park was dedicated on June 14 with the enthusiastic assistance of a group of Grade 2/3 students from Col. Cameron Public School. The park will soon have a paved walkway that will facilitate easy access for wheelchairs. Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay says the walkway will be completed when the ground has dried up enough to work on. He added the existing playground equipment, which had been vandalized, was also out of date regarding safety requirements. At the dedication, MPP representative Eric Nixon (shown below on the left) presented a plaque to the township commemorating the provincial Trillium Grant of \$39,200 that was contributed to pay for the new play equipment, which includes a special gated swing and lowered play stations.



Mayor Arnold says the playground is a much-needed addition to the community and will increase the degree of inclusivity that recognizes the needs of all residents.

On hand for the dedication was, from left: Eric Nixon; Councillor Tracy Kingston; Candice Jeffrey, a volunteer for the Essex Kent Lambton (Trillium) Grant Review Team; Mayor Steve Arnold; Councillors Rose Atkins; Pat Brown; and Jim DeGurse.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Fundraiser benefits cancer patients struggling with drug therapy costs



The presentation to ACT Now presentation was attended by, clockwise from rear left: Shani Knight; Amanda Miller-Leitch; Marrelaine Douglas; Phil Johnston; Lesley Riddell; Johanne Leach; London Health Sciences Foundation/ACT Now representative Lindsay Manz; Wayne Vandendool; Deb Vandendool; and Meghan Johnson (daughter).

Bonnie Stevenson photo

The plight of cancer patients who need expensive drug therapies but lack the resources to pay for them is being addressed by a London-based initiative, ACT Now. Its benefits are far reaching, as St. Clair Township cancer patient Deb Vandendool has discovered.

In March, the Vandendools teamed up with many local volunteers and the Optimist Club of Sombra Township to hold a fundraising event at the Wilkesport Community Centre that included entertainment and auctions.

A crowd of 280 people turned out for the occasion and Optimist Phil Johnston says the auctions were especially successful. One generous person bid on a pie that cost him \$250, then auctioned off pieces of the pie at about \$110 per slice. "People there that evening said they'd like to start a fundraiser like that (on a regular basis)," said Mr. Johnston. When the money was tallied at the end of the evening, the event had garnered \$30,200 for ACT Now.

At a formal presentation on May 27, a cheque for that sum was presented to a London Health Sciences representative to benefit this important initiative.

Deb, whose diagnosis is metastatic breast cancer, says she is grateful for the support the event inspired throughout the community. "They're so generous," she said. "The community is so open." The Vandendools spearheaded a similar event in 2017, but Deb says the recent event received even greater support. "It almost doubled what we raised two years ago," she said.

Also on hand for the occasion was Jim Sulston, representing Heartland Farm Mutual, who presented ACT Now with a cheque for \$2,000 from the company's iHeart community fund.

ACT Now was formed in 2011 by Dr. Kylea Potvin, a medical oncologist with the London Regional Cancer Program, who found it unacceptable when she heard about the difficult situation some cancer patients face when trying to acquire expensive therapies. She and a group of her peers set out to help alleviate the problem through fundraising and advocating for support from community corporations and businesses.

For more information or to donate to ACT Now, go online to: actnowforcancer@gmail.com

Community Better Challenge kicks off fundraising drive



A fundraising drive to help pay for a comprehensive renewal and upgrade project at the aging Moore Sports Complex is underway. Many funding sources are being explored to help fund the project, which carries with it an estimated \$35 million price tag, but fundraising will also play a part.

A sunny May afternoon saw the kick-off of that effort as 220 people of all ages gathered at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre to participate in the Canada-wide ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge *Walk to Win* event. The challenge asked participants to keep track of their active minutes through an app that automatically added their activity to the total community score.

A total of 183 people registered to add their activity minutes to the township's score. Everyone, regardless of age, capability, body type or physical activity level was able to get involved.

Speaking about the Community Better Challenge, which ran until June 16, acting Coordinator of Community Programs Brittney Fraser noted the goal of the program was to inspire wellness and active lives. "As a community we believe that we can inspire a nation, turn the fitness world on its head, and truly find alternative ways to rock! We aspire to change minds before bodies and use beat and alternative movement to launch people to new heights of self-worth, happiness, and human connection," she said. "Together we can make a difference."

This tracking continued from May 31 to June 16. The community with the most participation and the most accumulated active minutes was to be awarded \$150,000 for the community. Regional winners won \$20,000 toward physical activity initiatives of their choice.

When the result were tallied for all participating communities, St. Clair Township came in fourth in Ontario and seventh nation-wide. The township is now in competition with 29 other communities across Canada for the \$150,000 grand prize. The next step will be to write a report for submission to the ParticipACTION judges outlining strategies used to motivate participation and community willingness to participate in collective



events. Official data revealed Canadians coast-to-coast tracked a total of 263,420,922 minutes of activity.

Kick-off photos shown clockwise from top left: *Walkers sign up to participate. *Pound exercise instructor Diana Tuckey leads a group demonstration. The Pound exercise program can be found at the Moore Sports Complex. *Mayor Steve Arnold welcomes the crowd. Below: Lola the two-year-old French bulldog, receives

Bonnie Stevenson photos



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 the 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 stclairriverrun.com

All proceeds go toward enhancing the beautiful St. Clair river Trail.



HERITAGE CORNER

Sombra Museum's 60th anniversary marked by evening of celebration



The Sombra Museum's 60th anniversary celebration was an evening of good fun and good food aimed at raising money to help further the museum's projects and programs.

It is a point of pride for its members and supporters that the Sombra Museum was the first museum in Lambton County and the Sombra Township Historical Society was the first of its kind as well. Information issued by the museum attributes the facility's beginnings to the feeling of pride that pervaded the nation in the 1950s.

Before that, community groups like the Women's Institutes saved news clippings and family stories in scrapbooks known as the Tweedsmuir books. They recorded information about pioneer homes, village origins, and other heritage themes. The Sombra Museum and Moore Museum's dedicated volunteers continue to carry on the documentation of the township, collecting and preserving information, photos and artifacts that will be available for generations to come. They also teach heritage through public programs and events.

From the opening of the Sombra Museum in the Bury House in June, 1959, its volunteers have continued to expand museum collections and seek out information about community history. The museum has also expanded to include the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre.

The 60th anniversary event celebrated the hard work and dedication of generations of museum volunteers. The Sombra Museum continues to grow and to provide the community with a cultural roadmap into the future.



Photo information clockwise from top right: *At the photo booth, which featured a backdrop of photos and clippings from the first 60 years of the museum's operation, Chairman David Lee has his picture taken by summer student Amandeep Sharma. *Deputy Warden Kevin Marriott, right, introduced by Mayor Steve Arnold, congratulates the museum on 60 years of heritage preservation. *Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu presents David Lee and the Sombra Museum, with a congratulatory certificate from the Government of Canada. *Auctioneer John Stevens stirs up excitement during the fundraising auction. *MP Bob Bailey presents a congratulatory certificate from the Province of Ontario to David Lee and the Sombra Museum. *Jim Duffy spoke about another significant milestone that is being celebrated this year-the 40th anniversary of the Wilkesport Community Hall. *St. Clair Township's poet laureate Bill Ansell regales the crowd with some of his creative takes on the beauty of the township's natural surroundings, the love of family, and the memories of some long gone hamlets like Duthil.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



MORE HERITAGE CORNER

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.

50 years of good food and friendly service celebrated at the Riverview Restaurant

After 50 years in business, Judy and Charlie Morosics are still turning out good food and offering friendly service that keeps their customers coming back.

The 50th anniversary open house they held on June 15 saw a happy crowd of well-wishers congregate at the Riverview Restaurant. The event was a family affair for the couple, whose daughter and grandchildren helped out in the kitchen to give Judy and Charlie a chance to greet and visit with their guests. Mayor Steve Arnold dropped by with certificates of congratulations from Warden Weber of Lambton County and from St. Clair Township Council.

Mayor Steve Arnold presents certificates of congratulations to Judy and Charlie Morosics.



When asked how he got into the restaurant business, Charlie laughed. "I worked with a guy whose wife owned this restaurant," he said. "(When the man retired) the guy said 'Charlie, you've got to invest in your country' so I did. We've been here ever since 1969."

Left: Charlie and Judy take time from their hosting duties to pose with their family.

Uncertain weather couldn't beat 15th Annual Car Show

The Sombra Township Optimist Club had reason to be concerned on the morning of June 22; the threatening weather had some classic car owners a bit jumpy. But regardless of the weather, the 15th annual show was the shiny, eye-popping event car aficionados have come to expect. A field of 94 vehicles, from a pristine 1950 Ford Crestliner to a powerful Ford Mustang MACH 1 muscle car and everything in between, were on display at the 15th annual Optimist Car Show.

Entertainment was provided by a talented group of singers collectively known as *Timeless*, who kept the rock 'n roll coming with nostalgic golden oldies. Later, *Pull 3* took the spotlight but had to pack up when the rain finally began. The penny table and 50/50 draw gave visitors a chance to score some valuable items, with their ticket money going toward the good work of the Sombra Township Optimists, and door prizes were awarded. Food was available from Walking Tacos, and the Frozen Yogurt truck, and the beer tent was a popular meeting place.

Awards in 10 categories were presented to the vehicle owners who were brave enough to bring their automotive beauties out into the threatening weather. The Optimist Club of Sombra Township extends thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, township employees, Port Lambton firefighters, and all who attended to support the club and its youth-oriented efforts.

Top right: Over at the soap box racing ramp, about 22 young racers in four categories hurtled down the launching ramp and out onto the flats hoping to be first to the finish line. The pair shown in the photo top right, Ryan and Jonah, were racing in the "D" Class Division. They finished in a tie.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



Soap box heroes



Timeless sings hits of the 50s, 60s, and 70s.



1950 Ford Crestliner



MACH 1 Mustang



They don't make 'em like this anymore!

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

New crop of babysitters trained in Port Lambton



The Port Lambton Athletic Association, in partnership with the Sombra Township Optimist Club, recently co-sponsored a free babysitting course for local children. Above: Fire extinguisher training was one of the safety skills the kids learned during their training.



Shown with their babysitting course students are Port Lambton volunteer firefighters, back row, Curtis Van Grinsven, Adam Mellow, and Pete Moran. Submitted photo



Fair ambassador contestants sought for 2019/2020

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 at 2 p.m. so gather your friends, get involved, and have fun with this great leadership opportunity. Use your ideas and your enthusiasm to make the program even better!



Student Nutrition Program volunteers

Volunteers who provide healthy food for students every school day were recently recognized by the Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP)-Lambton. Over 450 volunteers were honoured on June 4 at an event held at Spikens Nursery near Sarnia. The volunteers enjoyed refreshments, volunteer certificate presentations, and an opportunity to build their own herb planter.

The student nutrition programs receive base funding from the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services with support from the Ontario Student Nutrition Program, southwest region. It is coordinated by Lambton Public Health and OSNP-Lambton.

Volunteers shown here are from St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna, and East Lambton Public School, Watford. For more information on the student nutrition program, go online to lambtonhealth.on.ca

New artist in residence in St. Clair Township

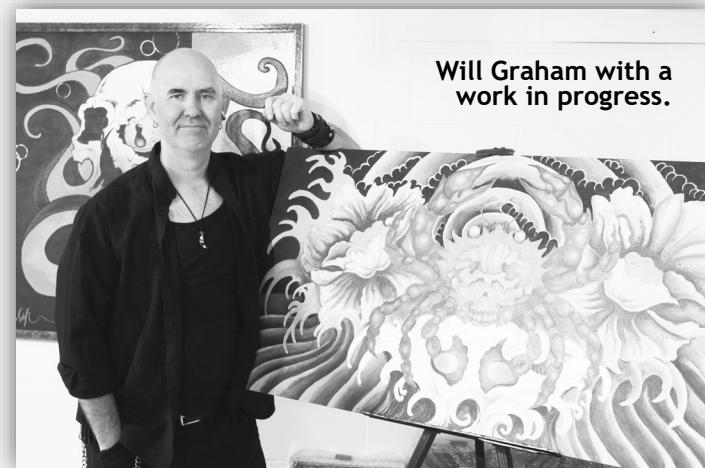
By Bonnie Stevenson

St. Clair Township recently welcomed a new family to town and the art scene will never be the same.

With their two daughters grown and away from home, William and Cassandra Graham have decided to semi-retire to Courtright. William hopes to have more time to concentrate on his art, which includes canvasses of all types, including skin. He has exhibited his work on the international stage, showing in venues from the giant multiple screen array in Times Square during the "See Me" event to the large outdoor sidewalk art events of Paris. Will brings with him a body of work and experience any artist would envy.

Having developed his natural artistic flare at Eastwood C. I. school for the arts, he worked for Simpsons Lithograph, where he took on such projects as the album cover design for Celine Dione's "Let's Talk About Love" (featured the Titanic love theme "My Heart Will Go On") for Sony Music. "I was over the moon," said Will. "I'm a great Celine Dione fan." But the structured nature of the work eventually led him to move on. "It's a lot of stress and I realized it wasn't really creative." Will is a master of artistic mediums from oils and acrylics to pastels and sidewalk chalk, and his inventive creations are far-reaching, ranging from the whimsical and naturalistic to the macabre.

It was his mastery of artistic forms that led him to the tattoo industry. "Tattooing was changing," said Will. "There were no artists; they used transfers (of pre-drawn designs) called 'flash'. I was contacted to see if I could do original designs and I fell head over heels into it (tattooing)." He says being able to take part in the creative process of helping a customer take an idea and give it form is very satisfying. "It has become a rite of passage for some people. They want to



Will Graham with a work in progress.

commemorate (a milestone in their lives) like a first child." His love of the tattooing art form has led to his ownership of four Neon Crab tattoo shops across Ontario. His expertise can also be viewed online with his cable series, *Engaged In Ink*, currently a Rogers television production. Now in its third year, Will reveals the world of tattooing in all its forms. "It's educational," he said. "I teach different aspects of tattooing. For instance, I have done episodes on medical tattooing." He pointed out that doctors often use tattooing to restore natural body features like a nipple after cancer surgeries or to mark areas that are of concern. He's done episodes on pain tolerance with London-based Dr. Dwight Moulin, a pain management specialist. He has also welcomed cult icons like Elvira, Linda Blair of *The Exorcist* fame, and Tony Todd, well known for his portrayal of *The Candyman*.

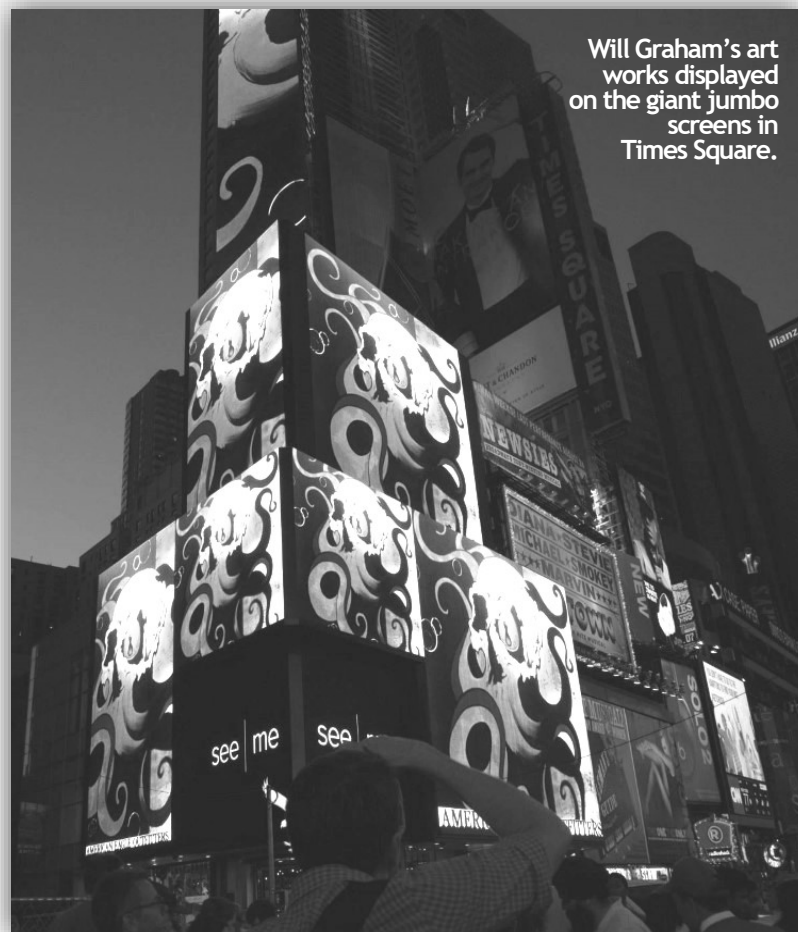
Through the years, the community in which the Grahams have resided has been an important part of their lives. Will says he has been involved with many creative and cultural community initiatives. He says during his years in London, Ontario, he was with the London Arts Council and has served as its artist in residence. "I also worked with the Carling Thames Family Centre where I ran youth programs and inter-generational programs to help fight the isolation many seniors experience," he said. "We brought them together with youth in art programs." He added the program was incredibly successful.

Will credits the love and encouragement of his wife, Cassandra, for helping him realize his artistic concepts and achievements. "My wife is my personal cheerleader," he said. "Without her, I wouldn't be here today."

He is currently putting the finishing touches on his basement art gallery and will soon be involved with the Lawrence House in Sarnia. During Sarnia's First Friday event in September, he will be showing an exhibit called *Off The Human Canvas*, which will feature fine art works by tattoo artists. "I'm trying to bridge the gap between elitist society and the community," he said.

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Anyone interested in seeing Will's work and talking to the artist is invited to attend an open house at his White Church Gallery, 76 Thomson Street in Courtright, on Thursday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about group or private Paint Night art classes in a variety of mediums call 519-670-9455.



Will Graham's art works displayed on the giant jumbo screens in Times Square.

Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 supports community efforts



More good news from the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Corunna Br. 447. Left: President John Cormier recently presented a cheque for \$500 to Paige and Zack Dickson of the Sarnia Bluewater Wrestling Club. It will be used toward entry fees for wrestling clinics and competition. Paige is a member of the Canadian Cadet Team and Zack is a member of the Ontario Cadet Team. Right: President John Cormier presents a cheque for \$950 to Moore Museum Chairman James Townsend. The funds will be used to buy a planer and ceiling fans for the workshop.

Corunna Legion photos

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/pages, scroll down to "program guidelines and application" and click on "Creative County Home" left side of page.

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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.



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.

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.

Teaching kitchen

Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build your knowledge of healthy eating, but also help you apply what you have learned 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: 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.

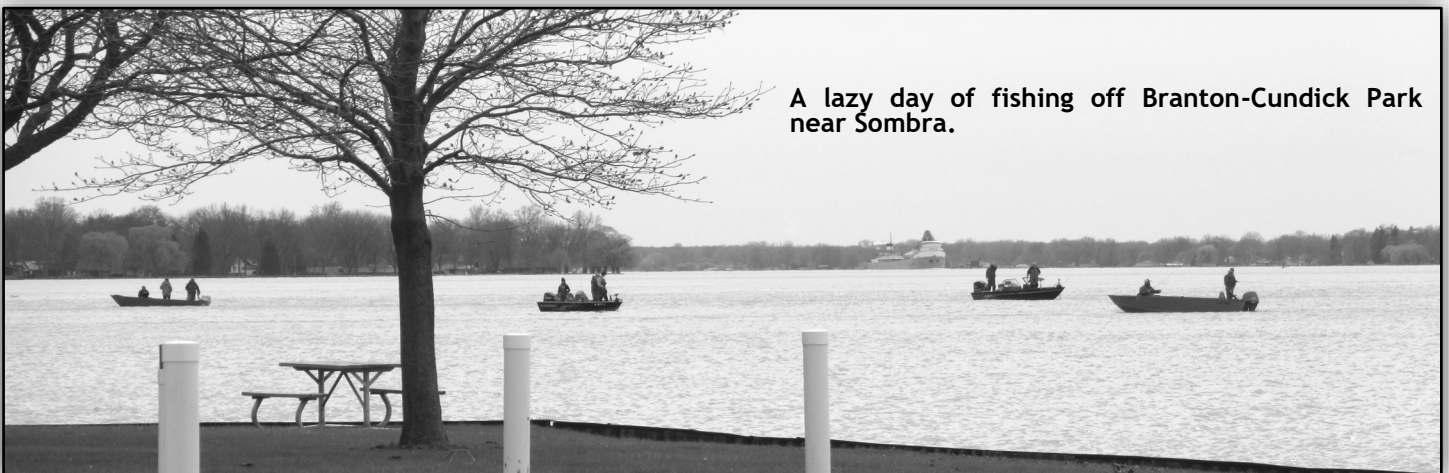


Car show not only for grownups

The 15th annual Sombra Optimist Club car show wasn't only for grownups. The children had all kinds of fun activities to choose from, including the soap box races, the splash pad and the fabulous playground. Dotsy the Clown was also on hand to make sure the children's paint jobs were as glorious as the ones boasted by the vehicles on display.

Laurie Kerwin, left, daughter of Optimist member Elaine, chose a bug motif and Dotsy came through with a beautiful lady bug face.

Submitted photo



A lazy day of fishing off Branton-Cundick Park near Sombra.

Summer excitement to be found at the Moore Sports Complex

In the mood for some summer excitement that will get you ready for that new swim suit? Use the Moore Sports Complex Facebook page to stay current on what this facility has to offer, from registration times and program schedules to last-minute cancellations. Like us on Facebook and we'll do our best to keep you informed.

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 Moore 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 Moore 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.

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

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Moore Sports Complex at 519-867-2651 or email: info@stclairtownship.ca.

Steps being taken to limit threat to oak trees

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCa), in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, has been monitoring Nitidulid (picnic) beetles that are known to carry a fungal pathogen known as Oak Wilt. This disease has affected trees throughout the U.S. and concerns are that it might reach Canada. Tim Payne, SCRCa manager of forests, says the trapping of the insects employed traps laced with bait and pheromones to attract the beetles. The insects will be tested for the Oak Wilt fungus.

"Monitoring for Oak Wilt is important if we are going to be able to defend against its spread into Ontario," said Mr. Payne. "The better educated we are, the better equipped we are in dealing with (the insect's) invasion, if one were to occur."

Healthy trees become infected when open wounds are exposed to the fungus by the Nitidulid beetle. The fungus can also be transferred from tree to tree through their root systems if they have grafted together. The fungus causes the cycling of water and nutrients to become restricted, leading to the eventual death of the tree. For more information, go online to: www.scrca.on.ca

Note of Thanks - Marcotte Disposal Inc.

Marcotte Disposal would like to thank the Township of St. Clair for giving us an opportunity to service your waste removal needs over the last 18 years. As a local family-owned and operated company, the kindness you have shown our drivers and our office staff did not go unnoticed and we thank you! We look forward to serving you again in the future.

Tracey Kaplin
CEO

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).

COMMUNITY CONTACT

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.*

Don't let pocket change weigh you down - give it to 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

Lambton Youth Choir accepting new members

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

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 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 Mon-

day of each month. High school students can acquire volunteer hours needed for graduation. For more information, call Carla at 226-402-3870.

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. To register or to find out more about this effort, call 519-336-0120.

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.

Legion Service Officer to visit

The Ontario Command Service Officer will soon visit area Legions. Veterans and/or their dependents with concerns or questions about eligibility or access to benefits and services can meet with Legion's Ontario Provincial Command Service Officer Rebecca Calder during the week of Aug. 14 to Aug. 16. Ms. Calder will provide information and advise on topics such as disability pensions, financial assistance, veterans independent programs and services. To set up an

appointment, please call Shawn MacNeil at 519-383-9386 or the Corunna Branch 447 at 519-862-1240 before July 25.



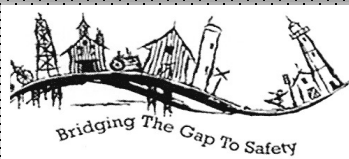
Children's Safety Village event shines spotlight on community heroes



They don't wear capes or jump tall buildings at a single bound, and it's for certain they have never taken to the air under their own power. This group of Heroes have no hidden identities, but they were recently nominated for acknowledgement during the Nominate a Hero program sponsored by the Children's Safety Village project. The program asks community members to nominate some of the "unsung heroes" in their area. This year's program resulted in 12 awards being handed out at the June 14 banquet at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. Some faces may be familiar but most have worked behind the scenes for many years to improve their communities through volunteering their time or their expertise to worthwhile events, activities, and causes.

During the banquet, guest speaker OPP Community officer Katie Hill spoke about the Amber Alert system and the MoMo Internet threat that is challenging children to do a variety of things that include self-harm and even suicide. Parents are urged to know what their children are viewing online and to warn them that all unknown contacts they encounter online are strangers, and strangers cannot be trusted. Children will often reveal too much information online such as what school they attend, where they live, etc. Officer Hill's safety information is a sample of the vital information that will be available to children during their Children's Safety Village visits.

The Children's Safety Village, slated for construction at the Brigden fairgrounds, will teach valuable skills to students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. From bicycle safety to farm safety to Internet safety, the village has proven to be of inestimable value to the students who participate in the programs in other parts of the province.



Awards were given to the following Heroes:

1. Brian and June DeWagner were cited for their lacrosse program for young girls that emphasizes fun, inclusivity, economy, and mental health.
2. Mooretown Hockey Moms, represented by President Kim Sylvester and Vice-president Nicole Wilson, were cited for their voluntary dedication to fundraising and doing support work such as running kitchens for tournaments.
3. Caroline Elbourne (Young Adult Hero award) is described as an incredible role model for her fellow gymnastics coaches, demonstrating the importance of safety, and encouraging respect and patience for one another.
4. Peter Murphy (Outstanding Crossing Guard) rides his bike to and from his post at Murphy Road and Cathcart Boulevard regardless of weather and was cited for the dedication and care he brings to his job.
5. Earle Woolaver (Farm Safety) has been involved with the Lambton Farm Safety Association since its rebirth in 1978 and works tirelessly to promote farm safety at every opportunity.
- 6.a. Bob Barnes, president of the Mooretown Flags (Kids Safety Coaching) has been involved with the Flags for over 30 years coaching minor baseball and hockey, has served as president of the Mooretown Flags Junior C Hockey team for several years, and has spent countless hours fundraising and advocating for the team.
- 6.B. Maureen Barnes (Bob's wife) was noted for her dedication and loyalty to her husband's projects, and for supporting his endeavours.
7. Glen Lecour (Coaching/Teacher) was a passionate coach of minor baseball and hockey for many years, a member of the Sarnia Lambton Sports Hall of Fame, and an avid golfer. He will be remembered for touching many lives as a teacher, coach and friend.
8. Sharon LaPier (Volunteer/Advocate) is noted for her volunteerism in the community, her work with the Moore Skat-

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More Heroes

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ing Club, and her avid community involvement. 9. Don Cook (Kids Safety Educator) has been a great educator, coach, role model and volunteer in Lambton County for many years, known for his reliability, dependability, and loyalty. 10. George Linton (CN officer) exhibited his caring, compassionate spirit when asked by his superiors to remove a memorial tribute from beside the CN tracks. He used his media contacts to get in touch with the family that had placed the memorial by the tracks in memory of their daughter. His actions were beyond the scope of his instructions and the family truly appreciated having the memorial returned. 11. St. Clair Township Mayor Steve

Arnold was cited for championing the Children's Safety Village project, for his guidance and input. Safety Village Coordinator Mary Ann Buntrock noted, "He listens, makes suggestions, and does not hesitate to guide you in the right direction even though you may think you have the right answer; well no, Steve does." 12. Markie (Welcoming dog at Landmark Retirement Home) is a friendly furry canine beloved by all of the Landmark residents. Mary Ann says, "He brings a smile to everyone at Landmark even though they may be having a bad day. Children and residents all go to see Markie upon entering the home."

Editor's Note: The full extent of the service these Heroes give to their communities cannot be written on this page. It would take a novel to detail the positive differences they make. Let it just be said that they are richly deserving of this acknowledgement.

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Bible School on Wednesday, Aug. 14 to Friday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children ages five through 12 are welcome to attend. The theme will be Fishing for Jesus. To register your child or children) or for more information, please contact Barb at barbd-farms@gmail.com.

Brigden Fair Ambassador contest

The Brigden Fair Ambassador Contest is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. Contestants are still welcome to register. Get more information at the fair website at Brigdenfair.ca

Downriver Craft and Gift Sale

The popular annual Downriver 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 home-

made 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

Craft and Vendor Show in Port Lambton

Port Lambton United Church will host a Craft and Vendor Show at the Port Lambton Community Hall, 507 Stoddard Street in Port Lambton, on Saturday, Oct. 26. Watch the Beacon for more information as it becomes available.



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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*; *Pictou 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.



The Empire Sandy

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

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"Wheels of Hope"; Sarnia Seniors Cruise; "Leave the Streets Behind", a homeless veterans program; and the Moore Agricultural Society Brigden Fair. Catch The Ace will resume on Thursday, Oct. 17. More information will be available in the near future.

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.

Canada's Waterscapes exhibition at Lambton Heritage Museum

From the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa comes a stunningly beautiful exhibit, Canada's Waterscapes: Yours to Enjoy, Explore, and Protect. It's now on display at the Lambton Heritage Museum until Sept. 30. The exhibit is produced by the Canadian Museum of Nature in collaboration with the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council. An associated speaker series featuring 13 speakers will also be offered. For more information, go online to: www.lambtonmuseums.ca/events/canadas-waterscapes-2/

Mark your calendar...

51st Port Lambton Gala Days

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.

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 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.

Blueberry Social at Sombra Museum

The annual Sombra Museum Blueberry Social will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy delicious blueberry desserts and refreshments. More details as they are received.

Bible school in Port Lambton

Port Lambton United Church, 466 William Street in Port Lambton will host a Vacation

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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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Friday evening at 7 p.m. The camp will be operated under Hope Alvinston 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.

Margaritaville cruise for charity

A cruise in support of St. Clair Child and Youth and the Huron House Boys Home will be held on Saturday, July 20. Board the Duc d'Orleans at 6:30 p.m. and set sail for a three-hour cruise featuring music by Claude Chaisson and Copper Still. Tickets are available at the Bottoms Up Bar and Grill, by phone at 519-867-3793, or by email at: dheath83@hotmail.com

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 taking summer break

The FREE *Souper Thursday* hot lunch hosted by Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, is now taking a six-week break. It will return on Thursday, Aug. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the church and

enjoy a homemade lunch to eat in, take out, or even delivery. Those who require assistance can call 519-862-3380 to have lunch delivered. For more information, contact the church online at: parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: The church's clothing ministry has been cancelled.

Cruickshank Community Centre hosts weekly activities

The Cruickshank Community Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna hosts several activities each week including: *The Coffee Social, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost is 75 cents for unlimited coffee and good company. *Fun Bingo is played Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Cost is a \$1 fee to participate and \$1 per card played. *Euchre is played on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Cost is \$3 to play, which includes light refreshments. For additional information on any of our programs, please call 519-862-1628 or 519-862-2629.

Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and now plays Pepper every Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the hall located at 1533 Fourth Street in Courtright. Everyone is welcome to attend and try out their card skills.

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.

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. 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. Cribbage will resume in September.

Catch the Ace at Corunna Legion

The Catch the Ace lottery is now finished for the season at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, 350 Albert Street. Betty Hunter drew the ace of spades on May 22, winning \$4,250.60. The following organizations were supported: Mooretown-Courtright Public School; Canadian Cancer Society

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Sombra Days on the way

It must be summer! Sombra Days is on the way the weekend of July 5 to 7 with all of the great family activities and entertainment you've come to expect. Friday night at 6 p.m. marks the beginning of the two-pitch tournament and the opening of the refreshment tent, with a dance starting at 8 p.m.



and *Walkin' 47* will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$10 before 10 p.m. and \$15 after 10 p.m., with no admittance after 11 p.m. On Saturday, the two-pitch tourney swings into action again at 8 a.m., food booth will open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the refreshment tent opens at 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. The kids can enjoy the soap box derby from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and inflatables from noon to 4 p.m. The horseshoe tourney begins at 1 p.m. and musical entertainment by *Rock Ridje* will be featured on stage from 2 p.m.



to 6 p.m. Refreshment tent and food booths close at 7 p.m. On Sunday, the food booth and two-pitch tourney start at 9 a.m. with the finals slated for late morning, and volleyball starts at noon.

Kids can enjoy inflatables from noon to 3 p.m., crafts from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and horse-drawn wagon rides from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Musical entertainment by *Classic Vibe* will be on stage from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. At 6 p.m., the 50/50 draw will be held, and refreshment tent and food booths will close at 7 p.m.

New for 2019- 3-on-3 ball hockey will be played on Saturday for ages 18 and over, and on Sunday for ages 13-15, with registration at 10:30 a.m. both days. For more information, call Jamie or Trevor at 519-384-0345.

Stuff the bus for foodbanks

Stuff the Bus 2019 will be held on Saturday, July 6 at No Frills south of Corunna from 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Two Sarnia

Transit buses will be making the rounds of grocery stores in Sarnia and Corunna to collect non-perishable food items for the local St. Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army year-round foodbanks.

Ontario Family Fishing Week

The Bluewater Anglers will host Family Fun Fishing Day on Saturday, July 6 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (No fishing licence is required during the week of June 29-July 7.) Sign in at the Centennial Park fountain on the Sarnia waterfront and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more details, go online to www.bluewateranglers.com

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.

Shibashi classes at Wellings

Free Shibashi classes will be held at Wellings of Corunna beginning Monday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. To register, call 226-778-0539.

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. A Christian education will be the theme of enjoyable crafts, games and Bible lessons, plus other activities. Children and youth Grades SK through Grade 7 are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring a bag lunch but snacks will be provided. There will be no cost for the camp but donations will be gratefully accepted. 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



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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.

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