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Bonnie Stevenson photo

RCMP Musical Ride visits Bridgen

The world-renowned RCMP thundered into the Bridgen Fairgrounds on July 10, thrilling a crowd of 5,300 with exacting horsemanship and precision.

Left: During the opening ceremonies, S/M Martin Kohen's mount, Brent, bowed his head in tribute during the playing of *Oh Canada*. The rest of the horses lowered their heads as well.

For more, see page 9.

Range light chosen for lighthouse program

The Moore Museum recently announced that the Corunna rear range light, featured on the masthead of the *Beacon*, is now one of only three lighthouses in Ontario chosen to date to be part of the United States Lighthouse Society's Passport program. They include Fort Erie and Port Colborne.

Museum curator Laurie Mason says the goal of the lighthouse passport program is to give lighthouse enthusiasts the opportunity to help preserve lighthouses and to provide them with a pictorial history of their lighthouse explorations.

More information about this program is available at the U.S. Lighthouse Society's website: <https://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club>

"Visitors to the Moore Museum who participate in the passport program have asked about a stamp, so inquiries have been made about the program," said Laurie. "Participants will now be able to acquire this stamp to show they have visited one of only 10 lighthouses in Canada, including six in New Brunswick and one in British Columbia."

The recently refurbished rear range light is open to the public during regular museum hours. Check it out, along with all of the fantastic buildings and displays to be found at the Moore Museum in Mooretown.



Range light stamp design



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

Council addresses wake damage along St. Clair River shoreline

High water levels along the St. Clair River are already causing damage along the shoreline, but speeding power boats are making the problem a lot worse.

Council has ordered the posting of "no wake" notices in the worst affected areas and boat owners are urged to limit speeds when cruising near the shore this summer.

Mayor Arnold noted that strict speed reduction laws are already in force for power boats on the U.S. side of the river.

For many months, Mayor Arnold has been in on-going discussions with Canadian government officials seeking the cessation of the destructive wakes caused by speeding commercial shipping. He expressed frustration over the lack of progress that has been made during these discussions and the destructive wakes remain an issue on the river throughout the year.

Some ships are often guilty of exceeding set speed limits in the river. The resulting waves they create are known to damage shoreline properties and infrastructure. In the winter months, regardless of the water level, the wakes and their tendency to disturb and mobilize ice formations can be especially destructive.

Note: According to the Government of Canada Justice Laws website, St. Clair and Detroit River Navigation Safety Regulations, Canada Shipping Act 2001, under Speed Rules "...no ship of 20m or more in length may proceed at a

speed greater than...10.4 knots between Fort Gratiot (Port Huron) and St. Clair Flats light "2"...and Peach (Peché) Island light and Detroit River light".*

**Speed in kilometres per hour is approximately 19.26 where 1 knot = 1.852 kph, and in miles per hour, approximately 11.97 where 1 knot = 1.51 mph.*

ParticipACTION

Community Better Challenge

Although St. Clair Township didn't win the \$150,000 prize in the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge, the many residents who participated have much to be proud of. *See More Municipal Notes, page 5*

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP 2019 FINAL PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

The Interim tax due dates are

Tuesday July 30, 2019 and Monday September 30, 2019

The following methods of Tax Payments may be utilized:

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

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

St. Clair Township Tax Department

519-867-2024

fax: 519-867-5509

taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca

Council Meeting Schedule

There will be only one St. Clair Township Council meeting in August on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 3 p.m. The September meeting is tentatively slated for Monday, Sept. 2 but may be subject to change.

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 and Recreational Foundation seeking volunteers

The Moore Community and Recreational Foundation is looking for two volunteer board members to help select worthy St. Clair Township organizations. Grants are awarded for projects submitted that provide services that directly benefit the citizens of St. Clair Township.

Those who are interested in filling these positions can contact St. Clair Township Treasurer Charles Quenneville at 519-867-2021 or Mary Jane Marsh, chair of the Moore Community and Recreational Foundation at 519-864-1531.



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



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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

New Recycling & Waste Collection Contract Information Please see page 4.

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Water utility appointments require 48 hours notification

St. Clair Township By-Law 41 of 2017 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the water utility department to avoid service fees.

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Crossing Guards

The Township of St. Clair requires *fill-in* crossing guards 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 the St. Clair Township office, 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.

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.

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.

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

Get the App



Recycle Coach

Municipal Media Inc.

#144 in Reference

★★★★ 4.6, 1.2K Ratings

Free

Current App Users



05 July 2019

New changes to recycling and waste collection started July 1st

To Update your app schedule with the New Changes, you must **RE-ENTER** your address.

If you are having trouble seeing your new schedule, try deleting and re-installing the Recycle Coach app.

If you are still experiencing difficulty, use the Report a Problem feature to let us know!

For more information, visit stclairtownship.ca/recycling-waste-collection/

NEW RECYCLING & WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The Township of St. Clair recognizes that despite our efforts, there came errors and tribulations both within and outside of our control. We recognize the hardships experienced and appreciate tolerance as we transition back to normal operations.

For current and up to date information, All Residents are encouraged to download the Recycle Coach™ mobile app for all their personalized Recycling and Waste collection information. Residents can also utilize the Recycle Coach™ app and all its functionality through our website – Recycling & Waste Collection page. ***Existing App users, Re-enter your address to get updated collection information.*** Additional assistance can be offered by phoning 519-867-2993.

With the New Contract came Changes now in effect, as of July 1st.

NOTABLE CHANGES to

RECYCLING Collection by **Emterra Environmental**

WASTE Collection by **Waste Management of Canada Corporation**
Including yard waste, Christmas trees and dumpsters

COLLECTION ROUTES/DAYS – Changes to Collection days are available on the website or through the Recycle Coach™ app. Additional Notice was provided through the mail in June.

SINGLE SIDED ROUTE COLLECTION – Low traffic Rural Route collection on mailbox side of road for efficiency and lower environmental impact.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS - Recyclable materials must be placed in a blue box container clearly marked 'Recycling' or with a recycling symbol

Plastic Bags of any kind will Not be accepted.

Materials placed in any plastic bag will Not be collected.

NOW ACCEPTED for Recycling —

- Polycoated hot beverage cups (Tim Hortons, McDonalds, Starbucks)
- Coffee pods made from #5 and #6 plastic (K-cups), (*MUST be cleaned of grounds.*)

YARD WASTE COLLECTION – in urbanized areas - Yard waste in plastic bags will **Not be accepted**.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

MONDAY

- St. Clair Parkway (South of Emily St., Mtwn)
- Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Wilkesport
- Sombra, Port Lambton, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens

WEDNESDAY

- St. Clair Parkway (North of Emily St., Mtwn)
- Corunna, Froomfield

Spring- 1st Week of MAY to End of JUNE
Fall – 3rd Full Week of OCT to End of NOV

IMPORTANT – CHANGES
Information on all the Notable **CHANGES** can be found on stclairtownship.ca - Recycling & Waste Collection page.

More MUNICIPAL NOTES

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to be proud of.

Out of all of the communities across Canada who took up the challenge, St. Clair Township came out in the top two per cent and was commended for its resident participation by the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge official as "an amazing accomplishment".

The statistics for this township are impressive. According to the official ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge report, St. Clair Township residents notched up over five million minutes, submitted over 1,500 events and activities, and participated over 30,000 times in events and activities.

Enderby, B.C. was crowned Canada's Most Active Community. Regional wins were posted by: Headingley, MB; Gameti, NT; Marathon, ON; Amqui, QC; and Harvey, NB.

Plans for the 2020 Community Better Challenge are already in the works and over \$200,000 in grants will be up for grabs to communities and organizations that host events at that time. Details will be announced this fall.

Organizations that participated in the challenge included: • 1st Corunna Beavers • Brigden Lambton Kent District School Board • Clean Harbors Canada • Corporation of St. Clair Township • Corunna Firefighters Association • Corunna Minor Athletic Association • Corunna Soccer • Courtright Sixth Line Pastoral Charge • Courtright Thursday Night Mens 2 Pitch • Ecole Hillcrest • Hillcrest Public School • Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute • Lambton Kent District School Board • Moore Agricultural Society • Moore Figure Skating Club • Moore Optimist • Moore Presbyterian Foundation • Moore Sports Complex • Mooretown Flags Jr. C hockey • Mooretown Flags Junior Hockey Club • Mooretown lady flags • Mooretown Sports Complex • Optimist Club of Moore • Parents for Parks • Petrolia Minor Soccer • Relay for Life • Southwest Regional CU • St. Clair Ladies 2-Pitch League • St. Clair Parkway Golf Course • St. Clair River Trail • St. Clair Township Council • Suncor Energy Ethanol Inc • Watson Timbermart • Wellings of Corunna.

Thank you to the organizations, community groups, and individuals who contributed their time and efforts to this challenge. Let's set our sights on doing even better in 2020!



60th anniversary street banners installed

The 60th anniversary of the Sombra Museum is being commemorated with the installation of street banners in the village along the St. Clair Parkway. Taking advantage of a sunny day to put them up is John Belanger, with wife, Pat, steadying the ladder.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

SCRCA issues indefinite water safety bulletin

It's no secret that water levels continue to be an issue in many places around St. Clair Township and beyond.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has issued an indefinite water safety bulletin due to sustained high water levels across the watershed.

Director of Water Resources Girish Shankar, explained, "We had a very wet spring which has added to the already record-breaking water levels we're observing in Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron. We have already issued more bulletins this year than we did in all of 2018."

One of the local concerns stems from the high water levels being experienced in Lake St. Clair, which is slowing the movement of water out of the Sydenham River system. The SCRCA is warning that even moderate rain or a change in wind direction can put some areas at risk for flooding.

Shoreline flooding activity can cause increased erosion along the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, and Lake Huron, but it can also make shorelines slippery, and fast-flowing water is dangerous, especially for children who venture too close to the river banks.

The latest bulletin notes water levels are 20 to 30 centimetres higher than average for the summer months in the Wallaceburg area.

While the water levels are high, Mr. Shankar urges boaters to follow posted boat speeds and no-wake zone signs while out on the water.

See page 2 Municipal Notes for measures being taken by St. Clair Township to minimize wake activity along the St. Clair River.

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

For more information, visit www.LambtonOnline.ca

Moore Optimists and CCSC host bicycle rodeo



The annual bicycle rodeo in Corunna gave community youth a chance to test their riding skills, learn bicycle safety, and have a lot of fun at the same time. Two of them, Rosealynne and Madison, also came away with new bicycles from a special draw.

The rodeo was a joint effort of the Optimist Club of Moore and the Corunna Community Safety Committee in

conjunction with the OPP Corunna office.

Seen here from left: rodeo participants Emily, 6 1/2; Lyla, 7; Optimist Jeff Rovers; participant Carter, 9 1/2; Optimist President Audrey Taylor Cassidy; participant Liam, 9; OPP Constable Travis Parsons.

Beacon photo

Fair ambassador contest set for Aug. 25



*Everyone
welcome!*

The annual Brighden Fair Ambassador contest is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer on their favourite contestant. Be there when 2018/2019 Ambassador Eve Petit completes her exciting year as the Brighden Fair's representative and crowns her successor. And if you're between the ages of 17 and 24, see below for your chance to be part of the competition.

Still time to sign up for the competition!

If you're between the ages of 17 and 24 as of Aug. 1, 2019, and you're passionate about the Brighden Fair and your community, check out the fair website at Brighdenfair.ca to find out how you can become a fair ambassador or part of the ambassador's court. Your application to compete can also be found online or at the fair office on 2976 Brighden Road. The deadline for application is Aug. 9. Get involved, and have fun with this great leadership opportunity. Use your ideas and your enthusiasm to make the program even better!

For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

2018/2019
Ambassador
Eve Petit



HERITAGE CORNER

STORYBOARDS REVEAL RAILWAY HERITAGE IN EARLY ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

While railway service is now the domain of freight carriers in St. Clair Township, it was once the main source of long-distance travel. The railway opened up vast regions of new territory and wherever a station was built, the commercial and residential fortunes of tiny pioneer enclaves became thriving communities.

This is the way in which the former Moore and Sombra Townships, now known collectively as St. Clair Township, flourished during the 1800s.

The Canada Southern Railway's significant contribution to the development of the township is now the subject of two new Heritage St. Clair Committee (HSCC) storyboards, which were unveiled on June 22. They have been erected in Brigden and Courtright on the site of the train stations that once serviced the Canada Southern Railway line.

During the unveiling, Mayor Steve Arnold commended the Heritage St. Clair Committee for its hard work and commitment to the preservation of local history. "We appreciate the work of the committee," he said. "It's exciting to be able to share this history with the community."

HSCC Chair Dave Pattenden says member Leo Griffiths spearheaded the railway project with the help of fellow member Bob Goodearle. "Leo worked for CN and he's a real railway enthusiast," he said. "We had fleshed out the idea a few years ago...Leo offered to work on the storyboards and Bob offered to work with him." The men spent six months researching the information at the Lambton Room (archives) and in consultation with Tom Walters, the manager of the train room at the Moore Museum, before the board designs were roughed out. "They put together a rough idea for the storyboards and then Paul and Jan Smith put more artistry and flare into them," said Mr. Pattenden.

Reviews by the committee and St. Clair Township Council completed the process and suitable locations were found to place them on township property.

The railway was built as the result of an effort to find a shorter route between New York and Chicago. The Erie and Niagara Railroad made a deal with the CSR to build a line from St. Thomas on its main line to Courtright, where it would connect with a



Unveiling the new Courtright storyboard for the Canada Southern Railway station are, from left: Paul and Jan Smith, HSCC members; St. Clair Township Councillors Bill Myers and Pat Brown; HSCC Chair David Pattenden; Councillor Tracy Kingston; HSCC member Leo Griffiths; Councillor Rose Atkins; HSCC member Bob Nicol; St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; HSCC member Dave Taylor; and Mayor Steve Arnold.

ferry to the U.S. The project was abandoned but the line continued to provide transportation for 87 years, moving passengers and freight such as lumber, sugar beets, and oil. "There was a time when you could get on the train at Courtright and go all the way to New York City," said Mr. Pattenden during the unveiling of the Courtright storyboard.

As the years passed, the communities that had grown in anticipation of the New York to Chicago line began to fail. The last train pulled out of the Brigden station on May 2, 1960, and several people who attended the unveiling of the plaques on June 22 recalled watching it go. During the unveiling of the Brigden storyboard, resident Myrna Hyatt read a poem called *Brigden*. The poem, written by Myrna's relative Grace Lester, recalls the heady days of the railway line and town that thrived because of train.

Information such as this can be found on the new storyboards, which are both outfitted with a QR marker that can be scanned with a smart phone to gather further information. Photos from the railway era are also on display.

The railway storyboards are just the latest historical markers that have been developed by the HSCC. Mr. Pattenden says a few years ago, the committee developed a list of local people and subjects of historical interest they would like to bring to the public's attention. Since then, storyboards for historically significant people such as Dr. Maude Menten, one of the first women in Canada to become a physician and who went on to make several significant medical discoveries, and significant places like Baby Point, have been developed and installed throughout the township.

The Heritage St. Clair Committee always welcomes new members. Anyone with a passion for history and a desire to find out more about the community they call home can contact the committee through its email: secretaryheritagestclair@gmail.com For information about the work of the committee, go online to: stclairtownship.ca/heritage



On hand for the unveiling of the Brigden storyboard were, from left: HSCC member Bob Nicol; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; HSCC member Dave Taylor; Councillors Tracy Kingston and Rose Atkins; HSCC member Leo Griffiths; Councillor Bill Myers; HSCC members Murray McAllister and Jan Smith; Mayor Steve Arnold; HSCC Chair David Pattenden; and HSCC member Paul Smith.

MORE HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum membership has perks

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 Museum; 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



Moore Museum train event

The Moore Museum Train Event on July 14 saw great attendance and gave young visitors like Michael Barry, 4, and his sister, Gracie, 2, a chance to run a train by themselves. The children, who were visiting their grandparents, Brenda and Rob Atmore of Brigden, eventually worked out their disagreement over who would be the first one to play engineer.

Historical village tour in Sombra

The Sombra Museum will host *Sombra Shadows and Spirits: A Historical Village Tour* on Saturday, Sept. 21. Guided tours will start at the museum at 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. and attendees will be shuttled to each site on the two kilometre route via "people movers" courtesy of the Brigden Fair.

At the conclusion of the tour, guests will be invited to spend time at the Sombra Community Hall to enjoy snacks, a penny sale, activities, and entertainment. The museum's new 2020 calendar and tickets for a beautiful pink, green and cream-coloured butterfly motif quilt, made by the Port Lambton Loose Knots quilting group, will be available as well.

Tour tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and free for preschool children. They are available at the Sombra Museum or online at:

sombra Shadows and Spiritstour.square.site

Volunteers are being sought to help with this event. Anyone interested in helping visitors "Visit the past and feel the presence" can call the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982 or drop in during summer hours every day from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sept. 1 to 30, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Spooky experiences wanted

Have you had any spooky/paranormal experiences in the Village of Sombra? The Sombra Museum is seeking information about "happenings" in the houses, businesses and other buildings there. Anyone with stories to share can come into the museum, call at 519-892-3982, email sombmuseum@hotmail.com or contact us on social media at [facebook.com/SombraMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum) or sombmuseum.webs.com

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.

RCMP Musical Ride draws large crowd to the Brigden Fairgrounds

The Brigden fairgrounds trembled with the rhythmic beat of horses' hooves on July 10 as the RCMP Musical Ride performed before a crowd of 5,300. The event, presented by St. Clair Mechanical Inc., featured a company of over 30 horse and rider pairs who demonstrated expert horsemanship while executing intricate maneuvers. The maneuvers included the wagon wheel, cloverleaf, pinwheel, and the charge, as well as a demonstration in the use of the lances each rider carries.

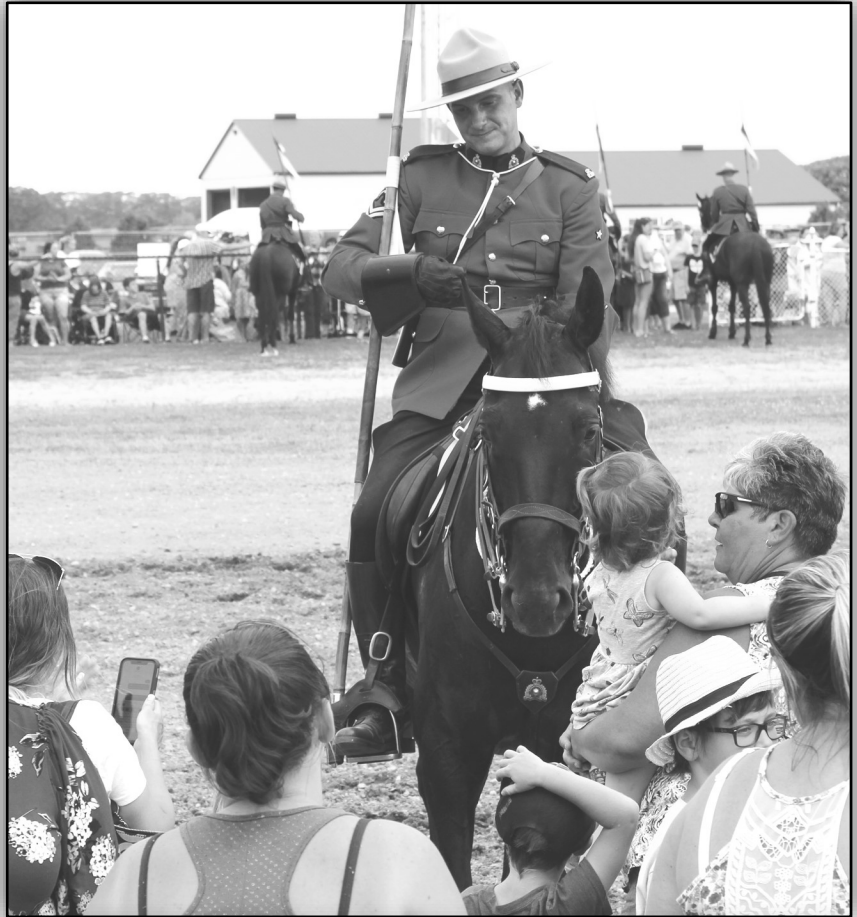
The group, led by S/M Martin Kohen and his horse, Brent, not only faced the challenges of the performance itself, but the riders endured temperatures of up to 38 degrees C.

At the conclusion of the performance, the riders took up positions around the show ring to greet members of the audience and answer questions.

Many people asked about the horses, which are bred at the Remont Detachment near Pakenham, Ontario. All horses chosen for the performance ring are 16 to 17 hands high and between 523 kg. and 635 kg. The stallions are thoroughbreds and the mares are part thoroughbred.

The 2019 RCMP Musical Ride Tour is appearing at over 40 locations in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and Northwest Territories, as well as Kentucky and Massachusetts. The final performance of the season will be in Toronto at Exhibition Place.

Right: A member of the RCMP Musical Ride takes time to chat with appreciative members of the audience after the performance.



With lances lowered for battle and stirring battle cries issuing from every rider, members of the RCMP Musical Ride charge their imagined enemy as cavalry riders did in combat long ago.
Bonnie Stevenson photos

Wanted: Motivated youth looking for rewarding challenges

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

Tiny library inspires summer reading fun

By Bonnie Stevenson

On an unassuming corner in Mooretown along Moore Line, a brightly-coloured box stands on a brightly-coloured pole waiting for the next book lover to come by. There's a comfy, brightly-coloured chair to sit on while you ponder your literary choices and lots of natural light to read by.

The "tiny library" is the work of home owner Glen Brown, who built it for his wife, Joan. "Glen made it for me," she said. "We came up with a plan (for the book library) and we already had the chair."

The idea for the little book nook came from an on-line encounter Joan had. "I had seen one in Sarnia but my first one was from Pinterest," she said, adding that literacy and a love of books comes naturally. "I worked for the school board and was a library technician."

The weather doesn't seem to bother the books inside the little cabinet. Glen says the door has weather stripping around it to keep the elements out.

Inside the library, there are books to please children as well as those who enjoy a good novel, an encouraging self-improvement book, or some cooking tips. The sign on the box says "Free Library - Take a Book - Leave a Book" but the community enrichment project the Browns have created is for the enjoyment of their neighbours. "Take a book and read it for pleasure," said Joan. "We don't care if you can leave one. If you don't like the one you took, you can bring it back and get another one."



Joan and Glen Brown with their tiny library.



Lunch break

This big fellow was spotted in a farmer's field near Cathcart Park dining on a freshly caught lunch. The eagle remained oblivious to the presence of the photographer and continued to munch throughout the photo shoot.

Beacon photo

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.



The Empire Sandy

Enbridge donation to SCRCA supports wetland restoration project

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has received a \$10,000 donation from Enbridge Gas in support of a wetland restoration and tree planting project on a local landowner's property. The Lenover family approached the SCRCA about naturalizing a wet area of their agricultural land to help reduce runoff to a tributary of Otter Creek on the north branch of the Sydenham River.

Jessica Van Zwol, healthy watershed specialist with the SCRCA, said, "With Enbridge's support, we were able to create two wetlands on the Lenover property and plant over 1,300 trees. These projects are important as we are able to take another step towards our goal of improving the health of our watershed and reducing the potential for phosphorus runoff."

Noting the strong shared history between Enbridge Gas (formerly Union Gas) and the SCRCA, Steven Jelich, director of Southwest Operations for Enbridge Gas, said, "Working together to restore another wetland builds on our partnership with the SCRCA and increases wetland habitat in the region. These wetlands will help reduce flooding, improve water filtration of sediment and nutrients, and provide habitat for many species of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife."

SCRCA Chair Joe Fas noted Enbridge has supported a number of local wetland and natural habitat projects over the years. "This contribution is above and beyond their generous support for our conservation education programs that are delivered to children throughout our watershed."

Property owner Adam Lenover says the project will not only establish a new home for wildlife and help replace many of the trees that have been cut down, his family will enjoy new recreational opportunities like ice skating in the winter and camping. "We are very thankful for this opportunity," he said.



Left: Steve Jelich, Director of Southwest Region Operations for Enbridge Gas, presents SCRCA Chair Joe Fas with the \$10,000 donation to support the project. Submitted photo

Four deserving students receive 2019 SCRCA Scholarships

Four deserving students recently received scholarships from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

The conservation scholarship program rewards graduating high school students who are pursuing post-secondary studies in a conservation-related field. They must have demonstrated high academic standing and involvement in environmental initiatives. A total of \$3,000 was awarded across the St. Clair region this year.

Kevin Robertson, a Great Lakes Secondary School, Sarnia, graduate, and Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational School, Petrolia, graduate Abigail Irwin, were selected to receive the 2019 A.W. Campbell Memorial Scholarships. Kevin will study Environment and Physical Geography at Nipissing University this fall. Abigail will study Environmental Sustainability at Lakehead University-Georgian Campus.

Lara Benedict, a graduate of Strathroy District Collegiate Institute received the Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship. She will pursue a degree in Agriculture at the University of Guelph Ridgetown campus. And Madeline Morrison, a graduate of St. Patrick's High School, Sarnia, is enrolled in the Conservation Biology program at Trent University.

Presenting the scholarships at an SCRCA board meeting in July, Chair Joe Fas said, "The young people we have acknowledged today will be our future conservationists and will take an active role in the important environmental issues that face our region. We are happy to provide support to them as they pursue their post-graduate studies in the environmental field."

The scholarships are made possible by trust funds established by the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation and its donors.

Clockwise from right: SCRCA Vice-Chair Larry Gordon, left, Madeline Morrison, SCRCA Chair Joe Fas; Chair Joe Fas, Laura Benedict, Vice-Chair Larry Gordon; Vice-Chair Larry Gordon, Kevin Robertson, Chair Joe Fas; and Chair Joe Fas, Abigail Irwin, Vice-Chair Larry Gordon.



9 year-old motocross racer heading to grand national competition

Bonnie Stevenson

A 9 year-old Courtright resident is making a name for himself on the amateur motocross circuit. He's so good that he has qualified to compete in the Walton Transcan Grand National near Seaforth in mid-August. This competition attracts competitors from across Canada and the United States, and from as far away as South Africa.

Evan Miller says he caught the racing bug about four and half years ago. "I was just watching other people do it and it made me think I could do it," he said.

He began on a Honda 50 outfitted with training wheels. The small bike gave him a chance to gain experience and hone his motocross skills. "I had a bunch of falls but the next year I did a lot better," he said.

Evan now races a larger "65" bike in the ages 7 to 9 class. He competes annually in about 15 to 20 motocross events in Ontario, and has to compete in four qualifying events including the Gopher Dune series near Tilsonburg, and Motopark Chatsworth. So far this year, Evan took first place in the 7 to 9 class and fifth place in the 7 to 11 class to earn his place at the Walton Transcan Grand National.

Evan's mom, Melissa, says she and her husband, Glen, are proud of their son's achievement. "We're extremely proud of him," she said. "It's his first year racing on the 65. He's doing it really well."

The young racer is setting the tone for his seven year-old sister, Sienna, who also rides. And Glen is working on another type of racing machine, a vehicle he'll use for drag racing.

Although motocross is his passion, Evan doesn't neglect his school work. "He gets good grades and he's a good student," said Melissa. Evan says he also has other interests including run-

ning, biking, and playing hockey with friends.

His early accomplishments have attracted the attention of several sponsors, including: FXRmoto, MD Distributions, 26 Suspension, D & D Moto Products, Two Wheel Motosport, and Husqvarna Motorcycles Canada.

Submitted photo



Evan tears up the track.

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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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

Take ownership of your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

Upcoming Program Schedule - Fall 2018

The following sessions are being offered at the **Rapids Family Health Team** clinic located in the Shell Health Centre, **233 Cameron Street**, Corunna. There is no charge for participation. You must register to participate. Please note 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 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 will discuss some of the things you can do to manage Diabetes.

The session is led by a Registered Nurse Educator and will be held Tuesday, September 17 from 1:30 p.m.-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 and will be held Tuesday, September 24 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please note a physician referral is required.

Healthy Eating and YOU

This is a series of four sessions lasting two hours each. The aim of the program is to help you make permanent lifestyle changes; this is not a "diet" program. You will set your own healthy eating and physical activity goals and learn how to make plans for achieving them. Some topics that will be discussed include: carbohydrates, protein and fats (the good and the bad); physical activity: what types and amounts are beneficial; emotional eating strategies; sensible portions and portion control strategies; group discussions will help you learn from others experiences.

The session will be held Thursday, September 12 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

This program is open to the public - no physician referral required.

Happiness 101

The Happiness 101 Group is a four-week group that focuses on being happy. Adapted from the manual Happiness 101 by Dr. Louise Lambert, the sessions will discuss 12 simple interventions for a happier life using positive psychology for people who are depressed, languishing or flourishing. The goal of the group is to help participants generate a whole new mindset geared exclusively towards the creation of a greater and more durable state of happiness.

No Physician referral is necessary however, participants must have a physician that has referral privileges to the Rapids Family Health Team resources.

Series date is not yet determined.

Stress Management Workshop

Created by our registered Social Worker, this two-hour seminar offered monthly will provide you with information on how to effectively manage stress through: regulating the stress-response; goal-setting; problem-solving; challenging unhelpful thinking; and communicating assertively. Seminar date is not yet determined.

This seminar is open to the public - No physician referral required.

Anxiety Awareness

The Anxiety Awareness Therapy Group is a six-week program for adults 18 and over, living with and managing anxiety in day to day life. The program is facilitated by Registered Social Workers. During the group sessions the participants will learn how to deal with their anxious thoughts, feelings and behaviors by understanding their anxiety and how to manage their worry. Relaxation skills and stress reduction techniques will be focused on during the weekly sessions.

The group will cover the following topics: overview of generalized anxiety, challenging negative and positive beliefs about worrying, developing strategies to challenge worries and accept uncertainty, problem solving and decision making, managing the anxious body, mind and behavior, exploring and practicing relaxation skills and stress reduction techniques, maintaining the gains and developing a self-management plan. The date for this series is not yet determined.

Please note a physician referral is required.

Teaching Kitchen

Healthy cooking classes will not only help you build on your knowledge of healthy eating, but also help you be able to apply them in a friendly group setting. Classes will cover a wide range of health conditions/ topics including: heart health, digestive concerns, vegetarian, cooking for one, increasing fruit and vegetables, high blood pressure and more! Cooking classes are open to the public - no physician referral required.

Classes are held on the following dates: Meatless Mondays, Tuesday, September 17 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Meals for One, Thursday, October 24 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Healthy Holiday Baking, Thursday, December 12 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

*Class date, times and location within Corunna subject to change/ cancellation depending upon number of patient registrants.

Laboratory Services offered

Laboratory services at the clinic are available

Monday through Friday
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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.



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.

A sunny day on the St. Clair River Trail

A sunny day on the St. Clair River Trail presented the perfect opportunity for Sue and Cathy to take Tony the Golden Retriever for a walk. When was the last time you enjoyed the trail?



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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

Sombra Museum has new 2020 calendars / quilt tickets on sale

The Sombra Museum's new 2020 calendar is now on sale at the museum. Treat yourself to one or give this unique, attractive calendar as a gift to someone special.

The museum is also selling tickets on a beautiful handmade quilt featuring a pink, green, and cream butterfly motive. The quilt was made by the Loose Knots quilting group from Port Lambton. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of November. Call the museum at 519-892-3982 for more information or to purchase. These items will also be available at all museum events.

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 it's important to maintain the trail to keep it safe and attractive. 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 River-view Restaurant in Sombra Village. Your donations will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council and your pockets will be a lot less noisy. Bricks 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 odell@coqeco.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 Aarssen at 519-892-3536.

New members welcome - Lambton County Junior Optimist Club

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

Down River Junior Optimist Club seeks members

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

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.

Innovative approach to flight shown at Bluewater R/C Flyers open house

Bonnie Stevenson

The Bluewater R/C Flyers radio-controlled aircraft club hosted its Canada Day Spectator Open House on June 29 and 30, giving the public a close look at the capabilities of the small but mighty crafts and their "pilots". One of the surprises on display involved several radio-controlled homemade planes created from ½" foam core board bought from a hardware store, and some bits and pieces either bought or salvaged from other conventional planes.

The ingenious aerial creations are the work of Ulf Bergquist, whose inspiration came on a windy day at the air field. "Last year, the weather was not good to fly. It was very windy and the planes were sensitive to it," he said. "I wanted to design a plane that could fly in this weather."

So he paid a visit to Home Depot in search of a suitable material to create the body for his new plane. He decided on foam core board that is often used for mounting pictures and presentations. It was lightweight but strong, and it cut easily.

After some tweaking, Ulf says he took his new creation to the airfield to try it out and he admits he was a bit worried about its air-worthiness. But once he had the craft airborne, he knew he had a winner on his hands. "They can fly in up to 50-kilometre winds," he said. "They just handle beautifully."

He and Larry Schroeder, another convert to the wonders of foam core flight, had a chance to demonstrate their planes' agility and ease of operation when they put the planes in the air at the R/C open house. In spite of the brisk wind that was blowing across the field, the planes glided on it as effortlessly as a soaring bird and they responded immediately to their radioed instructions. "People who build this plane say it is the best plane they've ever owned," said Ulf.

An accuracy demonstration at the open house required a pilot to guide his or her plane with enough accuracy to hit and break balloons that had been tethered out over the field. Larry's plane hit a balloon dead centre after minimal attempts.

The cost of the airplanes is another one of their attractive features. Ulf estimates one of his planes costs about \$150 to build, with about \$10 for the foam core board and the rest for an engine, wiring, batteries and the other components required for operation. Grinning slightly, he added the new components would be necessary only "if you don't have parts from a plane you've crashed."

The men fly their creations at their home club field in Woodstock and will probably be back at the Bluewater R/C Flyers field on Aug. 3 and 4 for the club's 42nd annual Memorial Scale Model Airplane rally.



Ulf Bergquist, left, and Larry Schroeder display four of their innovative foam core board radio-controlled airplanes.



Experienced radio-control airplane pilot Art Shepherd, left, explains the aircraft controller to Liam, 12, one of the Sarnia army cadets who volunteered to staff the admission booth. Liam flew an airplane, assisted by Mr. Shepherd, who helped him by using a "buddy" box. The box was connected to the main controller so Liam's flight could be corrected if problems occurred.



Left: Craig Gregory of Detroit flew his 35 percent scale 540 Slick, a 120 cc desert aircraft he has had for two years. Mr. Gregory, a bailiff during the week, says he and his flight team spend most summer weekends at shows all over Canada and the United States.

Summer celebration at Sombra Days



This year's Sombra Days on July 6 and 7 was greeted by sunshine and lots of activity at the Sombra ball park. Clockwise from right: *Volunteers from the Sombra Township Optimists, Louise Reek, left, and Johanne Leitch, helped out at the canteen. *Misty and Molly provided wagon rides around the baseball field. *The splash pad provided cool entertainment for the kids. *Sports fans enjoyed the action on the volleyball courts and baseball diamond. *The Sombra Museum's booth offered a chance to write with a feather quill and ink. Here, Kathy Myers tries her hand at it while museum summer students Miria Pelletier, Ellita Gagner, and Amandeep Sharma supervise.



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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...

Corunna Legion to host Turkey Bingo

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host a Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo on Thursday, Oct. 3. Doors open at 6 p.m. with heads down at 7 p.m. There will be 25 regular games at \$20 for four cards,

plus a special game at \$2 per strip. Prizes are \$1,000 for 1st; \$200 for 2nd; \$100 for 3rd. Food will be available and everyone is welcome. The hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call the branch at 519-862-1240.

Craft and Vendor Show in Port Lambton

A Craft and Vendor Show will be held at the Port Lambton Community Hall, 507 Stoddard Street in Port Lambton, on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show, sponsored by the Port Lambton United Church, will feature work from a variety of crafters and vendors, and lunch will be available. No admission will be charged.

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\$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. *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, will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

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

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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
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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. Livestock sponsorship is higher, so please call for details at 519-864-1197.

Auto evolution seen at Corunna car show

The Holme Automotive Car Show in Corunna featured about 70 vehicles, many of which demonstrated the evolution of automotive engineering. These meticulously pampered specimens came together for a good cause. All proceeds from the event were earmarked for the Heaven's Rescue Wildlife rescue facility near Oil Springs. Organizer Chuck Holme says this is the third year for the event, which usually raises over \$1,400 depending on the weather. Visitors enjoyed a barbecue, 50/50 draw, silent auction and a chance to win one of two \$500 gift certificates to the Elmhurst Inn near Ingersoll.

Below: A modified 1967 Lincoln Continental cut a low, sleek profile on the show lot. Owner Pat Teahan of Corunna says the vehicle is fitted with "air ride" which uses air bags to lift the vehicle for running on less than perfect pavement.



Below: A delightfully roached-out 1935 Chevy Standard owned by Ron Atmore of Brigden sported a custom-made hood ornament. Ron says the vehicle "drives well at 45-50 miles an hour".



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"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."

-Ernest Hemingway



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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 or Colleen at 519-677-5685.

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. See page 6.

Corunna Legion to host Motorcycle Poker Run

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will hosts the 9th Annual Legion-to-Legion Veterans Motorcycle Poker Run on Saturday, Aug. 31 at 11:45 a.m. The route will be Corunna-Wyoming-Alvinston-Thamesville-Wallaceburg. Registration will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$10 per person. The group will leave Corunna at 11:45 a.m. Breakfast will be available from 10 a.m. to noon. Entertainment, food, beverages, and prizes will be at the Corunna Legion at the intersection of Albert and Beckwith Streets. For more information call 519-862-1240.

Fun cribbage at Corunna Legion

Beginning in September, the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host Fun Cribbage on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Friday night Meat Darts at 7 p.m. For more information call the branch hall at 519-862-1240.

Mixed Scramble Golf tourney hosted by Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host the Br. 447 Memorial Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown. Tee off is at 1 p.m. Nine holes of golf with cart and a meal at the Legion hall will cost \$40, golf only \$30, or meal only \$10. A dress code will be in effect. Sign up at the Legion by Sept. 1 by calling 519-862-1240 or register at the golf course from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. The event is wheelchair accessible and everyone is welcome. The event will include the popular Toilet Seat Challenge and prizes will be awarded at the Legion hall.

Taoist tai chi demonstration and registration planned

An introduction to the Fung Loy Kok Taoist tai chi arts will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. A demonstration and registration period will be followed by the first of a series of weekly classes. These gentle arts offer benefits to people of all ages in a compassionate and non-competitive environment. For more information, please call 519-344-0346.

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 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 re-

ceived 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

Historical village tour in Sombra

The Sombra Museum will host Sombra Shadows and Spirits: A Historical Village Tour on Saturday, Sept. 21. See More Heritage, page 8 for more information.

Moore Optimists to host free bbq

Optimists everywhere are celebrating the club's 100 years of service to the youth of their communities this year. The Optimist Club of Moore will celebrate with a free community barbecue at the Courtright Community Centre on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature games, food, and lots of family fun.



Pickleball sessions underway

The Corunna Pickleball group plays 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, 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: parkwaychurchmichelle@gmail.com

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

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 has been cancelled for the summer. 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

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Catch the Ace at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Brigden is now hosting a Catch the Ace lottery on Friday nights until Sept. 27 or until the ace of spades is revealed. Watch the Brigden Legion's Facebook page for weekly results.

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.

Captain Kidd Days in Corunna

The 34th Captain Kidd Days comes to Corunna once again from Thursday, Aug. 1 to 4, starting with Movie Night on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The fun will continue all weekend at the Corunna Athletic Park with the two-pitch tourney starting Friday at 6 p.m., Capt. Kidd Ambassador at 6:30 p.m., contest (music by Trevor Wagner) at 8:30 p.m., and music by Highway Jones at 9 p.m., Downriver Band at 10:20 p.m. and Neon Nostalgia at 11:45 p.m. Saturday at 9:30 p.m., the two-pitch tourney continues and the Captain Kidd Parade starts at 11 a.m. proceeding from Beckwith Street onto Lyndoch Street and south to Cameron Street, then onto Colborne to terminate at the Corunna Athletic Field. The Kids' Zone opens from noon until 5 p.m. with inflatables, rock climbing, paddle boats, pony rides, and Dotty's face painting. The cost is

\$4 per child or \$10 per family. Best dressed pirate will be chosen at 1 p.m., the Little Tracks Petting Zoo will be presented at 2 p.m., and music by The Future and Full Disclosure will close out the afternoon. An evening of music will feature Upside of Maybe, Song Machine, and Dave Russell and the Precious Stones until 11:30 p.m. Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a volleyball camp will be held for students in Grades 5-8, the two-pitch tourney will continue at 11 a.m., At noon, the Kids' Zone will open with admission being the donation of canned goods for the local food bank, a talent show will go on stage at 3 p.m., open mic will be at 4:30 p.m., Roundhouse will play at 8:30 p.m., FIREWORKS will be presented at 10 p.m. followed by music by Matthew Runaway and Scott Manery and the Barnburners at 11:40 p.m. The event will also feature an all-weekend beach volleyball tournament, a 3-on-3 hockey tournament and Ultimate Frisbee. This event is presented by Shell Canada with sponsors including: Mainstreet, Evolution Hair Studio, Lapier's Flowers and Gifts, Danbury Developments, Riverview Family Dental, LamSar, ANJ, Bluewater Power, Bluewater Hearing, Bad Dog, Lambton Sanitation, Robert E. Dale Ltd., 3-Phase Electrical, Skyway Canada, Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447, No Frills, wWyn Studios, Antonio's Pizza, Hogan Pharmacy, UA 663, Carpenters Local 1256 Sarnia, Crime Stoppers, The Eye Opener, Coruna Chiropractic and Massage, Sherri Creates, NOVA Chemicals.

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: pchit-ty@bell.net. The R/C Flyers website is: www.bluewatercrrcflyers.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, entertainment, and refreshments. *More details as they are received.*

Benefit bbq for Heaven's Wildlife Rescue

A fundraiser in support of Heaven's Wildlife Rescue will be held at the Marcotte Disposal Inc. site, 1400 Plank Road in Sarnia, on Thursday, Aug. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donations will benefit the wildlife that is brought to this rehabilitation and education centre. The event will include prizes, a raffle and draw, hot dogs, hamburgers and a veggie option, plus popcorn.

Bible school in Port Lambton

Port Lambton United Church, 466 William Street in Port Lambton will host a Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, Aug. 14 to Friday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children ages five through 12



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