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THANKSGIVING WEEKEND IS ON THE WAY - IT'S TIME FOR THE BRIGDEN FAIR! OCTOBER 11 -14



Bonnie Stevenson photo

The main ball field at the Courtright Community Centre was officially named the Eric MacKenzie Field on Sunday, Sept. 14. To mark the occasion, a new sign was unveiled. It is shown above, far right, along with Mr. MacKenzie, front row centre, and his family. The baseball field, which has been in use for over a century, has benefited from Mr. MacKenzie's care and attention since 1989, when he was Director of Community Services for Moore Township, and his efforts have continued for 29 years in a volunteer capacity. His family, plus about 150 friends and well-wishers, were on hand to witness the dedication. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the celebration moved on to Antonio's in Corunna where the group enjoyed pizza and cake.

During his remarks, Mr. MacKenzie expressed appreciation to Bob Barnes, who has been instrumental in his work to realize the vision Mr. MacKenzie had for the field. He also thanked St. Clair Township for keeping the diamond in good condition since taking on the care of the baseball fields.

Sue Knight, Coordinator of Facilities and Parks for St. Clair Township, noted Mr. MacKenzie initially turned down the suggestion that the park be named in his honour, but he agreed after it was explained to him that it would be a symbol of the gratitude the community felt for his years of service and his commitment to creating a field the community could be proud of.

The Beacon was informed that, beginning in the spring and throughout the baseball season, Mr. MacKenzie drove everyday from his home in Bright's Grove to Courtright, sometimes volunteering 10 to 12 hours a day, to make sure the field was cared for. His dream was to "turn the field into a good-looking, functional field." With the dedication of the field in his name, Eric MacKenzie's dream has been realized; it is recognized as one of the top three best amateur ball fields in North America.



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MUNICIPAL NOTES

Moore Sports Complex fundraising committee approved

To help support the extensive renewal project slated for the Moore Sports Complex, council has approved an all-volunteer fundraising committee that will actively seek funding from government, industrial, group and individual sources. The group's name and logo were also approved.

The committee will be keeping the public informed of their progress in a monthly column here in the Beacon. The first column in this series can be found on page 5.

Wubuno Park upkeep

During a deputation to council on Sept. 3, William Shuart pointed out that some of the parks in St. Clair Township had not been kept up this year. In particular, Mr. Shuart was concerned about the condition of Wubuno Park and its ball diamond. He also asked if the park was to be sold and he inquired about the park's swing set being taken down.

It was explained to Mr. Shuart that maintenance on the parks was hampered by the wet spring, which made it difficult for workers to cut the wet grass and maintain the ball diamonds.

Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay said the township has 21 ball diamonds to care for and priority had to be given to the parks and ball diamonds that were heavily used, which left little time to tend underutilized areas. Mr. Shuart noted Wubuno Park is an asset to his community and he asked if it would be possible for the community to look after the park.

Deputy Mayor Steve Miller asked Mr. Shuart to develop a proposal to this effect and on Sept. 16, Mr. Shuart returned with a proposal for consideration by council.

Council Meeting Schedule

The tentative dates for upcoming meetings of St. Clair township are slated for: Monday, Oct. 7 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

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

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

Moore Community and Recreational Foundation seeking volunteers

The Moore Community and Recreational Foundation is still looking for 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.

He told council he eight volunteers from the community had already come forward and there were other community members who had still not been contacted. He added the group has the equipment to care for the park and will undertake the upkeep of the park without cost to the township.

Mayor Arnold instructed Mr. Shuart to contact Kendall Lindsay, the Director of Community Services, and said council will speak to Mr. Lindsay about the proposal at its Oct. 7 meeting.

Lambton G.S. demolition information session

Thursday, Oct. 3 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
at Courtright Community Centre - see page 9



Pheasant/Rabbit Hunting Licenses

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses will be on sale Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 until February 29, 2020. They will be available at the following locations: Courtright Variety Store, Courtright; Corunna Home Hardware, Corunna; Agris Co-operative Ltd, Brigden; St. Clair Civic Centre, Mooretown

The fees will be \$5.00 for a resident license and \$8.00 for a non-resident license.

Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

Jeff Baranek, RPP
Director of Administration/Clerk
Deputy C.A.O.



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

Retraction

Due to an editorial error, the **September 2019** Beacon mistakenly reported that the **Moore Sports Complex** was being renamed St. Clair Sports Complex in conjunction with the extensive renewal project that is planned for the aging facility.

The name change was put forth as an example of how to recognize the entire amalgamated township, not just Moore, but it was not approved.

The Beacon regrets any confusion this error might have caused.

Bonnie Stevenson



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Public Works Department

After hours emergency
~ 519-344-9318 ~

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

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... www.stclairtownship.ca

Water Utility.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

Water utility appointments require 48 hours notification

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

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.



Blue Boxes back in stock

Twenty-two gallon Blue Boxes are back in stock at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. Pick one up for now while they are on sale for \$5.75. As of January 1, 2020, they will return to regular price of \$9.25.

Lids are also available for \$3.50 each (price subject to change in new year). Please note that lids will only fit current blue boxes being sold at St Clair Township Civic Centre.

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.

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Collection reminders

We'll remind you what bins to take out, so you'll never miss another collection.

Public Works Department

Free sandbags and sand available

St. Clair Township Council has approved emergency relief, free of charge, to residents that are affected by the current flooding. Sandbags and sand will be provided as follows:

Sandbags

- ♦ Empty sandbags are available for pick up at Cathcart Park, 2959 St. Clair Parkway
- ♦ Residents must contact staff at Cathcart Park between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily
- ♦ Property owners must sign in
- ♦ Must provide proof of residency, i.e.: driver's license
- ♦ Sign a waiver
- ♦ State number of bags requested; maximum of 500 bags per residential property, 1500 bags for commercial, and industrial properties

Sand

- ♦ Bulk sand is in the gravel parking lot at the south end of Brander Park, 4555 St. Clair Parkway
- ♦ Please access from the driveway off Brander Park Road

Township staff will not provide any further service. We do not fill, transport or remove sandbags.

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

Yard waste and Brush collection

In order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to landfill, St. Clair Township provides yard waste collection (directed to the compost site) in the spring and fall (see calendar for dates). During this collection period, paper bags or containers clearly marked with a large X must be used.

During the summer months, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection, subject to the 6 item limit. During this period, compost will be directed to landfill, not the compost site.

Residents can take their compost to the City of Sarnia compost site, free of charge (there is a nominal charge for branches). Compost must be placed in paper bags or containers clearly marked with an X. Plastic bags will not be accepted.

The compost site is located at 379 St. Andrew Street, Sarnia. Due to construction, access to the site has been detoured. Please follow the posted route along Scott Road. Please see our 2019 Recycling & Waste Calendar (April) for information on Yard Waste and Brush collection. For further information call: St. Clair Township Public Works 519-867-2125.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Spring- 1st Week of MAY to End of JUNE

Fall - 3rd Full Week of OCT to End of NOV

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

Enbridge donation improves safety for SCRCA Education Centre

Each year, over 10,000 students from all over Lambton County attend the St. Clair Region Conservation Area Education Centre at the Lorne C. Henderson Conservation area near Petrolia.

A recent \$5,000 donation to the SCRCA from Enbridge will help make the site a safer place to conduct education programs as well as improve the camping experience during the summer season.

The Enbridge donation will support the construction of a pond edge boardwalk, a dedicated roadside walkway, and a trail-stabilizing retaining wall.

"These improvements will not only benefit the safety of our students and visitors, but also the educational and camping experiences they are coming here to enjoy," said SCRCA Board Chair Joe Faas.

"At Enbridge, safety is always our number one priority and this commitment extends to our engagement with municipalities where we have assets and infrastructure," said Ken Hall, Senior Advisor, Com-

munity Engagement. "Enbridge is very pleased to support this SCRCA project at the Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area as the safety of the thousands of students and members of the public that use the conservation area is very important to Enbridge and the SCRCA."

Right: The donation presentation included, from left: Joe Faas, SCRCA Chair; Mark Ramsay, Field Supervisor, Enbridge; Ken Hall, Senior Advisor, Community Engagement; Sharon Nethercott, Conservation Education Coordinator.

Photo submitted





MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX RENEWAL

MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX RENEWAL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

The aging Moore Sports Complex is deteriorating at an ever-increasing rate and preparations for a major renewal project are in the works. The old complex, designed in the 1960s to accommodate the people of Moore Township, is no longer adequate to address the needs of the rapidly-growing St. Clair Township. The renewal project, estimated at \$35 million when completed, will result in a modern facility that is designed to accommodate the health, leisure, and sports needs of the people of St. Clair Township now and into the future.

In the coming months, a new volunteer committee will be working to generate funds to help pay for the much-needed facility. The Moore Sports Complex Renewal Fundraising Committee has taken on the task of helping to make the new sports complex a reality and it will need the support of this community.

This monthly column will carry up-to-date information on the committee's efforts as well as information all facility users will find helpful.

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Fundraising efforts for the Moore Sports Complex Renewal (MSCR) Fundraising Committee project are underway. The Moore Sports Complex Renewal fundraising committee has been approved and the 15 volunteer member committee will be working with Andrew Epp, P.Eng., an experienced project manager with expertise in recreation centres, who will guide the

committee.

At the Sept. 3 meeting of St. Clair Township Council, Geoff Dale was confirmed as MSCR Fundraising Committee chair. Mr. Dale and Mr. Epp presented the committee's terms of reference to council. The name and new logo for the committee were also approved. The committee's stated purpose is to plan, coordinate and execute revenue-generating strategies on behalf of St. Clair Township for the renewal of the Moore Sports Complex; it will assist the township in securing funding from federal and provincial levels of government through the development of funding applications; and it will also help plan and participate in any presentations that are required.

The committee will also assist St. Clair Township Council to develop its own plan for its share of funding and solicit funds from the community and private sectors. Mr. Dale says the committee will be divided into sub-committees that will take on various individual aspects of the overall fundraising effort.

One of the first fundraising initiatives the committee will be exploring is the Infrastructure Canada Investment Program, a new government grant program that will require a comprehensive application process. Mr. Epp says the MSCR project falls within the scope of this grant. "We're an excellent community for the program," he said, adding that projects receiving grants under the Infrastructure Canada Investment Program must be completed by 2027.

## Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership invites public input

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership is inviting residents of Sarnia and Lambton County to participate in the development of their communities. A series of consultation sessions will be held throughout the county and Sarnia. Residents will be invited to share their vision of the future for their respective communities.

Input from these sessions, when combined with market analysis data, will be used to develop marketing materials aimed at increasing economic activity in the 11

municipalities in Lambton County. The SLEP will then collaborate with each municipality to develop the marketing materials which can also be used to attract new residents.

St. Clair Township residents will have an opportunity to participate in this consultation process at the Sombra Community Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

## Christmas hamper programs gearing up for the holiday season

The summer is barely over but two groups in St. Clair Township have already been thinking ahead to Christmas for a long time. In the north part of the township, the Optimist Club of Moore has been working on its 2019 Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) hamper program since the 2018 program wrapped up. About 125 local families are served by the program each year through the collection and distribution of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, and monetary donations that are used to buy fresh food and other items that are needed.

This year's donation drive will begin with the annual Kick-off Poor Boy luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion, 350 Albert Street in Corunna on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations to OCT can be dropped off at the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets on weekdays from Nov. 26 to Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The annual OPP drive-through event will also accept donations at the Emergency Services Building at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applications for the hampers will be accepted at

the St. Vincent de Paul store on Lyndoch Street in Corunna, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Nov. 18 to Nov. 30.

For more information, go online to: <https://operationchristmastree.ca>

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In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas hamper program will be in operation as well. The door-to-door canned food drive will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24 beginning at 1 p.m., when volunteers will set off from the Anglican Church in Port Lambton.

The food bank group is always looking for drivers and for people to go door-to-door to pick up donations and/or to help sort the food after the drive. Anyone wishing to help can call Frank at 519-677-5328 or Claudette at 519-677-5609.

In addition to the canned food drive, a fowl bingo to benefit the food bank will be held at the Sombra Community Hall on Monday, Dec. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



New funding will help mitigate threat from high water

Unusually high water levels along the St. Clair River have been a source of serious concern to many St. Clair Township residents who live in close proximity to the St. Clair River and other waterways within the township. The water levels have also caused problems with the drainage of low-lying land.

To help reduce the impact of natural disasters such as flooding and erosion, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) has received \$8 million from the Government of Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. The SCRCA will contribute \$12.3 million as well. The funding will be used to rehabilitate five structural and natural assets. It is hoped this will help protect shorelines from erosion while safeguarding residents of St. Clair Township and Sarna from the dangers of high water levels and deteriorating retaining walls. The high water levels, winds, ice jams and significant rainfall all contribute to this threat. These dangerous conditions threaten existing infrastructure such as roads, schools, and parks.

This infrastructure protection project will be carried out at select locations along the St. Clair River and the Lake Huron shoreline. When completed, critical infrastructure will be protected, improving the safety and quality of life of 50,000 waterfront residents, reducing the number of people directly affected, and reducing local economic losses by about 80 per cent.

The funding announcement was made by Kate Young, MP for London West, parliamentary



On hand for the Infrastructure Canada announcements were, from left: Steve Miller, St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor and SCRCA board member; Kate Young, MP for London West and parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Science and Sport and to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility; and SCRCA Board of Directors Chair Joe Faas.

Submitted photo

secretary to the Minister of Science and Sport and to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility on behalf of the Honourable Francois-Phillippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, along with Brian McDougall, General Manager of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

The announcement was attended by St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, who welcomed the funding. "This is very exciting news for St. Clair Township," he said. "The St. Clair River runs the entire length of our township and there are countless erosion problems due to high water levels. Funding is essential for us to address concerns and to protect our infrastructure, which includes roads, parks, campgrounds, boat launches, and more."



Boat launch at Branton-Cundick park is closed due to unusually high water levels.

2019-2020 Brigden Fair Ambassador crowned



2019-2020 Brigden Fair Ambassador Melody Riedl, middle, with her court members Emma Wheeler, left, and Haley David. Melody will be at the Brigden Fair on Thanksgiving weekend to assist fair volunteers with events and activities, with Emma and Haley helping out as part of the courtier duties. *Bonnie Stevenson photo*

The new Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2019-2020 was crowned by outgoing ambassador Eve Pettit during the annual Brigden Fair Ambassador competition on Aug. 15.

Melody Riedl, the second oldest of five who grew up on a farm in St. Clair Township, was chosen from a field of three. She is in Grade 12 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School and she also works as a student dietary aid at a nursing home in Wallaceburg with the immediate goal of earning her Personal Support Worker (PSW) certification. "My high school is offering the course for Grade 11/12 and I am starting my second year in this program in September," she said.

In the future, Melody plans to obtain a Bachelor of Theology degree which will enable her to become a worship pastor. "I plan on working a year as a PSW to save money for college," said Melody. "My college program will take four years to complete and I would like to go to either Edmonton, Alberta to a school called Vanguard, or to Australia, to a school called Hillsong, to get my Bachelor of Theol-

ogy, majoring in music."

Melody is an active member of the Bethel Pentecostal Church in Wallaceburg. She also engages in the many interests and activities, including music, cooking, crafting and reading. "I have a lot of hobbies and/or interests and I love to learn about whatever ones I don't know," she said.

The new fair ambassador's interests range from involvement with 4H, where she completed a woodworking 4H and 4H for business and horses, to helping others outside her community. "I went on a mission's trip to Cuba," she said.

With her busy schedule, Melody says she still has one favourite activity she looks forward to every year. "The Brigden Fair is a highlight to my year and our big family always does a float in the parade," she said. "I love it."

The first Brigden Fair Queen was chosen in 1972 and in 1994, Erin Courtney became the first Brigden Fair Ambassador, encouraging participation of both female and male participants.

Fair ambassadors become fast friends

Eve Pettit says she has enjoyed her year representing the Brigden Fair at events, in parades, and at speaking engagements; but her role as fair ambassador has also yielded pleasant but unexpected surprises. One of them is the friendship she has developed with Ambassador Lauren Bos who represents Lucknow. The pair met at the annual Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention last February and they quickly became fast friends.

Eve and Lauren stayed in touch via Facebook and they met up again at the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs competition, which includes over 3,000 young people from 100 communities across Ontario. Although Eve is heading to Lakehead University in Thunder Bay to study and Lauren will remain at home working to become an electrician, they say they will stay in touch through Facebook and get together when they can.

Right: Lauren recently attended the 2019 Brigden Fair Ambassador Competition to support Eve as she passed her tiara to new ambassador, Melody Riedl.



HERITAGE CORNER

WELCOME TO BRADSHAW



The volunteers from Heritage St. Clair have been working diligently to gather and preserve historical photos, post cards and images to preserve for future generations.

Above: This photo of the early days of Bradshaw are a sample of what can be found on the Heritage St. Clair website.

Left: A great example of this preservation effort can be seen in this photograph of the long-gone general store and gas station in the hamlet of Bradshaw, Sombra Township. This store, located on the north side of Stanley Line just east of Brigden Road, replaced an earlier store that occupied the same site. It stood across the road from the Bradshaw United Church Cemetery. The church was originally the Salem Methodist Church.

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.

Spooky experiences wanted

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 sombramuseum@hotmail.com or contact us on social media at [facebook.com/SombraMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum) or sombramuseum.webs.com

Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape.™

Practice home fire escape planning during Fire Prevention Week™



Township of St Clair - Fire Chief Walt Anderson is urging families to practice their home fire escape plan as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 6-12, 2019. This year's theme is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" When the smoke alarms sound, everyone must know where to go - that's why it is so important for everyone to have working smoke alarms and to develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

"In a fire, you may have only seconds to safely escape your home," said Fire Chief Anderson. "Practice your home fire escape plan and make sure everyone can get out safely."

Fire and smoke can spread quickly, so be prepared in advance with these simple steps for home fire escape planning:

Assess the needs of everyone in your home

Identify anyone who requires assistance to get out of the home safely, such as small children or older adults

Make sure that you have working smoke alarms on every story of the home and outside all sleeping areas

Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm

Identify all possible exits (doors and windows) and make sure they work

Know two ways out of all areas, if possible

Everyone must know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds

Assign someone to help those who need assistance

Identify a safe meeting place outside

Call the fire department from a neighbour's home or cell phone

Practice your home fire escape plan

Have everyone participate

Make changes to your plan if necessary

What's the risk in October in Ontario?

*8% of annual fires losses occur in October

Average of 39 injuries

Average of 6 fatalities

Top ignition sources:

Cooking

Heating equipment

Electrical distribution equipment

**2008-2017 Ontario average fire losses, Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (injuries and fatalities above are for civilians only)*

For more information contact:
St Clair Township Fire Department 519-481-0111



Lambton G. S. demolition information session planned

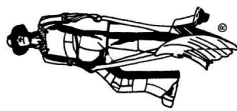
Ontario Power Generation will host an information session to inform residents about on-going demolition of the decommissioned Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright.

On Thursday, Oct. 3 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre, 1594 Third Street in Courtright, residents will be updated on progress being made at the site.

JMX Contracting Inc. has been hired to remove existing equipment and buildings from the site, and all material being removed is sent to locations that are licensed to handle each type of material.

Strategies are now being developed for the removal of the three stacks.

IT'S BRIGDEN FAIR TIME AGAIN!



FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

Seniors/Student Day
Admission \$5.00 until 5 pm then \$10.00
Elementary Students & Younger - Free

MIDWAY OPENS 10 A.M. DAILY

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS - CLOSE 8 P.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
9:30 Agriculture in the Classroom (C)
Emergency Response Displays
11:00 Crystal Gage (ET)
11:30 Official Fair Opening (ET)
12:15 Crystal Gage (ET)
2:00 Pickin' N Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)
7:00 South Western Ontario
Truck & Tractor Pull (G)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

Admission \$10.00
Elementary Students & Younger - Free

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS - CLOSE 8 P.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
9:00 Ontario Xtreme Cowboy Race
9:00 Mid Western Horse Show
9:00 Hafinger Show
10:30 Standard and Bantam Poultry Show
11:00 Open Sheep/Market Lamb Show ©
11:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
11:25 Bluewater Chordsman (ET)

PARADE at NOON

12:30 Barn Katz - Bluegrass & Gospel -
Wayne Ferguson (ET)
1:15 IPM Awards Presentation (ET)
1:00 Beef Cattle (C)
1:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
1:30 Barn Katz (ET)
1:30 Pie Eating Contest (CS)
2:30 Pie Auction (CS)
2:45 Steppin' Up Dance Club (ET)
3:30 Christine Storey & Friends (ET)
4:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)

6:30 Team Sorting (C)

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 13**
Admission \$10.00
Elementary Students & Younger - Free

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS - CLOSE 6 P.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
9:00 Mid Western Horse Show
10:00 Brigden 4-H Sheep Show (C)
10:00 Children's Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show
(Farmyard)
10:00 Great Pumpkin Weigh In
10:30 Baby Show (CS)
10:30 Ducks and Geese Show
11:00 Wallaceburg Martial Arts Demo
Team (ET)
11:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
11:15 Lucy Janisse - Junior Vocalist/Guitar (ET)
11:30 Wallaceburg Martial Arts Demo Team
(ET)

12:00 Thorn & Roses (ET)
12:00 Giant Pumpkin Competition Display
12:30 Working Wagon Teams Show (HR)
1:00 Neufeld School of Highland Dance (ET)
1:00 Speckle Park Cattle Show ©
1:00 Western Ontario Outlaws - Extreme
Lawnmower Racing (MG)
1:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
1:30 Regional 4-H Sheep Show (C)
1:45 Thorn & Roses (ET)
3:00 Joan Spalding & Friends (ET)
4:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 14**
Admission \$10.00
Elementary Students Free

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS CLOSE 4:00 P.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open
9:00 Heavy Horse Show
9:00 Brigden 4-H Beef Show (C)
9:30 Open Light Horse & Miniature
Horse Show

9:30 Brigden Speed Show - NBHA/
OBRA sanctioned

10:00 Beef Cattle Feeder Club
& Market Lambs (C)

10:30 Pigeon Show
11:00 Beef/Hog/Lamb Auction ©
11:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
11:00 President Choice Superdogs (G)
11:15 Rebound Rocks (ET)
12:15 Sarnia School of Irish Dance (ET)
1:00 Regional 4-H Beef Show (C)
1:00 Beef Cattle (C)
1:00 Shane Cook & Friends (ET)
1:00 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
1:00 President Choice Superdogs (G)
2:00 President Choice Superdogs (G)
2:10 Mark Blayne (ET)
3:00 President Choice Superdogs (G)
3:05 Shane Cook with Emily Flack
& Joe Phillips (ET)
3:30 Great Canadian Lumberjacks (G)

Note: times subject to change.

Check www.brigdenfair.ca or Brigden Fair
Facebook page for Attractions schedule and
program time adjustments.

FREE PARKING ON THE GROUNDS.

(ET) Entertainment Tent
(C) Coliseum
(CS) Community Showcase
(LS) Lumberjack Stand
(EXH) Exhibition Hall
(CB) Cattle Barn #1
(G) Grandstand

Exhibit pickup
will be Monday,
Oct. 14 at
4:30 p.m.



NEW EVENTS AND OLD FAVOURITES COME TO THE FAIR

Brigden Fair holds OXC (Ontario Xtreme Cowboy) races

An exciting new competition is coming to the Brigden Fair on Saturday, Oct. 12. OXC, better known as the Ontario Xtreme Cowboy races, will have you on the edge of your seat watching these fast-paced contests that challenge horses and their riders to maneuver through a series of trail and farm-based obstacles. This demonstration of horsemanship and speed will leave you breathless.

Horses of all breeds are encouraged to participate in this sport, which allows riders to have fun with their horses while improving horsemanship.

A score is given for each successfully-completed obstacle on a pre-determined course. A score is also given for overall horsemanship and bonus points are awarded for speed. Successful completion of each obstacle is judged on three components: the approach to the obstacle; the obstacle itself; and the departure from the obstacle, with consideration being given for the degree of accuracy and efficiency.

OXC offers eight divisions, which cover riders of all ages: Young guns, ages seven through 11; Youth, ages 12 through 18; Novice, over 18; Intermediate; Non-pro; Green horse; Ride Smart (over 55); and Pro. Riders must pre-enter to compete and a single-use OXC membership will be offered for \$5 for those who want to try the event. Entry deadline is Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

The OXC club was founded in Ontario in 2012 and is affiliated with the Extreme Cowboy Association, based in the U.S. For more information, visit: www.OntarioXtremeCowboy.ca and click on 'Events'.



Familiar favourites back for another season

The Ploughman's Farmyard children's educational activity centre has gone BOVINE as part of the fair's celebration of this year's theme, *Cowbells & Carousels*. Come and meet Mabel the cow, and try your hand(s) at milking. Find out what a cow sees when it looks around. Local cattlemen have made sure your time in the Ploughman's Farmyard will be a moo-ving experience. There's also lots of other things to see and do in the farmyard.

The Western Ontario Outlaws extreme lawnmower racing club, known as the "poor man's NASCAR", will take to the track again this year on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. providing entertaining races the whole family can enjoy. These machines can reach 160 km/hour with engines ranging from eight to 90 horsepower and costing between \$500 and \$5,000 to build, depending on the racing class in which they are competing. The club, established in the fall of 2006 as a family-friendly activity, sponsors a charity each year. For the third year in a row, the club will be sponsoring the Petrolia Food Bank.

The members of the Great Canadian Lumberjack Show will show off their skills several times during the week-end, showcasing traditional and current logger sports events. From chainsaw carving and axe throwing to the spring board chop and pole climbing, the show pits the loggers against each other while the emcee keeps the lumberjacks in line and interacts with the crowd.

Be in the grandstand on Friday night, Oct. 11, when the South Western Ontario Truck and Tractor Pull takes to the track. The sport has come a long way since farmers hitched their horses to stone boats to see whose horse could pull the most weight. The horsepower now comes from powerful vehicles, from farm tractors to pickup trucks to super modified machines of all sizes. Come out to watch the fabulous, furious action. To register for the event or obtain class information, visit the South Western Ontario Tractor Pull Association website at: www.swotpa.com

The Annual Pie Eating Contest will take place at the Community Showcase on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Celebrity and community representatives will vie for the title of Fastest Pie Eating. In 2018, this title was captured by 2018 Brigden Fair President Bill Myers. A pie auction will follow the contest at about 2:30 p.m., with proceeds going to St. Joseph's Hospice in Sarnia. Everyone is invited to come out and support this great cause.

And speaking about pie, why not head for the fair kitchen in the exhibition hall where homemade pies can be purchased by the slice, and homemade soup, baked goods, and much more are served up with a smile. Ingredient lists are available for those who have dietary sensitivities. The kitchen is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

Note: It's not too late to get your Harvest of Gold 50/50 raffle draw tickets and 2019 Homecraft Division Quilt Raffle tickets. They'll be available at the fair and the draws for both raffles will be held on Monday, Oct. 14.

We'll see you at the Brigden Fair!

Rapids Family Health Team

Take ownership of your health with the Rapids Family Health Team

Program schedule available - Fall 2019

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.

Information for the next session was not available at press time.

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. Information for this session was not available at press time.

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.

Information for this program was not available at press time.

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: 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/ cancelation depending upon number of patient registrants.

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.

There's still time to golf



Autumn is here but that doesn't mean the golf season is over. The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course is still open and will continue to offer golfing opportunities as long as the weather permits. Hawthorne's Restaurant is open until Christmas, offering breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Wednesday through Saturday.

For more information, go online to: www.stclairparkwaygolf.com



Trail Facebook page welcomes your photos

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

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

Like us on Facebook and message us your pictures.



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

99TH LAMBTON COUNTY PLOWING MATCH COMES TO ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

St. Clair Township hosted this year's Lambton County Plowing Match, attracting 16 dedicated plowmen to the Robson farm on Sept. 1. *The match had been rescheduled from Aug. 25 due to wet field conditions; some rain fell during the Sept. 1 match but it wasn't enough to stop the proceedings.*

Awards were presented during a banquet at the Wilkesport Community Centre following the event. A moment of silence was observed for Bill Bilton, Harold Catt, and Charles Lawes, members who had passed away in the previous year. Lambton Plowmen's Association Chairperson Kody Vandevienne paid tribute to long-time member Bill Bilton, who had been with the association for 61 years and served for 56 years as secretary.

Judges Morley Clark and Bryan Bertrand issued the following results:

- ♦ Class A Open Antique Class: 1st, Jack Elliott; 2nd - Richard Elliott; 3rd - Robert Dakin.
- ♦ Class C Open Antique Mounted Plow: 1st, Paul

Hodgson; 2nd, Allan Ellwood; 3rd, Roland Sterling; 4th, Jim Cox; 5th, Jim Brush; 6th, Mike Las-sam.

- ♦ Class D Classic: 1st, Jack Bycraft.
- ♦ Class 1: 1st, Rob Sterling; 2nd, Brandon Crow; 3rd, Shawn Steeper.
- ♦ Class 2: 1st, Matthew Sterling; 2nd, Adam Smith.
- ♦ Class 3: 1st, Kody Vandevienne.

SPECIALS

- ♦ Best Plowed Land by a St. Clair Township resident by Steve Arnold - Kody Vandevienne.
- ♦ Best Plowed Land by a Lambton County resident by Lambton County Council - Kody Vandevienne.
- ♦ Leonard McNeil Challenge Trophy, Best Plowed Land by a Lambton County resident under 30 years of age - Kody Vandevienne.
- ♦ Kucera Farm Equipment Voucher for best Land by an International tractor - Jim Brush.

♦ Western Ontario Steam Thresher's Trophy for Best Restored Outfit in the Antique Class was presented by John Jackson to Jim Cox.

Photo bottom left: During the banquet that followed the event, a plaque from the Lambton County Plowmen's Association was presented to Robson Farms in appreciation for hosting the 99th Lambton County Plowing Match. From left - Chatham Princess of the Furrow Megan Devries, Joni Turner, Bill Robson, Bill Robson Jr., and Kody Vandevienne.

~Photos and information Courtesy of Linda Bryson, Lambton County Plowmen's Association



Autumn is here - winterize now at St. Clair Sports Complex

Winterize and stay energized this winter by using the St. Clair Sports Complex (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.

Red Cross Babysitting Course offered

A Red Cross Babysitting course will be offered on PA Days, Friday, Oct. 25 or Friday, Nov. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a cost of \$60. The course is for students 11 years of age and older. For more information, call 519-867-2651. For a full description of this and other programs offered by the Moore Sports Complex, go online to: www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

Public skating

Public skating is offered on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. until March 24, 2020. Cost is \$2.50 per child, \$3.75 per adult, and \$7.50 per family. (No skating on Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Jan. 5, or Feb. 23.)

Parents, Tots and Seniors skate

The Parents, Tots and Seniors skate is held free of charge on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. until March 26, 2020. (No skating Mar. 18 and 19.)

Shinny hockey is on!

Adults who crave the sound of blades on ice and hockey sticks in play wait for shinny hockey to resume. At the Moore Sports Complex, the game is on! Come out on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. until March 19, 2020 and get your game on. Cost is just \$5 per person.

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.

Lifesaving Society Instructor Course

This course will be offered on Nov. 22 - 24. For more information, contact the Moore Sports Complex.

Release your inner rockstar with 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.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the St. Clair Sports Complex at 519-867-2651

or email: info@stclairtownship.ca.

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**M. T. Silverstick is set for Jan. 2-5, 2020 at the Moore Sports Complex. More information as it becomes available.**

## St. Clair Parkway Golf Course open weather permitting



Golfers can look forward to more golf as long as Mother Nature cooperates. According to Karen Grant, the coordinator for golf and special events at the St. Clair Township Golf Course, since the restaurant is to remain open until Christmas, the course will be available as long as the weather allows.

And don't stress over what you'll serve for that holiday meal, family event, or welcome after-work reprieve from cooking. The Hawthorne's restaurant staff at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course offers catering service for an intimate dinner for two, a family or group meal, or fabulous spread for a special event.

The catering service is accepting bookings for events such as Christmas parties, family gatherings, business dinners and special events of all kinds. The St. Clair Parkway Golf Course's banquet facility seats up to 100 people in its recently updated, quietly elegant surroundings.

**The clubhouse restaurant will be open for breakfast Wednesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Christmas.**

**For more golf course information or to order your stress-free meal, go online to:**

**[www.stclairparkwaygolf.com](http://www.stclairparkwaygolf.com) or call 519-867-2160.**

## Hawthorne's Catering Menu

### Option 1

**Dinner for 2 - \$21.95, 4 - \$39.95, 8 - \$79.95**

- \* Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and roll
- \* Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes and roll

### Option 2

**Dinner for 2 - \$27.95, 4 - \$55.95, 8 - \$109.95**

- \* Roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll
- \* Quarter chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll
- \* Lasagna, Caesar salad and garlic bread

### Option 3

**Dinner for 2 - \$35.95, 4 - \$69.95, 8 - \$139.95**

- \* Chicken and ribs baked, potatoes, vegetable and roll
- (White meat chicken extra)

**Please order 3 days in advance**

## Another success for Moore Museum Downriver Craft Sale



The Moore Museum Downriver Craft Sale attracted an impressive 1,574 adults and 196 children on Sept. 15. Over 100 vendors and crafters participated in the event.

*The Moore Museum extends thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the huge variety of crafts and artisan-made wares on display, and to the crafters and vendors who participated. The Hockey Moms did a great job in the food trailer and, of course, the dedicated museum volunteers helped to make the event run smoothly.*

## Website provides better public health in Lambton

Lambton Public Health (LPH) now has a website devoted to emphasising the role of public health in the community, improving functionality, and enhancing the user experience.

On this website, [lambtonpublichealth.ca](http://lambtonpublichealth.ca), a number of programs have been combined to focus on general information needs. The new concept will offer multiple pathways for the user to connect to public health with specific questions and concerns. Dr. Sudit Ranade, Lambton County's Medical Officer of Health, says the website will enhance public access and raise awareness of the LPH's work. "We also wanted to highlight work people may not always see, but it is part of the core of public health, like collaborating with schools and municipalities to improve the health of children, families and our community."

Under the heading **Health Information**, website visitors can find information and services that relate to them. This includes: individuals and their children; settings such as workplaces, schools, daycares, and commercial sites such as restaurants; and

stakeholders such as health care providers and educators.

The **Event** section informs about LPH service delivery programs including clinics, classes, and related community events. This section will give the user access to online booking, where available, online payment processing, and scheduling options.

The **News** section includes media releases notifications and feature stories that provide updates, additional background information, and new community development.

**Public Reports** includes an interactive map allowing users to view results of public health inspections in sites like food premises, and beach safety notices with real-time accuracy.

Future site upgrades will include a secure content section for stakeholders like health care providers and schools, and data reports that display information in a user-friendly *dashboard* style.

The website has a **Contact Us** connection where users can ask questions, acquire more information, or leave a comment. Visit: [lambtonpublichealth.ca](http://lambtonpublichealth.ca)

## Midwifery services of Lambton-Kent to receive additional funding

The provincial government recently announced an additional \$613,044 in support of the Midwifery Services of Lambton-Kent on Christina Street in Sarnia.

The funding, which will total \$28 million province-wide, will provide more options for families seeking to choose a suitable type of care.

Over 140,000 babies are born each year in Ontario and many families look for alternatives when it comes to their choices of care. The new funding is expected

to give up to 3,400 families access to choice in primary pre-natal, birth and postpartum care.

The funding is also expected to facilitate the following: support up to 90 new midwifery graduates; increase access to culturally appropriate midwifery care by expanding indigenous midwifery programs; and ensure midwifery practice groups can update their technology to continue providing quality services.

## COMMUNITY CONTACT

### **St. Joseph-St. Charles Catholic Church Community to participate in food program**

The St. Joseph-St. Charles' Catholic Community in Corunna, along with the Catholic churches in Petrolia, Forest, and Watford, has worked collaboratively with the Boys and Girls Club of Sarnia-Lambton to extend Project Backpack, a food assistance program, into Lambton County. The program provides a bag of nutritious food that can be easily assembled to people ages 14-24 who are in need of a healthy meal. Each bag also contains hygiene items and helpful information from community partners. People who qualify for this program can find these bags at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office at 346 Beresford Street in Corunna during regular office hours (Monday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Program organizers say the program will continue into the fall and they hope to continue it as long as there is a need for it.

### **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 hour opportunities available for secondary school students**

Secondary school students will be looking for volun-

teer opportunities to add to their volunteer hour requirements. 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.*

### **Donate your small change; support 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 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 and blocks can still be ordered to commemorate a special occasion or to provide a lasting memorial to departed loved ones. To place an order, contact Laura at 519-862-2442 (north end of trail) or Janis at 519-892-3223 (south end of trail). You can also visit the trail Website at: [stclairrivertrail.com](http://stclairrivertrail.com)

### **New young voices invited to join Lambton Youth Choir**

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](mailto:odell@coqeco.ca) You can also check out the *Lambton Youth Choir Facebook page*.

### **The Optimist Club supports community youth - new members welcome**

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 new members ages 10-18**

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.

### **Good listeners wanted to help seniors**

Volunteers are needed to place calls to seniors and

### **Legion Br. 447 Notice of Motion**

Notice of Motion is hereby given that the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 general meeting of members will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the branch. Members will be asked for consideration, discussion, and a vote of acceptance

on the cost, which exceeds \$10,000, to replace flooring and renovate the stage of the Legion at 350 Albert Street, Corunna from available funds.





## MORE COMMUNITY CONTACT

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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/](http://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.

## Lambton Seniors Association shutting down after 29 years

As of Oct. 31, the Lambton Seniors Association (LSA) will cease to function. A notice of closure was received by the Beacon on Sept. 13.

The LSA expressed appreciation for the 12 years of funding it received from the United Way of Sarnia Lambton, but a change in the United Way's funding policy disqualified the LSA from further funding. Continued funding was contingent on the implementation of a Means Test for clients of the Handyman/Handywoman program. This was not in compliance with the LSA mandate which stated that they serve retired seniors 55 years and over, as well as those with disabilities.

The LSA has been the longest serving organization in Lambton County. In 2018, over 50 handymen/handywomen served 2,200 clients and did over 10,000 jobs. As people age, their abilities change and they often live alone. Simple everyday tasks become daunting and sometimes impossible. For 29 years, clients have known who to call for help.

The LSA tried to replace the lost funding by undertaking an aggressive fundraising campaign targeting industry, business, foundations, labour unions, government grants, and clients. In spite of their best efforts, the LSA was unable to raise the required funds and the organization had no choice but to cease operation.

In a statement, the LSA thanked its volunteer board of directors for their dedicated service as well as the handymen and handywomen who selflessly assisted seniors so that they could remain independent and live in their own homes.

Seniors also benefited from the LSA from the day it was formed. The first thing the group did was identify five concerns that affected seniors: quality of life and housing; health; transportation; loneliness; and involvement. Over the years, the LSA's annual Information Fair made it easy for seniors to access available resources within the community. The annual seniors' picnic in Petrolia was a popular event that allowed seniors to come together for an afternoon of fun and socialization. And the LSA was also instrumental in the establishment of the West Lambton Community Health Centre and the Rapids Family Health Team. Flu clinics conducted by the Lambton Public Health Unit were staffed by LSA volunteers. The group provided a free smoke detector program for seniors each year.

The LSA expressed gratitude to those individuals, clients, health partners, and agencies who have supported the group, and whose programs and achievements are a reflection on those who had the vision to initiate the LSA nearly 30 years ago.



## 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](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).

## Director's Choice at U-W car show goes to Corunna entry

One of the last big car shows of the summer took place on Sept. 7, when Enbridge Pipelines Inc. hosted its fourth United-Way of Sarnia Lambton benefit car show, raising about \$15,000 to help further the work of this vital community organization. One of the top prizes at the show went to a Corunna entry.

**Above right:** Corunna residents Diane and Gary Albert are very proud of their fibreglass replica 1934 Ford three-window coupe, shown on left. The bright yellow vehicle, embellished with vivid purple flames, won the Director's Choice award at the fourth annual Enbridge United-Way car show out of a field of 285 entries. Mr. Albert says the vehicle sports a 350 cubic inch, 300 horsepower engine.

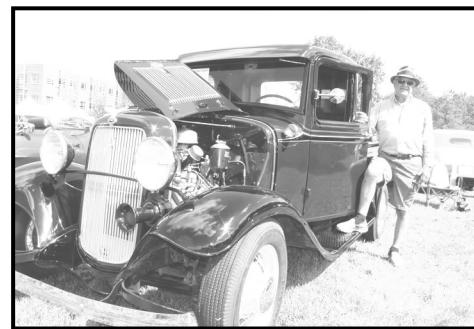
The event drew 285 unique vehicles, from a tiny 1955 Messerschmidt two-seater to a sleek Jaguar XK and everything in between. Many entries from St. Clair Township drew admiring glances from the visitors who wandered among the rows of cars, trucks, and vehicles of undetermined pedigree.

**Right:** This 1934 Ford pickup truck was Corunna resident Byron Warwick's first vehicle, which he fondly recalls was the one in which he dated a girl called Barbara, who he would eventually marry. Unwilling to part with it, Byron says the truck was in storage for 25 years before he decided to restore it. After 10 years of labour, the truck was on the road again looking brand new with a shiny brown exterior and some serious power under the hood.



**Left:** A bright red 1965 Ford Mustang stood out among the hottest of the muscle car entries.

Proceeds from the fundraiser, put on by Enbridge Pipelines Inc. and run by Enbridge employees and their families, benefit the United-Way of Sarnia Lambton, which supports 36 community programs.



Bonnie Stevenson photos

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### 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 BACK! Join the group Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 and it includes a light refreshment. Proceeds from the last Tuesday of each month will be given to a designated charity. 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. *Catch The Ace will resume on Thursday, Oct. 17. More information will be available in the near future.*

### Winter RV storage available at Bridgen fairgrounds

Winter storage for recreational vehicles will be available at the Bridgen fairgrounds. The Bridgen fairgrounds storage facility will begin receiving vehicles on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. until noon, and each Saturday morning until the facility is filled. Storage is done on a first come, first served basis.

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month from October, 2019 through May, 2020. The Saturday, October 26 session will start off with a Halloween Costume Contest, with first, second, and third prizes awarded for the best costumes. There will be no cover charge and food will be available. The hall is wheelchair accessible and everyone is welcome. For additional information call 519-862-1240.

### Housing laws subject of new workshop series

A series of workshops covering various aspects of housing law is being held at the Lambton County Petrolia Library branch. The series continues on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the topic of *Housing Law: Rent Rules*. Margaret Capes, a retired legal aid lawyer from the Community Law School, will lead this workshop aimed at better understanding of the Residential Tenancies Act. Other workshops will include *Repairs* on Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and *Privacy Laws* on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. *Workshop information for 2020 will begin in the January Beacon.*

### British Beat Rock 'n Roll event at Corunna Legion

Enjoy a rockin' nostalgic evening of music as the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hosts *British Beat 66*, a 1960s tribute to rock 'n roll, on Saturday, Nov. 2 beginning at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and general seating will be in effect. Tickets go on sale Sept. 3 at \$20 per person. The hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, please call 519-862-1240. **Everyone is welcome.**

### 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.

### Country Music Jamborees resume in Brigden

The Country Music Jamboree Winter series begins at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall with the Fall Jamboree on Sunday, Nov. 10. Doors open at noon and music starts at 1 p.m. A cash bar will be available and a ham and scalloped potato dinner will follow the jamboree at 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner will be \$12 at the door and a \$5 cover charge applies if you're jcoming for the music and fellowship only. Bring your partner, your dancing shoes, and your love of music. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments. Check the November Beacon for the theme of this inaugural event.

### Santa Claus Parade Show your Christmas spirit to the entire community



Don't miss the Corunna Santa Claus Parade, coordinated by the Optimist Club of Moore. It's coming up Lyndoch Street on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. This much-anticipated event is a perfect way to get into the holiday spirit, whether you are an observer or a participant, and you can also contribute to the parade's success with a donation. All donors are acknowledged on the Donor Board at the Corunna Clock Tower park and online at [www.CorunnaSantaClausParade.ca](http://www.CorunnaSantaClausParade.ca). There are several

donation categories, from the Super Santa at \$1,000 and over to the Snowflake from \$50 to \$249. The Refreshment and Candy sponsorship at \$300 will provide hot chocolate and goodies for parade goers at the Clock Tower Park when the parade is over.

The parade is a great way to share your family's Christmas spirit, fill the parade route with music and merriment, or promote your club, church, or business through the use of creative floats and engaging designs.

For more information, to confirm your donation and/or participation in the parade, or to obtain a contribution and/or entry form, contact Audrey Taylor-Cassidy at 226-886-3553 or email [audreytaylorcassidy@hotmail.com](mailto:audreytaylorcassidy@hotmail.com)

### 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 the ace of spades is revealed. Watch the Brigden Legion's Facebook page for weekly results.

### 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.

### Pickleball sessions underway

The Corunna Pickleball group will continue to play every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. during the month of October. 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

The FREE *Souper Thursday* hot lunch hosted by Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, is now offered on Thursdays 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](mailto:parkwaychurchmichelle@gmail.com)

## Community Consultation session planned

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) is inviting all Lambton County residents to contribute information regarding their vision for their respective communities in the coming decade.

Information gathered will be combined with market analysis data to support the creation of marketing materials for each of Lambton County's 11 municipalities.

The St. Clair Township Community Consultation will be held at the Sombra Community Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

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### 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. Food will be available and everyone is welcome. The hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call the branch at 519-862-1240.

### Entrepreneurship seminar set for Mooretown

An entrepreneurship seminar, hosted by the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) and Lambton County Library, will be held at the Mooretown Library (Moore Sports Complex) on Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Other seminar locations include Petrolia Library, Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the Sarnia Library main branch on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Demolition Derby at Bridgen fairgrounds

Head for the Bridgen fairgrounds for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 where you'll enjoy an afternoon of roaring motors, screaming tires, and a lot of crunching metal as the Bridgen Fall Fair Demolition Derby creates marvelous mayhem on the field. Watch competitors in all classes vie for the top

prize money. It's great family fun. Gate admission is \$10 per person, with the exception of elementary and pre-school children, who are admitted free of charge.

### Crafter-noon Halloween at Sombra Museum

The Sombra Museum will host a Crafter-noon Halloween event on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kids can enjoy pumpkin decorating, crafts, snacks, and lots more. The cost is only \$5 per child. Please pre-register by Oct. 16 at 519-892-3982 or email: [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)

### Annual fall Pickerel Fry and Dance at Corunna Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the annual fall Pickerel Fry and Dance on Saturday, Oct. 19 with entertainment by Full Disclosure. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the dance at 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$20 per person by advanced tickets only and no refunds will be given. Tickets go on sale on Sept. 16. The hall is wheelchair accessible and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

### Knox Moore Presbyterian celebrates 138th anniversary

The Knox Moore Presbyterian Church, 1354 Rokeby Line, will celebrate its 138th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Guest music for the service will be provided by the Georgian Men Singers from Sarnia, and Rev. Ian Marnoch will be the guest speaker. Apple and pumpkin pie will be served following the service and everyone is welcome.

### 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 be a perfect place to start your Christmas shopping and lunch will be available. No admission will be charged.

### Pumpkinfest set for Courtright

The Optimist Club of Moore/Lambton County Junior Optimist Club will host the annual Pumpkinfest at the Courtright Community Hall (Silverdome) on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Kids are invited to decorate or carve pumpkins, guess the weight of the biggest pumpkin, enjoy games, a photo place, and lots of fun. There will also be hot dogs, hamburgers and chips for sale, as well as a Junior Optimist Club bake sale. *Students needing volunteer hours can call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.*

### Rebekah Lodge #324 to host turkey luncheon

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 will host a turkey luncheon with homemade desserts on Monday, Oct. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at All Saints Church, 498 Lyndoch Street in Corunna. Tickets are \$15 per person. A portion of all proceeds will help foster the needs of the community.

### Jam sessions back at Corunna Legion in October

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 will host an Open Jam Session on the last Saturday of each

*Promote your events  
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in the Beacon*

The DEADLINE for Beacon submissions is the third Monday of each month by noon.

**E-mail:**

**[beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca)**

If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or an event that will benefit the residents of the township, put your event in the spotlight free of charge here in The Beacon.

**Please note:** Photos submitted close to the deadline may be held until the following issue due to lack of space.



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