

## HERITAGE CORNER

### *Balloon Mystery subject of spooky virtual presentation*

The McDonald house in Sombra Township, *left*, will be the subject of the Lambton County Archive Awareness virtual presentation, *The Balloon Mystery*, on Thursday, April 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The house was the site of disturbing paranormal activity that terrified a family in 1829 and 1830, and became the stuff of nightmares, stories, and plays. **On page 17**, you will find out more about this spooky saga and how you can view the virtual presentation.

*Warning: Don't watch alone...*



### Moore Museum's Downriver Craft and Gift Sale returns



Moore Museum is excited to announce the Downriver Craft and Gift Sale will return in 2022. After two years of cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the sale will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We know shoppers are looking forward to this opportunity to find an incredible variety of great gift items, and that vendors are eager to showcase their creations once again.

Application forms for vendors were emailed in mid-March to our list of past contacts. Any crafts-person who did not receive theirs should contact Moore Museum at 519-867-2020. Registration forms are also available on the Moore Museum website at:

[www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)

*"See you downriver!"*

*~Laurie Mason, curator*

*Inquiries from new vendors  
are always welcome.*



### Heritage St. Clair bids farewell to a dear friend



Murray McAllister, a dear friend of Heritage St. Clair and the Sombra Museum, passed away on Oct. 22, 2020. He possessed a wealth of knowledge about St. Clair Township that was unsurpassed, his sense of humour was a delight, and his abiding love for his community was undeniable.

*Rest well, dear friend  
~ Heritage St. Clair ~*



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It's that time again...PLAY BALL!...or whatever sport you choose



Courtesy Sombra Museum archives

It's the end of the 1955-56 baseball season and the St. Clair River League Jr. Champs have fought hard to make this glorious day happen. The coveted league trophy is theirs. The team members are, back row: Bill Mundy, Ron Walker, John McKeegan, Dave Walters, Barney Hodgins, Bob Johnson, John Gaw, and Joe Chalk. Front row: Jack Scott, Jim Hodgins, Ron Chalk, Al Adams, Bill Nahmabin, Bill Churcher, and kneeling, bat boy Dave Pirrie.

Good luck to all of the teams that will do battle on the St. Clair Township sports fields this season!

## Knowledgeable candidates needed for upcoming municipal election

As the 2022 municipal election approaches, some community-minded St. Clair Township citizens will choose to run for council. The new council, like those that have gone before, will be required to build upon a legacy that began almost 200 years ago.

Moore began on New Year's Day in 1840, when a group of settlers met to elect the first municipal officers. The assessment roll included 138 ratepayers with taxes ranging from 50 cents to \$1.50 for every 100 acres owned.

Sombra became a township unto itself in 1826, when records showed 64 ratepayers and taxes of £12 16s (12 pounds sixteen shillings) collected that year.

The days of foot paths and dusty trails, water wells and outdoor plumbing left councils free to address basic

issues for the survival of their communities. The job of running a municipality required basic decisions.

In 2022, councils are faced with complicated financial responsibilities and sometimes harrowing decisions, property disputes, and decisions that affect whole communities. It's a demanding position and councillors must understand it thoroughly in order to properly execute their duty.

To help prospective candidates understand what it means to be a member of municipal council, two special virtual sessions are planned for May 2 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. See **"Running for a seat on council?"** on page to find out how to obtain the information you will need to make your decision.

## Newly updated Heritage St. Clair page features map showing historic plaques and storyboards situated throughout the township

Heritage St. Clair has updated its page on the St. Clair Township website, and one of the features now on view St. Clair Township's Historic Points of Interest map. This interactive map points out the locations of these colourful and educational installations and includes photographs of them so you'll be sure not to miss them. Here's a link you can use to go directly to St. Clair Township's Historical Points of Interest page:

<http://stclairtownship.ca/st-clair-townships-historical-points-of-interest/>