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Downriver Craft Sale chalks up near record crowds

After over a week of summer-like weather, the Moore Museum's annual Downriver Craft Sale attracted a large crowd of shoppers to the outdoor event. In the first hour of operation, over 200 people had already

come through the gates.

Right: Business is buzzin' in Brigden - Jeremy and Erin MacDonald of M & J Sweet Acres in Brigden were at the craft sale with honey and other products they have gamered from their apiary. Jeremy says this side business is a hobby that grew because of his interest in bees. The farm machinery mechanic explained that the queen bee can lay as many as 1,000 eggs every day during the summer, although in winter, that number falls to about 50 since there are no sources of pollen to fuel the hive. Her productive life span is about four to five years.

Erin MacDonald, a part-time veterinary assistant, creates products such as lip balms and lotions, as well has honey, from the fruits of Jeremy's efforts. She says most of the honey produced is clover honey, which is sweeter than some other varieties. The MacDonald's brought an observation hive to the Downriver Craft Sale so that visitors to the event could see the queen and her worker bees at work. The queen had a tiny yellow dot on her back to make her visible. Jeremy says there are five colours of dots, each one representing a specific year. The yellow dot represents 2017. After four to five years, the bee keeper "requeens" the hive to ensure that production is maintained.

Jeremy says statistics indicate that one in three bites you eat rely on pollination and the drastic global decline of bees, the primary pollinator, has been identified as an imminent threat to our food supply if it cannot

be halted.

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From the archives of the Moore Museum comes one of several newspapers that have served the people of Moore and Sombra Township over the decades. Front page news from this *Public Opinion* from Brigden, circa 1897, notes that the Sombra Presbyterians were hopeful church services could continue through winter because there would probably be enough money to pay the minister's stipend as well as church expenses. Other riveting tidbits from Courtright indicated that W.J. Manley of Brigden, J.W. McGuire of Corunna, and W. Singer of Chatham were all in town to do business the week before. And Miss Allie Cronkhite "took in Sarnia on Saturday." All of this news was at your fingertips for a mere one dollar.



Seasons In St. Clair Canada 150 photo contest There is still time to enter the Seasons In St. Clair photo contest! Until Dec. 15, 2017, St. Clair Township residents are invited to photograph their

favourite spots in the township and enter up to three photos in Seasons In St. Clair, a photo contest celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary. Details are available online at: www.mooremuseum.ca



Bee keeper Jeremy MacDonald of Brigden with an observation hive that shows the queen bee and all of her workers in the process of making honey.

Bonnie Stevenson photo



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