

## HERITAGE CORNER

### Moore Museum volunteer Dan Hayward gives new life to old life boat



A dedicated group of Moore Museum volunteers meets once a week to carry out restorations and repairs, and take on new projects around the museum site. One of those volunteers took on the daunting task of restoring the old life boat that sat upside down outside the Shaw exhibition building for several years. Dan Hayward, assisted by some of the other volunteers, put in long, hard hours on the job. His attention to detail went so far as to make new oars for the craft. Above: Dan stands beside the “just like new” life boat. The boat is just one of the many positive upgrades and additions museum visitors will enjoy this summer.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

### Craft vendors invited to participate

Registration packages for the Moore Museum's Down-river Craft Sale on Sept. 16 have been sent out by mail or emailed to crafters on the mailing list. Potential vendors who have not received their package can contact the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020. Registration forms are also available at the museum's website at [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)

### Sombra Museum still seeking baseball memorabilia

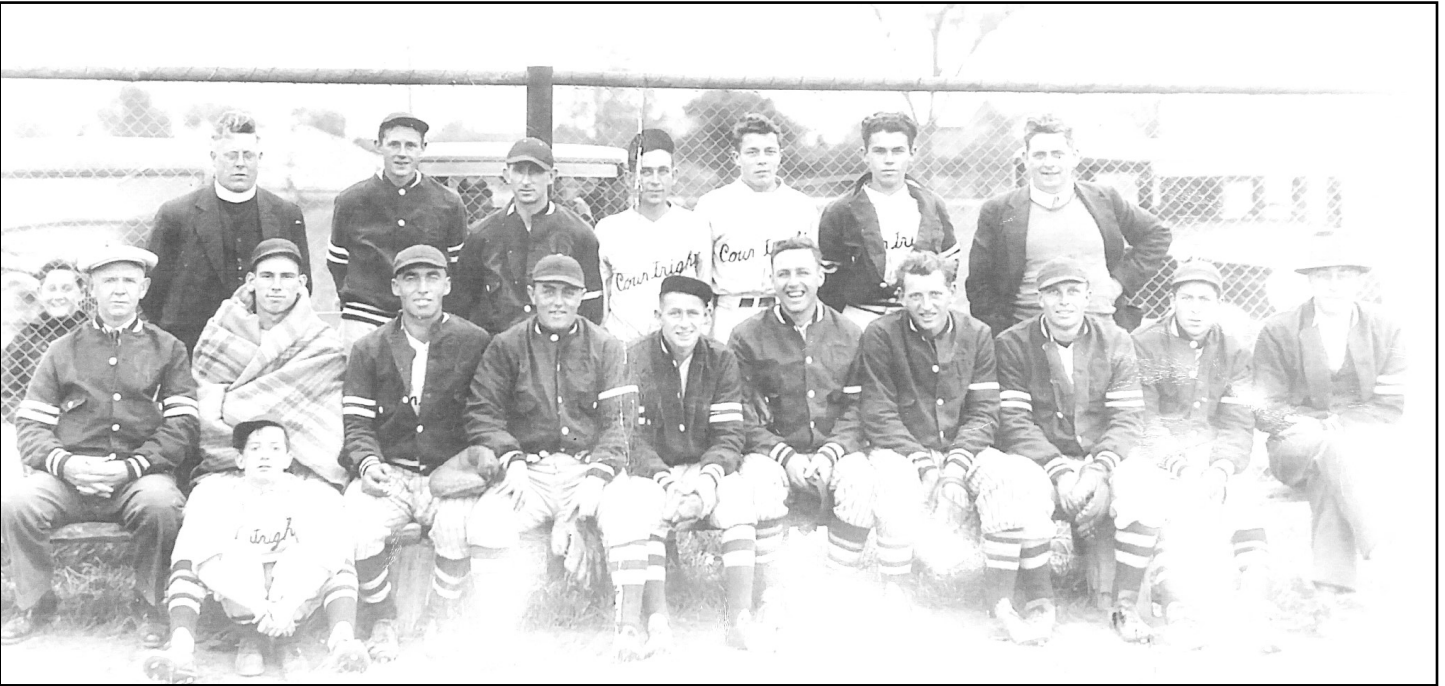
The great response to requests for local baseball stories, photos, memorabilia, and artefacts like baseball bats, gloves, pre-1970 girls/women's baseball uniforms and trophies has been continuing, but there is still a need for items and stories from the Wilkesport, Becher, Duthil and Sombra areas, including the Sombra Blue Denims and Wilkesport Tigers. Sombra Museum curator Kailyn Shepley says written accounts of great coaches or players, records broken, memorable games, historic teams or moments, and families who have played through multiple generations are still being sought. This memorabilia is taken on loan for the 2018 season, and photos and documents can be scanned and returned promptly. If you have any local baseball memorabilia or stories, please call 519-892-3982 or email: [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com)

The staff and volunteers of the Sombra Museum are now preparing the items for the new exhibit, which explores the history of St. Clair Township baseball.

**The Sombra Museum opens May 24 weekend.**

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### Baseball identity search continues with the 1937 Courtright team



The mystery baseball team published in the April Beacon garnered tremendous results. All of the players in the photograph were identified. Hoping for the same results this time, we present the next mystery photograph from the Sombra Museum's new exhibit documenting the history of local baseball. Sombra Museum Curator Kailyn Shepley says the photo's donor knew it to be the 1937 Courtright men's team, but could only guess at a few names.

Baseball culture has been an important part of the St. Clair Township sports scene for generations. Please help the Sombra Museum put names to the faces that peer out at us from these precious photographic time capsules.

*If you think you can help identify some of the teams and individuals in any of the mystery baseball photos that have been submitted, please call the Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982 or email: [sombramuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:sombramuseum@hotmail.com). A time will be arranged for you to view the photographs.*

### Sombra ferry dock causeway repair project is underway

Restoration efforts are now underway on the Sombra ferry access causeway. The project carries an estimated cost of about \$1.5 million, which is being borne by the Bluewater Ferry Company. Funds gathered to date by the Save Bluewater Ferry [gofundme](https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/savebluewaterferry) page, approximately \$10,000, was used to pay for the environmental assessment needed to acquire the permits to allow the rebuilding effort.

The damaged section of causeway is being removed and replaced by a central support that will allow a prefabricated bailey bridge to be installed between the undamaged stretch of causeway and the ferry dock. If all goes well, ferry owners are hoping to see the project completed by mid-summer.

#### Donor options include:

-GoFundMe page:

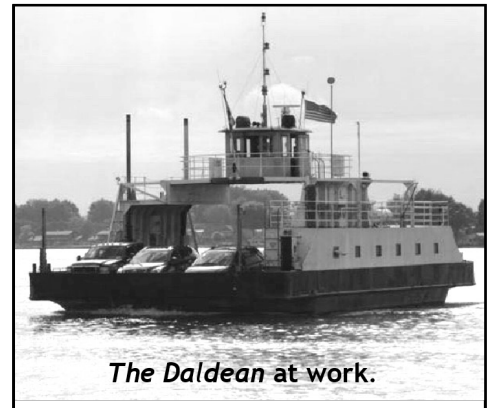
<https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/savebluewaterferry>

-Donate at any branch of Mainstreet Credit Union—Save Bluewater

Ferry account

-Email Helen Cole: [helencole@start.ca](mailto:helencole@start.ca)

-Send cheque to: Bluewater Ferry, 3490 King Street, P.O. Box 82, Sombra, Ont., Canada



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