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## Long, wide load!

In late June, many rural St. Clair Township residents saw several unusual convoys like the one shown here pass by their homes. Twelve massive industrial processing structures, constructed at Kel-Gor in Sarnia, were transported from the Kel-Gor site to a waiting cargo barge at the Mooretown dock. The hydrogen plant modules were transported under the watchful eye of the Lambton OPP with assistance from Hydro One workers who had to disconnect, then

reconnect, every low-hanging line between the Sarnia construction site and the dock. As a result, residents in the area endured a number of brief power outages. The units were bound for the Air Products manufacturing plant at the Marathon Oil facility in Detroit. Kel-Gor President Chris Thomas says the challenging mammoth 12-unit project took about nine months to complete. "These are some of the biggest ones (modules) that we have made," he said.

## Proposed committee aims to preserve local heritage - seeking board members

A group of history-minded St. Clair Township residents are determined to preserve the municipality's rich cultural and built heritage for future generations. They are currently in the discovery phase of the creation of a new St. Clair Township Heritage Committee. The purpose of the committee, which must be certified by St. Clair Township Council, will be to offer well-researched advice to council regarding matters of local heritage.

The Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture notes that heritage enhances our quality of life and sense of

place, reflecting the distinct expressions and aspirations of the community and its residents. Cultural heritage is not just about the past - it is about the places, spaces and stories that form the foundation of our community, all of which serve as a springboard into the future.

The Ministry also recognizes that heritage is a valuable cultural and social resource, offering direct economic benefits and spin-offs that attract tourist dollars

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or write to: The Beacon, c/o St. Clair Civic Centre,  
1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0.

**The deadline for submissions is the third Monday of each month.**



## Municipal Notices

### Sewer and hydrant flushing continues

The St. Clair Township Department of Public Works will be flushing all sewer mains and fire hydrants throughout the summer between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

During work on the sewer mains, residents may notice some gurgling noise in drains. If this condition persists after 24 to 48 hours, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

During work on the fire hydrants, residents may notice some discoloration while using taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. If this occurs, run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discoloration disappears. If discoloration continues after 10 to 15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

**Brian Van Hyfte**  
Coordinator of Operations  
Water/Wastewater

### Heritage committee seeks board members

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and enhance the desirability of local communities.

At a recent meeting of the core committee, Chair Eldon Grant, Secretary Ian Mason, and David Patten-den, along with Gary Hackett, Director of Community Services for St. Clair Township, discussed the basic components necessary to bring the committee into being.

A total of five to seven volunteer members will constitute the committee, which meets the last Monday of each month at 3 p.m. from September to June. Meeting locations alternate between the Moore and Sombra Museums, although the group is not associated with these facilities.

Recently, the group met with provincial Heritage Outreach Consultant Bertrand Duclos, who brought with him the Ontario Heritage Tool Kit and a set of procedural guidelines that must be adhered to.

The committee begins regular meetings again in September and the public is invited to attend. Anyone interested in finding out more about the committee, as well as the location of the next meeting, can email [shelley.lucier@county.lambton.on.ca](mailto:shelley.lucier@county.lambton.on.ca) or go online to [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca) and click on "Contact us."

### Council meeting schedule

Regular St. Clair Township council meetings will be held according to the summer schedule on Tuesday, Aug. 2 and Tuesday, Sept. 6. Council meetings preceded by Committee of the Whole meetings will be held on Monday, Aug. 15 and Monday, Sept. 19. *Please note that all meetings will begin at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.*

### Notice to property owners to destroy 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, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed by the date of Tuesday, May 31, 2011, and throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the 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 \$50.00)

The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

**Eric Bezanson**  
Weed Inspector

**J. DeMars**  
Clerk

### Waste collection/recycling partnership proposed

St. Clair Township is exploring a partnership with five other area municipalities in an attempt to negotiate a joint waste collection and recycling contract. The purpose of this partnership would be to use economies of scale to reduce the overall costs attendant to these services. Such partnerships are already being successfully employed in several other regions of Ontario, including the Aurora/Newmarket/Whitchurch-Stouffville area and the Niagara region.

*Genivar*, an independent consulting firm with experience in coordinating such partnerships, has been chosen to guide the municipalities through this process. *Genivar* project leader Phil Jensen notes the project timeline calls for the recommendation report to be completed by early November.

A public open house explaining this process and its expected outcomes and benefits will be held early this fall.

# Yard Waste/Brush Collection 2011

Yard waste will be collected separately from regular waste on a weekly basis in urbanized areas of St. Clair Township. Yard waste in the balance of the township will be collected during regular waste collection.

### Collection Schedule

- Wednesdays: -Corunna (including the Froomfield area)  
-St. Clair Parkway (north of Emily Street in Mooretown)
- Fridays: -Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton  
-Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens  
-St. Clair Parkway (south of Emily Street in Mooretown)

**Yard waste:** Until September, yard waste will be collected with regular waste subject to the six item limit.

**Fall yard waste** will begin Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Friday, Oct. 14 and continue until Nov. 16 and Nov. 18.

Yard waste should be placed at the roadside bagged in clear or transparent plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers clearly

marked with an "X" on both sides. It must be free of non-compostable material such as plastic, glass, metal or other debris. (A blue box or cardboard box is NOT accepted as an "open container." Containers must not exceed 23 kg/50lb. Yard waste placed in regular garbage bags will **not be collected**.

**Yard waste includes:** grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings and twigs (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil).

**Not permitted:** kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached. (See Brush Collection below).

### Brush Collection

Small brush bundles (4' maximum length, 1" maximum diameter, cut ends in one direction, neat piles (not tangled), tied and placed the curb) will take place June 17 and Oct. 14.

**For more information regarding Yard Waste/Brush collection, call the St. Clair Township Public Works Department at 519-867-2125 or go online to [www.twp.stclair.on.ca](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca)**

## Community Notices

In keeping with the theme, *Horse Power-Pulling Together*, Brigden Fair officials are looking for horse-related photos from Moore Agricultural Society members or exhibitors past and present. The photos will be used in a display entitled, *Hoofprints Thru History*. Photos can be emailed to [michelle.evinitski@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:michelle.evinitski@brigdenfair.ca) or dropped off at the Brigden Fair office. For more information, call 519-864-1197.

A new book by author Cliff Roy, entitled *The Baby Point Settlement: The Making of Sombra Township*, is now on sale at the Sombra Museum for \$20 each. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go towards the funding of the new Sombra Museum building currently under construction at the south corner of Smith Street and the St. Clair Parkway across from the current museum. The book is also on sale at the *Shake 'n Bait* in Port Lambton.

The Brigden History Book is still on sale at The Book Keeper in Sarnia and in Brigden at Lambton Financial Credit Union, Always Quilting, and Lily Lane Flowers.

The summer worship schedule for the Mooretown Presbyterian Churches will begin in July. For the month of July, worship will be held at St. Andrew's at 94 James Street in Mooretown. In August and on Sept. 4, worship will be held at Knox Moore at 1354 Rokeby Line west of Kimball Road. Services are held Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and everyone is welcome.

The winners of the Sunset Rebekah Lodge 185 draw on May 18 were: Betty Camden-hooked rug; Mary Tuff-tulip plate and

server; Yulafay Burleigh-tulip vase; Donna Nielsen-daisy vase. Proceeds went to the registration fund for Camp Trillium and Rainbow Lake, summer camps for children with cancer. Thanks are extended to all of those who purchased tickets.

Board members are being sought to serve with the North Lambton Community Health Centre, which operates sites in Sarnia, Watford, Forest and Kettle Point. Clients include isolated seniors, rural families, youth at risk, First Nations and individuals with mental illness. For more information contact Board President Gavin Hall at [gavin.hall@sympatico.ca](mailto:gavin.hall@sympatico.ca) or call Executive Director Kathy Bressett at 519-344-4545 by Aug. 15.

Veterans and their spouses may be eligible for benefits such as disability pensions, hearing loss assistance and housekeeping. The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch can offer help in determining if such benefits are applicable. For more information, contact Corunna Branch 447 Service Officer Gerry Den Hartogh at 519-862-1613.

### Enjoy an afternoon at your local time machine

You don't need a contraption devised by the fertile imagination of H. G. Wells to enjoy a ride in a time machine. To access a portal to the past, all you have to do is visit the Moore Museum at 94 Moore Line in Mooretown or the Sombra Museum at 3470 St. Clair Parkway in Sombra Village. The Moore Museum is open daily in August from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Sombra Museum is open daily in August from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Share a fascinating summer afternoon of exploration and discovery with your family at your local museum, where there's a new adventure waiting around every corner!*

## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Sombra Museum to host events

The Sombra Museum will be the site of several upcoming events. The Annual Blueberry Social is slated for **Sunday, Aug. 7** at 1 p.m. with guest performers *The Bluewater and Country Ridge Cloggers*. On **Friday, Aug. 26** from 11 a.m. to noon, children of all ages will enjoy the *Victorian Teddy Bear Picnic*. And on **Saturday, Nov. 12**, get a glimpse of times past with the Victorian Mourning presentation. (Time is yet to be announced.)

### Bible school at St. Andrew's Presbyterian

A vacation Bible School will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Street in Corunna the week of **Aug. 15 to 19** from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Children will enjoy playing games and doing old world crafts from the time when Jesus was a child. To register, call 519-862-3641 or 519-862-2307.

### Brigden Fair Ambassador contest

The annual Brigden Fair Ambassador contest will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 16** at 7 p.m. at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall. Admission is \$2 per person and the emcee for the night will be Tony Frangis from 99.9, the Fox-FM.

### Theatre trip planned

The Huron Country Playhouse will be the destination of an upcoming bus trip on **Friday, Aug. 19**. The trip will include lunch, some shopping and a matinee performance of the musical, *Guys and Dolls*. The cost is \$85 per person and registration is now being accepted at the Thompson Gardens front office. For additional information call 519-862-1628.

### Yard sale at Brigden United Church

The congregation of Brigden United Church will hold the annual yard sale on Friday, Aug. 22 and Saturday, Aug. 23. Anyone wishing to donate items for sale can call 519-864-1204. All 'treasure hunters' are invited to attend.

### Pig roast fundraiser for Breast Cancer

The 8th annual *Cook For The Cure Pig Roast* to benefit the *Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation* will be held at 1256 Lambton Line (the Dion family residence) on **Saturday, Aug. 27** at 5 p.m. The evening will include live entertainment by *The Lambton Liners & Friends* plus door prizes, great food and a lot of fun. Tickets are \$15 or two for \$25 in advance (\$20 at the gate.) Children under 12 are \$5 and free for those under age three. The event will be held rain or shine and rough camping is available on-site. For more information, go online to [www.cbcpigroast.webs.com](http://www.cbcpigroast.webs.com) or call 519-627-3473.

### Moore Skating Club registration

The Moore Skating Club will hold registration for its 2011-12 season on **Saturday, Sept. 10** at 10 a.m. at the Moore Sports Complex on Emily Street in Mooretown. Learn to skate or try power skating, figure skating, or synchronized skating. For more information go online to [www.mooreskate.ca](http://www.mooreskate.ca).

### Walk Down Memory Lane in Wilkesport

The Sombra Museum will present *A Walk Down Memory Lane 1950s to 1990s*, an event filled with 50 years of fun, fads,

food and fashions, on **Saturday, Sept. 10** from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wilkesport Community Hall. Wine, punch, tea or coffee, plus examples of 1950-1990 cakes will be included. The cost is \$10 per person and everyone is welcome.

### Golf tourney will benefit

#### St. Clair Emergency Services

The 3rd annual St. Clair Township Emergency Services Golf Fundraiser is slated for Thursday, Sept. 15 at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown. The tourney, sponsored by the Enbridge gas storage operation, raises funds to help support the St. Clair Township Fire Department's efforts to improve its emergency services capabilities within the community. The event is endorsed by the Township of St. Clair and is a recognized charitable event which includes an 18-hole scramble (carts included), driving range privileges, a barbecue lunch and a steak dinner, plus lots of challenging skill competitions. For more information, call Jennifer Crawford at 519-862-6011, ext. 6011 or email [jennifer.crawford@enbridge.com](mailto:jennifer.crawford@enbridge.com).



### Walk planned in memory of asbestos victims

A walk in memory of asbestos victims, including St. Clair Township resident William "Bill" Coulbeck, is being organized by Bill's daughters and is slated for Centennial Park in Samia on **Saturday, Oct. 1** at 10 a.m. The special guest for the occasion will be Linda Reinstein, president, CEO and co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. (Bill Coulbeck died of mesothelioma,) cancer caused by asbestos exposure. For more information, go online to <http://asbestos.cattran.ca>.

### Hostesses wanted for upcoming

#### Dessert Night for Breast Cancer

The Great Dessert Night for Breast Cancer will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall on **Wednesday, Oct. 5**. The theme of the event is *Taking Steps for a Cure...Thinking Outside the Shoebox* and it will include a delicious assortment of desserts, entertainment, a cash bar and a silent auction. Prizes will be awarded for the best footwear and the most attractively decorated table. Hostesses for tables of eight friends are being sought in conjunction with the event. For more information, call Val at 519-862-1935.

### Corunna Legion to hold

#### 1st Annual Elimination Draw

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 and Ladies Auxiliary is holding its 1st Annual Elimination Draw with a grand prize of \$1,500. Tickets are \$20 each and only 200 will be sold. Proceeds will go to the Corunna Legion. The draw date is set for Jan. 14, 2012. For tickets or more information, call the Legion at 519-862-1240.

### Cruickshank Centre activities planned

The Cruickshank Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna will hold **ongoing group games** as follows: euchre on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$3); cribbage on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; bridge on Thursdays at 1 p.m.