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## Impact of mild Winter on crop production viewed with cautious optimism

By Bonnie Stevenson

The unusually mild Winter has many people wondering what effect it will have on this year's agricultural production.

St. Clair Township has hundreds of acres of farmland within its borders and the weather plays a crucial role in the success or failure of a growing season. To get an early perspective on this important matter, I contacted Ronald MacDougall, president of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. MacDougall says the winter crops were a concern. "There was concern over the impact on winter wheat," he said, "but now it looks like they (winter crops) have come through okay." He added winter crop yield may still be affected to a degree because excess rainfall last autumn prevented farmers from planting some of their fields. "They planted late last year...only 60 to 70 per cent (of the fields) were planted," he said.

Some farmers are cautiously optimistic that this season's overall production won't be affected too much. Mr. MacDougall says they speak from many years of experience about the effects of unusual weather. "I've been told by some of our senior farmers that there have been winters with not a great deal of snowfall," he said. As a producer of corn, soy beans and wheat, Mr. MacDougall says it's much too early to worry about how the coming growing season will play out.

Just out of curiosity, I consulted the Canadian Edi-

tion of The Old Farmer's Almanac for 2012, which had this to say about the weather in southern Ontario. Concerning temperatures: "Winter temperatures will be about a degree C below normal, on average...Precipitation and snowfall will be above normal in the east and slightly below normal in the west." The almanac went on to predict snow and cool weather well into March. Well, nobody's perfect.

For now, farmers will be observing a wait-and-see attitude, just like they do every other year.

In the meantime, we need to be ever mindful that, with the effects of global warming playing

havoc with our weather patterns, our agricultural producers are our front line champions in the quest to provide food for all of us.

As the bumper sticker says, "If you ate today, thank a farmer!"



**"If you ate today, thank a farmer!"**



**Don't miss the  
Moore Skate  
Club's  
Annual Skating  
Carnival  
Saturday, April 14  
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**The deadline for submissions to The Beacon  
 is the third Monday of each month.**



## Municipal Notes



### 2012 Interim Property Tax Due Dates

**Second 2012 interim tax due date is  
May 2, 2012**

The interim property tax bills were mailed out the week of Feb. 6, 2012. Most chartered banks and financial institutions will accept payment of your current taxes on or before the due date. (Any bank charges will be the responsibility of the ratepayer.)

Tax payments by cheque can be mailed to the return address provided on the tax notice.

The following methods of Tax or Water Payments may be utilized:

- ◆ Automatic bank machines
- ◆ Telephone and Internet payments through bank
- ◆ Payment at most financial institutions
- ◆ Post-dated cheques
- ◆ Counter services, cash, cheque or debit
- ◆ Mail to, or use drop box at:  
St. Clair Township Civic Centre  
1155 Emily Street  
Mooretown, Ontario  
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**Pre-authorized payment plans are also available and encouraged.**

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**St. Clair Township Tax Department**  
**519-867-2024**  
**Fax: 519-867-5509**

## Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. April meetings are slated for Monday, April 2 at 6 p.m. and Monday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.



### Moore Community & Recreation Foundation application deadline



The Moore Community and Recreation Foundation (MCRF) provides grants to groups and organizations that undertake projects which benefit the community. The deadline to apply for MCRF financial assistance is set for May 31, 2012. For detailed information about the foundation along with a grant request form, visit the St. Clair Township Website at [www.twp.stclair.on.ca](http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca). If further information is required, please contact Treasurer Charles Quenneville or Mayor Steve Arnold at 519-867-2021 or toll-free at 1-800-809-0301.

### *Park bookings now being accepted*

Bookings for St. Clair Township parks are now being accepted. If you're planning a wedding, family reunion or other special event, call 519-867-2651.



Branton-Cundick Park

Campsites at Mooretown, Cathcart, and Branton-Cundick Campgrounds call be booked by telephone at:

- Mooretown: 519-867-2951
- Cathcart: 519-892-3342
- Branton-Cundick: 519-892-3968

### *Free tutoring program for students in Grades 1 through 7*

The Organization for Literacy in Lambton offers free tutoring in the Corunna area for students in Grades 1 through 7 who are struggling with reading and math. The *Skill and Drill* program is now offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Andrew's Pres-

byterian Church from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration is on-going throughout the school year based on availability. For more information or to register your child for this important program, call the Organization for Literacy in Lambton at 519-332-4876.

## HERITAGE CORNER

### Doors Open tour will feature many St. Clair Township sites

Heritage preservation is a passion and a source of pride for many St. Clair Township residents, property and business owners.

This year, for two days in September, some of them are going to have the opportunity to show off the objects of their pride during the Lambton Doors Open event. This is the second year the county-wide event has been held and owners of 16 St. Clair Township landmarks and properties have confirmed participation so far. These properties include the Smith Farm Estate and Enterprises in the Courtright area, the Eric Smith bridge near Sombra, and Baby's Point in Port Lambton. Several more site owners are expected to confirm participation before the event happens.

The first Doors Open Day was held in France in 1984. The concept spread through Europe until, in 2003, all 48 signatory states of the European Cultural Convention participated in European Heritage Days.

In North America, the City of Toronto was the first to hold a Doors Open event in 2000. In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province-wide event of its kind in the Canada. Since then, it has spread across Canada and into the United States.

Since 2002, Doors Open Ontario has allowed an estimated four million people the chance to discover Ontario's heritage treasures, including some that the public has never before had access to. In 2012, St. Clair Township will be among the hundreds of communities that will participate in what has been described as a "cultural phenomenon."

As more information becomes available, The Beacon will keep you up to date. For now, why not plan to explore the many fascinating destinations that will have their Doors Open on the weekend of Sept. 29-30. It may be the best "staycation" you've ever had.

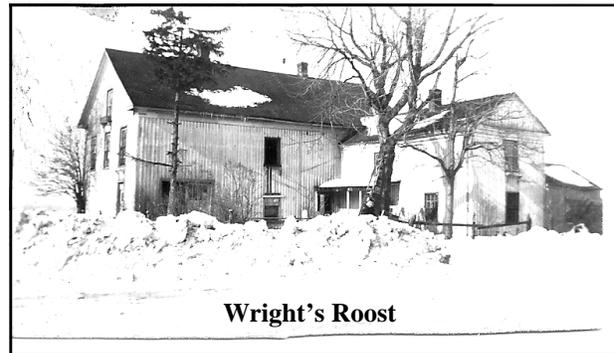
### Prohibition Era kept life interesting at Wright's Roost

A favourite Sombra watering hole during the Prohibition Era was Wright's Roost, which was located in what is now Sombra Park. During that infamous period in the area's history, rum runners used the St. Clair River as a quick way to keep thirsty Americans supplied with contraband booze and Wright's Roost played host to many of them. At that time, the hotel was owned by Mrs. Owen Wright, an American business woman.

Some of Mrs. Wright's clientele were independent entrepreneurs while others worked for organized crime gangs like Detroit's Purple Gang. One of the independent entrepreneurs, Vet Brown, shot and killed Border Patrol Agent Earl Roberts in March, 1929 while unloading cases of whiskey on a dock near Algonac, Michigan. Brown was captured in Sombra, tried in Port Huron, and served a 20 year prison sentence for second degree murder.

Mrs. Wright eventually used the money she made from her hotel to turn it into a first class road house. She sold it at the right time to a group of investors from Marine City, Michigan, a wise move since the end of the Prohibition Era in 1933 also ended the profitability of Wright's Roost.

The structure was built in 1836 by James Dawson. Most of the building was known as the Dawson Hotel,



Wright's Roost

with Dawson and his family residing in one section of it. The hotel played host to local lumber men who brought the hardwood lumber they'd cut to Sombra, where it could be shipped out on the St. Clair River.

During its lifetime, the building changed hands several times and eventually fell into disrepair. In 1943, James Hagen of Wallaceburg moved part of it to Wallaceburg to set up as a home, then demolished what remained.

All that remains on the property now is a prim white gazebo in a quiet park and some provocative memories of days gone by.

## *Mooretown Storm Atom AE team reaches finals at Aylmer Tournament*



*Photo submitted*

### **Mooretown Storm Atom AE team players and coaches sit for a formal portrait at the Aylmer Tournament.**

The Mooretown Storm Atom AE team turned in a terrific effort at the Aylmer Tournament the weekend of March 16 to 19. Team reporter Mike Coene says the tournament began Friday night by beating Huntsville 3-1. The team lost to Norwich the next morning by a score of 3-2 and again to Simcoe, 2-1. But the Storm had earned enough period and game points to be seeded fourth, which got them a rematch against top seeded Norwich in the

semi-final.

Mr. Coene says the rematch was packed with excitement as it turned into a double overtime thriller that saw the Storm triumph. They won the right to face off against Huntsville in the finals. And although the Mooretown team gave their best effort, the final resulted in a close 4-3 loss. "Regardless, they were still finalists and should be proud of their achievement," said Mr. Coene.

## *Cruickshank Centre has a springtime full of fun in store*

There's lots of fun and excitement planned for the Cruickshank Centre this spring.

The season kicks off with Country Fun entertainment featuring Joan Spalding and Doug Springstead. They'll be playing all the goodtime favourites on Monday, April 16 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 at the door, which includes light refreshment.

A charity euchre is planned for Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 at the door, which includes light refreshment. All proceeds will benefit the Pathways Children's Centre. On-going game programs will include euchre night on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on April 3, 10 and 17. The cost is \$3 at the door with light refreshment included.

There will also be afternoon bridge played on Thursdays at 1 p.m. on April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at no charge.

On Friday, June 22, see *The Wizard of Oz* at the Huron Country Playhouse, enjoy lunch at the Oakwood Inn and get in a bit of shopping as well. Sign up for the Grand Bend Bus Trip being offered for \$85 per person. The cost includes transportation, lunch and admission to the show. Register for the trip by May 21 at Thompson Gardens administration office in Corunna. For additional information, please call Denise at 519-862-1628.

To keep up with all that's happening at the Cruickshank Centre, visit the Website at [cruickshankcentre.com](http://cruickshankcentre.com).



### Heart & Stroke *Big Bike* teams being sought

Teams from St. Clair Township are currently being sought to participate in the annual *Big Bike* rides to benefit the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The *Big Bike* will be in Lambton County on May 15, 16, 17, 30 and 31. Funds raised through this popular event are used to support life-saving research and public education. For more information, go online to [www.bigbike.ca](http://www.bigbike.ca) or contact the Sarnia-Lambton Heart and Stroke Foundation at 519-332-1415. Teams from this area raised \$100,000 during last year's event and organizers are hoping to match or exceed that total in 2012.

### Mayflower Rebekah Lodge draw winners

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge recently held a draw during their district meeting at All Saints Anglican Church in Corunna. The three winners were: first - Hilary Park of Wyoming, who won a 16 x 20 oil painting by artist Marilyn Johnson of Mooretown; second - Earl Thomas of Forest, who won a 24-inch China doll donated by Donna Thomas of Corunna and dressed by Joyce Brock of Corunna; and third - Nelda Guinness of Mooretown, who won a \$50 gift certificate to the Golden Palace in Corunna, donated by Joyce Brock. The lodge extends appreciation to everyone who helped with and supported this draw. Proceeds will be used to support Camp Trillium, a summer camp for children

with cancer, and other local charities.

### Sunset Rebekah Lodge draw winners

The Sunset Rebekah Lodge Sombra recently held a draw at their district meeting. The winners were: first - Kelsey McDonald, who won a \$50 grocery card; second - Marlene Dubuque, who won a nature print; third - Kay Gregorsky, who won a \$25 gas card; and fourth - Don Anderson, who won a \$25 dinner card. The lodge extends thanks to all who participated.

### Quilt fundraiser tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division quilt fundraiser. The draw for this beautiful hand-quilted masterpiece will be held at the fairgrounds the weekend of the Brigden Fair (Thanksgiving Weekend). Tickets are available through the Homecraft Division, at the Brigden Fair office, or during MAS brunches and jamborees. For more information, call the Brigden Fair office at 519-864-1197.

### Handyman/Handywoman program helps seniors

The Lambton Seniors Association (LSA) Handyman/Handywoman program is a United Way-funded program that helps seniors stay in their own homes by helping with a wide variety of household maintenance and repair issues as well as quality-of-life activities. Services provided include: yard maintenance, home maintenance, housekeeping, snow clearing, eaves trough cleaning, and much more. For more information, call the LSA at 519-339-8866 or 1-877-219-4717.

## Diabetes education events offered by WLCHC

A series of free diabetes education programs will be offered by the West Lambton Community Health Centre (WLCHC) in the next few months.

**Diabetes Conversations** is a four-week series that will include: *Living with Diabetes*; *How Diabetes Works*; *Healthy Eating and Keeping Active*; and a *Grocery Store Tour*. This program will run on Tuesdays on May 8, 15, 22 and 29. It is led by a certified diabetes educators, either a registered nurse or a registered dietician.

**Master Your Health** for chronic disease management is a six-week series focusing on managing difficult emotions, coping with pain and fatigue, communication strategies, goal-setting and problem-solving, making informed decisions, and positive partnerships with health care professionals. This program is led by a registered nurse or a social worker.

**Craving Change** is a six-week series for people struggling with their eating habits and their relationship with food. The course will focus on why we eat the way we do, not what and how much. Participants will explore the various factors that could be triggering food cravings and

they can learn practical strategies that can be used to change eating habits for life. The course is led by dietitians.

**Diabetes Cooking Classes** will touch on various topics that will interest all cooks, both novice and experienced. They will be held monthly as follows: *Fuel Your Activity/Super Snacks*, Thursday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; *Vegetarian Cooking*, Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; *Summer Salads*, Thursday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

These classes will be led by a certified diabetes educator and a registered dietician. They are offered on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to those who have not recently been to a cooking class.

In addition, a **support group** is held monthly at 10 a.m. on the last Wednesday of each month and is facilitated by a certified diabetes educator.

All classes will take place at the West Lambton Community Health Centre, 429 Exmouth Street in Sarnia.

**For more information or to register for a class or program, call the WLCHC at 519-344-3017, ext. 259.**

## Mooretown Sports Complex offers summer shape-up options

Regardless of your age, there are summer shape-up options available for people of all ages at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

### Swim lesson session

Spring lessons have begun, but some places still might be available. Late registrations are accepted, so if you're interested in honing your swimming skills, call today.

### NEW! Prenatal fitness

If you are expecting, regardless of your fitness level, you can come and learn how to safely and effectively work out during your pregnancy. Following the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada's guidelines, you will learn how to reduce prenatal discomfort and concerns such as low back pain, swelling and unnecessary weight gain. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$60 for a six-week session. The next session is slated for Mondays, May 7 to June 18, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### NEW! Breast cancer support & fitness

This class is designed to help you with your fitness and health needs while recovering from breast cancer. During a one-hour class, you will be provided with exercises that will help you address the side effects from mastectomy, lumpectomy, tram flap, lat flap, breast implant reconstruction, chemotherapy, and radiation. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$60 for a six-week session. The next session is planned for Tuesdays, May 8 to June 12 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### NEW! Mommy and Me fitness

Get back your pre-baby body without having to find a babysitter, because your baby will be your weight! You will be put through a variety of exercises to help build those mommy muscles all the while enjoying time with your little one. The program is geared to moms and their babies under one year old.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$60 per six-week session with the next sessions set for Wednesdays, May 9 to June 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Red Cross babysitting course

Children ages 11 and over can prepare for babysitting by attending the Red Cross babysitting course being offered on Monday, June 11 (a PA day) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person.

### Summer ice/arena floor rentals

Spring and summer ice time and arena floor rentals are still available. **Prime time ice rentals** are Monday to Friday after 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at a cost of \$125 per hour. **Non-prime time rentals** are Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of \$95 per hour. **Arena floor rentals** are as follows: Adult - \$55 per hour; Minor - \$45 per hour; Special event rates are also available. Call now to book your lacrosse, ball hockey or special event.

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

### Annual Moore Skating Carnival

Don't miss the annual Moore Skating Carnival featuring the Moore Skate Club! *See page 8 for details.*

### Free Women's Health Evening

The free women's health presentation entitled *Why Should I Care - High Blood Pressure, the Silent Killer* will be held on Thursday, May 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration is required. This free presentation will be presented at the Mooretown Sports Complex but is facilitated by the West Lambton Community Health Centre. To register for it, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651 or the West Lambton Community Health Centre at 519-344-3017.

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### Country music star to headline fundraiser

St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Courtright will present country music legend and Grand Ole Opry regular George Hamilton IV on **Saturday, Sept. 14** at 8 p.m. at the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia (VPP). The show, entitled *Hank Williams: Luke the Drifter*, will feature the Gospel music of Hank Williams and proceeds will benefit the work of the church. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the VPP box office at 519-882-1221; via email: [tickets\\_ststephens@gmail.com](mailto:tickets_ststephens@gmail.com); or by calling Barb at 519-867-5521. Organizers say advance tickets are advised since this show has sold out at most venues where it has been performed.

### Indoor walking sessions offered

Indoor walking sessions are now offered on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bridgen fairgrounds exhibition hall. Attendees are asked to bring indoor shoes for walking. For more information or to register for this free program, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237. This program is sponsored by the Moore Agricultural Society and the West Lambton Community Health Centre.

### Corunna Legion to hold 2nd annual elimination draw

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 is now selling tickets for its 2nd Annual Elimination Draw, (license #M688222). Only 250 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$20 each. To purchase, call the Corunna Legion at 519-862-1240.

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\$20 per ticket and they can be purchased by calling Gary at 519-867-5316 or Arthur at 519-864-1364.

### Brigden United Church to hold annual beef dinner

The congregation of Brigden United Church will hold its annual beef dinner on **Sunday, April 29** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission is by advance ticket only at a cost of \$15 per adult, \$5 per child under age 12, and free for children under age five. To purchase tickets, call Marie at 519-864-4016 or Connie at 519-864-1747.

### Document shredding event fights fraud

Don't be a victim of identity theft and fraud. Make sure that all of your outdated personal documents are securely destroyed by attending the *Fraud Prevention Community Shred* planned for **Saturday, May 5** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held in the parking lot of the St. Clair Township Ontario Provincial Police satellite office, corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna. The Shred-It mobile document destruction truck will be on-site. This event is presented by the Corunna Community Policing Committee and Shred-It Document Destruction. Personnel will be at the event to offer tips on how you can protect yourself against identity theft.

### Seniors Information Fair slated

The annual Lambton Seniors Association Seniors Information Fair will be held on **Tuesday, May 8** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Wednesday, May 9** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Point Edward Arena. The fair features informational displays regarding a wide range of issues, activities and concerns that are especially important to older adults, along with a refreshment area, entertainment by Jack Kennedy Music, door prizes, and much more. The event will include over 85 vendor and informational booths will. Admission is free.

### Victorian Tea at Moore Museum

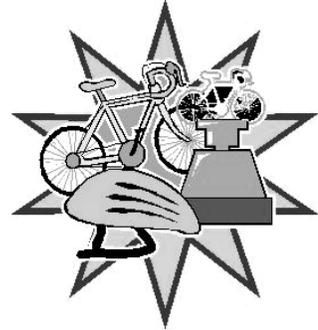
The popular annual Victorian Tea will be held at the Moore Museum on **Sunday, May 20** from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy delicious warm homemade scones with tea, coffee, or juice in the charming atmosphere of the museum's turn-of-the-twentieth century cottage. Admission is \$6.50 per adult, \$2.50 per child, and \$1.50 per pre-schooler.

### St. Clair Arts & Crafts 2012 set for Corunna

The St. Clair Arts & Crafts 2012 event will be held on **Sunday, May 27** at the Corunna Athletic Park on Hill Street. Interested vendors can contact Robert Barnes at 519-867-2136 or by email at [barnesrd@sympatico.ca](mailto:barnesrd@sympatico.ca). This annual event, previously presented by St. Joseph's Parish in Corunna, will now be presented by the Mooretown Flags hockey organization.

### Bicycle Rodeo set for Corunna

The Corunna Bicycle Rodeo will be held on **Saturday, June 16** with the sign-in and bicycle inspection beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the rodeo beginning at 10 a.m. No further entries will be allowed after the rodeo begins. This event is presented by the Corunna Community Policing Committee and the OPP St. Clair Township satellite office. There will be free food, drinks and giveaways to participants while supplies last on rodeo day, and one lucky boy and one lucky girl who participate in the rodeo will win a new bicycle. Approved bicycle helmets must be worn to participate. The Masons will be on-site making the C.H.I.P. Identification program available to all, including non-participants. In addition to creating an identification kit for children, they will also produce one for any adult who may request it, such as someone who has been diagnosed with dementia. Community sponsors of this event will include: the Optimist Club of Moore; NOVA Chemicals; Ontario Power Generation's Lambton Generating Station; Shell Canada's Corunna Refinery; and the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Corunna Branch 447.



### Joel Hookey Memorial Golf Tournament

The second annual Joel "Hollywood" Hookey Memorial Golf Tournament is set for **Saturday, June 23** at Huron Oaks Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit St. Joseph's Hospice of Sarnia-Lambton and local minor sports through the YMCA Jumpstart program. For more information, email [hookeymemorialgolf@gmail.com](mailto:hookeymemorialgolf@gmail.com) or visit Facebook: Joel "Hollywood" Hookey Memorial Golf Tournament.

### Heritage Festival set for Moore Museum

The Moore Museum will host its annual Heritage Festival on **Sunday, June 24** from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Step back in time in a place where the whole family will enjoy heritage demonstrations and activities. Admission is \$6 per adult and \$2.50 per child.

**Mark your calendar:** The Moore Museum will host its annual Downriver Craft Sale on **Sunday, Sept. 16** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will feature over 50 tables of handmade crafts and a food booth will be available. Admission will be \$2 per person, with children under 13 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

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## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Rebekah Lodge hosts luncheons

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 will host a series of luncheons at Thompson Gardens in Corunna at noon on the following Mondays: **April 9; April 30; May 29; Sept. 24.** Everyone is welcome.

### Jam sessions planned for the Corunna Legion

Two jam sessions are planned for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch hall at Albert and Beckwith Streets this spring. The sessions will be held Saturdays at 3 p.m. on **April 28** and **May 26.** Everyone is welcome to come out and play, sing or just listen to some great local talent. More information can be found on the branch's Website at [www.corunna.ca/legion](http://www.corunna.ca/legion).

### Brunches planned for Brigden fairgrounds

Two popular annual brunches are planned for the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall this spring. The *Easter Brunch* will be held on **Sunday, April 8** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 per child aged six through 10, and free for children aged five and under. The *Mother's Day Brunch* is set for **Sunday, May 13** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 per child aged six through 10, and free for children aged five and under. For more information, go online to [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

### NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquet set

The second annual NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquet, sponsored by the Lambton Upland Game Bird Chapter, will be held on **Thursday, April 5** at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner slated for 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call Wayne at 519-683-4180.

### Prom Dress Giveaway Boutique planned

The *3rd Annual Prom Dress Giveaway Boutique Days* will be held at St. Joseph's Hospice, 475 Christina St. in Sarnia on **Friday, April 13** from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and **Saturday, April 14** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Girls who attend will not only receive their free dress, they will get a gift bag compliments of Carol Baker Visage, plus jewelry from Avon Canada, and a complimentary Sarnia Transit bus pass. In addition, a select number of schools will receive prom vouchers. The vouchers, which will entitle their recipients to a free prom ticket, will be taken to the schools' guidance counselors for distribution. Since its start three years ago, *Cinderella Story* has helped 47 girls in Sarnia-Lambton find a beautiful dress and make memories that will last a lifetime.

### Two events slated for Corunna United Church

Two fundraisers are slated for Corunna United Church in

April. The first is a ham dinner planned for **Sunday, April 22** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$13 per adult, \$7 per child aged six through 12, and free for children five and under.

The second event will be the annual garage sale to benefit medical students who will soon travel to Tanzania with the Medoutreach program. The sale is slated for **Saturday, April 28** from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale will include items of nearly new spring and summer clothing. Anyone with gently used items and/or clothing to contribute to the sale can contact Sylvia at 519-862-1040.

### St. Joseph's Hospice to host An Event Apart

St. Joseph's Hospice will hold a three-day event at the Holiday Inn in Point Edward on **April 27, 28** and **29.** *An Event Apart* will feature unique art, unique gifts and a unique experience for those who attend, beginning on April 27 with an Opening Gala from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets for the gala are \$50 per person. On April 28 and 29, the event will be open to the general public at a cost of \$5 per person in advance or \$8 at the door. To purchase tickets, call Lesley at St. Joseph's Hospice, 519-337-0537 or email [tickets@sjhospice.ca](mailto:tickets@sjhospice.ca).

### Annual skating carnival set

The Moore Skate Club's annual skating carnival is set for the Mooretown Sports Complex on **Saturday, April 14,** with two shows: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see our talented local figure skaters in action. For more information go online to [www.mooreteclub.ca](http://www.mooreteclub.ca).

### Annual meeting set for Wilkesport Community Centre

The Wilkesport Community Centre annual meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 24** at 7 p.m. at the community centre.

### Fish fry at Brigden Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Brigden Branch will host a fish fry on **Saturday, April 28** from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and there is limited seating. For tickets, please call 519-864-1395 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned.

### Murder mystery dinner planned

Whether you're an amateur sleuth or just someone in search of an entertaining evening of food, fun, murder and mayhem, why not check out the murder mystery dinner being held at the Courtright "Silver Dome" Community Centre on **Saturday, April 28** beginning at 6 p.m. Enjoy a barbecued chicken dinner and *Murder In Sally's Diner*, an original theatrical event presented by the Courtright Sixth Line United Church Players. This is the third murder mystery the group has presented and tickets are sure to go fast. The cost is

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