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## Behemoths roam the river once again



The 1,000 foot *Walter J. McCarthy, Jr.* takes a pit stop at the Shell Canada docks north of Corunna.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

The 1,000 foot long *Walter J. McCarthy, Jr.* made a pit stop at the Shell Canada docks north of Corunna in early April to take on fuel. It's hard to believe how huge this vessel really is until you consider that the ill-fated *RMS Titanic*, the iconic ship that sank beneath the waters of the icy North Atlantic 100 years ago, was a mere 882 feet, nine inches long.

The *McCarthy*, owned by the American Steamship Co., has been a familiar sight along the St. Clair River since it was launched in 1977 under the name *Belle River*. The ship was renamed in 1990 in honour of the newly-retired chairman of the board of Detroit Edison.

The *Belle* was the very first thousand-footer built by the Bay Shipbuilding Co. of Wisconsin. The design used for her construction has since been used to

build other enormous ships like the Burns Harbor, the Indiana Harbor, the Oglebay Norton and the Columbia Star, and there is currently a total of 13 of these behemoths in service.

Whether you are a hard-core Boat Nerd or just someone who appreciates raw power, you have to be impressed by the *McCarthy's* stats. This self-unloader carries up to 78,850 tons of cargo such as coal, limestone and grain, and is powered by four V-20 3,600 horsepower diesel engines, developing a whopping 14,000 horsepower!

The next time you see one of these mega-ships glide majestically past you on the river, give a thought for the technical miracle you're looking at. And next time you pull up to the gas pump, thank your lucky stars that you don't have to fill up *that* gas tank.

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



## Municipal Notes

### Council approves the 2012 budget

Charles Quenneville, treasurer of St. Clair Township, reports that council recently approved the 2012 budget. The 2012 operating budget will amount to \$9.4 million in net property tax levy. This represents a budget increase of approximately .73 per cent or \$15 for an average assessment of \$174,533, assuming there is no assessment growth or County budget increase. The major increase in 2012 was caused by the need for an additional \$267,262 to be spent on capital projects and a financing loss of \$120,800 in the Provincial operating grant.

In the capital budget, there are 70 projects slated with a gross cost of \$10.5 million and a net taxation of \$2.1 million. In this budget, there is a record \$4 million worth of road and bridge work, with the biggest road projects seeing two segments of Brigden Road done at an estimated cost of \$1.25 million and Rokeby Line at a cost of \$590,000. Mr. Quenneville explained that this year, Council decided to take advantage of the low interest rate, 2.8 per cent, being offered by the Province of Ontario over ten years, and debenture \$2.5 million of the road projects.

The 2012 budget presented many challenges for council and Mayor Steve Arnold says deliberations were difficult. "Council laboured over the budget this year and we are hoping to take advantage of good capital costs that may be available from our local contractors," he said.

With many projects waiting to be done, Mayor Arnold says action has already been taken to get them underway. "We have authorized staff to tender out a number of projects such as 3rd and 4th Streets in Courtright, and the Rokeby Line water line and road reconstruction, as well as the Brigden Sideroad," he said. "With the completion of these projects and many previous projects, we will have rectified many of the long-standing issues that council has identified as priorities over the last few years."

The need for care and restraint when setting the budgets was a primary concern for council, according to Mayor Arnold. As residents of St. Clair Township themselves, they are all too aware of the effect they have on every municipal household, including their own. "We continue to strive for the best possible value for the taxes that are collected and, as always, we value input from our ratepayers," he said.



## 2012 Interim Property Tax Due Dates

### Second 2012 interim tax payment due date May 2, 2012

The interim property tax bills were mailed out the week of Feb. 6, 2012 and the second installment is due on May 2. 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.

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The following methods of Tax or Water Pay-

- ◆ 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  
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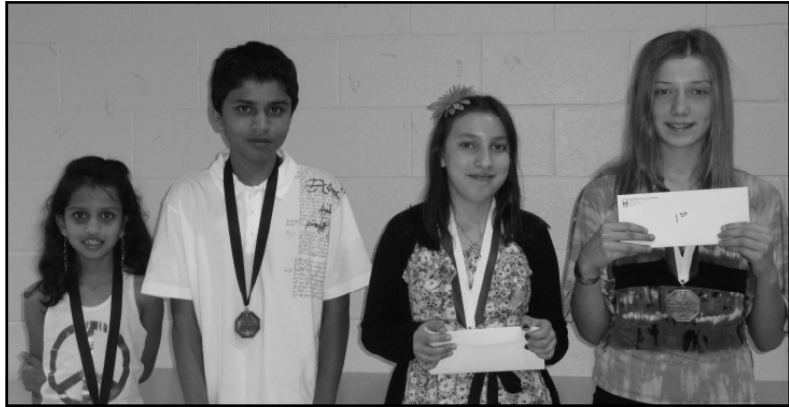
### Council meeting schedule

Regular meetings of St. Clair Township Council are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. The first meeting in May will be held on Monday, May 7 and, in consideration of the Victoria Day holiday, a tentative date of Tuesday, May 22 has been set for the second meeting. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

## Optimist Club of Moore oratorical contest winners announced

The recent Optimist Club of Moore oratorical contest yielded some terrific speeches based on the topic, "How my optimism helps me overcome obstacles." There were four exceptional speakers, shown here from left to right: 4th place - Meghal, 8, Sir John Moore Community School; 3rd place - Deep, 12, Sir John Moore Community School; 2nd place - Madison, 11, Sir John Moore Community School; 1st place - Marissa, 12, Lambton Central Public School.

*Photo submitted*



### Call before digging

Before you start your home renovations, pool installations, or any other project that requires you to dig up sections of your property, make it a point to call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 and visit [www.on1call.com](http://www.on1call.com) for information. Be

aware of the location of all buried cables and pipes before you put a shovel in the ground. Failure to do so could lead to costly and dangerous situations involving power outages, ruptured water and sewer lines, and gas leaks.

### 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.

### Register for 2012 St. Clair River Run

Registration for the 2012 St. Clair River Run, slated for **Saturday, July 21** is now being accepted. New for this year is the Kids Minnow Run for children ages four through seven.

As always, the event will also offer a 10K run or a 5K walk/run. The certified course will follow the St. Clair River through Sombra and Port Lambton. Participants will enjoy chip timing and all runners will get a technical shirt.

Register online at:

[www.events.runningroom.com/site/?racelid=7986](http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?racelid=7986).

For more information, go online to:

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

To register for the 2012 Learn To Run Clinic, which begins on Monday, May 7, go online to:

[www.mrhazard.com/run/page\\_id=13](http://www.mrhazard.com/run/page_id=13)

***This event is held in support of the St. Clair River Trail.***

### Anyone for golf?

The clubs are swingin' again at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Club. This spring, enjoy 18 holes of golf for \$20 without a cart or \$32 with a cart. The Foursome Special offers 18 holes of golf for four players at a cost of \$100.

To book a tee time, call 519-867-2160 or toll-free at 1-877-362-3344.

For over 30 years, "The Parkway" has been renowned for its huge, beautifully manicured greens, some in excess of a quarter acre. Whether you just want to enjoy a game of golf with friends, or you're planning an all-out tournament, it's the perfect place to be.

And don't forget the all-important after-game debriefing in the clubhouse. A cold beverage and a delicious meal make the good games great and the bad games a little easier to endure. Tournament meal packages are available to suit your budget requirements. To book, go online at: [golf@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:golf@twp.stclair.on.ca)

### Park bookings now being accepted

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

## HERITAGE CORNER

### *Group hopes to raise heritage awareness in township*

The group currently known as the St. Clair Township Heritage Committee Discovery Phase hopes to raise community awareness of the architectural, historical and cultural significance of the many old structures and sites that are contained within the borders of St. Clair Township. The idea of forming a committee was first conceived of in 2009 by member Eldon Grant, a long-time member of the Sombra Museum Board and life-long heritage preservation volunteer. Since then, the committee has expanded to include: Chair David Pattenden; Vice-chair Allan Anderson; Secretary Ian Mason; Librarian Don Ricciuto; and committee members Murray McAllister, Cathie Ricciuto, Jan Smith, Dave Taylor, and Gary Hackett (ex-officio, St. Clair Township).

The group is currently developing its purpose, mission statement and constitution with the goal of presenting this information to St. Clair Township Council. The public is invited to attend the group's regular bi-monthly meetings, held on the last Monday of each month and alternating between the Moore and Sombra Museums. For more information, email Dave Pattenden at [dorwarden@gmail.com](mailto:dorwarden@gmail.com) or Allan Anderson at [ander@xcelco.on.ca](mailto:ander@xcelco.on.ca).



Committee Chair Dave Pattenden and Secretary Ian Mason recently visited two of the last remaining enclosed boathouses on the Canadian side of the St. Clair River. A zoning by-law enacted by a council of the former Moore Township now prohibits the construction of enclosed boathouses due to their potential to block the view of homeowners along the shore. The old boathouses can be repaired and restored, but new ones cannot be built in their place.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

### *Doors Open update*

The St. Clair Township leg of the upcoming *Doors Open Lambton County 2012* event, slated for the weekend of Sept. 29 and 30, now boasts a total of 29 confirmed sites and locations for visitors to tour. Sites recently added include a bakery and "beer scow" in Port Lambton and Baby's Point in Port Lambton.

### **Displays at Moore Museum Celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee**

Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her Diamond Jubilee this year and to honour that milestone, the Moore Museum has created displays of royal memorabilia throughout the museum building. Many collectible items, including china, tins, photos and books are featured. There is also an interactive station for children that allows them to dress up in royal apparel. The displays marking 60 years of Her Majesty's reign

will be on view throughout the year. Queen Elizabeth (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary) ascended to the throne after the death of her father, King George IV. She was proclaimed queen on Feb. 6, 1952.

Moore Museum hours of operation are Wednesday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the month of May. During the summer, the facility will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Girls' roller derby team hoping to recruit and expand**

The Lambton Crude Oil Crushers girls' roller derby team is growing and hoping to keep expanding. Team captain Molly Pop says organizers are hoping to form two teams for competition. The Crushers' next bout will be in Windsor on May 28, with others set for June 23 and 30 at the Point Edward Arena.

The team, which includes several

women from the Corunna and Courtright area, will be hosting an open skate at the Point Edward Arena on Saturday, May 12, with a children's skate in the afternoon and an adult skate in the evening. Everyone is welcome to come out, rent a pair of skates and enjoy some healthy exercise. Admission is \$5 per person with skate rental \$2-\$3.

## 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.

### 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 ses-

sion 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.**

### 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.

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

## Community Notices

### ***Pennies for Pavement program underway***

The St. Clair River Trail has started its **Pennies for Pavement** program to raise funds for the construction and maintenance of the trail. Simply drop off your loose pennies at Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton or the Pic-N-Pay in Sombra and trail volunteers will do the rest. Every penny will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council, so every \$1 in pennies becomes \$3.

### ***Bible reading event needs readers***

A unique challenge is being held at First Baptist Church in Petrolia and volunteer readers are welcome to come out and participate. The group is using the Canadian Bible Society schedule of readings set out in its Proclamation Project with the objective of reading the Bible in 10 days. The project will run until May 5, so any individual, group or family wishing to take part can call 519-882-2480 or email: [wjpratt@ebtech.net](mailto:wjpratt@ebtech.net) to arrange a day and time.

### ***Bluewater Beef receives achievement award***

The Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce recently presented its Marketing and Promotions Award to Bluewater Beef, a business owned by two St. Clair Township beef farmers. The award was presented during the Chamber's 23rd Annual Outstanding Business Achievement Award Gala.

### ***Cinderella Story dress giveaway a success***

The 3rd Annual Cinderella Story Prom Dress Giveaway has been deemed a big success. Co organizer Debbie Anderson says 48 Lambton County girls were able to obtain a prom dress at this year's event. In the three years the event has been held, a total of 93 area girls have been able to attend their school proms thanks to the efforts of the Cinderella Story volunteers and all of

the people who donated like-new formal and semi-formal dresses. In addition to receiving a dress free of charge, the 48 girls who attended this year's event also received a complimentary gift bag from Carol Baker Visage, jewelry from Avon, and a complimentary Sarnia Transit bus pass.

### ***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.

### ***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.

## Storm Atom AE finishes season as Shamrock League Division B Champions

The Storm Atom AE team swept the St. Thomas Stars 3-0 to finish off their season as Shamrock League Division B Champions. Team reporter Mike Coene says the team went undefeated, winning all of its playoff games 12-0 against Wallaceburg, Bothwell, West Lorne and St. Thomas. In honour of this victory, Coach Weed had his head shaved to the delight of team and parents alike. The triumphant team is shown here celebrating their victory.

Front left: Reis "Rocket" Lopes; Colin "Gladiator" Gladwish; Ben "Big Ben" Brant; Ryan "Coondog" Coene; Derek "Big D" Villanueva; Parker "Moose" McKegan.

Middle left: Logan "Logie" Forbes; Hunter "Rounder" Round; Johnny "Hustle" Molson; Isaac "Smitty" Smith; Casey "Case" Vanderveeken; Josh "Crusher" Raymond; Pascal "Pasqualie" Plante-Hunter; Scot "Newmie" Newman; Ryan "Janny" Janjatovic.

Back left: Josh "Hammer" Sterling; Coach Rod Weed; Man-



ager Aaron Brant; Trainer Ben Vanderveeken; Coach Kelly Smalls; Assistant Coach Moe Villanueva.

Missing: Travis "T-Bone" Nicholson.

*Photo submitted*

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## More Around The Township

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**day, May 26** at 3 p.m. 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).

### 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.

### Rebekah Lodge hosts luncheons

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 will host its final luncheon of the season at Thompson Gardens in Corunna at noon on **Monday, May 29**. The luncheon program will resume on **Sept. 24**. Everyone is welcome.

### Firefighter Field Day on the way

The 34th Annual Firefighter Field Days 2012 event is slated for **Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9**. In addition to the exciting field day events, a wide range of other events are slated, including a two-pitch tournament and evening dances with live music on both days, educational activities for all ages, and a parade on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. The parade will muster on Beckwith Street, then proceed along Lyndoch Street.

### 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. Participants will receive free food, drinks and giveaways 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.

### Cruikshank Centre sponsors trip to Oz

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 more information, please call Denise at 519-862-1628. For more information about the Cruikshank Centre, visit the Website at [cruikshankcentre.com](http://cruikshankcentre.com).

### 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 can 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.

### 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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## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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### 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.

### Cruikshank Centre to host activities

The Cruikshank Centre will host several activities in May, including *Katie's Unique Boutique*, featuring a selection of stylish purses, jewelry and watches at reasonable prices, on **Monday, May 7** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Also, a charity euchre is set for **Tuesday, May 29** at 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$3 at the door. Proceeds from the euchre event will benefit the Women's Interval Home in Sarnia. Ongoing programs include euchre night on **Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22** at 7:30 p.m. and afternoon bridge on **Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31** at 1 p.m.

### 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.

### Emergency Preparedness Day event planned

The Emergency Preparedness Day event, slated for **Friday, May 11** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., is a must for anyone who strives to be prepared for any emergency, natural or man-made. This mammoth event will be held at the Clearwater Arenas, 1400 Wellington Street in Sarnia and will feature over 100 indoor and outdoor exhibits. Come and see emergency response equipment and demonstrations, talk to professional emergency responders and learn about home emergency preparedness. Admission is free and food will be available for a \$2 donation to the Salvation Army. If you can't answer "yes" to the question, "Are you prepared for an emergency?", this event will give you the information you need to protect yourself and your family in emergency situations.

### Family to hold cancer fundraiser

In advance of the annual Relay for Life to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society, the Rauws family of Corunna has developed a fundraising event. On **Sunday, May 12** from noon to 2 p.m., the family will be holding their event at the pavilion in the Corunna Athletic Park. For a donation of \$3, donors can write a

message of hope on a slip of paper which will then be placed in a balloon. The balloons will be filled with helium and, at 2 p.m., they will be released all at once. All proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society when the family participates at the Relay for Life on Friday, June 15. The family participates in the relay in honour of family member Darlene Nickles, who lost her battle with cancer in 2010. This is the team's sixth year of participation. For more information, call 519-481-0654.

### Mother's Day Show and Sale to be held

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall will be the scene of the *Mother's Day Show and Sale* on **Saturday, May 12** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission will be \$1 with proceeds going to the Canadian Breast Cancer Society. The event will feature tons of vendors, door prizes, face painting, and even henna tattoos. Coffee and goodies will be available and the Corunna Legion will be hosting a barbecue with proceeds to benefit the Legion.

### Mother's Day brunch planned for Brigden fairgrounds

The popular *Mother's Day Brunch* is set for the exhibition hall at the Brigden fairgrounds on **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.

### Moore Museum to host free Tourism Sarnia-Lambton barbecue

Celebrate National Tourism Week with a free barbecue lunch at the Moore Museum on **Wednesday, May 16** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will also be prizes, musical entertainment and free admission to the Moore Museum. The event is sponsored by Tourism Sarnia-Lambton. For a full schedule of activities planned for Tourism Week, go online to: [www.tourismsarnialambton.com](http://www.tourismsarnialambton.com).

### Green Thumb and Perennial Sale

The Brigden and District Horticultural Society will host its annual Green Thumb and Perennial Sale on **Saturday, May 19** at Brigden Park, at the corner of Brigden Road and Highway 80. Items will be offered for \$1, \$2 and \$5, so bring a friend and get ready for gardening season.

### 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.

### Jam session at Corunna Legion

A jam session is planned for the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch hall at Albert and Beckwith Streets on **Satur-**

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