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Embroid Legion Branch 318 welcomes you to join us for brunch on the first Sunday each month Oct-May. Until May the prices are \$5 kids, \$10 regular and \$15 for a triple trio. A hearty & satisfying breakfast featuring two eggs, crispy bacon, juicy sausages, golden hash brown patties, and two slices of toast, along with coffee & orange juice. Also available is the Trio Special for those with larger appetites. 9-12:30pm.

GARAGE & BAKE SALE

The Daughters of the Nile are having their annual garage & bake sale Apr 5 at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 8am-12pm. Lots of items & tasty treats. Proceeds go to the Canadian Foundation for the benefit of Shriner Hospitals for Children Canada.

INGERSOLL JAMBOREE

Every other Fri afternoon 1-4pm at the Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St S., Ingersoll. Apr 4 & 11, May 2 & 23, June 6 & 20..Walk-ins are welcome.

CHORAL SOCIETY GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

Apr 18 join the Ingersoll Choral Society Good Friday evening as they perform Mark Hayes' "Requiem", and other selected works. With orchestral accompaniment. Sacred Heart Church, Ingersoll, 8pm. Free will offering will be received. www.ingersollchoralsociety.ca or find us on Facebook.

ALL DRESSED UP 2025 (formerly Gals & Gowns)

Originated by the OPP & Woodstock Police Services is now hosted by Hi-Way Pentecostal Church in Ingersoll since 2022. If you are graduating from Grade 8 or going to prom or maybe there is an occasion or event that you will need formal or semi-formal attire. Purchasing clothing for these events can be very expensive. This event is FREE and we have hundreds of gently used & new prom dresses, as well as dresses for those special occasions such as a wedding, mother of the bride, bridesmaids or any special event. We welcome you to come & see if there is a dress just for you! We have expanded our selection to include men's suits, dress pants, etc. At present there is a limited supply of men's clothing, but we are hoping in the near future to have more available. This free event will be held at the Ingersoll Services For Seniors Centre, 250 Ingersoll St. S. Ingersoll Fri, Apr 11, 6-9pm & Sat, Apr 12, 9-1pm. We are also looking for donations of gently used or new dresses (such as prom, graduation, wedding, mother of the bride, bridesmaids, and flower girl dresses, etc.), shoes, jewellery and men's suits, dress shirts and pants, etc. (in need of young men's clothing and smaller sizes). Donations can be dropped off at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church Ingersoll, 584118 Beachville Rd, Ingersoll or call 519-485-0961. www.hiwaypentecostal.ca.

"BLUE SIDE UP"

Fridge Door Live Theatre Company presents "BLUE SIDE UP". An all Canadian play written by Canadian Playwright, Len Cuthbert. Joe Belanger of the London Free Press, "An outstanding play." Kristen Rosenkrantz of Theatre in London, "A powerful, relatable story." Jamie-Lee Wilson, of the Beat Magazine, "Heartwarming & humorous." \$20 adv. / \$25 door. June 4-8. www.OnStageLive.ca for info / tickets.

REUSEAPALOOZAH TIMES 2!

Spring! And two Reuseapaloozas are in sight! April 26, thanks to South-West Oxford, there will be a GIANT free swap meet in Sweaburg at the Lions' pavilion in the ballpark. Plenty of parking. Plenty of free treasures. Plenty of interesting people to talk to... including the Monarch Butterfly Whisperer. For more information visit www.reuseapaloozaha.ca. Then, May 3 in Innerkip, their Lions engage in feline flattery, cypocutting Reuseapaloozaha for a second day to great swaps & finds.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S LEGACY OF LIBRARIES

In 1847 Andrew Carnegie, aged 12, emigrated with his family from Scotland to the United States. Young Andrew began work in a cotton mill, but by 1901, through canny foresight, shrewd investments, and continuous progress, sold his Carnegie Steel Company for \$480 million, becoming, in its buyer's opinion, "the richest man in the world". How did that fortune build over 2,500 public libraries world-wide? The Zorra Caledonians invite you to hear Matthew Griffis, digital literacy & local history technician with Oxford County Library, present "The History of Carnegie Libraries in Canada", at the Embroid Legion, Apr 21, 7:15pm. Free admission, all welcome! Refreshments will be served. You may even learn why Zorra Township, surrounded by communities with Carnegie libraries, doesn't have one!

THAMES RIVER CLEAN UP

Celebrating our 26th anniversary! Each spring, 1000's of environmentally concerned volunteers who care about the Thames River & tributaries converge all along the watershed to clean up garbage & debris that is harmful to wildlife and water quality. If you would like to volunteer this year please contact: Raylene Deelstra, rayleneyt@icloud.com, 226-234-5676 (text preferred). Each volunteer is supplied with gloves, garbage bags & a ballot to win a Nova Craft canoe. Sat, Apr 12, 9am, meet at Grace Patterson Park.



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PICKLEBALL

Looking for fun, fitness & friendly competition? Join us for pickleball! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, there's a spot for you at Huron Park Baptist Church, 199 Berwick St, Woodstock held the 1st Sat of the every month 9-11am. Cost is FREE! Bring a friend, bring your energy, and let's play! For more information or to sign up, call 519-421-4722.



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Tues 7pm St. Pauls Church, 56 Thames St. S, Ingersoll.

THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

April is finally here, washing away the dirty grit of winter to expose colourful buds that will spring to flowers soon. Before the details of this month's event the Thamesford Friendship Club would like to express their appreciation to 3 folks/groups of Thamesford. Your kindness & generosity made our February's event super special! Thank you to Matt of Thamesford Pizza for giving us a pizza lunch! Thank you to the local Tim Hortons for treating us to a yummy 'Timbits' dessert. Marjorie, thank you for your excellent slide show presentation of volunteering with "VWB in Kenya". This April we look forward to another homestyle meal from our caterer Wed, Apr 23, 12pm. We'll welcome guest speaker 'VICTORIA' from the Ingersoll Seniors Centre. Along with a slide show she will be sharing with us a variety of help & assistance programs the ICS has available. She'll let you know how to order 'Meals on Wheels' or how to have your toenails trimmed. She'll have the answers & some literature from the ISC. As always, RSVP for the meal by Apr 16. Contact Bunny 519-902-2054 or Helen 519-285-2024. The event is held in the Beaty Room of the Thamesford Library & cost is \$20.

THORNDALE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Thorndale Optimist Club is once again hosting a free Easter Egg Hunt for their youngest citizens, moms & dads. As in the past, the event will be held at the Thorndale Lion's Community Centre and a hunt for colourful animal-friendly plastic egg shells will have the grounds scattered with little tykes aged from 1-12ish. Once they collect their eggs, they hop on in to the gym & trade them in on some sumptuous Annie's Chocolate treat bags. What a hoot! Breakfast can be purchased from the Thorndale Optimists but the coffee is on the house. If you live in the area feel free to register your children on the I Love Thorndale website (www.ilovethorndale.ca). The event will be held Sat, Apr 19 and there are 2 time slots you can choose from. This event is supported by I Love Thorndale, the Hyde Park Old Navy location, Angels Daycare in Thorndale, and Annie's Chocolate in London.





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ATTENTION ALL MOMS!

A Mom's Swap - Sat, Apr 26, 9-1pm at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church, 584118 Beachville Rd., Ingersoll N5C 3J5. If you have any new or gently used clothes, shoes, jewellery and/or handbags that you are not wearing & have no use for anymore and you would like to swap clothing with other Moms OR if you have any new or gently used baby or children's clothes, coats, shoes, boots and/or accessories to swap, here's your chance to have some fun! Grab a friend or 2 & come on out! Also, hygiene products or baby products will be accepted provided they have been sampled only once or twice. Please make sure all clothing & footwear is sized. For more information, please call 519-485-0961 or email: office@hiwaypentecostal.ca.



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THORNDALE LADIES NIGHT

Comedy & Cocktails Thorndale Ladies Night is Fri, Apr 4 at the Thorndale Community Centre. Enjoy comedy entertainment, fun raffle prizes, dinner and DJ all for \$45. Tables of 8, 12 or individual are on sale online now. Full details at www.thorndalefair.com.

SURVIVING THE TITANIC!

Join members and friends of the Oxford Historical Society on Wed, Apr 30 at the Woodstock Museum for a special presentation by local author Thomas Ryerson on the subject of the TITANIC and his personal connections to one of its survivors! Mark your calendars for this date with destiny.



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

No appointment necessary. Sponsored by VON Oxford. Visit us on the last Tues of the month, 10-12pm at Ingersoll Pharmasave.

BEACHVILLE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Sat, May 24, 8am-noon. Mark your calendars. Time to spring clean & sell your unwanted treasures.

OUR CLASSIC COUNTRY ROOTS

Mt Elgin United Church is hosting "Our Classic Country Roots Show" celebrating Nashville's Greatest Stars with Roy LeBlanc and Mary Skelton together with the Royal Tribute Band, Sun, May 4, at Mt Elgin Community Centre, 333204 Plank Line, Mt Elgin. Tickets \$35, available at www.ticketscene.ca/events/51159 or by calling Dawne 519-421-6836 or Joanne 519-485-1988.

CUCKOO'S NEST FOLK MUSIC

Graham Lindsey Trio Sat, Apr 26 (Graham Lindsey, Paul Mills & Maddy O'Regan)

David Essig Sun, May 4

Alan Reid Sun, May 25 (founding member of Battlefield Band).

DIABETES & HEALTHY FEET

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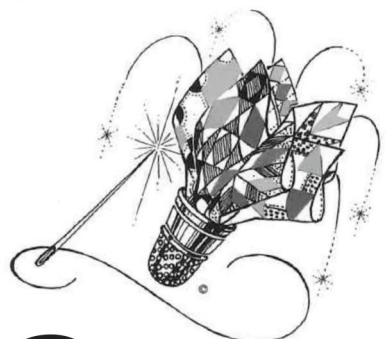
Did you know that one of the leading major league baseball players of all time was from Oxford County? Baseball fans and the general public are invited to attend a special presentation at the Woodstock Public Library Sat, Apr 5, 1pm about the legendary Tip O'Neill. Professor Dennis Thiessen will be giving a free lecture on the history of this remarkable athlete. Pre-registration is required to ensure enough seating. Visit the programs page on www.mywpl.ca to register. This presentation is jointly sponsored by the Woodstock Public Library and the Oxford Historical Society.

Let's play ball!



EVERYDAY ORGANIZED

April 15th is National Laundry Day, and whether your laundry area is a dedicated room or a small corner in the basement, organizing this space effectively can make a huge difference. As a professional organizer, I've seen how simple changes can turn laundry day from a chore into a streamlined routine. Here are a few tips to help stay on top of your laundry space & routine; • Maximize your vertical space. Install shelves or cupboards above your washer & dryer to store laundry supplies like detergent & fabric softeners. Hooks are also great for hanging drying clothes or keeping hangers nearby. • Keep all your supplies where you use them – in the laundry room! Having a supply of hangers, baskets & products carefully stored in your laundry area will prevent hunting about the house, wasting time. • Keep your cleaning supplies together in one container or caddy. Whether it's stain removers, dryer sheets, or detergents, having everything in one place eliminates the need to search for items & keeps your laundry space tidy. • Minimize the number of products you use. You don't need a separate detergent for each color or fabric type. A high-quality, all-purpose detergent can simplify your routine without sacrificing results. • Finally, consider what is the right number of laundry baskets. Find a system that works for your household – perhaps separate baskets for lights, darks & delicates, or one for each family member. This helps eliminate the need for sorting clothes when it's time to wash, making your laundry routine faster & more efficient. Remember, there's no "right" way to do laundry – what matters is finding a system that works for you. Whether you're a meticulous sorter or a laundry rebel, whether you're a one day a week or a load a day washer, the goal is clean, fresh clothes, and a manageable routine. If you're feeling overwhelmed by the laundry chaos in your home, now is a great time to reassess your system. Don't be afraid to experiment & find what works best for your space & your lifestyle. Sometimes, just a few simple tweaks can help make laundry day easier & more organized – and who doesn't want that? If you need help making your laundry space more organized, I'm here to help! everydayorganized.ca.



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INGERSOLL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Ingersoll Horticultural Society features Denise Hodgins, Free Press Gardening Columnist speaking on "Gardening Upwards" Apr 22, 7:30pm at the Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St. S. Anyone interested in this topic, or other gardening activities, welcome, no charge!

INGERSOLL LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

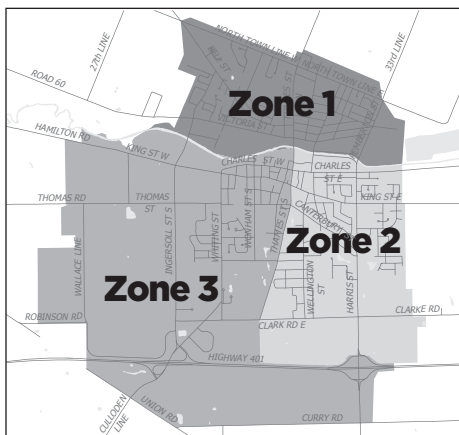
Large item collection begins in Ingersoll on Monday, March 31, 2025. Pick-up dates vary by zone. See the map below to find out when your collection will occur.



ZONE 1: WEEK OF MARCH 31

ZONE 2: WEEK OF APRIL 7

ZONE 3: WEEK OF APRIL 14



Does your large item fit?

- ☐ Does your item weigh more than 45 kg (100 lbs)?
- ☐ Can it be easily broken down into a garbage bag?
- ☐ Is there another recycling program in place for this item? (see chart)
- ☐ Is your item small but you have a large quantity?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, your item does NOT meet the program requirements.

This program is for large items

This is NOT a spring clean-up

Non-program material will be left behind, and the homeowner will be responsible for removing it.

Note: glass, mirrors, automotive parts and items piled on trailers/wagons or loose in cardboard boxes will not be collected.

Acceptable items

Any large item which:

- will not fit in a garbage bag
- weighs less than 100 lbs
- is not collected through an existing recycling program (see below)



Program requirements

Set out by 7 a.m. the Monday of your collection week. **Late set outs will not be collected.**

Max weight for any item is 45 kg or 100 lbs.

Bag tags are not required for large items.

Place items no more than one metre from the curb.

Items must be on your property, not across roads/ditches, and easily visible (clear of tall grass).

Do not place small items on top of larger items. **Inaccessible material will be left behind.**

Residents are responsible for unacceptable items left behind and/or late set outs.

Recycling programs

Visit wasteline.ca for complete details

*user fees apply for materials noted

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LADIES BOWLING

Weekly games over 200. Week 24: Michelle Kirwin 235. Week 25: Kim Overton 222 & 230. Week: Linda Duynisveld 228, Michelle Kirwin 216, Toni Scaiff 201.

INGERSOLL CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

Visit the Gallery and Artisan Market Open Mon-Fri 9-4pm & Sat 1-4pm. We are at 125 Centennial Lane, Ingersoll, (in the heart of Victoria Park). We offer membership, artist's studio times for various mediums, adult & youth classes, as well as handcrafted gifts in our Artisan Market. Check out our Facebook page to see what events are happening now!

Current Exhibition: ICAC Members' Show Featuring the works of our talented members, it is a must-see for any art lover. Pottery, rug hooking, quilting, fibre arts, paintings, mixed media, and photography, there is something here for everyone. The exhibition opening is Apr 5, 1pm and the show runs until May 16.

Upcoming Classes: Watercolour Magic with Deb Riopelle. Mon, Apr 7 & Wed, Apr 9, 6-9pm.

Painted Barn Quilts with Grace & Lily's Attic. Sat, Apr 12, 10-4pm.

Spring Eggshell Planters with Mercedes Victoria. Tues, April 15, 6:30-8pm

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GOLF FUNDRAISER #2

With the warm weather approaching, golfers are getting anxious to get out on the course! If you missed the first Golf Fundraiser during the month of March, don't worry... the month of April is offering up another golf package! This month, the package contains different courses & simulators than the previous package, but it is equally as impressive! For just \$25 you can secure a spot on the spinner wheel, for your chance to win the \$1,290 package. The odds of winning this golf package will be dependent on the number of names on the wheel, but for certain, if your name is NOT on the wheel, you cannot win it! All the proceeds from this fundraiser will, once again, be donated to my Great Cycle Challenge ride to help the kids fighting cancer! And who wouldn't want to be a part of helping kids fighting cancer? This fundraiser runs Apr 1-30, so hurry to get your name on the wheel! Send your EMT for \$25 per spot on the wheel, to me at omulder@rogers.com or email me to make other arrangements for payment, to get your chance to win this package! No tax receipts can be given for spots on the spinner wheel, but to receive a tax receipt, make your donation directly to: <https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/HenriettaOlthoffMulder>.

CHORALAIRE CONCERT

The Woodstock Choralaire presents its spring concert, In the Spotlight, showcasing the songs of renowned performers - Adele, Sonny & Cher, Mel Travis, Elvis, Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Frank Sinatra, The Rankin Family, Dionne Warwick, Leonard Cohen, and others Sat, Apr 26, 3pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock. Guest artist is singer & actor, Rebecca Poff. Tickets: \$30 (free admission to children 12 & under); availability: Choralaire Members, ticketscene.ca, Wilson & Markle Jewellers, Woodstock, 519-456-5270.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR MAID RELATED LOSS

This monthly in-person grief support group for loss related to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) offers a compassionate, safe space to explore this unique loss. The group will meet the 4th Wed of the month 1-2:30pm at the Thamesford Library, 165 Dundas St., Thamesford. The group is free of charge & pre-registration is requested. The next meeting is Wed, Apr 23. To register or inquire about an evening group, contact Faye or Deb 519-866-3016 or email faye@compassionategriefsupport.ca.



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THANKS!

SPECIAL EVENTS AT INGERSOLL 50+ CENTRE

250 Ingersoll St S, 519-485-3869, info@ingersollseniors.com

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER Sat, Apr 5, 8-12pm. We have a ton of items for quilters, crafters, sewers & knitters including linens & buttons! We have a large selection of furniture, home décor, household items, office supplies. Hot dog BBQ 10-12pm.



OUTDOOR CLUB Workshop: Intro to Birding. Mon, Apr 7, 11am.

Walk/Hike Apr 16, Millpond, Dorchester. Register by Apr 11.

Long Point Bird Observatory: Guided Group Tour May 1, 10am followed by a hike \$12, register by Apr 24.

BUS TRIP: Women's Professional Hockey League Game: Toronto versus New York. Tues, Apr 29, 7pm. Bus leaves 4pm.

JOHNNY CASH & GEORGE JONES TRIBUTE: Fri, Apr 25, 7pm at Unifor Local 88 364 Victoria St, Ingersoll. \$35/Ticket

SERVICE CANADA FORMS ASSISTANCE: Wed, Apr 2, 10-3:30pm. Help filling out forms including but not limited to CPP, OAS, Social Insurance Number, EI, and the Canada Federal Dental Care Program.

PA DAY ACTIVITIES Fri, Apr 11. We'll start at the Ingersoll Fire Department with a tour through the Fire Safety Village with the fire department. Then we will head to the Centre for some crafts & games including learning how to felt. Lunch will be smoked pork chops with all the sides or hot dogs. \$45 grandparent and grandchild, \$15 each additional child.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES FOR CARE PARTNERS: Apr 17, 2pm. This presentation will focus on providing participants with the knowledge of how communication can change over the course of the disease and ways to supportively communicate with a person living with dementia. Presented by the Alzheimer Society.



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April 12 Breadmaking
May 3 Flower Arranging for Two
June 7 Cake Decorating
July 5 Making and Canning Jam
Aug 16 Build with Clay
Sept 7 Youth Cupcake Decorating
Nov 22 Cookie Decorating.

MOMS GROUP

Thur, Apr 3 & 10, 6-7pm at Knox Presbyterian Church Embro, 115 St. Andrews St. This group is for moms with at least one child in up to grade 5. Come & find support and a safe space to catch your breath. Come to the side door off the parking lot. Free childcare with screened caregivers provided downstairs as moms meet upstairs. Moms can also come on their own. Please bring indoor shoes if it's wet or snowy. We are also meeting Apr 24, 6-7pm with moms & kids together for some fun Easter activities and a snack. RSVP for this one so we have enough craft supplies & food! If timing is tight for feeding your family & arriving for 6pm, we provide a snack before the program for those who request it by the Wed afternoon before. For more info, email at knoxpresbyterianembro@gmail.com or text Anne at 519-608-0767. Happy Easter everyone!



2025 ROTARY EASTER EGG HUNT

The Rotary Club of Ingersoll is holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th at Victoria Park in Ingersoll. The events will start at 10am and will have separate "hunts" for ages 2-4, 5-7 & 8-10. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to meet the children & for photo opportunities. Please bring your children & friends out for this fun time. The Rotary Club of Ingersoll pleased to have sponsored this exciting event for the children of Ingersoll and area for over 30 years. Donations of cash or non-perishable food items for the local food bank are appreciated.



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THORNDALE HAM & STRAWBERRY SUPPER

Thorndale United Church invite you to our annual Ham & Strawberry Supper Tues, May 20, at the Thorndale Community Centre 4:30-7pm. Dine in & take out available. Adults \$25, children 6-14 \$10, 5 and under free. Advance tickets only by May 11. For tickets call Bob or Darlene 519-461-0463.

THORNDALE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thorndale United Church will host VBS the week of July 14-18, 9am - noon. Presenting "Serengeti Trek" Where Kids are Wild about God. Open to children in Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 6. A great way of meeting old & new friends to enjoy making crafts, playing exciting games, experiencing stories, eating tasty snacks & singing catchy songs as they learn about God's love for them. Registration fee: \$30/child or \$90/family of 3 or more children. Register by June 24, to receive a t-shirt, closes July 7. We welcome Student Helpers as Crew Leaders. Volunteer Hours will be honoured. To register or for information email Yvonne_elliottjy@bell.net.

HOSPITAL INTEGRATION

Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll (AHI) and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) received support from the Ministry of Health (MOH), regarding the proposal for full integration of AHI and TDMH. What does this mean for us? The MOH has given approval for AHI and TDMH to integrate under a new integration name, Rural Roads Health Services, with each site maintaining its individual name. The proposed integration date is April 1, 2026. Over the next year, steps will be taken towards a common board, one professional staff organization and further internal administrative integration (where possible). New integrated branding is in development in partnership with the Oxford County Communications Team.

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EMBRO EASTER EGG HUNT

The Embro Pond Association is pleased to announce that the 2025 Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sat, Apr 19, 10am sharp to 11am at the Embro Pond Conservation Area (rain or shine). Bring the family to find a hidden egg & visit with the Easter Bunny to collect a bag of candy. The colouring contest sponsored by Embro Family Pharmacy is open to children up to the age of 11. Bring the colouring page with you to the Embro Pond on the morning of the Egg Hunt. Judging for the colouring contest starts at 10:30am and winners will be announced & prizes awarded after the hunt. Colouring pages can be picked up at Embro Family Pharmacy and many of the Embro village businesses and also at Zorra Highland Park Public School. For kids 12 years & up, participate in the Scavenger Hunt starting at 10am at the Embro Pond. Judging for the scavenger hunt participants will begin at 10:50am & prizes will be awarded immediately afterward. The Embro Pond Association wishes to thank the Embro Legion and Upper Thames River Conservation Authority for their continuing support of the Easter Egg Hunt.

MAKING INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

More and more, Canadians are thinking about friends & allies in Europe. More teens can join in forming strong & lasting family friendships with people like them/ people who like them. Europeans love hosting Oxford teens in ISE Ontario's reciprocal exchanges! And why wouldn't they? Canadians are known to be polite, interesting people. For more information about opportunities in the school year & the summer to travel with a non-profit organizations contact www.iseontario.on.ca or contact bryasmit@oxford.net. Bon voyage!

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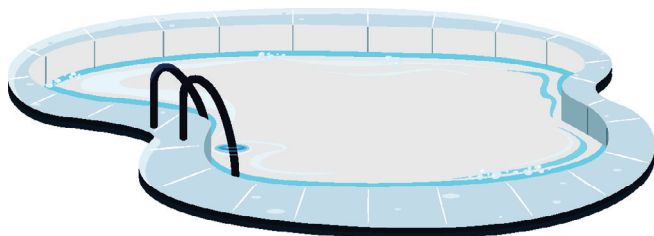
We meet in person & via Zoom 7-8:30pm on the 1st Wed of the month except July & Aug at 140 Pine Valley Blvd, London. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Carl 519-852-4277, carlkelly39@gmail.com; John 519-365-1599, johnolivei@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at: London Prostate Support Group and www.pcsupportgroup.ca.

THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Presents its Spring Concert Wed, Apr 23, 7pm at St. George's Anglican Church on King St. in Thorndale. We will share a variety of music suitable for all audience members. Admission by donation. Call 519-461-1679 for more information.



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ZORRA HERITAGE GROUP

We meet Apr 2, 7pm at the Beachville District Museum to complete the project of Notable Historic Zorra Figures. A spread sheet, prepared by Museum staff listing 100 persons is now available. Join with us at the April meeting to facilitate categories & inclusion. Save the date: May 31st when the Heritage group and the Museum celebrates Beachville Baseball history with a Baseball, Bud-dies and Burgers event. June 4th will involve a presentation at the Embro Arena about the history of the Zorra Caledonian Society. All these events are available to the public and additional information is available by contacting the Beachville District Museum.



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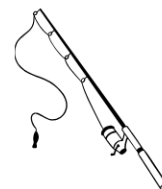
A winner will be announced every week until the Ace of Spades is revealed!

Tune in LIVE on our Facebook page “Thamesford Lions” every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.



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Scrap Metal & Electronic Waste Drop-Off Event

On April 12th, from 8 AM to 1 PM, please bring your scrap metal and electronic waste to the Thamesford Rec Centre parking lot for responsible disposal. If you have a larger load and need a pickup, please contact

Lion Gord Parry at 519-283-9734. ✓ Here's a list of Scrap Metal Items We Accept:

- ◆ Appliances: Stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, and water heaters (no fridges/freezers containing coolant)
- ◆ Outdoor Equipment: BBQs, lawnmowers (must have fluids drained), bicycles, patio furniture, and swing sets
- ◆ Household Metal Items: Bed frames, metal shelving, sinks, bathtubs, and filing cabinets
- ◆ Tools & Hardware: Hand tools, power tools, chains, metal pipes, wires, and car rims (no tires)
- ◆ Farm Equipment & Automotive: Metal fencing, gates, machinery parts, rototillers, and wheelbarrows
- ◆ Miscellaneous Metal: Copper, brass, aluminum, cast iron, steel, and metal ladders



If it's mostly metal, we'll gladly accept it! Should you have any questions regarding a specific item, please don't hesitate to reach out; we're here to help!



Bunny Sales – Now Open!



There are three ways to get your chocolate bunnies:

Order online and pay via e-transfer – If you live in Thamesford, enjoy free delivery on April 12th or pick up at 121 Washington St.

Visit us on April 6th at the Thamesford Spring Market @TDRC 10-4

Pick up at local retailers

- Embrow Family Restaurant
- Dewey's Auto
- Tool Shed
- Thamesford Pizza
- Banner Road Vet
- Thamesford Family Dental
- Thamesford Deli
- Thamesford/Zorra Municipal Office

Easter Breakfast – April 20th

Join us this Easter Sunday for a delightful brunch at the Thamesford Rec Centre from 9 AM to 1 PM.

\$15 per adult – \$12 for children aged 12 and under

Activities for kids!!

No advance sales – cash, credit, or debit will be accepted at the door! Chocolate bunnies will also be available for purchase!



Calithumpian Weekend is Coming!

Your Thamesford Lions are excited to once again host the Trout Brunch and Children's Races during Calithumpian Weekend. Stay tuned for more details in the May Village Voice!

For more information, follow us on Facebook or visit www.thamesfordlions.com.





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As the season changes, Oxford County comes alive with fresh experiences. Farm markets open their doors, golfers hit the fairways, and cyclists & hikers explore scenic country roads & forest trails bursting with new blooms. Enjoy family-friendly adventures at local museums & farm attractions, or unwind with friends & loved ones along the Oxford County Cheese Trail—where cheesemakers, restaurants, artisans, and museums offer the perfect getaway. You don't have to go far to escape—discover trip ideas at TourismOxford.ca and Embrace our Rural Routes!

ONTARIO ANCESTORS

Mon, Apr 14, 7pm - "Preachers, Teachers, Entrepreneurs & Rebels". Deward Yates will take us on a virtual field trip of historical plaques, following rural & urban pathways, celebrating Oxford County's history from Embro to Wolverson & multiple places in between. Everyone is welcome. Please visit our website (<https://oxford.ogs.on.ca>) to register for this free event.



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DEATH CAFE

Westminster United Church in Thamesford is holding a Death Cafe Apr 13, 1:30pm. These meetings allow people an opportunity to talk about any aspect of death that often we don't feel comfortable discussing. These conversations, accompanied by coffee and cake, can be liberating and are always enjoyable! Hope you can join us! Next Death Cafe to be held on June 8.

LOCAL NHL NEWS

Local NHLer Michael Kesselring who plays for the Utah Hockey Club has 8 goals and 12 assists. Recently Michael was the recipient of the "Superman" punch during a fight.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ITOPA IN APRIL 2025

Crimes of the Heart By
Beth Henley, Directed
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27, May 1, 2, 3, 4. The
3 Magrath sisters who



have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grand-
father, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny,
Meg, and Babe, have serious, yet somehow hilarious troubles,
highlighted by their griggish cousin, Chick, and the young lawyer
who tries to keep Babe out of jail while helpless not to fall in love
with her. This is a touching & humorous story of how characters
escape their pasts to seize the future.

Auditions for The Long Weekend by Norm Foster, Directed By Kathy
Boyd. Auditions at ITOPA Apr 2, 7-9pm, visit <https://www.itopa.ca/auditions/> for more information. Oxford County's cast of four com-
munity theatres—Thistle Theatre, Theatre Woodstock, Theatre
Tillsonburg, and ITOPA—have come together to raise the curtain
for the Foster4. Four unique Norm Foster shows throughout the
2024/25 season. Embrace the vibrant theatre scene while cele-
brating this internationally renowned, Canadian playwright. ITOPA
is the last to perform in the Foster4 promotion. Every performance
you see, you can fill out a ballot for the chance to win two 2025
Season Tickets to The Foster Festival in St. Catharines. The Long
Weekend show dates: June 20-22, 26-29.

DEATH AND DONUTS

Join us for a free event, guaranteed to spark curiosity & connection
around death & dying. Sat, Apr 12, 10-12pm at do GOOD Oxford,
21 Wellington St N, Woodstock. Call, text or email to register 519-
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Civic Corner

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information. Please feel free to contact us with any comments
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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Wed, April 2, 9:30am Wed, April 16, 6pm
Wed, May 7, 9:30am Meetings at Township Office

Check the Township website for agendas at www.zorra.ca

*All Council meetings are streamed live on our YouTube channel @zorratown-
ship3193. If you would like to speak to an item on a Council agenda, please contact
the Clerk at 519-425-2305 or clerk@zorra.ca*

By-law Department

Winter parking restrictions have ended (Mar 31) & on-street overnight parking
is permitted. When parking on the street, be sure to park clear of intersections,
and do not block driveways, sidewalks, or fire hydrants. Unauthorized over-
night parking at Thamesford Recreation Centre is not permitted at any time.
*Spring is on the way and it's a good time to remind property owners of our Yard &
Lot Maintenance By-law 16-2018. Property owners are responsible to maintain
grass and weeds under 8". This includes vacant lots as well.*

Public Works Department

Sod damage along sidewalks has been quite significant this winter season due to
increased freeze thaw cycles. Public Works crews will be along this spring to do
repairs. This is a time-consuming job and will take time to get around all areas.

Reminder to all drivers of heavy trucks and equipment that the reduced load
season remains in effect until April 30. In accordance with by-law 21-03, signs
are posted on applicable Township roadways.

Recreation Department

Registration for Summer Day Camp is now open! Children ages 4-11 can join
us for a full-day camp for 9 weeks of summer! We look forward to swimming,
outside play & tons of fun! Register for the full week \$176 or \$44/per single
day. Camp operates 8:30-4:30pm with additional before & after care available.
Visit www.zorra.ca for more info. The recreation program schedule is posted on
the community calendar. New recreation fees are in effect.

Tax Department

Pre-authorized payment notification letters detailing January to June 2025
withdrawals were mailed out in early January to property owners who are
enrolled in our 10 or 12-month Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) Plans. If you
are enrolled in a 10 or 12-month plan, you will NOT have received an interim
tax bill but will receive your final tax bill later this year. Not signed up for PAP?
Enrolment forms can be found on our website www.zorra.ca, by entering "tax
payment options" in the search bar. Interim tax bills, equal to 50% of the total
2024 tax bill, were mailed January 2025 with instalment due dates on February
28 and May 30, 2025. Why not sign up today for electronic delivery of your
tax bill? Forms are on our website. Please allow 3-5 business days for all on-line
payments to be received. Penalty and interest charges of 1.25% will be added
to tax instalments not paid and received by the municipality by the due date.
Interest charges are applied on the first day of each month until the balance
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HAM & OYSTER SUPPER

Fri, Apr 25, 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm) at Dorchester United Church, 4100 Catherine St, Dorchester. Menu: Homemade oyster soup, ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, cabbage salad, rolls & dessert. Adults \$25, children ages 6-12 \$10, children 5 & under free. Take out available. For tickets call Marion Woods 519-461-1136.

BEACHVILLE LEGION 434852 Zorra Line, Beachville
Apr 2, 7pm General Meeting for all members. (Exec nominations)
Apr 3 Line Dancing 7-8pm, \$10 cash or debit
Apr 5 Thames Valley Bluegrass and Country Jam, 1-4pm
Apr 18 Fish & Chip Dinner. Doors open at 4pm (RSVP)
Apr 19 Thames Valley Bluegrass & Country Jam, 1-4pm
Apr 19 Karaoke, 7-11pm
Apr 26 Oxford County Dart Tournament Reg'n 9-9:30am. Play at 10am. \$10 per player per event.
May 7, 7pm. General Meeting for all members (Exec Election)
RSVP for dinners. 519-423-6363 or rcl495.suppers@gmail.com
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SACRED HEART PARISH EUCHRE

We invite everyone to join us for a euchre afternoon. It will be held in Henderson Hall, 133 John St, Ingersoll. Tues, Apr 8 & 22, 1pm. Refreshments provided. For more info call or text Martha 519-320-0785.



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After School Hangout Tues 3:45-4:45pm. All are welcome but younger children may require assistance.

Tales for Tots Wed 10:30-11am. Fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories & more. For ages 0+ with a caregiver.

Mahjong Wed 1-3pm, drop in to play everyone is welcome!

Knits 'N' Knots Fri 10-11:30am, a relaxing time of knitting, crocheting (or other crafty hobby) & casual conversation. This is an adult social drop-in program. Please bring your own supplies.

Writing Group Tues, Apr 15, 2-4pm, are you a creative writer looking to meet other writers?

Earth Day Into the Wild of Ontario with David T. Chapman. Wed, Apr 23, 4pm. Geared for adults, however may be enjoyed but teens. Space is limited, please register.

Meet & Greet with Local Author Stephanie Malo will discuss her most recent book. Tues, Apr 29, 7pm. Registered program.

Thamesford Library Book Club Wed, Apr 30, 3pm, stop by the library to pick up this month's read.

Calithumpian Book Sale the library will host our annual book sale on Sat, May 17. We will start collecting donations for the Book Sale at the Library (during open hours) Thur, May 1, please make sure all donations are in good condition (no yellowed pages or musty smells). Visit our program calendar at www.ocl.net to register for programs or give us a call 519-285-3219.

STOPPING TO SMELL THE FLOWERS

Stopping to Smell the Flowers: The Space In Between is now available! 3rd book in the Stopping to Smell the Flowers trilogy by your local Thamesford author! These short stories assist the reader in finding their purpose, joy & peace by tuning in & noticing. Text 519-719-5453 or email stephaniemalo@hotmail.com to come to the Meditation Hut gift shop (Stanley St. South, Thamesford) to purchase, or arrange for a porch pick up or go to www.stoppingtosmelltheflowers.com; books are available at www.friesenpress.com, www.indigo.ca and www.amazon.ca.

The Light Circle: Spiritual Book Club The next program runs for 4 sessions May 1, 15, 29 & June 5 (Thur) 7-8:30pm. Author Stephanie Malo hosts a group discussion around the Stopping to Smell the Flowers books & together we explore spirit, energy, self-care, self-love, grounding, belonging, ending with a guided meditation. Cost is \$175 (4 sessions + includes book). This is not your typical book club – it is a safe space to open to your spiritual knowing & self-healing and will undoubtedly be transformational for you. Payment must be received in advance to hold your seat.

Free Light Circle Session at Thamesford Library Tues, Apr 29, 7pm. RSVP to text 519-719-5453 or stephaniemalo@hotmail.com.

Join Stephanie Malo, local author & explore the Stopping to Smell the Flowers short story books & gift ideas with light refreshments and enjoy a free session for you to experience what the Light Circle is like. Maybe you will sign up for the next session in May!

Stopping to Smell the Flowers: A Healing & Resource Centre ~ Putting People in Charge of Their Own Healing.

Facebook Group: Stopping to Smell the Flowers: A Healing and Resource Centre

Facebook Page: Stopping to Smell the Flowers: Extraordinary Observations of Everyday Life

Instagram: [@stoppingtosmelltheflowersbook](https://www.instagram.com/stoppingtosmelltheflowersbook).

Dedication of the Memorial Stone at

The Potter's Field
Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

Potter's Field

This monument serves to commemorate and dignify the otherwise unmarked graves of nearly 400 men, women, children and infants who were buried in the Potter's Field between the years 1864 and 1926. The burials represent a diverse array of people from the Ingersoll area who were unable to afford a burial in the cemetery proper. As fortunes changed, some bodies were relocated, moved into or out of the Potter's Field or marked with headstones. The varied spellings of both given and surnames reflects the fragmentary nature of record keeping, penmanship and literacy in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as well as the tendency for names to shift and change over time.

We hope that this monument provides a sense of peace and permanence to the families and descendants of those who are buried here.

Dedicated 2025

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"BAD FAITH"

We in the United Church of Canada are very concerned about the rise of "Christian" Nationalism both in the United States, and its move north of the border. Part of our response is to educate people, particularly prior to our anticipated federal election. Dorchester United Church plans to show the film "Bad Faith" Sun, Apr 6, 2pm. The film shows a bit of the background of the rise of "Christian" Nationalism in the US, and more importantly, what they are willing to do to get power & what they plan to do when they have power. If you think it can't happen here, think again. It is here already. There will be an opportunity for discussion following the film. There is no cost, other than your time.

CALI WEEKEND TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Westminster United Church will be hosting their Annual Yard Sale Sat, May 17, 8-1pm. Please consider donating your gently used stuff. We will be accepting donations of items that are clean & in good, or repairable, condition Tues, May 13, 10-6pm at 115 George St, Thamesford. To make other arrangements for drop of you can contact Mariette 519-533-7515. Besides your regular household goods, we also appreciate the following items: fashion accessories like jewelry, purses and scarves; vintage items; books; reusable shopping bags.



ROOTED IN WISDOM

Join us for an evening with local farm girl Boukje de Wit as she shares the benefits of growing medicinal plants. From soothing herbs to healing remedies, we'll explore how God's creation provides for our well-being. As we wrap up our Proverbs 31 series on noble characteristics, we'll discover how tending to a healing garden reflects wisdom, stewardship, and care for others. Come ready to learn, be encouraged, and take practical steps toward cultivating your own medicinal garden! Please register for this event. 519-421-4722, Huron Park Baptist Church, Woodstock.

COMEDY SHOW WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

The EZAS would like to thank you to all who attended & volunteered at the Comedy Show Feb 28. We packed the house with a sold out show of 280 people & enjoyed the top tier humour of Fiona O'Brien and Rob Bebenek. We look forward to bringing back this annual event in Feb 2026.

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THISTLE THEATRE

Our Next Production - "E-Male" by Joan Veldman Mar 28-Apr 5. A home-grown show filled with hilarity, this show is complete with quirky characters, mistaken identities, and matchmaking, all set in your local diner in the middle of a blizzard. Tickets on sale at www.thistle-theatre.com or by calling 226-785-3353. Mar 28 & 29, Thur, Apr 3, & Fri, Apr 4, 7:30pm. Mar 30 & Apr 5, 2pm.

Dramarama Join us at the Embro Town Hall for imagination, creativity & fun! Dramarama is our summer day camp for young people ages 6-13 (born 2019-2012). First Session July 7-18. Second session July 21-Aug 1. A 2-week session at Dramarama is all about developing creativity, self-expression, and self-confidence. Workshops in drama, music, dance, arts and crafts, and theatre production. Camps run 9-3pm. First Session is over 70% sold! Register now! For all the information, including payment options, please head to www.thistle-theatre.com and click on the Dramarama page. Registration is 100% online for the summer 2025 season.

New this year we will be offering 3 one-day camps on July 2, July 3 & July 4. These one-day camps will focus on building skills and getting creative with arts & crafts.

Leaders in Training Those born in 2011 or older are encouraged to email our Artistic Director directly at dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com These are volunteer, unpaid positions with the ability to obtain community service hours, as well as learn valuable leadership skills along the way. Often our leaders in training love it so much that they become our workshop leaders in future years.

Should you have any used-in-good condition costumes or props that you'd like to donate, please email dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com to arrange for drop off or pick up.

Perils of Persephone - Auditions We're bringing back our very first production at Thistle Theatre from Nov 1995 to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Show dates: Nov 14-6 & 20-23. Auditions will be Sun, May 25 & Mon, May 26, 7pm at the Embro Town Hall. If you are interested, and need a script, please reach out to Sue Garner suegarner32@gmail.com or John Turvey john.a.turvey@gmail.com. We will be looking for 7 actors, including 3 gentlemen between 30 and 65, 2 women between 35 and 55, one gentleman between 20 and 40, and one female youth 11 to 15.





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SALFORD LEISURE CLUB

On Mar 3 our club had an interesting & timely presentation by the OPP, concerning Scams & Fraud schemes. In a visual presentation, the officer outlined ways to recognize these crimes & the steps that should be taken to prevent being victims of a crime. This is a real concern since the senior population is targeted by these unscrupulous criminals. In Oxford County there have been thousands of dollars lost this year alone. We learned that these criminals keep changing their game & the information gained may reduce the chances of becoming a victim. We were happy to have the interest shown by the number of people attending at the Salford Hall. In closing, thanks were extended to the officer attending, coffee & cookies were served.



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CHOIR Our singing group is always looking for new participants! We practice each month and perform weekly for various groups. All are welcome, no experience needed.

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POKER Mon 6:30pm. We can teach you how to play.

MEN'S SHED 2nd & 4th Tues of each month. The woodshop will be available in Ingersoll to participants, and we'll meet in Tillsonburg to hear guest speakers on topics group members are interested in.

SPANISH Apr 22-May 27. Tues 1-2:30pm. Learn the basics of Conversational Spanish with Instructor Ruth Blass including common travel phrases, directions, numbers, days, how to introduce yourself, etc. Participants will retain more if they are able to practice at home. Register by Tues, Apr 15.





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"I AM ENOUGH" Mental Wellness Weekend Symposium with Sherry Garner, April 11 & April 12 in Embro! Sherry has a vision to infuse hope into the Canadian mental health narrative through storytelling. The symposium will be addressing the unique mental health needs of rural people, farmers & agricultural workers in our communities. There will be 3 shows at Thistle Theatre (thistle-theatre.com) and additional events hosted at Embro Legion & Knox United Church, Embro, on Apr 12 include yoga with Joanna O'Neil, Intuitive Painting with Nancy Darlene, Guided Journaling with Keri Drennan, a Let's Talk Grief workshop with the GMHA Grief team. There will also be time for connecting, learning, mutual support and more! Tickets at coffeetalktheatre.com. Would you like to attend any of the events at Knox UC, Embro Sat, Apr 12? These events are all "pay-what-you-can" but you still need to register. Go to <https://forms.gle/mXXP7P6aDckjX3v8> to sign now! Limited space! Are you interested in volunteering or being part of these events in Embro? Go to <https://forms.gle/JgTDdmjgZDEw46hf8> and fill out the form!

EASTER at Knox United Church, Embro, this April:

EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN, a Lenten series in Luke's gospel

Apr 6 Lent V, righteousness & mercy

Apr 13 Lent VI, Palm Sunday, shouting & silence

Apr 18 Good Friday 10am - acceptance & resistance

Apr 20 Easter Sunday, "What a Morning!"

Cantata sung by Knox UC Choir, grief & hope

Apr 27 - B.L.A.S.T. (children's program)

CANADIAN BLOOD DONATION SERVICES

Norwich / Mt Elgin Norwich Community Centre, Mon, Apr 14, 4-8pm.

Norwich / Mt Elgin Mt Elgin Commty Centre, Mon, May 12, 4-8pm.

Woodstock Goff Hall, Thur, May 1, 1-7pm; Sat, May 17, 10-2pm;

Thur, May 22, 1-7pm.

Book at blood.ca, the GiveBlood App or call 1-888-236-6283.

Large Quilting, Crafters & Notions Sale

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May 31 join us for the first ever EZAS Farm 5k/10k. We will start the morning off enjoying a beautiful 5k or 10k walk/run down on Oxford County country roads. After the walk/run participants & guests are invited on a guided tour of Darcroft Farms dairy farm, after which they can enjoy beef on a bun for lunch and learn about other local farming & agriculture practices. Register for the Walk/Run today at www.embrofair.com.



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Basketball Power Camp Aug 18-22, 9-12:50pm. Ages: 5-14
Call the church 519-421-4522 for details.

SOURING ON SOARING FOOD PRICES

According to Second Harvest, around 50% of food bought & taken home by people in Southern Ontario goes to waste. With prices rising, wouldn't it make sense to halve your food costs? How? Cook before it spoils. Freeze while it's fresh. Use it up. Plan a menu for the week before you go shop at your favourite farm gate or market and avoid those impulse buys that by & by go bad in the back corner of your fridge. Zero food waste is the way to be. Eat local food! When imported American (!) strawberries hit the stores, walk by them. Their taste cannot beat that of local farms' frozen strawberries picked at the height of their taste. This year's crop will come soon too. High-priced, low-nutrition, imported foods will leave us all with a sour taste. Enjoy the seasonal flavours of fresh local food.

PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURAL FARM SAFETY

Open to all children born between 2011-2020, register at www.embrofair.com for this fun filled day of learning. Farm Safety Day is a FREE day full of fun activities that teach youth about how to live safely on the farm, at home & in their rural community. There will be hands on safety activities including learning about: tractors, skid steers, chemical safety, lawn safety, Fire Safety and more! Register today to reserve your FREE spot at www.embrofair.com.

Bits 'n Clips

THANK YOU

The Houlton and Richmond Families would like to thank all for the love, compassion and support provided, not only by family and friends of Carol but by the entire Thamesford Community. It really does take a village and it shows, Thank you.

THANK YOU ~ WALTON

The family of Mary Walton extends a big thank you for the generosity & love shared by so many after her passing. Mary loved the community, her Christ Church Huntingford family and all the groups that she was active in. Mary was a kind, generous & empathetic person; she was never happier than when she was doing something for others. This was reflected in the response from the community to her passing. Many thanks to the Health Care Teams that assisted her in the last months of her life at University Hospital London, Stratford General Hospital and the Palliative Care Team. Mary continually praised the timely care she received and was so thankful for all the help and all the visits from friends. Although, she would have liked some salt for her meals at UH (it was the cardiac ward)!

Again, thank you all from the Walton Family!

80TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

For Marie Wood on Saturday, April 19th 2025, 2:30-4:30pm
Brown's School (136545 13th Line & corner of Road 92)
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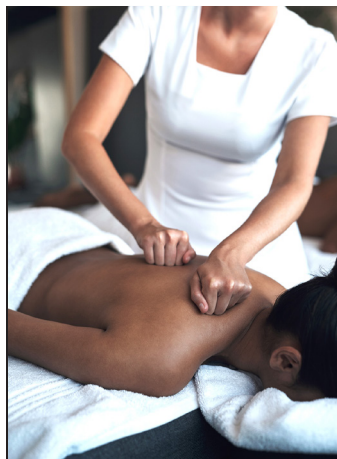
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FUN AT BEACHVILLE MUSEUM

It's already April, and that means we are looking ahead to the Easter holiday. Be sure to visit the museum Sat, Apr 19 for the Beachville Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt. The egg hunt takes place 12-2pm. Come for Easter activities, museum tours, photo opportunities and more.

On Tues, Apr 9, Junior Farmers Historian Barclay Nap will speak on the Century Farm Sign Program of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) which launched in 1967 as a Canadian Centennial project. The Speaker Series takes place at 7pm in the Program Room. No registration is required & all are welcome.

The museum is organizing 3 PA day camps through this spring for children aged 5-11. The first will take place Apr 11, with an earth day theme that will involve campers in science experiments, natural history, creative recycled crafts, outdoor adventures & more. Register for these camps at <https://beachvilledistrictmuseum.com/pa-day-camp>. The museum has also launched the registration page for our summer camp program. Be sure to check out all the exciting themes that this program offers & register for your preferred weeks now! If you are interested in being part of our amazing summer camp team, the museum is accepting applications for Summer Activity Coordinators and Education and Public Program Coordinators. See our job postings on our website, on Indeed and through the Young Canada Works dashboard. Beachville District Museum encourages all qualified applicants to apply. We welcome applicants that are new Canadians, Indigenous youth, youth with disabilities or members of other minority groups. Looking ahead to the month of May, we are preparing for our 2025 car show season in collaboration with JP Classics. Car shows will be held on the grounds May 25, June 22, Aug 24 & Sept 28. Show cars are welcome on site after 9:30am and general visitors are welcome 11-4pm. The Beachville Legion will prepare a BBQ lunch 11-3pm and we will spend the day listening to good tunes, snacking on sweet treats in the shade & browsing rows of cool cars. If you are looking to volunteer or host a vendor booth at these shows, please call the museum to coordinate 519-423-6497. The Oxford District Women's Institute will host their annual spring vendor market at the museum Sat, May 3, 10-3pm. Lastly, we invite you to join us for the 187th anniversary of the first-recorded baseball game North America May 31. The Zorra Heritage Committee is hosting a baseball, buddies & burgers event that will take place 11-3pm on the grounds. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 on our webpage.

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INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB

Sat, Apr 26 - Workman's Bush, Zorra Please meet in the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Ingersoll Arena at 9am to carpool to Jeff Workman's property, which he has opened to us to explore. This property is situated near Wildwood northeast of Harrington. It has a robust trail with loops meandering through various different habitats. For more information contact Ken 519-539-5234 or www.ingersollnatureclub.com.

CANADIAN HARVARD AIRCRAFT ASSOC

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA) is a remarkable gem nestled in the backyard of Oxford County. Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, its bright yellow historical warbirds have been taking to the skies in honour & in remembrance of the servicemen who flew them during the Second World War. In 1985, three aviation enthusiasts shared a dream to create an organization that preserved the Harvard aircraft & its notable history. Today, the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association is a registered charitable organization with 400 members, 8 Harvards and 1 Yale. Based at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport, it owns North America's largest fleet of Harvards. "Keeping these warbirds in flying condition is a colossal task," says Walther Irie, President of the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association. "Yet our volunteers are dedicated to keeping the legacy of the Harvard alive, and preserving its historical significance," he added. Everyone volunteers at the Harvard Association, including mechanics & pilots. "We always welcome new volunteers," added Irie. "No aviation experience is required; and there are always opportunities for people to contribute & have fun." The Harvard aircraft, now more than 80 years old, was the workhorse of Canada's Second World War flight training program. It played a significant and pivotal role in the Royal Canadian Air Force as the primary advanced, single-engine aircraft used to train more than 130,000 Canadian and Allied aircrew under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in Canada. "The Plan" was a large-scale multinational military training program that trained pilots, navigators, gunners and engineers from around the globe. Dubbed the "pilot maker", the Harvard engine's distinctive "roar" was a familiar sound at air bases across Canada. A special 40th Anniversary Open House & Fly Day is scheduled for Sat, July 5 (rain date July 6). This family-friendly event is free to attend, although flights will be available at an additional cost. More events will be listed on CHAA's website at www.harvards.com. This organization truly embodies a deep respect for history and a passion for keeping the legacy of these aircraft, and the servicemen who flew them, alive for future generations.

“FOOD FOR ALL” – COMING SOON

I'm happy to report our hope to provide more food security to our village is much closer to reality. And now, more than ever, we know this is actually something for everyone! After a visit to the Cycles of Life warehouse & one of their community outreach tables, we now have an even clearer picture of just how much good this program can do. Not only is it offering a respectful way for people to choose the food they need, but it is doing a lot for our economy, and especially the environment – something with which we all need to be on board. It was almost overwhelming to see how much food Cycles of Life has in their warehouse, ready to stock their various community outreach tables in the county of Oxford (so far only in the more major centres, so Thamesford is breaking new ground to bring this to a community in a rural township.) Though they do use monetary donations to buy some specific foods for convenience & nutrition, most of their food comes from Second Harvest and Harvest Hands, as well as some participating grocery stores, farms, & specialty stores. So, when you see the warehouse, this is not food about to go bad, but fresh produce, eggs & dairy, frozen food and prepackaged - products you'd see in your local grocery store – even COBS Bread which has made it their mandate to offer skids of bread each week! Much of this is food that would otherwise have been wasted, filling our landfills instead of hungry tummies. It was sobering & inspiring to think where it might have gone & where it was being redirected. Where is this all coming from you might ask? Well, organizations like Second Harvest and Harvest Hands have found a win-win situation by which they take what would be costly waste from those who can't sell it & redirect it to the people who can use it. For example, let's look at agriculture. When farmers plant fruits & vegetables, they have to plant more than they can sell. They may have a bad year for that product due to weather, conditions & disease. There might be others growing more & flooding the market. They may need to sell more than usual because others have decreased. There are so many variables with planting that no one would ever be able to plant exactly what's needed, so the best choice is to plant more to be ready for contingencies. But, then, at least for some of the products, there will be more than can be sold. That's where Second Harvest and Harvest Hands come in – they take those extras at no cost to the farmer & make them available to various charitable food distributors around Ontario. The same concept applies for grocery stores, and even restaurants – there will always be surpluses that need not go to waste but can be diverted to where they are helpful. This food is given a new life, and it doesn't add to our landfills. What an Easter story! New life for that which might have been thought of as dead & gone. New life for those who hunger, for those who might just need a hand up to keep their house/rent/utilities, for those concerned about our environment. So, when our table gets started, we'd like to see anyone & everyone come and take part. Even our volunteers who went to see the program came home with heads of broccoli & a huge box of quinoa. Far better this food be used than go to waste. Westminster already has a team or two in place & another team is set up from the community-at-large. St. John's Anglican and the Thamesford Lions are putting together teams. And it's not too late – if you'd like to be part of this exciting new endeavour just one day of the month, let us know at info@making-connexion.com or 519-285-3212 and we'll get you up to date on the forms, PRCs, and training you'll need. We can do better and ensure there is 'food for all!' Happy Easter, everyone, and looking forward to giving new life to the food our community needs.

Rev. Mark Marshall, Westminster United Church, 115 George St., Thamesford, makingconnexions.com.

ST MARYS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Fields of lavender painting with Sue. Thur, Apr 3, 1pm. Mixed methods, brush free painting. All skill levels welcome!


Education Lifeline Mon, Apr 7, 10:15am. Free session with Sandra from Lifeline. Learn about tips for preventing falls at home.

Meatball Sub Lunch Fri, Apr 11, 12pm. \$15 & a canned food item for donation to the local pantry.


Easter Lunch Wed, Apr 16. Menu: turkey & all the fixings. Cost: \$25. RSVP by Apr 4.

13 Grandmother Moons Learning Circle Tues, Apr 22, 6-8pm. Join educator Patsy Day, and learn. All ages welcome, free!

Please pre register for all programs. Our Prime time newsletter is located at www.townofstmarys.com or pick up a paper copy at the Friendship Centre, located at 317 James St S, St. Marys, 519-284-3272, friends@town.stmarys.on.ca.



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COUNCIL NEWS FROM MAYOR RYAN

The Oxford County bag tag program for garbage had 2 initial purposes. One was to encourage diversion which is better for the environment, and would save us all money by delaying the cost of a new landfill (a starting point of a minimum of \$40M). The other was to give residents a measure of control over their own costs of waste. A user pay system is inherently more fair. Oxford County does not operate the service, we award a contract based on a public competitive bidding process to get the best options & best price. The cost of curbside garbage collection has increased with population growth & increases in fuel and inflation in general since the price was set at \$2 in 2014. Bag tags cover the entire cost of waste (garbage, recycling, and in 2027 green bin) collection. Elimination of bag tags entirely would mean a 5.5% tax increase to pay the cost of the collection. This means that it would be an approximately 1.8% tax increase to keep the bag tag at \$2. Either way, there is a bill to be paid. There is no such thing as a “free bag”. My preference is always the lowest bill, and the one that gives people the most control over their bill. So Oxford Council considered all of this & as a result, the price of garbage bag tags will increase to \$3 effective Jan 1, 2026, the first increase since 2014. Oxford County Council gave careful consideration to the different alternatives for curbside waste collection & supported the best option and pricing available through a competitive process. There is a cost to collect waste & it must be paid. At the end of the day, our waste collection program continues to offer great value for the level of service that is being provided to residents, in many cases for less than the cost of food delivery to your home. With the new organics program rolling out in Oxford, something residents have long asked for, we should also see fewer bags of garbage being set out at the curb. This is the end goal: extending the service life of our landfill, to save us all money, and delaying the need for a new one as stewards of our natural environment. An independent audit of curbside garbage in Oxford County in 2021 found that on average more than half of the weight of individual garbage bags was made up of organic material. Curbside collection for organics will start in May 2027. With the increase in bag tag fees, but a change to a 6 day collection cycle & green bins in 2027, it is entirely likely that while we will all pay more for an individual tag, we pay may the same or less for a year's worth of tags because we'll need fewer. I'm confident I couldn't get a business to come & get my garbage every week for \$3.

In response to direction from Zorra council staff have recommended several policy changes that will allow the Township to prioritize Canadian goods & services over American. This is not simple as we are legally bound by treaties & trade deals. I am also working with the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus to get the Provincial & Federal governments to give municipalities increased legal ability to prioritize Canadian goods & services over American. I've had a few people on social media push back against municipalities or Canada fighting back against tariffs & the USA. They argue that we're too small to make a difference, that nothing can be done. We MUST push back. Our very sovereignty depends on it. We are a small country by population but that has never stopped us: Vimy, D-Day, Korea, UN Peacekeepers was a Canadian idea, 9/11, etc. Zorra is a small municipality by population but that has never stopped us: keeping schools open, stopping landfills, stopping the wasteful High Speed Rail, redeveloping abandoned industrial land to slow sprawl, unprecedented collaboration with TVDSB to get a new school, renewable energy buildings that reduce our tax costs, etc. Sometimes you just do it because it's the right thing to do. #Canada #elbowsup #buyCanadian #shoplocal #doingourpart #growingstrongertogether #never51 #11thprovince #Canadaisnotforsale As always, feel free to contact me on any issue: Marcus Ryan, Mayor, Zorra Township (and Warden, Oxford County), mryan@zorrap.ca, 519-425-2338.

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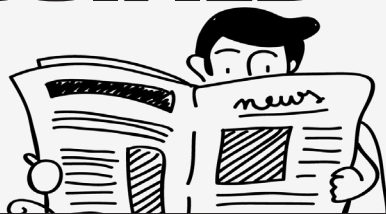
Oxford 4-H clubs have lots of projects happening now with hands-on learn to do by doing activities. For Dairy 4-H Clubs contact Dean dkkarn@xplornet.com for Ingersoll Kiwanis; Jack jjdanen@netflash.net for North Oxford; T-J tj_hargreaves@yahoo.ca for Bonds. The Oxford Beef 4-H Club 2nd meeting is Apr 4, contact oxford4h-beef@gmail.com. The Community 4-H Club is doing 'Community Engagement' project starting Apr 23, contact Shonna wardshonna@hotmail.com. 4-H Regional Dairy Judging 4-H Club starts Apr 14, contact Kim DeKlein zesklein@execulink.com, Geoff Innes ginnes@xplornet.ca or Val Jones jorenholsteins@gmail.com with other meeting dates Apr 28, May 12, June 9, June 16, July TBD. Brooksdale 4-H Club is currently doing the 'Milk Makes It Better' project; the Mt Elgin 4-H Club is currently doing the 'Paint' project; Oxford Swine 4-H Club theme this year is housing & barn design. Thamesford 4-H Club is finishing up the 'Cake Decorating' project; and the Oxford Quilting 4-H Club is finishing up the 'Sewing Small Projects' project. The 2 Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Clubs are checking out the topics of dairy & music in Apr. Thank you to the Township of South-West Oxford for the generous donations to support the Oxford 4-H program and youth in our communities! There are lots of opportunities for youth ages 6-21 to become involved with 4-H to 'learn to do by doing' at home & in-person. Are you beyond the age to be involved as a member—become a 4-H volunteer! Volunteers are not required to be a parent of a youth member. Contact oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com to find out more. The 4-H program is a leadership development program for youth ages 6-21 from urban & rural areas learning about health, environment, technology, agriculture, science, food, community & communication in a hands-on learning atmosphere. There is always something happening & to learn more about the 4-H program, please contact the Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator, Shonna Ward, by email oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com or call/text 519-854-6919 or check the Oxford 4-H page on the 4-H Ontario website at <https://4-hontario.ca/association/oxford-4-h-association/>.

EMBRO COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Aug 11-15, at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews St, Embro. Children from ages SK to Grade 5 are welcome to register. Join in the fun: Bible cinema, crafts, games & songs! Donations to Operation Sharing! More info: matheson@celebrate.com.



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FLEXIBILITY & STRETCH Tues 11am class that pulls from all disciplines to target and provide ultimate flexibility.

RECORDED CHAIR YOGA Receive a weekly link for a pre-recorded chair yoga class. A mostly seated class, gentle yoga poses are used to strengthen and stretch the body.

PILATES Thur 11am. A fantastic form of low-impact exercise, focusing on the core and extending from there to work every part of your body. All levels are welcome and modifications are always offered.

STROKE RECOVERY, COPD, PARKINSON'S DISEASE FITNESS Mon/Wed or Tues/Thur 10:30am. A small group exercise program, light to moderate intensity exercise with a focus on functional movement.

DROP-IN FITNESS CLASSES Special 30th Anniversary prices!

ZOOMLICIOUS Mon 10am. Set to fun & energetic music, this class is a total body workout incorporating easy dance moves.

TAI CHI Mon 12:15pm. Graceful, slow movements to help restore balance, both body and mind. Can be done standing or seated.

CIRCUIT TRAINING Mon 4:30pm A 30-min workout that involves performing a series of exercises that target different muscle groups.

LINE DANCING Beginner Mon 6pm - Improver Mon 7:15pm - Absolute Beginner Wed 10:30am.

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT Tues 9am. An energetic, fully standing class set to fun music, focusing on cardio, balance & resistance.

CHAIR YOGA Tues 10am, Thur 10:30am. A mostly seated class, gentle yoga poses are used to strengthen and stretch the body.

WALKING CLUB Wed 9am. A very popular exercise group, enjoy a morning walk at various trails/locations. Call to get exact locations.

PICKLEBALL Wed 9:30am at Trinity United Church. Come out and try your hand at this popular sport. (members only Drop-in rate \$5)

CHAIR FITNESS Wed 9am. A seated class for those that may have mobility or balance issues. A gentle yet vigorous workout.

GENTLE YOGA Thur 9am.

STRENGTH & STRETCH Fri 9am. Increasing your strength helps with activities of daily living.

OSTEOFIT Fri 10:30am. A gentler total body workout designed for those who are concerned or have been diagnosed with osteoporosis. The class can be done standing or seated.



THORNDALE SENIOR ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

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THORNDALE PROGRAMS

Mon Pickleball 1pm, Chair Yoga 1pm, Gentle Yoga 2pm.

Tues Euchre 1pm.

Wed Line Dancing 9am, Men/Women's Coffee Hour 10am, Pickleball 1pm.

Thur Chair Yoga 9am, Gentle Yoga 10am.

Fri Gentle Yoga 9am, Tai Chi 10:30am.

You must have a membership to play Pickleball!

Thames Centre Community Choir welcomes singers from teens to seniors to sing Tues 7pm at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre. Contact Cathy 519-461-1679.

Easter Hot Meal Apr 11. Honey baked ham, hash brown casserole & pie. Musical entertainment by Bernie Gilmore. Register today.

Abbamania Bus Trip Walter's Family Venue in Bright. Fri, Aug 22. Selling extremely fast, get your tickets today!

Food Bank Call Jean Davis 519-268-7872 for more details or to book an appointment.

New program ideas for Thorndale: What programs would you like to see offered in Thorndale at the Community Centre? We have had a request for a Strength & Tone class. Would you like to participate in a Canasta or Hand & Foot Card program? We have had a request to try starting up a new card program.

Introduction to Pedorthotics presentation – Barks Pedorthotics Tues, Apr 1, 2pm at the Lions Active Living Centre in Dorchester. To register: kgress@thamescentre.on.ca.

Foot Care Clinic Wed, Apr 2, 12-4:30pm at the Lions Active Living Centre in the Activity Centre (Dorchester). They treat foot corns, calluses, ingrown nails, Ram's horn, thick toenails, foot warts, Diabetic feet, fungal nails, etc. To make an appointment call Kamini Marathe, RN 519-933-9155.

Are you interested in Social Partner Dance Class? No experience, singles & couples welcome. Learn how to do the Cha Cha, Swing, Waltz, Tango, Polka, Salsa, Foxtrot. Instructor Hannah Krogman.

Chainmaille Jewelry Workshop with Brian Bohnert. Learn to make jewelry that you can take home. Wed, Apr 9, 16 & 23, 1-3:30pm.

Spring/Easter Fondant Cake Decorations with Gail Hankinson. Thorndale Lions Community Centre, Apr 16, 10am. Learn how to form fondant into decorations for your cakes.

If you have any questions about any of the programs listed above, contact Karen Gress at kgress@thamescentre.on.ca, Lucinda at lheuving@thamescentre.on.ca or call the Senior Centre at 519-268-7334 ext. 708 or 728.

THORNDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We had our first meeting of the year & learned all about the plants that insects & butterflies like to use and pollinate as they visit these plants. With spring all of a sudden here we should see some of these insects on our spring bulbs going about their business collecting pollen & spreading them around. Our next meeting is Apr 9 and our speaker will be Catherine McNery from the London Orchid Society. Her topic will be: What's so special about orchids? As usual we will meet in Room 3 at the Thorndale Community Centre at 7:30pm. All are welcome & you can always bring a friend. You can get in touch with us at thorndalehort@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook. We have been in existence for nearly 30 years and a lot of our members are getting older & are not so nimble as they once were so we could use some help with getting the public gardens back in shape after this winter. A couple of hours of your time would help us a lot and also give you a chance to meet some people from your community.



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Feb 27: Men's high - Victor West

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Ladies High - Doris Champion

Ladies Lone hands - Pat Willert

Ladies Lucky - Lyn Anderson

Mar 13: Men's High - Jim Conn

Men's Lone - Lyn Anderson

Men's Lucky - Ralph Nixon

Ladies' High - Darlene Doupe

Ladies' Lone Hands - Noreen Switzer

Ladies' Lucky - Marion Baigent

April Euchres are Apr 10 & 24.



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MEALS ON WHEELS \$7/day, served at lunch time Mon-Fri

CURBSIDE MEALS Tues, \$10. Pick up 11:45-12:15pm. Free delivery to Ingersoll and Thamesford available.

DINE IN: Friday in our dining room \$10. Free delivery to Ingersoll and Thamesford available. For Tues & Fri meals, please call to book your meal by 12pm the day before!

HOME HELP & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM Tasks such as yard work, companionship & cleaning. We are looking for people to clean homes & do landscaping.

TRANSPORTATION for older adults & those with disabilities in Ingersoll & surrounding areas. Rides to & from appointments, errands, etc. 3-day notice preferred. We are looking for people to drive.

ASSISTIVE DEVICE LOAN PROGRAM Free program with equipment from crutches to wheelchairs. We take donations! DROP OFF & PICK UP Mon-Fri 9-12pm.

HELP WITH FORMS Free, by appointment. This program can help people fill out forms. Examples include CPP, OAS, GIS, and passport forms, etc. We assist those with simple taxes at no cost.

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE If you or a loved one would like to talk with a friendly volunteer once a day or once a week.

FOOT CARE CLINIC \$31. Call for appointment. Our trained providers can also come to your home.

Income Tax Clinic – Until May 2. Must have a modest income & simple return. Call ahead to determine if you are eligible.

VOLUNTEERS We are looking for volunteers to help with our meal delivery Tues & Fri. We deliver meals leaving from the Centre at 11:30am. Deliveries typically take 60-90 minutes. Please call Nicole at 519-485-2269 if you're interested in helping.

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154978 15th Line, Thamesford, truthcommunitychurch.ca

Pastor Steve Twinem, tccthamesford@gmail.com

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Regular services every Sunday 11am. We are accessible!

Mon 9:30-11am Kintore Knitting and More All are welcome.

Apr 6 Blast Kids Children age 4-12, 10-12pm

Contact Barb grahamba3@gmail.com. Next Blast Kids May 4

Apr 15 Over 50's 12:30pm Potluck Lunch & Mystery Speaker.

Apr 20 Easter Sunrise Service 7:30am

Breakfast following the service. Donations go to M & S.

Apr 20 Easter Service 11am

East Nissouri Union Church 519-709-0282

Corner of Rd 96 & Line 15, Uniondale Pastor Gail Kavelman

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235 Thames St S, Ingersoll, fbcingersoll.com, 519-485-3046

SUN 10:30am Worship Service

Apr 3, 10, & 17 Youth Group - Jr. & Sr. High, 7pm

Apr 13 Palm Sunday

Apr 18 Good Friday 10:30am

Apr 19 Family Movie Night 6:30pm

Apr 20 Easter Sunday

Apr 26 The Well, 7pm

Apr 27 Anniversary Sunday

July 7-11 Summer Sports Camp - SAVE THE DATE!

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Apr 13 3pm Palm Sunday Service. Welcome in spring!

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SUN 10am Livestream www.facebook.com/hiwayingersoll

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SUN 10:30am

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History, Ing Srs Employment Services, Thamesford Library Al-Anon, Ingersoll 7pm Pedorthotics seminar, Thorndale Seniors 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov't forms help, Ingersoll Seniors Auditions, ITOPA Prostate Cancer support group Foot Care, Thorndale Seniors Zorra Heritage 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditation, Ingersoll Line Dancing, Beachville Legion Pilates, Ing Srs Fields of Lavendar painting, St Marys 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingersoll Jamboree E-Male, Thistle Theatre Knits & Knots, Thamesford Library 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Pickleball, Woodstock Ing Seniors Yard Sale Garage/Bake Sale, Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall Rob & The Rydells E-Male, Thistle Theatre Bluegrass, Bchv Legion
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Market, Thamesford Arena "Bad Faith" movie, Dorchester 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birding, Ing Srs Watercolour Magic, ICAC Pickleball, Thrndle Srs Zoomlicious, Ing Srs 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sketchy Seniors Art, Ingersoll Seniors Mens Shed, Ing Srs Euchre, Sacred Heart 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Cadets, Dorchester Thorndale Horticulture Tales for Tots, Thamesford Library Chainmaille Jewellery, Thorndale Seniors Speaker Series, Beachville Museum 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Yoga, Thorndale Seniors 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingersoll Jamboree All Dressed Up PA Day Activities, Ingersoll Seniors Easter Meal, Thorndale Seniors "I am Enough", Embro 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Dressed Up Lions Scrap Metal Day Quilting/Crafter Sale, St John's, Thmsfd Break Making, Embro "I am Enough", Embro Death & Donuts
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death Cafe, Thamesford 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poker, Ing Srs Chair Yoga, Thrndle Srs Ontario Ancestors Blood Donor, Norwich 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eggshell Planters, ICAC Employment Services, Thamesford Library Writing Group, Thamesford Library Euchre, Thorndale Srs 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk / Hike, Ing Srs Air Cadets, Dorchester Line Dancing, Thorndale Seniors Cake Decorating, Thorndale Seniors Easter Lunch, St Marys 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditation, Ingersoll Communication for Caregivers, Ing Srs 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choral Society concert Fish & Chips Dinner, Beachville Legion 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluegrass, Bchv Legion Karaoke, Bchv Legion Easter Egg Hunt, Beachville Museum
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Breakfast 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnegie Libraries talk Tai Chi, Ing Srs 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingersoll Horticulture Mens Shed, Ing Srs Abbamania trip Euchre, Sacred Heart 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thames Choir concert Grieg MAiD Loss Mah Jong, Thamesford Library Earth Day program, Thamesford Library Thamesford Friendship 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Srs Lunch, Woodstock Gentle Yoga, Ing Srs 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash/Jones Tribute World Issues, Ing Srs Crimes of Heart, ITOPA Ham & Oyster Supper Blood Donor, Tillsbg 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mom Swap Reuseapaloozaha, Sweaburg Crimes of Heart, ITOPA Dart Tourney, Beachville Legion Nature Club hike Choralaires concert
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Breakfast, Foldens Crimes of Heart, ITOPA 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line Dancing, Ing Srs 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPHL game, Ing Srs Local Author Stephanie Malo, Thamesford Library Al-Anon, Ingersoll 7pm Total Body Workout, Ingersoll Seniors 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Club, Thamesford Library Mens/Women Coffee Hour, Thorndale Srs Pickleball, Trinity Ch. Last day for Golf Fundraiser #2 	MAY 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditation, Ingersoll Long Pt trip, Ing Srs Crimes of Heart, ITOPA Blood Donor, Wdstk 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingersoll Jamboree Crimes of Heart, ITOPA Gentle Yoga, Thorndale Seniors Osteofit, Ing Srs 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reuseapaloozaha, Innerkip Crimes of Heart, ITOPA Flower Arranging, Embro Spring Vendor Market, Beachville Museum

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