

INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB

Due to popular demand the Ingersoll District Nature Club is re-introducing our free nature-themed presentations at the Ingersoll Public Library during the winter months. Topics will include: Nature Photography, Swan Migration and Antarctica. Watch for more information in the Village Voice & at www.ingersollnatureclub.com.

INGERSOLL SKATING CLUB

Registrations are still available at the Ingersoll Skating Club. We offer Canskate, Parent & Tot and Learn to Skate programs as well as more advanced StarSkate and Power Skating programs for all ages & skill levels. CanSkate is designed for beginners of all ages. It helps improve basic skating skills for figure skating, hockey, ringette or speed skating while promoting fitness & fun. The focus is on balance, control & agility. Our Skate Canada programs are led by certified coaches.

SWAP 'N SHOP the Ingersoll Skating Club is hosting a Swap 'N Shop event at Ingersoll Arena Sat, Nov 8, 11:30-3:30pm of gently used apparel, bags & accessories at consignment pieces. Cash only, no holds. For more information on our skating programs, please visit our website or email ingersollskatingclub@outlook.com.

BETHLEHEM WALK 2025

Thur, Nov 20, Fri, Nov 21 & Sat, Nov 22. Bethlehem Walk is a live outdoor drama of the Christmas Story. At Hi-Way Pentecostal Church, 584118 Beachville Rd, Ingersoll N5C 3J5. 519-485-0961 to reserve your FREE tickets! www.hiwaypentecostal.ca.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Woodstock Choralaires presents a concert of choral music celebrating the season. Sat, Dec 6, 3pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock. Lorinda van Wyk, director; Susan Barta, accompanist; Mark Weatherley, guest artist. Tickets: \$30 (free admission to children 12 & under) available at Wilson & Markle Jewellers, Woodstock; ticketscene.ca; Choralire Members; 519-456-5270.

QUILTS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Victoria Quilts is a charitable volunteer organization that provides comfort quilts, free of charge, to cancer patients on request. This November, the Oxford Branch will be holding our online auction to raise funds for our quilt making efforts. Bidding starts Nov 12, with final bids accepted Nov 16, 8pm. We offer more than just quilts - there are a variety of items on offer - laptop bag, weekend bags, Blue Jay pillow cases, knitted items & lots more. There is a preview of all items at the Sally Creek Community Centre, 330 Lakeview Drive, Woodstock, Nov 8, 10-12pm. Website is www.32auctions.com/vqc2025 where some items can be previewed now. For more information on Victoria's Quilts, go to victoriaquiltscanada.com.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas Market Nov 29, 10-4pm at Ingersoll Hillcrest Legion. Free admission.

THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR

On Sat, Nov 15, choir members can be found at the Dorchester Active Living Centre, 2066 Dorchester Rd, Dorchester, as part of the Seniors' Christmas Bazaar. We will have lots of homemade pies, cookies, loaves, preserves & other yummy treats at this fundraiser. Sun, Nov 30, 2pm is our "Change of Seasons" concert at St. George's Anglican Church, 172 King St, Thorndale. Admission is by donation.

HISTORY OF MILITARY IN OXFORD COUNTY

Tues, Nov 11, 7pm at the Beachville District Museum the Beachville District Historical Society speaker series welcomes local historian Stephen J. Smith with "The History of the Military in Oxford County". All are welcome with lunch to follow.

ANNUAL SANTA'S VILLAGE

The Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum is excited to announce our Annual Santa's Village. This year's event runs Sat, Nov 22, 29, Dec 6 & 13, 4-8pm. We've added a special daytime Santa's Village Dec 20, 12-4pm.

Nov 20 Opening Night. Fireworks, Lighting of the Lights, Crafts, Letters to Santa, Face Painting, Beavertails, PB Fries, Camp Coffee & Visit With Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Nov 29 Letters to Santa, Popcorn, Crafts & Visit With Santa. Dec 6 Balloon Twisting, Crafts, Letters to Santa & Visit With Santa. Dec 13 Stella Jurgen & Jazz Band, Letters to Santa, Crafts & Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Dec 20 A special day time Santa's Village, Face painting, Letters to Santa & Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for updates and news on Santa's Village!

CANADIAN FOREST FRIENDS BAZAAR & CAFE

Nov 19 - Canadian Forest Friends Bazaar & Cafe at Dundas St. United Church, Woodstock. Open 1-5pm and admission \$2 which includes refreshments. Come visit our many booths (deli, sweet shop, knitting & sewing, bows & boughs, cheese balls) and silent auction.

SWEABURG LIONS OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS

Sat, Dec 6, 6:30pm at the Lions Pavilion at the ballpark in Sweaburg. Everyone is welcome to join us. There will be hot drinks, cookies, music, childrens' crafts (a favourite), wagon rides & a bonfire. We would be grateful for any donations of warm clothing or non-perishable foods in support of Operation Sharing. Bundle up & bring the family. Hope to see you there.

CANADIAN HARVARD AIRCRAFT ASSOC

Honours Veterans from the Skies ~ The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA) is very proud to have been participating in Remembrance Day ceremonies from the skies, for many years. Each year, on & leading up to November 11, CHAA is invited to perform flypasts in ceremonies held by the Town of Shedden, the Ohsweken Six Nations community & the City of Toronto. It has become a tradition to serve as a moving tribute to those who served & sacrificed for Canada. During these flypasts, CHAA's volunteer pilots perform the traditional "missing man" formation, where one aircraft breaks away from the group to symbolize those who never returned home. The Harvard aircraft holds a special place in Canada's aviation history. During the Second World War it was the primary advanced training aircraft used under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, preparing more than 130,000 aircrew for combat service. Recognized by its bright yellow paint & distinct engine roar, the Harvard became a familiar sight over airfields across the country. On November 11, for more than 20 years, 3 or 4 aircraft will head towards Toronto and fly over a number of specific locations, including the Old City Hall Cenotaph and Sunnybrook Veterans Centre, weather permitting. Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association is dedicated to restoring & displaying the Harvard aircraft to preserve an important piece of Canada's aviation and military heritage. To learn more or to reserve your flight in a Harvard, visit www.harvards.com.



EVERYDAY ORGANIZED

November marks the beginning of the season of "extra." Extra dishes, extra décor, extra gifts, extra company & extra events. It's all part of the fun of the Christmas season, but let's be honest, it can also feel overwhelming. Without a plan, the joy of the holidays can quickly get buried under piles of stuff & a calendar that's stretched too thin. So, before December hits here are a few simple ways to enjoy the season without drowning in the excess:

Clear space. Before the décor & serving platters come out, take some time to tidy & declutter. Clearing surfaces & making room now means your seasonal extras won't feel like clutter, they'll stand out as special touches.

Intentional décor. You don't need to display every single decoration you own. Choose the pieces you love most this year & rotate others in future years. Your home will feel festive, not crowded.

Gifting plan. The season of giving is wonderful, but it's easy to over-buy. Create a simple list & budget for gifts. Stick to it. Thoughtful doesn't have to mean expensive or excessive.

Company plan. Hosting family or friends? A little prep goes a long way. Designate a space for coats & boots, keep guest essentials (like towels or extra mugs) easy to grab, and make a simple meal plan to cut last-minute stress.

Protect your calendar. December fills up fast. Say yes to the events that matter most & give yourself permission to say no when you need to. A quieter schedule often means a more joyful one. The holidays are about connection, not chaos. By having a plan for the "extras" of the season, you'll not only clear the clutter, you will also create more space for the moments that truly matter. If you're feeling weighed down by holiday overwhelm, take some time to create a plan of attack. The time spent organizing will be worth your effort. Happy planning from everydayorganized.ca.

INGERSOLL HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

Pot Luck & Christmas Arrangement Making Nov 25, 6pm at Masonic Hall. Bring your own container & greenery, and a pot luck dish.

INGERSOLL DOWNTOWN BIA

Lighting of the Lights Thursday, November 20, 2025 Tree Lighting 7pm, at the Gazebo, stores open late, special activities Christmas Madness in Downtown Ingersoll kicks off on Thursday, Nov 20 - 22, participating businesses. Details at <https://www.downtowningersoll.ca>.

THAMESFORD CHRISTMAS PARADE

The beloved Calithumpian Christmas Parade will take place Sat, Dec 21, 6pm, through Thamesford! We're looking forward to seeing the community come together once again to enjoy this festive tradition. Mark your calendars for this wonderful holiday evening! For parade-related inquiries, please contact: sarah@thamesford-calithumpian.ca.

BEACHVILLE LEGION

November will bring our Annual Remembrance time Sat, Nov 1 the Beachville Legion will be canvassing in Beachville, Foldens, Swaburg & Dorland subdivision for our Annual Poppy campaign commencing at 10am. We will hold a Remembrance Day Service at our Cenotaph Nov 11th at the 11th hour. All are welcome for this day of Remembrance with a lunch inside the Legion at the end of the service. Nov 2 We will host a joint Remembrance service with Ingersoll Legion at Zorra Township Office, Brock St, Thamesford at 1pm. Open house & light lunch at our branch in Beachville following. All welcome.

Bluegrass & Old Time Country Jam Sat, Nov 1, 8, 15 & 22, 1-4pm. Come play with us in Open Mic Jam (acoustic only)

General Meeting Nov 5, 7pm

Bingo Nov 7 (upstairs hall -Woodstock Kitten Rescue doors open 6pm, play begins 7pm)

Remembrance Day Ceremony at our Cenotaph Nov 11

Fish & Chip Dinner Nov 14, 5:30pm

Bingo Nov 21 (upstairs hall - Woodstock Kitten Rescue doors open 6pm, play begins 7pm)

Karaoke with Ken Pyle Nov 22, 7-11pm

Annual Christmas Turkey Dinner Dec 5, 5pm

Chair Yoga Wed 7-8pm

Line Dancing Thur 7-8pm, \$10

Into to Ballroom Dancing Thur 8:15-9:15pm, \$10. No partner required

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INGERSOLL CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

Visit the Gallery & Artisan Market We are open Mon-Fri 9-4pm & Sat 1-4pm. We are located at 125 Centennial Lane, Ingersoll (in the heart of Victoria Park). We offer membership, artists' 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!

Upcoming Exhibition: Deja Vu, Select Original Paintings by Linda Trowell. From Nov 7-15, the ICAC gallery will feature 20+ watercolour & acrylic works from acclaimed local painter, Linda Trowell. This show will function as a silent auction fundraiser to benefit the Creative Arts Centre. Join us Sat, Nov 8, 1-4pm for an opening reception & enter your name for a chance to win a Linda Trowell original painting, "Autumn Aspens". Bidding closes Nov 15, 4pm.

Upcoming Classes: Watercolour with Leith Channen (Poppy). Tues, Nov 4, 7-9pm.

Watercolour with Leith Channen (Landscape). Wed, Nov 5, 7-9pm.
Cake & Coffee (Cake Decorating) with Rosy's Kitchen. Sun, Nov 16, 1-3pm. Adults & youth ages 6+.

Upcoming Events: 2025 Deck the Halls Artisan Market Come to the Creative Arts Centre for our annual holiday Artisan Market sale Fri, Nov 21, 12-7pm and Sat, Nov 22, 9-3pm. Local artisans will present an incredible array of Christmas gift ideas, including pottery, fibre arts, fine art, knitting, quilting & more. Count on 100's of gift ideas to choose from, for giving or for yourself! In addition to the wide selection of one-of-a-kind gifts, we will also feature a delicious "Cookie Walk" where you'll be able to purchase home-made cookies, while supplies last.



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PETER, PETER, PUMPKIN EATER!

Most people when they think of pumpkins think of pumpkin custard pie, slathered with whipped cream. A wonderful thought. Most people when they think about grocery bills think prices are high. Who'd have thought? Yet, the pumpkins on the porch, the squash ornamenting, the bales of straw & the mums, are parts of the solution. Consider that a pumpkin is a pumpkin & any can be used for cooking, roasting, boiling, soup-making, pie filling, loaves but perhaps not fishes. That is why the Great Pumpkin Rescue has so many pumpkin recipes, savoury & sweet, on its page. Eat them up, enjoy the tastes, add the vitamins to your diet. Cut your costs. Bryan Smith will have just finished using last year's crop of frozen pumpkin & squash in time to nab & save this year's. There are lots of squash recipes too! Some of the sites on the Great Pumpkin Rescue also accept leaves, straw, flowers, corn stalks. Check with them to make your trip multi-purpose (and to save on gas). (By the way, Petra, Petra, eats pumpkin, you betcha!)



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INTER-CHURCH

Ingersoll & District inter-Church anticipates providing 415 families with Christmas Hampers this year in the Ingersoll, Thamesford, Beachville, Embro & Mt Elgin areas. Perishable & nonperishable hampers along with gifts. Throughout the year we also provide financial support in the community; housing, utilities & uninsured medical needs. Rent assistance is up by 80% and utility assistance has risen by 280% since last year. We are a 100% volunteer organization. All your donations stay in your community with minimal overhead costs. If you are interested in donating you can e-transfer to interchurch2005@gmail.com, please include your name & email address if you would like a tax donation receipt. Cheques can be mailed to Ingersoll & District inter-Church, 56 Thames St S. Ingersoll N5C 2S9. Your support last year was overwhelming, and the need in our community will be very high this year again. Christmas Hamper registration will be accepted this year from Nov 1-20. Registration forms will be available on the inter-Church Facebook page as a PDF file which you can copy or fill out on-line. You can also request a form through e-mail at interchurch2005@gmail.com or apply by phone 519-857-7458 or 519-933-7730. Completed forms can be mailed to the Ingersoll & District inter-Church 56 Thames St S, Ingersoll N5C 2S9 or dropped off at St Paul's Church Ingersoll. In Thamesford please drop off at the Westminster United Church in the mail slot on north side of building. The hampers will be delivered Thur, Dec 18.

ATTENTION SINGERS!

Sat, Nov 8. You won't want to miss this half day workshop, hosted by the Ingersoll Choral Society. "Choral Singing from the Voice Teacher's Perspective", led by guest conductor/professional voice instructor, Brandon Leis, from Wilfrid Laurier University will cover vocal health, improving your voice/pitch, tips for singing in a chorus, the aging voice, and much more. 9:30-12:30pm, at the Ingersoll CRC, 429 King St W, Ingersoll. Cost is \$15. For more information or to register, contact Holly Langohr holly.langohr@gmail.com or 226-984-1957.

TOURISM OXFORD

Cozy season is here. Find spots for seasonal sips, delicious treats, unique events & local eats plus bookable experiences that are memory-makers. Use the 'My Trip' tool on www.TourismOxford.ca to plan your own adventure, close to home, in Oxford. Let us do the planning & grab ready-to-explore itineraries at www.TourismOxford.ca/YourNextStop.

AL-ANON

Friends, families & adult children suffering from the effects of a loved one's drinking find understanding, support & hope at Al-Anon meetings. There are no dues or fees. Call 24 hours 519-434-2613. al-anon.alateen.on.ca, al-anon.org

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

GOURMET SPAGHETTI DINNER - NOV 8th

Join us for the EZAS Spaghetti Dinner at the Embro Zorra Community Centre Nov 8. Serving starts at 5pm with a delicious spaghetti dinner, toppings bar & dessert. Adults \$20 & children \$10. Grab your tickets at embrofair.com or text/call Katelyn 519-535-9253.

SALFORD LEISURE CLUB

Our club members took a leisurely drive through the countryside in mid October for a tasty luncheon at Quehl's Restaurant in Tavistock. Food there has great, home cooked meals & good value for the money. Best of all we agreed, was the drive there & back, enjoying the colourful trees & sunny warm day. Next up is the progressive euchre scheduled for Nov 10. Euchre can be a fun game & as they say "the more the merrier" and we would like to add an extra table or 2 of players, so come on out & give us a try. Shuffleboard is Wed 9:30-11:30am no previous experience required. Keep smiling, remember Christmas is just around the corner!

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE 2025

GCC for 2025 has wrapped up & I want to thank everyone who has supported my efforts during the past year! Contrary to previous indications, it is my plan to do this for at least one more year because of the fabulous support I received from so many people, AND because the need still exists to help kids & their families when they receive a cancer diagnosis! So, be watching in the new year, after I register for GCC 2026, for new fundraising packages and other ways you will be able to support this worthwhile cause! Fundraising packages are already in the process of being built! With the help of community, family, friends & complete strangers, I was able to be in 2nd place out of over 11,000 riders across Canada, raising a total of \$45,459 for a nine year total of \$185,707! Once again, on behalf of kids fighting cancer & myself, THANK YOU! Also, a reminder that baby hats to purchase for yourself (\$25) or to sponsor (\$7) with hats donated to Woodstock Hospital Maternity Ward, are available all year long, proceeds always going to help kids fighting cancer! Message me on Facebook or at omulder@rogers.com for more information or to still make a donation to my GCC 2025 ride on the website at: <https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/HenriettaOlthoffMulder>.

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Tues, Nov 4, or Tues, Dec 9, 10-12pm, Alexandra Hospital 2nd floor Education Room.

Tues, Nov 18, 2-4pm, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Assembly Room (basement TDMH).



THE CROONERS AND THE BETTYS

Think velvet, sparkle, sass, and swing... this is Christmas entertainment with style. The Crooners, Rick Kish & Connor Boa, two dashing & talented gentlemen, are coming to Ingersoll again along with the amazing Nevin Campbell Trio! But this time, The Crooners are bringing along some special guests, The Bettys, 3 bewitching ladies, who sing in close harmony, dress in delightfully matching attire & move with sultry elegance. They will be adding "the sparkle" to the Crooners' "festive swing"! Together, they deliver a festive fusion of nostalgia, charm, and show-stopping talent that will have audiences laughing, swooning & singing along. This Retro Christmas show will most certainly put you in the mood for all things Christmas & seasonal holiday fun. There will be 2 shows at the newly opened St. James' Church at 130 Thames St, S in downtown Ingersoll. Dec 13, matinee 2pm & evening performance 7:30pm. Tickets are available by calling the church office 519-485-0385 (leave a message) or purchased at Patinas, 112 Thames St. S. Tickets are \$45. Don't miss out on this thoroughly entertaining show. Order your tickets without delay!



FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

The only requirement to membership in FA is a desire to stop eating addictively. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. No in person meetings, visit <http://www.foodaddicts.org> for zoom. For information, call Gayle 226-927-4025.



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INGERSOLL PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Messy Monday Nov 3, 10-11am. Sensory play & hands-on discovery. For ages 5 & under with caregiver.

Learning About Memory Loss with the Alzheimer Society Nov 5, 3-4pm, drop in. A free seminar, which covers normal changes in memory & thinking, mild cognitive impairment and early-stage dementia, recognizing the symptoms & strategies for brain health.

Maker Morning Nov 8, 9:30am. A morning of creating! Craft supplies, beads & puzzles will be provided but you are welcome to bring a crafty project that you are working on. All ages welcome! Ages 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult in the library.

PA Day Pinecone Gnome Ornament Nov 14, 10-12pm. Ages 12 & under. No registration required. While supplies last.

Learn to Cross Stitch Nov 18, 5:30-7pm. Learn the basics of cross stitch & start a beginner friendly project in time for the holidays. Experienced stitchers are welcome too! All supplies provided. Open to grades 7-12. Space is limited. Registration required.

Book Sale Nov 20, 6-8pm. As part of Moonlight Madness in downtown Ingersoll join us for our annual book sale! Cash only please.

Tween Time: Macramé Gnomes Nov 25, 4-5:30pm. Hey tweens! Drop by the library to create a macramé gnome ornament. Ages 9-13. No registration required.

EMBRO PARADE and SANTA MEET & GREET

Embro Santa Parade Dec 6 starting at 6pm. The parade will start at the corner of 35th Line & Commissioners and end at Matheson Park. Following the parade the community is invited to Knox United Church for free hot chocolate & a bake sale. It's free to register a float online at embrofair.com.

CHEERY CHRISTMAS CARDS WANTED

The first Christmas during the pandemic, local residents, churches & school kids got together to make Christmas just a bit more cheery for long term care residents in our area. Over 900 Christmas cards were collected & distributed to nursing homes in Ingersoll, Woodstock & Tillsonburg. This project has continued (and grown)! Last December, close to 2,000 Christmas cards were distributed - to every long term care home in Oxford County, 3 hospitals, as well as a few facilities in London & St. Mary's. With YOUR help, we hope to do the same again this year! Cards can be purchased or hand made, and should be either personally signed, or signed as coming from "a friend". Cards made by kids are VERY welcome. You can give one card or one hundred! Cards can be dropped in the mail slot beside the side door of Westminster United Church, Thamesford. We need to have all cards in by Fri, Dec 5. Questions? Please feel free to email me at janvicars@gmail.com. Thank you so much for considering this easy way to spread some Christmas cheer!



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PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sat, Nov 8, 9-4pm at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church, 584118 Beachville Rd, Ingersoll. This is a fundraiser supporting our Youth Missions Trip to Poland. www.hiwaypentecostal.ca.

THANKS FOR THE REUSEAPALOOZAHAS

Frequently Asked Questions about these giant free swap meets include the following: When is the next one? Where is the next one? Can I help out? The answers are: Sat, Apr 25. Brownsville. Yes, please! For more information & to sign up, visit www.reuseapaloozaha.ca. You will also get to hear a great song there. Bryan Smith would be glad to see you at this wonderful zero waste event. Aha! And more may yet be announced.

MINLER MILITARY FAMILY HISTORY

The Minler family currently has family members serving in the Armed Forces. In WWI our great uncle Archie Minler from Ingersoll was killed and his name appears in the Ingersoll Cenotaph. His brother, Ezra Minler & Murray Minler served and returned to Ingersoll. Our grandmother was Elina (Turner) Minler, her 2 brothers Frank Turner & Gord Turner died in WWII and their names are on the cenotaph in Woodstock. Ezra Minler also served in WWII along with his son Joe Minler. Our father, Harold Minler was wounded in Sicily with the Royal Canadian Regiment, he died in 1970 from ALS at age 53. Submitted by Ken Minler.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT INGERSOLL 50+ CENTRE

COOKING CLASS Nov 19, 1pm. Chef Richard from Harvest Crossing will teach us how to prepare a perfectly roasted pork tenderloin.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY Nov 20, 2pm. An overview of 2 rarer types of dementia to better understand the unique symptoms.

PA DAY Fri, Nov 14, 9-1pm. Music, art, active games & lunch. Kate Channer will be leading a music-based session.

TIMELINES & TALES (HISTORY) Tues 9:30-11:30am. Dave, Deward & Brian have a variety of topics including Canadian women, Norse settlement in North America, etc. Thought-provoking discussions!

HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR

The CWL of Sacred Heart Church, Ingersoll will be holding their annual Holly Daze Bazaar Sat, Nov 8, 9-2pm at Henderson Hall, 133 John St, Ingersoll. Check out the Bake Table with fruit pies, meat pies, tarts & squares! Our Penny Table is always a hit. We will have Christmas décor for indoors & outdoors. The Country Store, Quilt Draws and 50/50 Raffle will all be back, too. Enjoy a coffee break with a friend or a hearty chili lunch in our café and get an early start on the Christmas season at the same time!

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We Remember

The Municipal Office will be closed Tuesday, November 11th to observe Remembrance Day. The Canadian Flag at the Municipal Office will be lowered to half-mast to honour & thank our Veterans for their sacrifices. Lest we forget.

Green Bin Distribution Underway

Green bin containers are starting to arrive at homes in the City of Woodstock and Township of South-West Oxford for the green bin program starting the week of January 5, 2026.

The program diverts organic waste from our landfill and cuts down the amount of waste households put out at the curb, reducing the number of bag tags needed. You do not need a bag tag for organic waste, and by separating out organic waste and recycling, it will be possible to skip a week of garbage set out.

Starting in January, organics and garbage will be collected on a 6-day collection cycle in Woodstock and South-West Oxford. Please watch for your collection schedule in the mail in November. All other Oxford municipalities will start green bin collection and 6-day collection cycles in May 2027.

Distribution has begun, and Oxford County will be providing a starter kit to all residential properties. Your kit will include:

45 L Green Bin - use to store organic waste and set out at the curb on your collection day

7 L Kitchen Container - for collecting organic waste in your kitchen

Sorting guide - keep this handy for tips on how to use your green bin

Certified compostable bag sample - only certified bags can be used in green bins

RV Parking

A reminder that RV parking restrictions take effect on Saturday, November 1st, 2025.

As per By-law No. 09-2019, from November 1st to May 1st each year, recreational vehicles in residential zones may only be parked within a detached or attached private garage or carport, or in the rear yard or interior side yard, provided that the RV is located no closer than 1m (3.3 feet) to the rear lot line or interior side lot line. Parking a recreational vehicle in a driveway, during this time period, may result in a fine of \$200.

Winter Street Parking

Restrictions take effect November 15th until March 31st, in accordance with By-law 50-2011. For snow removal purposes, parking is not permitted on any road or street from 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., 7 days a week. Any vehicle owner found in violation of this By-law could be fined, or have their vehicle removed (towed) at the owner's expense. Visit www.swox.org to learn more.

Home Safety & Fire Prevention Tips for November:

Extension Cords: Do not plug heat generating appliances (i.e., space heaters) into extension cords as they will overheat & catch fire. Extension cords should never be placed under carpets or furniture. Use extension cords only as temporary solutions.

Heating Safety: Have your heating system examined annually by a qualified service technician & install a CO alarm to alert you to the presence of deadly carbon monoxide gas. Keep space heaters at least 1m (3') from anything that can burn. Use a fire screen around your fireplace - watch for smoke coming into the room which could indicate a blocked chimney or faulty damper control mechanism. Allow ashes to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid.

Chimney Safety: Some chimney fires are loud & noticeable, others burn quietly but can still cause significant harm, making regular maintenance essential for safety & peace of mind. If you have a chimney fire, get everyone out of your home and call the fire department (911) as soon as possible. Homes are replaceable, but lives are not.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: @South-WestOxford-FireandEmergencyServices

Mount Elgin Developments

The Township of South-West Oxford would like to clarify the status of future development in Mount Elgin. Currently, there are 230 lots draft approved and registered for water and wastewater and include all the Graydon development, including Phase 6. Water and wastewater capacity for all infill lots is already included in the existing servicing capacity. In addition, there is uncommitted capacity available for 108 more lots for water and 16 more lots for wastewater. Phase 3 and 4 of the wastewater treatment plant will be constructed in 2026 and will add 500 additional units in total. For water, the Graydon well optimization of the membrane is underway and should continue in 2026. The planned result is additional supply for 500 units.

UTRCA – Phosphorus Reduction Program

The Upper Thames River Phosphorus Reduction Program is a new four-year program that offers incentives for cover crops, reducing tillage, 4R practices, manure management, as well as cost-share rates for a variety of practices.

There are a variety of practices that can reduce losses of phosphorus. Maintaining soil cover using cover crops and reduced tillage helps to prevent soil erosion and the loss of soil bound phosphorus. Applying 4R practices, limits excess phosphorus in the soil and limits the risk of losses following fertilizer applications. Shifting manure application to fields with lower soil phosphorus level can help lower the risks of P losses. Windbreaks, riparian buffers and wetlands help to hold water on the landscape and filter runoff.

Upcoming Community Events:

Coffee & Connect at Brownsville Library, Thur, Nov 6, 10-11am

Mt. Elgin Stitches Wednesday's, 12:30pm, Mt Elgin Library

Brownsville Christmas Celebration

Christmas Tree Lighting, Friday Nov 21, 5-7pm. Hot dogs (small fee). Music & karaoke – bring a lawn chair. Brownsville Community Centre.

Christmas Craft and Vendor Bazaar

Christmas Craft and Vendor Bazaar, Sunday November 30th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., hosted by Dereham District Lions Club at the Mount Elgin Community Centre. Santa will be there for the kids!

Council and Committee Meetings

All meetings are held at Municipal Office, 312915 Dereham Line unless otherwise noted on our website.

Regular Meetings: Tues, Nov 4 – 9am & Tues, Nov 18 – 6:30pm

Budget Meeting: Tues, Nov 10 – 9am

Upcoming Committee Meetings: Engage & Inform: Wed, Nov 5, 1pm
Environment & Energy Innovation: Wed, Nov 5 – 4:30pm.

GLOBAL ORGANIZATION FOR DIVINITY (GOD)

We are delighted to share that the Global Organization for Divinity (GOD), a registered Canadian Charity, is establishing a Universal Prayer House for spiritual gatherings "Namadwaar Ontario", a Prayer House for all located at 239 Ossian Terrace, Ingersoll. Founded by the devotees of His Holiness Maharanyam Sri Sri Muralidhara Swamiji, GOD is inspired by the guiding principle: "True transformation starts from within." Our mission is to foster Universal Brotherhood & harmony through devotion, inner peace, & community service. Drawing from ancient spiritual wisdom while embracing the diversity of modern society, we aim to create inclusive spaces where individuals & families can connect, reflect, and grow together.

What We Offer: Weekly Satsangs (Spiritual Gatherings): Open to all, every Saturday 3-7pm, featuring the chanting of the Maha Mantra: "Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare"

Youth Engagement: Through music, service projects, and leadership development.

Community Outreach: Including food drives, environmental clean-ups, and volunteer support for local charities.

Cultural Programmes: Celebrating spiritual traditions, festivals & values in a welcoming environment.

G.O.D operates across the globe from Australia to USA, united in the vision of promoting divine-centred living & selfless service. We warmly welcome neighbours, well-wishers, and seekers of peace to participate, volunteer & experience the joy of growing together in spirit & service. For more information please visit <http://www.godivinity.ca> or contact us at canada.godivinity@gmail.com / 548-328-1043. Let's come together to build a harmonious & spiritually vibrant community.

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ST MARYS FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Education speaker Learn about addiction & resources Wed, Nov 19, 10:15am. Join addiction counsellor Trevor to learn about different types of addictions, how to recognize addiction in others, coping strategies, and resources available for support. Free.

Chair Yoga New session: Wed, Nov 5-Dec 17, 1:30pm.

Step Classes Add fun & challenge your cardio routine. Mon 9am or Thur 12pm (Nov 3-Dec 18).

St. Marys Craft Show Sat, Nov 15, 9-3pm. Admission by donation, non perishable food items for the Salvation army, lunch available for purchase. No ATM available.

Know the Value of your Collectibles Wed, Nov 19, 1pm. Learn more about identifying the value of your items. Free.

Snowy Cardinal Mason Jars with Sue. Wed, Nov 26, 1pm. Make a beautiful jar with cardinal art, glitter, crystal accents & paint. \$30.

Christmas Lunch Wed, Dec 10, 12pm, take out. \$25 for a roast turkey dinner with all the fixings & dessert. Purchase a gifted meal & we will donate to someone in need. Register by Nov 28.

Contact Information 317 James St. S, St. Marys, friends@town.stmarys.on.ca, www.townofstmarys.com, 519-284-3272.

A CHRISTMAS FAIR

Join us at St. John's Anglican Church, Thamesford as we present A Christmas Fair. Baking, crafts, etc. Sat, Dec 6, 9-Noon. Wheel chair accessible.

COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE

Join the Ingersoll Country Music Jamboree at the Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St, Ingersoll 1-4pm every other Fri. Walk-ins welcome! Qualifications: love of 1950-70's country music. Perform, listen, dance, enjoy! Nov 14 & 28, Dec 5.

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BEACHVILLE MUSEUM

This past month, Beachville District Museum celebrated its amazing volunteers at the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards and our Volunteer Appreciation Night. To date this year, our volunteer teams have dedicated a total of over 2,530 hours of their time to museum & Society projects. Our youth volunteers have helped with summer camp planning, car-show preparations & summer BBQ food service. Senior volunteers have been working on fund-raising initiatives, outreach scheduling and property maintenance while sitting on committees. Some of our largest collections projects have also been coordinated by volunteers. We benefit, year-round, from the generosity, input & hard work of this group and that is very worth recognizing. At the end of October, we worked with the Zorra Heritage Committee to host a Digitization Day, where individuals brought historical documents or images in to be scanned or photographed & preserved as digital files. Digitization is important where a historical record might be fragile or at risk of deteriorating, but it is also worthwhile when looking to share the contents with others. A Halloween party was hosted Oct 31. Costumed guests, who were prepared for an evening of trick-or-treating fun, stopped in for crafts, games & treats at our spooky main building. Heading into November, we are looking forward to a Speaker Series presentation by military historian, Stephen J. Smith. Join us for this talk, on the military in Oxford County, on Remembrance Day – Tues, Nov 11, 7pm. No registration is required. On Nov 14, 9-4pm P.A. day camp participants will join in on a salute to bravery by becoming soldiers for a day. Children aged 5-11 can be registered online through the museum's webpage. Our organization continues to seek community feedback in the form of an online survey. Responses from this survey will help inform a new 5-year Strategic Plan. If Village Voice readers find a few minutes to provide their input, it is greatly appreciated. The survey can be found at <https://shorturl.at/GhmKu>.



COLOMBO CLUB OF OXFORD

434719 West Hill Line, Beachville. The Colombo Club of Oxford is proud to reintroduce itself to the public as a long-standing centre of Italian-Canadian heritage, hospitality, and community connection in Oxford County. For over 50 years, the Club has served as a welcoming gathering place for families, friends, and organizations to celebrate life's most meaningful moments. Founded by Italian immigrants who wanted to preserve their culture & traditions while embracing life in Canada, the Colombo Club has become a symbol of friendship, good food, and shared community values. Today, we continue that legacy by offering a warm & inclusive environment open to everyone. Our modern banquet hall & facilities are available for all types of functions. Whether you're hosting an intimate gathering or a large event, the Colombo Club offers a flexible, fully licensed venue with professional service & authentic hospitality. For rental inquiries, memberships, or event bookings, please contact us at: 519-423-6532, info@colomboclub.ca, www.colombocluboxford.ca.

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HISTORICAL BITS & BYTES

Thank you, thank you, thank you. To all those people who have shared the wartime experiences of their loved ones, thank you. Your contributions to the upcoming publication "Hometown Heroes" has meant a great deal. The stories which have been uncovered & collected during this research project are fascinating. If you wish to have a story included, please reach out to Scott Gillies as soon as possible at route2thepast@gmail.com.

BROWNSVILLE TREE LIGHTING

Brownsville Community Center Nov 21, 5-7pm. Light supper for a small charge.

Vendor Show Brownsville Hall Board, Nov 22, 10-3pm. \$2 admission at Brownsville Community Center.

EMBRO LEGION BRANCH #318

128 Huron St, Embro

Brunch is the 1st Sunday each month, Oct-May.

Karaoke with Karaoke Steve Nov 15, 7-11pm, everyone welcome!

Brunch Nov 2 & Dec 7.

Trivia Night Jan 17.

AFFECTED BY SOMEONE'S ADDICTION?

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FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT Wed or Tues 11am. Ensure healthy aging such as grip strength, sit to stand ability, balance, posture, range of movement. Low to no impact.

PILATES Thur 11am. Low-impact, focusing on core.

STROKE RECOVERY, COPD, PARKINSON'S DISEASE FITNESS Tues/Thur 10:30am. Light to moderate intensity.

PICKLEBALL Mon 9:30am Trinity Church.

TAI CHI Mon 12:30pm. Graceful, slow movements to restore balance, both body and mind. Can be done standing or seated.

VON SMART Mon & Thur 1:30pm. Safe & effective fall prevention program. This is a free class.

CIRCUIT TRAINING Mon 4:30pm. A 30-min workout targeting different muscle groups with rest in between.

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

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT Mon 9am / Tues 9am. An energetic, fully standing class focusing on cardio, balance & flexibility training.

CHAIR YOGA Tues 10am, Thur 10am. A mostly seated class.

WALKING CLUB Wed 9am. Enjoy a morning walk at various trails/locations. Call to get exact walking locations (members only).

CHAIR FITNESS Wed 9am. A gentle yet vigorous workout.

TOTAL TONING TIME Wed 5:30pm. Sculpt, sweat, and shine!

YOGA FOR A HEALTHY BACK Wed 6:45pm. Balancing strength & flexibility to create greater balance & ease in the body.

GENTLE YOGA Thur 9am. Poses both standing & on the floor.

STRENGTH & STRETCH Fri 9am. Pumping weights, followed by flexibility training and relaxation.

OSTEOFIT Fri 10:30am. A gentler total body workout. The class can be done standing or seated.

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Following the 'captivating' presentation by Jennie Grevers on the subject of the condemned of Oxford County, the Oxford Historical Society is pleased to commemorate the month of remembrance with their November presentation by Scott Gillies. "Oxford Goes to War" will examine the many different contributions made by local residents during the two world wars. This free lecture takes place at Chartwell Gardens retirement home, Devonshire Ave, Woodstock Wed, Nov 26, 6:30pm (or 18:30 military time!). We also wish to thank everyone for their interest & support of the Oxford Historical Society over the last year. Since the spring of 2024 the Society has tripled its membership numbers! For more information email info@oxhs.ca.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Old St Paul's Anglican Church, 723 Dundas Woodstock, will be having its Treats 'n' Treasures Bazaar Nov 8, 11- 2pm. We will feature a silent auction, baking, frozen meat pies & soups, candy, books and a Café. All are welcome. No entry charge.

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WEDNESDAY DINING & SOCIAL \$13 dinner & social. Nov 12 & 26. Register by 12pm the day before.

INGERSOLL UKULELES Tues 1-2pm starting Nov 18. A weekly drop-in jam for ukulele & other stringed instrument players.

SKETCHY SENIORS Tues 1-3:30pm. Drop-in session for creative minds. Bring your project & learn from other like-minded individuals. Painting, sketching, storytelling, origami, no limits!

FARKLE & CRIBBAGE Wed 6pm.

CARD & TABLE GAMES See newsletter for detailed schedule. Bridge (Wed, Fri), Bid Euchre (Mon), Pepper (Tues, Thur), Bingo (Wed), Mah Jongg (American Mon, Chinese Thur), Mexican Dominoes (Fri), Carpet Bowling (Tues), Billiards (all week), and Darts (Thur).

WOOD CARVING Mon 1pm. Enjoy carving pictures into wood. Carvers provide their own supplies.

WOODSHOP Create your projects start to finish.

THAMESFORD LIBRARY

Community Employment Services Tues 1:30-4pm. Your job is out there. A consultant from CES is available to help you find it by preparing a resume, training opportunities & information you need to achieve your goals. CES wants to connect people looking for work with employers. Contact Sam 519-539-8161 ext 267.

Tales for Tots Wed 10:30-11am. Fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories followed by freeplay & social time. For ages 0+ with caregiver.

Mahjong Drop in Wed 1-3pm, everyone is welcome!

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

Cooking Demonstration with Jed Lau Tues, Nov 18, 6-7pm. Registered program.

Oxford Reads Gala Event with Author Ted Nolan Fri, Nov 7, 7pm. Reserve your free ticket at www.oxfordreads.ca.

Thamesford Library Book Club Wed, Nov 26, 3pm, stop by to pick up this month's read.

STEM Club Thur, Nov 13 & 27, 3-4pm. Play with tech toys, make STEM-based crafts, and learn about science! For ages 8+.

Dinovember Sunset Painting. Nov 14, 4:30pm. Registered program.

CUCKOO'S NEST 2025-26 CONCERT SEASON

SIMON KEMPSTON Sun, Nov 9, 7:30pm, Chaucer's Pub. Simon is 'one of Scotland's very best songwriters' (The Sunday Herald).

WINDBORNE Sun, Nov 23, 7:30pm, Chaucer's Pub. BBC Traveling Folk describes Wind-

borne as "subverting expectations and redefining the genre [of vocal music] ... just absolutely phenomenal!"

THE BARREL BOYS "Carols from the Barrel" Sun, Dec 14, 7:30pm, Chaucer's Pub. A bluegrass powerhouse featuring rich vocal harmonies, killer picking, and a fun-loving, down-to-earth stage presence. Informed by the deep traditions of bluegrass, country, old-time & Americana, The Boys have crafted their unmistakable sound into a joyful and deeply soulful musical experience.

PUB CAROLING with Paul Grambo & Steve Holowitz. Fri, Dec 19, 7:30pm, Chaucer's Pub. Promises to be a night of fun & joyous singing to get us in the mood for the Christmas season. All singers and non-singers are welcome. Net proceeds after expenses go to the London Food Bank. For Information call 519-319-5847 or email folk@iandavies.com.



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Join us if you're interested in singing & strumming your ukulele with others. All instruments welcome. Weekly on Thursdays 7-8:30pm at the Ingersoll Legion, 211 Thames St. N. 5\$ per week, music supplied. For more info. email ingersollukeleles@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY FLORAL CENTREPIECE WORKSHOP

Get in the holiday spirit with this fun floral workshop! Dec 6, 10-11:30am, join us as Maybells & Daisies leads a holiday centrepiece workshop on behalf of the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society. Tickets are \$60 and include all the materials as well as a gourmet coffee bar. Erin will teach you how to make a beautiful centrepiece that you can take home & will last for all your family gatherings. Tickets can be purchased online at embrofair.com.



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 6-7pm at the Tillsonburg Library, 2 Library Lane. The group is free of charge and pre-registration is requested. The next meeting is Wed, Nov 26. To register or inquire about an evening group, contact Faye Brekelmans at 519-866-3016 or email faye@compassionategriefsupport.ca.

SCRAPBOOKING

We are holding our scrapbooking event to raise funds for MS on Sat, Nov 15, 8-9pm at the Unifor Hall in Ingersoll. It will be \$60 including lunch, supper & snacks all day. Silent Auction, door prizes & lots more. Please register: Kathy.kwinlaw13@hotmail.com.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Please join us Sun, Nov 2, 2pm at St James' Anglican Church in Ingersoll. The Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, will officially open & consecrate our new location at 130 Thames St. South in Ingersoll. There will be a time of fellowship following the service. All are welcome to come & celebrate with us our journey to our new home.

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NOVEMBER IS 4-H MONTH!

Get out your green or 4-H apparel and 'Show Your 4-H Colours' Nov 5. It is an annual celebration of 4-H across Canada. But the celebration isn't limited to Nov 5. For the entire month of November, the 4-H community is showcasing the spirit of the 4-H movement across Canada with lots of activities & celebrations. This celebration highlights the incredible things 4-H youth are doing in their communities & how the 4-H program is creating responsible, caring & contributing young leaders. Please wear green or 4-H apparel to show your 4-H colours! Best of luck to the Oxford 4-H youth who will be competing at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto at the Ontario Junior Swine Show Nov 7, Provincial 4-H Go For The Gold Nov 8, Masterfeeds Jr Beef Heifer Show Nov 8-9, and TD Classic Dairy Show Nov 9-11 along with anyone else who enters other competitions available. Oxford 4-H Awards Night, organized by the North Oxford Dairy & Oxford Swine 4-H Clubs, is Nov 21, 6:30pm at the Embro & Zorra Community Centre. There will be presentation on 4-H opportunities attended by youth, awards presentations, a LIVE auction and dessert bar & social. Oxford 4-H celebrated 4-H Ontario's 110 years with a car rally scavenger hunt Oct 19 with 25 participants. Everyone enjoyed the experience! The 4-H Ontario youth participant fee is paid online directly with 4-H Ontario. The Oxford County 4-H Assoc will be subsidizing the provincial youth participant fee by \$25 for Oxford 4-H youth members for 2026, providing Oxford 4-H youth are enrolled in an Oxford 4-H Club/project, with the George Thornton Bequest Funds. Oxford 4-H youth members will pay \$95 to join 4-H in 2026—registration opens Nov 17 on the 4-H Ontario website. Please contact the club volunteer on oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com to confirm the project you are interested in is running in 2026 before registering. If you are wanting to know more about the 4-H program, contact the Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator, Shonna Ward, by email oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com or call/text 519-854-6919. Oxford 4-H has a monthly email to keep 4-H youth/families, supporter informed—want to be on the email list—contact oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com. 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 out Oxford County 4-H Facebook.



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THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Wed, Nov 26, the Thamesford Friendship Club will have their regular lunch at the Beaty Room with a catered meal followed by dessert. Following that we will have a speaker – Marcie from the local pharmacy will speak about diabetes, shingles & vaccines. RSVP by Wed, Nov 19, call Helen 519-285-2024. The TFC is 55+ group of folk living in and around Thamesford. We meet 10 months of the year, most times at the Beaty Room to enjoy a fully catered meal followed by dessert & entertainment in the form of music or speaker. To find out more, give us a call.

CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET

3rd annual Christmas Makers Market at new location, 184 Oxford St, Ingersoll. The building will be bustling with festive activity as dozens of vendors sell their handmade wares & as good food and live music are enjoyed by all! Come join us for this fun family event Sat, Nov 15, 11-4pm. Don't forget to bring some cash so that you can get a head start on your Christmas shopping! All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

THISTLE THEATRE - EMBRO

Perils of Persephone We are excited to announce that the Box Office for Thistle Theatre's production of "The Perils of Persephone" by Dan Needles is now open. We're bringing back our very first production at Thistle Theatre from Nov 1995 to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Show dates: Nov 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22, 7:30pm, or Nov 16 & 23, 2pm. Tickets \$25 each and can be purchased online at www.thistle-theatre.com or by calling our box office 226-785-3353.

Interested in dinner and a show? Knox United Church is hosting a homestyle meatloaf meal before the show 5:30pm Sat, Nov 15. You can add dinner to your ticket purchase for an additional \$25. Get them now before they're sold out!

This play by Dan Needles, who is most well-known for his series of "Wingfield" plays, first premiered at the Blyth Festival in 1989. The play is set in the same fictional farming community of Persephone Township as the "Wingfield" plays. The play tells the story of a truck with radioactive material that crashes into a swamp near a family farm in rural Ontario. The farm community is pitted against government people from the city who want to downplay the situation, with hilarious results. The show will be directed by Sue Garner, co-director Lynda Pillon & produced by John Turvey, co-producer Paul Brekermans. Our amazing cast includes the following: Doug Turvey as Eldon; Heather West as Marge; Becca Potter as Wendy; John Hazeleger as Orval; Shrirang Raval as Francis Hinkley; D'Arcy Irvine as Henry Burford; and Becky Issenman as Skip Fuller. Join us at the theatre as we celebrate our 30th anniversary & enjoy this comedic celebration of rural community & farming. You don't want to miss this show! Get your tickets before they're gone!

THORNDALE LIONS ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Visit www.thamescentre.on.ca/seniorcentre, call 519-268-7334 ext 730 or email kschruder@thamescentre.on.ca for information.

Mon Strength & Tone 8:45am, Chair Yoga 9am, Gentle Yoga 10am.

Tues Pole Walking 9am, Shuffleboard 12pm, Euchre 1pm.

Wed Strength & Tone 8:45am, Coffee Hour 10am, Pickleball 1pm.

Thur Stitch & Chatter 1pm.

Fri Chair Yoga 9am, Gentle Yoga 10am, Tai Chi 10:30am, Pickleball 1pm, Poker 1pm. All programs except Pickleball are offered for members & non-members.

Movie Afternoon Nov 5, 2pm. "The Starling".

Judy Selinger Nov 20, 2pm. Create Pebble Art, a unique form of artistic expression that uses the beauty of the natural rock art to produce decorative works & DIY crafts.

Painting Afternoon Dec 3, 1pm. We will be painting a Christmas Cow. To register contact kschruder@thamescentre.on.ca.

Brain Health Workshop with Cogniciti, Nov 19, 10am.

Thorndale Book Club Nov 10 "Juliet's Answer".

Thames Centre Community Choir welcomes singers from teens to seniors to sing Tues 7pm at the Thorndale Community Centre. No auditions, just a love of singing. Contact Cathy 519-461-1679.

Christmas Bazaar Sat, Nov 15, 9-1pm. The perfect-one-stop-shop to purchase gifts for the whole family! We will have Crafts, Signs, Treasures, Books, Puzzles, Quilts, Jewelry, Christmas Decorations, Meat Pies, Baked Goods, Christmas Goodie Trays, Crochet & Knitted items and much more... We can't wait to see you there!

Thames Centre 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? If you have suggestions of programs we can offer in Thorndale, please call 519-268-7334 ext. 730 or email kschruder@thamescentre.on.ca.

We are looking for a Zumba instructor If you know someone who may be interested, please let us know! Call the Senior Centre 519-268-7334 ext. 708 or 728.



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GROCERY BUDDY Call us with your list & we will arrange a day for us to do your shopping! Volunteers needed as this program grows.

FROSTY MEALS \$7.50/ entrée \$2.75/ soup or dessert.

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

CURBSIDE MEALS Full meal & dessert Tues, \$10. Pick up 11:45-12:15pm. Dine In: Full meal & dessert Fri, \$10. Free delivery to Ingersoll & Thamesford available. Call to book the day before!

HOME HELP & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM Yard work, companionship, & cleaning. Call us for a referral to a police check individual who can help you out! We are looking for people to clean homes & do landscaping. Do you have a truck to help with large deliveries?

TRANSPORTATION for older adults & those with disabilities. Rides to & from appointments, errands, etc. Reasonable rates & reliable, friendly volunteer drivers. 3 day notice preferred. We are looking for people to drive, please call us to fill out an application today.

ASSISTIVE DEVICE LOAN PROGRAM FREE program has a wide range of equipment from crutches to wheelchairs. We take donations! DROP OFF & PICK UP Mon-Fri 9-12pm. We have electric wheelchairs & scooters available to lend. We also have two monitors that will magnify text, images & objects.

HELP WITH FORMS Free, by appt. CPP, OAS, GIS & passport forms, etc. We are now assisting those with simple taxes at no cost.

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE Security checks can make all the difference to an individual alone at home.

FOOT CARE CLINIC \$31. Call for appointment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Meals on Wheels Mon, Wed & Fri 11:30-1pm in Ingersoll. Please call Victoria 519-485- 2269 if you're interested.

GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER

A Celebration of Oxford County's Past: presented by Liz Domasch, Oxford County Archivist. Liz will share some of the stories from the new publication celebrating Oxford County's 175+ years. Hear from the team who created this poignant resource, finally giving a voice to the thousands who were sent to new worlds, with little or no say in their fate. Visit our website at www.oxford.ogs.on.ca to register for this free zoom meeting.

INGERSOLL MEDITATION

\$10 donation, Tues 7-8pm. No experience necessary. Just come, get comfortable & listen as the meditation guides you into relaxation & ease. Join "Ingersoll Meditation Group" on Facebook to get all the info & address or call 519-485-0629.

Worship With Us

First Baptist Church Rev Trevor Whittingham
235 Thames St S, Ingersoll, fbcingersoll.com, 519-485-3046
SUN 10:30am Worship Service
Nov 3, 10 & 17 - Youth Group - Jr. & Sr. High 7pm
Nov 9 Worship & Praise Night 7p.m
Nov 15 The Well 7pm
Dec 6 Men's Breakfast 8am

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The inter-Church is excited to announce the 3rd annual Christmas Concert with Ted Cominsky & local musicians, Victoria Thompson, Peter Cox, Bob Breen, and Jim Gonder. This event will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Sat, Dec 6, 7pm. Tickets available at Lesser Brothers Jewelers, Patina's or call 519-857-7458.

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

Caring Hearts Support Network is hosting: Grief and the Holidays Join us Nov 26 & Dec 3 at St. David's United Church for support as the holiday season approaches. These sessions will focus on navigating the festive period in a way that feels right for you. It's completely understandable if you're not feeling joyful; we'll share practical tips & strategies to help you through this challenging time. In our 2nd week together, we'll craft memorial ornaments. The cost for materials \$20. Call to register 519-536-3370.

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK?

What week is it? Isn't it very week, asks Bryan Smith. While October was Circular Economy month & lots of good suggestions were shared on how to recycle & recover resources, wouldn't waste prevention make more sense? As one said: Buy less garbage! After all, when you buy excess packaging, single-use plastics, and mixed products (eg, plastic mixed with cardboard & metals), you are throwing your money away.

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, Nov 11 & 25, 1pm. Refreshments provided. Contact: Martha 519-320-0785.



Mt. Elgin United Church 519-425-2091
Pastor Lori Minler. 324105 Mt Elgin Rd W, Mt Elgin

Burgessville United Church St W, Norwich 10:30am

Oxford Church 184 Oxford St - www.oxfordchurch.ca
Pastor Meine Veldman 519-602-7386 meine73@yahoo.com

Huron Park Baptist Church 199 Berwick St, Woodstock
519-421-4722, office@huronparkchurch.org
10:30am Sunday Service Mid-week programs Tues & Thur

Reynolds Creek United Church Putnam Services 10am

Free Reformed Church of Oxford County
284793 Pleasant Valley Rd, Pastor D. Kranendonk, oxfordfrc.com

Hi-Way Pentecostal Church 519-485-0961
584118 Beachville Rd, Ingersoll hiwaypentecostal.ca
SUN 10am Livestream www.facebook.com/hiwayingersoll

The Ark New Beginnings Assembly TheArknba.com
Salford Commty Center, 383908 Salford Rd SUN 10:30am

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
519-485-1802 131 Thames St. N, Ingersoll N5C 3C9
Website - nocfop.dol.ca or email shingersoll@dol.ca
Masses – Tues & Thur 11:30am, Sunday 10:15am & 6pm

Beachville Baptist Church Pastor Ellie Muir 519-533-3694
SUN 10:30am

Banner United Church www.bannerunitedchurch.com
602800 Road 60 at Line 15, Zorra Twp. bannerunitedchurch.com

Crossroads Bible Church 519-900-6281
184 Oxford St Ingersoll, crossroadsingersoll.ca,
FB: crossroadsingersoll & IG: ingersollcrossroadchurch
Services at 8:45am & 11:15am

Livingway Church 519-423-9191
434809 Zorra Line, Beachville, Home Bible studies offered
SUN 3pm Worship Service WED 7pm Bible Study

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Emergency Contact: Rev. David Van Patter 519-402-0179
vanpatter007@gmail.com
West Oxford 354395 Church Line 9:30am
Sweaburg 474425 Dodge Line 9:30am
Foldens 374097 Folden's Line 11am

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Green Bin Distribution Underway Your kit will include: 45 L Green Bin - use to store organic waste and set out at the curb on your collection day 7 L Kitchen Container - for collecting organic waste in your kitchen Sorting guide - keep this handy for tips on how to use your green bin Certified compostable bag sample - only certified bags can be used in green bins						1 • Bluegrass Jam, Beachville Legion
2 • Xmas Hamper registration begins • Live Music at Purple Hill Opry, Thorndale • Brunch, Embro Legion	3 • Messy Monday, Ingersoll Library • Total Body Workout, Ingersoll Seniors • Strength & Tone, Thorndale Seniors	4 • Watercolour class, ICAC • Al-Anon, Ingersoll • Diabetes 101 • Functional Movement, Ingersoll Seniors • Sketchy Srs, Ing Srs • Thames Centre Choir • SWOX Council meet.	5 • Beachville Legion GM • Chair Yoga, Beachville Legion • Watercolour class, ICAC • Salford Shuffleboard • Memory Loss, Ing library • Prostate Cancer support • 4-H Day in Canada!	6 • Line Dancing, Beachville Legion • Step Class, St Marys • Pilates, Ing Seniors • Ingersoll Ukes • Stitch n Chatter, Thorndale Seniors • Coffee & Connect, Brownsville	7 • Bingo, Beachville Legion • Strength & Stretch, Ingersoll Seniors • Oxford Reads Gala	8 • Skating Swap N Shop • Victoria Quilts Preview • Xmas Bazaar, Woodstk • ICAC Exhibit Opening • Choral Singing class • Xmas Mkt, Hi-Way Ch. • Maker Morning, Ingersoll library
9 • Cuckoo's Nest concert	10 • Salford Leisure Euchre • Tai Chi, Ing Seniors • Wood Carving, Ing Srs • Book Club, Thorndale Seniors • Township SWOX Council Budget meet.	11  • Oxford Military History • Beachville Cenotaph Service 11am • Timeslines & Tales, Ingersoll Seniors • Euchre, Sacred Heart	12 • Victoria Quilts auction online bidding begins • Air Cadets, Dorchester • Chair Fitness, Ingersoll Seniors • Movie Night, Ing Srs • Cribbage, Ing Srs • Mt Elgin Stitchers	13 • Ballroom Dancing, Beachville Legion • VON Smart Exercise, Ingersoll Seniors • Gentle Yoga, Ingersoll Seniors • STEM Club, Thamesford Library	14 • Fish & Chip dinner, Beachville Legion • PA Day Fun, Ing library • PA Day Fun, Ing Srs • Jamboree, Masonic Hall • Thistle Theatre play	15 • Dorchester Srs Bazaar • Bluegrass Jam, Beachville Legion • Scrapbooking event • Craft Show, St Marys • Karaoke, Embro Legion • Thistle Theatre play • Xmas Bazaar, Thorndale Seniors
16 • Victoria Quilts auction online bidding ends • Cake Decor., ICAC	17 • Circuit Training, Ingersoll Seniors • Chair Yoga, Thorndale Seniors	18 • Al-Anon, Ingersoll • Diabetes 101, Tillsonburg • Learn to Cross Stitch, Ingersoll library • Ukelele, Ing Srs • Cooking Demo, Thmsfd Library • SWOX Council meet.	19 • Chair Yoga, Beachville Legion • Salford Shuffleboard • Cooking class, Ing Srs • Addiction Seminar, St Marys Friendship • Colouring thru Grief • Forest Friends Bazaar • Mt Elgin Stitchers	20 • Bethlehem Walk • Alzheimer pres., Ing Srs • Xmas Hamper regist. • LAST DAY • Book Sale, Ing library VILLAGE VOICE DEADLINE	21 • Bethlehem Walk • Bingo, Beachville Legion • Deck the Halls, ICAC • Brownsville Tree Light. • Knits n Knots, Thamesford Library • Thistle Theatre play	22 • Bethlehem Walk • Santa's Village Opens • Karaoke with Ken, Beachville Legion • Deck the Halls, ICAC • Bells & Bows Bazaar • Soulstice Collective, St Marys G&CC
23 • Cuckoo's Nest concert 30 • Thames Choir concert • Vendor Show, Mt Elgin • Thamesford Market	24 • Line Dancing, Ingersoll Seniors • Gentle Yoga, Thorndale Seniors	25 • Horticulture Society • Al-Anon, Ingersoll • Tween Time, Ing library • Timeslines & Tales, Ingersoll Seniors • Gentle Yoga with Barb • Chair Yoga, Ingersoll Seniors	26 • Air Cadets, Dorchester • Grief Support (MAiD) • Total Toning, Ingersoll Seniors • Oxford Historical • Tales for Tots, Thamesford Library • Thamesford Book Club • Thamesford Friendship	27 • Line Dancing, Beachville Legion • Euchre, Beachville Legion • Ingersoll Ukes	28 • Darts, Beachville Legion • Jamboree, Masonic Hall • Lights of Love, Sakura • Osteofit, Ingersoll Seniors	29 • Santa's Village • Xmas Market Ingersoll Legion • Thamesford Market

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 Big Brothers Big Sisters..... 519-485-1801
 Creative Arts Centre 519-485-4691

Crime Stoppers..... 800-222-8477
 Fusion Youth Centre 519-485-4386
 Girl Guides..... 877-323-4545 Ext 6401
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 Hockey, Minor 519-485-5858
 Horticultural Society..... 519-485-3649
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 Kiwanis Club..... 519-319-3937
 Library..... 519-485-2505
 Lions Club..... 519-536-3528

Museum, Cheese & Agri..... 519-485-5510
 Performing Arts (ITOPA)..... 519-485-3070
 Rotary Club..... 519-485-0750
 Seniors Services..... 519-485-3869
 Skating Club 519-485-1039
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