

# The Village Voice

THORNDALE

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## CAREGIVER CORNER

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## GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

The Daughters of the Nile are having their annual garage & bake sale, April 18, 8-12pm at Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St S. Rain or shine. Come out for treats & find that unknown treasure that you need! Proceeds go to the Canadian Daughters of the Nile Foundation for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada.

## BANNER UNITED CHURCH SPRING SERVICE

April 12, 3pm. All welcome. [www.bannerunitedchurch.com](http://www.bannerunitedchurch.com).

## THAMESFORD TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Westminster United Church will be hosting their Annual Yard Sale Sat, May 16, 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 12, 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; vintage items; books; reusable shopping bags.

## GOOD FRIDAY CHORAL CONCERT

Apr 3 join the Ingersoll Choral Society on Good Friday evening in a stirring performance of Pepper Choplin's cantata, "Come, Touch the Robe" and other selected works. With orchestral accompaniment. Sacred Heart Church, Ingersoll, 8pm. Free will offering will be received. [www.ingersollchoralsociety.ca](http://www.ingersollchoralsociety.ca) or visit us on FB.

## DAN MONTEITH – RETIREMENT

After 43 years of dedicated service, Dan is retiring from Thorndale Country Mills (formerly Thorndale Farm Supplies). Dan's integrity, loyalty & contributions have left a lasting impact, and he will be greatly missed by coworkers, industry peers & customers. Congratulations Dan on your well-earned retirement and best wishes in this exciting new chapter of life.

THORNDALE OPTIMIST CLUB

# FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT 2026

Saturday, April 4th  
9:30 am or 10:15 am  
Thorndale Lions Community Centre

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
**7:30-10:30am**

Cost \$15.00 per person,  
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Contact Nancy Fedyk 519-453-5236 or  
Scott McKay 519-614-2268

**THEATRE TILLSONBURG**

Don't miss this heartwarming comedy by Canadian Playwright Daniel S. Craig where generations collide! Having Hope at Home is a powerful & funny family drama, all delivered in one unforgettable night. Carolyn goes into labour at her grandparents' run-down, drafty farmhouse, just as her estranged parents arrive for dinner. As generations clash & old wounds are opened, this hilarious story explores motherhood, tradition, and the strength of family ties. Directed by Mark "The Original" Smith, and produced by Mark "The Other Smith" and Victoria Coward, the talented cast are ready to entertain audiences by tickling their funny bone & pulling on their heart strings. Supported by a brilliant & skilled behind-the-scenes crew, Theatre Tillsonburg's production of "Having Hope at Home" is humorous, heartwarming, and hopeful. Show dates: May 28, 29, \*30, \*31 & June 4, 5, 6, \*7. Evenings 7:30pm, matinees 2pm. Tickets available at theatretillsonburg.com.



**EZAS 5K-10K FARM RUN**

On Sat, May 30, EZAS will be hosting the 5k-10k Farm Run + Lunch + Farm Tour event at Darcroft Farms just outside of Embro. More details can be found at [www.embrofair.com](http://www.embrofair.com) regarding how to register for the walk/runs, sponsorship opportunities, and volunteer opportunities! Follow us on Facebook too for recent updates. Hope to see you there!

**ONTARIO ANCESTORS**

Join us Mon, Apr 13, 7pm for a presentation by Elaine Cougler "Own the Room – Writing Your Family Stories & Memoirs". A former high school English teacher, a lifelong performer, singer & speaker who survived all of that to take up writing in a serious way. Descended from Loyalist & Pennsylvania Dutch ancestors, Elaine is one of 13 children & was raised in a post-war Ontario farming community by parents who expected the best from their children & consistently helped them to achieve it. Her historical fiction & her biographical books praise the indomitable spirit of amazing human beings both in our time & through the annals of history. Join Elaine to hear about her journey of writing, publishing, marketing & selling books. Register for free from our home page at [www.oxford.ogs.on.ca](http://www.oxford.ogs.on.ca). You will be sent a link to join the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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**THORNDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Thorndale and Area Horticultural Society held its 30th Anniversary Celebration Mar 11, 2026. We had a very interesting talk from Lisa Finkbeiner on "Tricks to change the Colours of your Hydrangeas", by using pickle juice to enhance the pinks & blues of the flower-lets. Our president, Jen Prgesa, introduced our new banner with updated violet logo, and ran a slide show of past events. This was followed by Lifetime Awards to Dick & Trudi Nieuwland, who started this society 30 years ago, and a Presidents Award to Shirley Hacon, for her participation in all events of the society over the years. A number of members then spoke eloquently about their experiences within the society. A fun Flower Arranging competition then took place between 4 volunteer members, arranged by Dian Chute. Refreshments were served with a delicious Celebration cake with our Society's Logo. Our next meeting is Wed, Apr 8, 7.30pm at Thorndale Community Centre, Room 3. Catherine McGill will present "The Ground gets Lower every Year". Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome.



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**THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

April is here & with it comes Easter and spring daffodils. Friendship Club meets on the 4th Wed, Apr 22. A catered lunch with dessert will be served 12 noon in the Beaty Room at the library. We will have entertainment after the lunch. Please let us know you are coming by April 17— call Helen 519-285-2024 or Shirley 519-285-2938. Come join us & enjoy! Your contribution remains at \$20. Friendship Club invites seniors 55 Plus— new or old from the village and surrounding area.

*Friendship*

**KC & THE SUNSHINE GIRLS**

KC & the Sunshine Girls are coming to Mt Elgin Community Centre Sun, May 3, 2-4pm. Put on your Boogie Shoes for an afternoon of dance hits of the 70's & 80's. This Tribute Show is being hosted by Mt Elgin United Church. Tickets \$30 and are available by calling Joanne 519-485-1988 or Dawne 519-421-6836.



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**INGERSOLL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Meets Apr 28, 7:30pm at Ingersoll Seniors Centre, 250 Ingersoll St. S. Topic: Cut Flowers & Flower Farming. Presenter: Janice Harris. Visitors welcome, no charge. Yearly membership: \$10.

**PLANT & BAKE SALE** Mark your calendar for our May 15 & 16! We will back with the great blight resistant Mtn. Merit, Plum Regal, and Sun

Sugar tomato plants featured in years previous to 2025. Check us out for many other fine annuals and perennials too.



**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 next meeting will be April 22, 1-2:30pm at the Thamesford Library, 165 Dundas St, Thamesford. Also offered 6-7:30pm at the Tillsonburg Library, 1 Library Lane, Tillsonburg. The group is free of charge and pre-registration is requested. To register or inquire about an evening group, contact Faye Brekelmans 519-866-3016, [faye@compassionategrief-support.ca](mailto:faye@compassionategrief-support.ca).

## THAMESFORD LIBRARY

**Community Employment Services** 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 who are currently hiring. Call Sam Ritchie 519-539-8161 to book an appointment.

**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.

**Adult Crafternoon** Tues, Apr 14, 1:30pm. Make a springtime bunny centerpiece using a simple honeycomb technique. Please register.

**Writing Group** Tues, Apr 21, 2-4pm. Are you a creative writer looking to meet other writers?

**Thamesford Library Book Club** Wed, Apr 29, 3pm. Stop by to pick up this month's read, *The Defector* by Chris Hadfield.

**Adult Crafty Evening** Tues, Apr 28, 5:30pm. Craft a rustic decoupage canning jar vase! Please register.

**Tales for Tots** Wed 10:30-11am. Come in for some fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories & more followed by free play and social time. For ages 0+ with a caregiver. No story time Wed, Apr 29.

**STEAM Club** Visit the library to play with robots, build with Lego, and complete STEAM-based crafts & activities! Recommended for ages 7-12, but curious children of all ages are welcome!

Apr 7, 5-6pm – Medieval Medicine

Apr 21, 5-6pm – Predatory Plants

**PA Day Squish Art Painting** Create a beautiful butterfly painting & explore symmetry! Please register.

**Calithumpian Book Sale** Our annual book sale Sat, May 16. We will start collecting donations for the Book Sale (during open hours) Fri, May 1, please make sure all donations are in good condition (no yellowed pages or musty smells – no large volume sets or textbooks). Visit our program calendar at [www.ocl.net](http://www.ocl.net) to register for programs or give us a call at 519-285-3219.

## EMBRO LEGION BREAKFAST

First Sunday of the month Oct-May. \$5 kids, \$10 regular, \$15 hungry man meal 9-12:30pm, come on out. Support your local Legion and enjoy a family style meal with your neighbors.

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## THORNDALE HAM & STRAWBERRY SUPPER

The Thorndale United Church congregation invite you to our annual "Ham and Strawberry Supper" Tues, May, 19 at Thorndale Community Centre 4:30-7pm. Dine-in & take-out available. Adults \$25, children 6-14 \$10, 5 & under - free. Call Bob or Darlene 519-461-0463. Advance tickets only until Sun, May 10. Looking forward to seeing you there.



## EZAS UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Knitting Circle Apr 18

Growing Veggies & Herbs Apr 25

Craft, Tea, & Embroidery May 2

BBQ Tips & Tricks June 6

Cupcake Decorating June 13 — and many more!

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April 25, 8 am until noon, it's a giant FREE swap meet with tonnes of great goods for you to take home. Bring family & friends to collect things to use, upcycle, reuse & repurpose. Check out the demonstration of rag rug making, the wonderful food for sale by Seniors in Food Crisis, and the work of the Oxford Coalition for Social Justice. We are also looking for teens needing community hours & adults wanting to help out. Contact [www.reusepalooza-ha.ca](http://www.reusepalooza-ha.ca) for more.

**EZAS COMEDY SHOW - THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank each & every person for attending the comedy show, to our volunteers and sponsor Carly Britnell Realty for making it such a great success! We had 2 hilarious comedians who kept the full house laughing all night, Dylan Gott our funny MC, the nacho bar was a big hit with people coming back for more, & fun was had by all. Another great night for the community of Embro & area — and we thank you for your support! We look forward to hosting this again 2027!

**BEACHVILLE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

Sat, May 23, 8am-noon. Spring clean & sell your unwanted treasures.

**ALL DRESSED UP 2026** (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 the high school 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 especially with inflation on the rise. This event is FREE and we have 100's 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 soon to have more available. This FREE event will be held at the Ingersoll Services For Seniors Centre, 250 Ingersoll St S, Ingersoll. Fri, Apr 10, 6-9pm & Sat, Apr 11, 9-12pm. We are also looking for donations of gently used or new dresses, shoes, jewellery & men's suits, dress shirts & pants, etc. Donations can be dropped off at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church Ingersoll, 584118 Beachville Rd, Ingersoll or call 519-485-0961, [www.hiwaypentecostal.ca](http://www.hiwaypentecostal.ca).



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### CARING HEARTS SUPPORT NETWORK

April 1, 1:30-2:30pm. Join Nicole Bruder at the "Caregiver Corner" on Zoom, where you will find a safe space to share your caregiving journey. First Wed monthly. Call or email to receive the link, info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com or 519-536-3370.

April 11, 10-12pm. Death & Donuts. Join the Caring Hearts Support Network for a morning guaranteed to spark curiosity & connection around death & dying. Our host "Do Good" is located at 55 Ingersoll Rd, Lower Level, Woodstock. To register please email or call info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com or 519-536-3370.

### EZAS SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Embros & Zorra Agricultural Society will be hosting a Special Meeting for approval of the 2026 Constitution. This will be held Apr 22, 7:30pm, virtually. The updated Constitution will be posted on our website, www.embrofair.com. If you wish to have the virtual link sent so you can join our meeting, please email embroagsociety@gmail.com.



### YARD AND PLANT SALE

Sacred Heart CWL will hold their annual Yard & Plant Sale Sat, May 2, at Henderson Hall. The sale will run from 8am to noon. If you have gently used items to donate to our sale, please bring them to Henderson Hall Fri, May 1, 2-6pm. Proceeds from our sale will benefit many community organizations that rely on donations to help those in need.

### IN 2026 IT'S YOUR FIX!

Ingersoll Country Music Jamboree meets every other Fri 1-4pm at Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St S, Ingersoll. Join us, walk ins welcome. Qualifications: love 1950-70's country music, perform, listen, dance, enjoy! Apr 10 & 17, May 1 & 15 & 29, June 5 & 19



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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 14 & 28, 1pm. Refreshments provided.

## ANNUAL HAM & OYSTER SUPPER

Fri, Apr 24, 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. Take out available. Adults \$25, children 6-12 \$10, 5 years & under free. For tickets call Marion Woods 519-461-1136. P.S. Gluten & lactose free choices available.

## ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!

All you can eat Pancake Brunch at Christ Church Lakeside Sun, Apr 26, 11-2pm. We are serving homemade pancakes, sausages, quiche, fruit, maple syrup & drinks. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$6 and 5 & under free. All proceeds will be shared with Seniors in Food Crisis.



## COOKING CONNEXIONS

Cooking Connexions is designed for people living alone in Thamesford & surrounding area. Together we prepare a nutritious home style meal. Everyone participates in the preparation, cooking & clean-up. Each participant pays \$10 and that gives you a lovely sit-down meal to enjoy together & enough food left for another meal to take home. This will be a 3 course meal consisting of soup/salad/appetizer, a main course, followed by a yummy dessert served with coffee & tea. We meet at Westminster United Church at 10:30am and are usually all wrapped up by 2pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Mariette Bar-doel 519-533-7515 or mbar-doel65@hotmail.com. Your first meal is on us, so come out and see what we are all about. Our next dates are Apr 16, May 7, June 18.



## OXFORD 4-H CLUBS

Oxford 4-H clubs have lots of projects happening now with hands-on learn to do by doing activities. Some 4-H Clubs started in March or starting soon with youth still able to join. For Dairy 4-H Clubs contact Dean dkkarn@xlpornet.com for Ingersoll Kiwanis; Jack jdanen@netflash.net for North Oxford; T-J tj\_hargreaves@yahoo.ca for Bonds. The Oxford Beef 4-H Club 2nd meeting is Apr 17, contact oxford4hbeef@gmail.com. The Community 4-H Club is doing 'Community Engagement' project starting Apr 29, contact Shonna wardshonna@hotmail.com. New 4-H Clubs in Oxford for 2026—'Fishing' starting Apr 9 with full registration; 'Horse' starting Apr 25 contact oxford4horseclub@gmail.com; 'Vet' starting Apr 23 contact oxfordvetclub@hotmail.com. Brooksdale 4-H Club doing an "Anything with an Engine" 4-H project starting Apr 25, contact kait.mckay12@gmail.com. Regional Dairy Judging 4-H Club starts Apr 13, contact Kim DeKlein zesk-lein@execulink.com, Geoff Innes ginnes@xlpornet.ca or Wendy Abell mwabell@outlook.com with other meeting dates Apr 27, May 19, 19, June 1. Brooksdale 4-H Club is currently doing the 'Craft' project making stained glass & pottery; the Mt Elgin 4-H Club is currently doing the 'Maple Syrup' project; Oxford Swine 4-H Club theme this year is biosecurity & bookkeeping. Thamesford 4-H Club is finishing up the 'Breakfast' project; and the Oxford Quilting 4-H Club finished up the 'Sewing Hoodie' project. The 2 Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Clubs are checking out the topics of bread-venture & heritage in April. Thank you to the Township of South-West Oxford for the generous donation 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 also 'learn to do by doing' by being involved in the 4-H program. Volunteers are not required to be a parent of a youth member. Contact oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com to find out more and how you can become involved with a great youth development program in your community. 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 Co-ordinator, 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/>.



## NASH BARNETT MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

Save the date! The 5th Annual Nash Barnett Memorial Car & Tractor Show will be held Sun, Sept 20, 10-4pm, at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. We will have a live band, door prizes & more! We look forward to seeing everyone out with their favourite set of wheels. To register, or for more information, please contact Nash's mom and dad - Nicole & Chris 519-533-2208 or email nbarnett221@gmail.com.

## WESTERN ONTARIO DRAMA LEAGUE 2026

Thistle Theatre is hosting the Western Ontario Drama League Mini-fest 2026 Aug 7 & 8. The play this year is "Jersey" by Brad Fortman. Join us for the weekend & see how very differently theatre groups can interpret this one act play. If you'd like to volunteer for this really fun weekend please contact lyndapillon281@gmail.com. We'd love to have you.

## STOPPING TO SMELL THE FLOWERS:

A Healing and Resource Centre ~ Echoing a Remembrance of your Magnificence Through Short Story Awakenings & Offerings~ **The Light Circle** Tues in April (Apr 7, 14 & 21) 7-8:30pm at the Meditation Hut, 130 Stanley St S, Thamesford. Interact with the Stopping to Smell the Flowers: The Space In Between short stories while connecting with a like-minded group who wish to explore energy around us, emotions & taking inspired action. Sessions are designed to have participants find ways to pivot towards better feeling thoughts & emotions. Be amazed at how discussion themes align with your own life, memories & goals. Each session ends with a Guided Meditation. Cost \$175 includes admission to the Immersion Series Thur, Apr 30, 7-8:30pm – a new offering with sneak peaks & take away tools into concepts from my next book series on how to manifest with the energy that is in us & around us. To find out more & register, message Stephanie Malo on Facebook at “Stopping to Smell the Flowers: Extraordinary Observations of Everyday Life” Instagram @therealstephaniemalo or email stephaniemalo@hotmail.com. www.stoppingtosmelltheflowers.com.

## LAWRENCE STATION:

**The Flagship Erie's Final Flight** sold out in 2023 & returns in Oct 2026 with a music infused version. The play is about the family, friends & locals whose lives were changed by this local event. www.On-StageLive.ca for information and tickets. www.LenCuthbert.com.

## 2026 TRACTOR SKILL GAMES!

We're excited to announce that sponsorship opportunities for the 2026 Tractor Skill Games are officially open! Sponsors will be recognized with signage at the event, logo in the event brochure & event T-shirts, and recognition on our website & social media platforms as well! We welcome both individual & business donations to help make this incredible community event possible. With a shared goal of raising funds for the Children's Hospital, your support truly makes a difference in the lives of local families. Join us for this year's event happening Sat, Sept 5, near Ingersoll — it's a day you won't want to miss! To become a sponsor or more information, please visit: www.tractorskillgames.ca or email tractor-skillgames@hotmail.com. Let's come together again to support a great cause and make 2026 our best year yet!

## WEST OXFORD INFERNO GIRLS HOCKEY

As we head into the 2026–27 season, we're excited to be expanding our program—including the launch of brand-new U13 & U15 girls teams. This growth reflects the incredible momentum & rising enthusiasm for girls' hockey in our region. With that momentum comes the need for increased support. I'd like to invite you to make a meaningful impact by sponsoring our U13/U15 team and helping give these young athletes the best chance to have an outstanding season. We are offering 3 levels of sponsorship:

- Gold – \$1,000 Includes a prominent name/logo on our team banner and on our website under the Gold heading.
- Silver – \$500 Includes a larger name/logo on our team banner and on our website under the Silver heading.
- Bronze – \$250 Includes your name/logo on our team banner and on our website under the Bronze heading.

For more information: coach: Rob Bossence, 519-859-5132, rob@boscos.ca.

## INGERSOLL GARAGE SALES

Save the date for Ingersoll's annual town wide yard sales Sat, June 6!

## INGERSOLL MEDITATION

\$10 donation, Wed 6:30-8pm. 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.

## GOLFING ANYONE?

I know, the winter seems to be hanging on far too long, but spring is just around the corner! Your golf swing may need some perfecting from lack of practice over the long winter months. The first Golf Fundraiser package can help get your game back in shape! For \$25 you have the opportunity to win 132 holes of golf, 2 hours on a simulator, and a \$200 gift certificate to get your hands on some awesome Kandy Golf apparel (Canadian) so you can be the envy of the golf crowd this summer! This is the last time this package is being offered, so make sure you get your name on the spinner wheel for your chance to win the package valued at \$965. EMT your \$25 to omulder@rogers.com or email to same address to make other arrangements for payment! No tax receipts are available for this fundraiser, but to receive a tax receipt for donations, go to my GCC website: <https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/HenriettaOlthoff-Mulder>. All funds go to Great Cycle Challenge in support of kids fighting cancer at Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto.



## SUMMER EXCHANGES

Our federal government calls on a refocusing of our economic life & friendly relations with European nations, the ones that so value Canadians that they greet teens participating in ISE international exchanges with exuberance. 13 to 17 year-olds can apply for summer exchanges now, and spend 3 weeks in France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland (in 3 of its language communities), Italy and Ireland, then host their exchange partners here for some good times during good weather. www.iseontario.on.ca or bryasmit@oxford.net for more information!

## AFFECTED BY SOMEONE'S ADDICTION?

Nar-Anon groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer our help by sharing our experience, strength & hope. Helpline 1-800-477-6291. Please contact your local area or region for specific information regarding group changes. Some group, area, and regional website information can be found at <https://www.nar-anon.org/other-sites>.

## CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SINGING!

The Woodstock Choralaires presents “THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC” Sat, Apr 25, 3pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock with Luciano DeCicco, guest artist. Tickets \$30 (free admission to children 12 and under). For tickets contact: Wilson & Mar-kle Jewellers, Woodstock; [ticketscene.ca](http://ticketscene.ca); Choralaire Members; 519-456-5270.

## INGERSOLL 50+ CENTRE EVENTS

**BUS TRIP Women's Professional Hockey League** Sat, Apr 11.

**Annual Yard Sale** Apr 25, 8-12pm. Donations accepted until Apr 11.



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### NATURE CLUB

**FINGAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA** Sat, Apr 18. Please join us at 9am in the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Ingersoll Arena to carpool to this conservation area which has a system of hiking trails geared to all tastes & ability levels. There are 21 km of trails altogether through a variety of habitats so you are sure to find one to interest you. A waterfowl viewing stand allows visitors to observe a 3-acre pond. East of the pond are 9 acres of tall grass prairie encircled by a walking trail. With over 200 species of wildlife identified during breeding & migration seasons, the area is a haven for nature enthusiasts. The members of our Club are always willing to share their knowledge & expertise with anyone joining our group and all of us are still learning. You do not have to be a member to come with us & enjoy nature. All are welcome! The property is co-managed by Elgin Stewardship Council and MNR and is located at 34469 Fingal Line, Fingal. For more information call Ken 519-539-5234 or [www.ingersollnatureclub.com](http://www.ingersollnatureclub.com).

## Bits n Clips

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR GARY ABRAMS

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Are you concerned about changes in memory? We're here to help. The Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners is the local community agency dedicated to supporting individuals living with dementia and their care partners. We provide a circle of care through our programs and services which include dementia education, counselling and support and therapeutic recreation. With offices in London, St. Thomas and Woodstock, we are truly your partner in dementia care. For more information visit alzswp.ca or call 1-888-495-5855.

## BEACHVILLE DISTRICT MUSEUM

As we welcome the early days of spring, we invite you to drop into the museum for a tour Tues-Sat 10-4pm, and participate in our upcoming programs, events & activities:

**Summer Camp Program** For children ages 5-11 from June 29-Aug 28 (excluding statutory holidays). Registration opens Apr 1. Use code EARLYBIRD for 15% off through Apr 15. During our two-week early bird registration period we will only be accepting full week registrations. On Apr 16, we will open up additional slots for each week which will be available for both full week & single day registrations. Register at beachvilledistrictmuseum.com/summercamp2026.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Sat, Apr 4, 11-1pm. Join the Beachville Parks & Rec. Committee for their annual easter egg hunt on the museum grounds! Different age groups will have different egg-collecting missions.

**April Speaker Series** Tues, Apr 14, 7pm. Hosted by the Beachville District Historical Society (BDHS), this month's speaker will be Richard Poortinga on the topic of "Amazing Versatile Annuals." Free admission. No registration required. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Spring 50/50 Draw** (Online) Tickets for the BDHS online 50/50 draw are available at rafflebox.ca/raffle/beachville3 and on the museum's website through Apr 4 with the draw taking place Apr 7. Buying tickets is an easy way to support the museum and BDHS!

**Many Hands: Quilted Stories of South-West Oxford & Zorra** Extended to Sat, Apr 11. This exhibition brings together beautiful quilted works from the BDM collection that reflect the stories, traditions, & histories of South-West Oxford and Zorra townships. Come explore the textures, colours & stories stitched into every piece as we celebrate the many hands that keep these traditions alive.

**2026 Car Show Season** Mark your calendars for another fun-filled season of car shows on the museum grounds! Each show will be open to the public 11-3pm, with show cars welcome on the grounds after 9:30am. Join us on the following dates:

Sun, May 24      Sun, June 14      Sun, July 26  
Sun, Aug 23      Sun, Sept 27

We encourage all museum supporters, users, and followers to take part in our community survey, which will help shape our new Strategic Plan. The survey includes 3 quick questions and takes about 3 minutes to complete. Access the survey here: <https://forms.gle/Wxqde1AbxLMTfB6c8>. The end of March marked the conclusion of our Education & Public Program Coordinator, Brooklyn Bettioli's, term through Young Canada Works. We extend our thanks to Brooklyn for her excellent work on educational programming, day camps & museum promotions. She has contributed greatly to the museum's work and we wish her much luck in her future endeavours.



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## EMBRO EGG HUNT

The Embro Pond Association is pleased to announce that the 2026 Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sat, Apr 4, 10-11am 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. 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 10:45am & prizes will be awarded immediately afterward. The Embro Pond Association wishes to thank the Embro Legion, Embro Family Pharmacy & Upper Thames River Conservation Authority for their continuing support of the Easter Egg Hunt.



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## HEY, CAN I HAVE YOUR PILE OF CARDBOARD?

It sounds like an odd request, especially when followed with "Do you reuse it or recycle it?". Actually, Bryan Smith will answer "Both" but with a priority on reuse. But when the person asking is thinking about what they will put under the mulch in the garden, that seems like a great deal. Some might ask for your fallen branches & even tree trunks for a bottom layer in container gardens? Want some leaves, clippings & compost for that mix too? Top soil goes last. There are great ways in the spring to create wonderful, sustainable gardens for food, flowers, pollinators & people (to eat from). Give it some thought before you throw good stuff out.



## AMAZING VERSATILE ANNUALS

Come to the Beachville District Historical Society speaker series Tues, Apr 14, 7pm at Beachville District Museum as we welcome spring with Master Gardener Richard Poortinga with his topic Amazing Versatile Annuals. Join us for an evening of planting tips from an expert gardener with a question period followed by a light lunch. All are welcome.

## LOTS TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR BRAIN

By Laura Green

Braemar & Lakeside Women's Institute decided to learn more about our brain's health with Rebekah Lindsay, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners, Woodstock Office. Her presentation was titled "Heads up for Healthier Brains" – "What everyone should know about brain health & dementia". Some pointers to maintain or improve your brain health that were discussed were 1. Challenge your brain by keeping your brain active every day, 2. Be socially active, 3. Choose a Healthy Lifestyle and 4. Protect your head. Our meeting at the home of Anya Donaldson on Mar 4 accomplished 3 of the points in her presentation – follow directions & be on time, visit with members that you haven't seen since Christmas meetings and park at the end of the driveway to enjoy a walk on the spring like day. Rebekah Lindsay also discussed the different programs offered by Alzheimer Society for people living with dementia & for their caregivers. The society next fundraising event is Walk for Alzheimer May 30 & 31 with 4 locations within the Southwest Partners region. With spring just around the corner, it means annual meetings in April and new programs to be planned. Lakeside is already planning a theatre trip to the Blyth Festival in July.

## HARRINGTON HALL FOR RENT

Planning a function or celebration? Why not hold it at Harrington Hall? Bright, accessible, cheery space. Holds up to 100. Reasonable rates. Contact Nancy 519-536-0955, or nancyskillings10@hotmail.com.

## CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

**Visit the Gallery & Artisan Market** 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: ICAC Members' Show** Featuring the works of our talented members, this show is a must-see for any art lover. Pottery, rug hooking, quilting, fibre arts, paintings, mixed media & photography there is something here for everyone. The exhibition opens Apr 18, 1pm and the show runs until May 23.

**UPCOMING CLASSES: Abstract Magic with Alcohol Inks** - Kathleen Jull. Sat, Apr 11, 1-3:30pm.

**Improve Your Throwing** with Keri Axon. Sat, Apr 18-May 9 (4 sessions), 10-1pm. Some wheel experience required.

**Bring On the Flowers!** Watercolour with Audrianna DeSouza. Tues, Apr 21, 7-8:30pm.

**ICAC Fashion Show Fundraiser** Fri, May 8. Doors 6pm, Fashion Show 7pm. Tickets \$50. Support the Arts Centre & stay up on the latest fashions featuring Roberts & Co. Ladies Wear. Tickets available at the Centre or [www.creativeartscentre.com](http://www.creativeartscentre.com).

## HONOURING THE PAST...

Flying into the Future: A New Season for the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association. After celebrating an extraordinary milestone last year - its 40th anniversary - the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA) in Tillsonburg is preparing for its 2026 season with pride. Last season was a tribute to 4 decades of dedication from volunteers, pilots, maintainers, donors & aviation enthusiasts who have been keeping history alive in a powerful way: by keeping these Second World War aircraft flying. To keep this momentum going, each winter the aircraft are given a full maintenance overhaul to ensure the fleet of "Yellow Birds" are in top condition for the pending season. This behind-the-scenes work is essential. It's what allows the organization to continue offering the public the rare opportunity to see, hear & experience these legendary aircraft in flight rather than simply behind museum ropes. The Harvard Association will be proud to share this living history at events this summer, both at home at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport, and at air shows & other aviation events. These events offer an opportunity to honour the men & women who trained, served & sacrificed during the Second World War. As this registered charitable organization looks to the future, it is also facing a significant infrastructure challenge. Its main hangar - home to aircraft, restoration projects & artifacts -- needs a significant roof rebuild. At the heart of CHAA's operations, maintaining this hangar it is critical to protecting the aircraft & ensuring the safety of volunteers. The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association is launching a new fundraising campaign dedicated specifically to the hangar roof restoration. Every contribution, large or small, helps safeguard the future of the organization & the aircraft entrusted to their care. As a new flying season approaches, the Harvard Association invites the community, supporters & aviation enthusiasts to join them at their hangars, air shows or through fundraising efforts. Through collective efforts, these remarkable aircraft can continue to honour, educate and inspire. Visit [www.harvards.com](http://www.harvards.com) for more information.



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## EZAS WELCOMES 3 NEW DIRECTORS!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to 3 new 2026 directors who excitedly joined the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society: Cassandra Baker, Carly Brintnell, and Hannah George. And welcome back for the 2026 Year, your EZAS Board of Directors: Chantel Van Lith (Past President), Mark Zammit (President), Kim Jakeman (1st Vice), Eric Nicholls (2nd Vice), Emily Bertens (Treasurer), Nicole Barnett (Secretary), Rebecca MacLeod (Advertising & Website Coordinator), Katelyn Sykes, Mary MacCormack, Jaclyn Turpin, Jess Nicholson, and our Ambassadors: Hailey Lup-ton (Sr Ambassador), and Alyssa Hewitt (Jr Ambassador). We are busy preparing for the year ahead to bring some fun, educational, and exciting events to the community!

## IAN TAMBLYN

Sun, Apr 19, 2pm the Harrington and Area Community Association is thrilled to welcome back singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist & story-teller Ian Tamblin, after a sold-out performance at Harrington Hall in 2019. Having recorded 45 CD's, albums & cassettes in his over 50 year career, he continues to be busy touring Ontario & Quebec, and in the past few years has also written several original musical theatre works. Ian has won numerous awards & nominations including a nomination as English Songwriter of the Year by the Canadian Folk Music Awards and he has been awarded membership as an Officer of the Order of Canada. [www.iantamblin.com](http://www.iantamblin.com). Tickets at: [www.exploreharrington.ca](http://www.exploreharrington.ca) or 519-536-0955.

## THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Thames Centre Community Choir presents its May Concert Sun, May 24, 2pm at Thorndale United Church, 245 King St, Thorndale. Admission is by donation. Everyone is welcome! Choir members will be selling Dipladenia and Hibiscus flowers as its major annual fund raiser this April. Please contact any choir member or [c\\_baskerville@hotmail.com](mailto:c_baskerville@hotmail.com) for more information.



## BOWLING LADIES LEAGUE

Weekly games over 200. Week 21: Michelle Kirwin 294, 210, 209, Mel Hance 235, Kim Overton 234, Mary Rooke 202. Week 22: Mel Hance 217. Week 23: Janice Harry 211, Mel Hance 211, Kim Overton 206, Henrietta Mulder 205. Week 24: Barb Freemantle 252, Henrietta Mulder 201.

## DROP-IN SHUFFLEBOARD

Drop-In shuffleboard at the Auditorium - Ingersoll Memorial Arena Tues & Thur at 12:30pm. Evening program - Thur 6:30pm. Register online using the Pickup Hub app "pickup hub.net". Equipment (cues) is provided. A great way to have fun & meet new people. Contact: Trevor Martin 519-926-0039.



## PROGRAMS AT INGERSOLL 50+ CENTRE

**ALZHEIMERS EDUCATION SESSIONS** Apr 23, May 28 & June 25, 2pm. No fees but please register by 12pm the day before.

**AMERICAN MAH JONGG BEGINNER LESSONS** Are you interested in learning how to play? We are offering a 4-week course. This is a registered session as you must be committed to playing on all 4 Tuesdays - Apr 7, 14, 21 & 28. Register soon as we can only accommodate 8 people, which will make 2 tables. \$20.

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

**KNITTING & CROCHETING** Mon 10am. Enjoy a fun social while either learning how to knit/crochet or maybe you just need a refresher.

**OVERTONES CHOIR** Sing with our social choir. The Overtones practice at the centre and then travel to local retirement homes once a month. Please call the centre for the monthly schedule.

**SEWING DROP-IN** Thur 9:30am. Bring your own projects & enjoy a social time while working.

**SEWING WORKSHOP** 1st Mon of each month 9am. Each month a different project will be chosen & worked on together. Bring your own machine & enjoy a morning of sewing and conversation. Apr 13 will be the morning due to Easter Monday Apr 6.

**SING FOR JOY** Fri 11:15-12:15pm. This is a registered program for 8 weeks that will blend gentle vocal exercises, breathing & posture techniques & sing-along favorites in a relaxed, supportive environment. No experience is needed – just a love of music. Session to start on Fri, Apr 10-June 5.

**SKETCHY SENIORS** Tues 1-3:30pm. A drop-in session for creative minds. Bring your project & learn from other like-minded individuals. Painting, sketching, storytelling, origami, there are no limits in this program. Some materials provided.

**TIMELINES & TALES (HISTORY)** Tues 9:30-11:30am. Dave, Deward & Brian have an exciting session planned. Join the group to learn about the Ancient World with a look at the Ancient Civilizations of the Nile, Tigris-Euphrates, Indus and Yangtze Rivers, Meso-america, and Andean America. Discuss the "Greats of History" like Constantine, Alexander and Catherine. Delve into the origin and meaning of some well-known myths, legends, and folklore.

**UKULELE** Fri 10-11am. This class will continue to learn basic chords & strumming techniques while playing along to simple & familiar songs to build confidence and have fun. 8-week registered session starts Fri, Apr 10-June 5.

**WEDNESDAY BRUNCH** Join us on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed (Apr 1, 15 & 29), 9-11:30am, \$10. Please register by 12pm the day before. Apr 1 promises to bring Easter into play with bunnies!

**WEDNESDAY DINING & SOCIAL** Join us on 2nd & 4th Wed (Apr 8 & 22), 5pm, each month \$13. Register by 12pm the day before.

**WOOD CARVING** Mon 1pm. Enjoy carving pictures into wood, creating beautiful figurines & more.

**WOODSHOP** We have a well-equipped shop for you to create your projects from start to finish. Membership and orientation are required prior to using any of the equipment. \$3/day.

## PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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.

## FITNESS AT INGERSOLL 50+ CENTRE

250 Ingersoll St. S. ~ 519-485-3869 ~ info@ingersollseniors.com. Hours: Mon 8:30-9pm, Wed 8:30-8pm Tues/Thur/Fri 8:30-4:30pm. CLOSED: Apr 3 & 6 (Easter weekend).

**FITNESS ROOM** Open to all members & equipped with treadmill, elliptical, recumbent bike, spin bike, weights and more. If you want to work out independently, this is the place to do it! A fitness orientation is needed before the first use. \$1/use.

**REGISTERED PROGRAMS: FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT** Tues 11am. This class addresses the serious issues of aging independently & aging well. Next session to start May 12-June 30.

**PILATES** Thur 11am. A fantastic form of low-impact exercise, focusing on the core & extending from there to work every part of your body. All levels are welcome, and modifications are always offered. Next session to start May 14-July 2.

**STROKE RECOVERY, COPD, PARKINSON'S DISEASE FITNESS** Tues/Thur 10:30am. Moderate intensity exercise with a focus on functional movement. Please call for further information 519-485-3869.

**DROP-IN FITNESS CLASSES** \$3/member, \$6/non-member.

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

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

**GENTLE YOGA** Thur 9am. Gentle poses standing & on the floor.

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

**PICKLEBALL** Mon 9:30am at Trinity United Church. Come out and try your hand at this popular sport. Drop-in rate \$5.

**STRENGTH & STRETCH** Fri 9am. Increasing your strength helps with activities of daily living. Come have fun pumping some weights, followed by flexibility training and relaxation.

**TAI CHI** Mon 12pm. A gentle exercise practice. Slow movements to help restore balance, both body & mind.

**TOTAL BODY WORKOUT** Mon 9am / Tues 9am. An energetic, fully standing class set to fun music.

**TOTAL TONING TIME** Wed 5:30pm. Sculpt, sweat & shine! A full-body workout. Options for every fitness level, you'll tone & tighten from head to toe. You'll walk out stronger, more confident, and ready to crush anything that comes your way!

**VON SMART Exercise Class** Mon & Thur, 1:30pm. A safe & effective exercise & fall prevention program designed specifically for older adults or for those individuals with mobility issues and/or chronic conditions that could benefit from exercise. This is a free class.

**LINE DANCING** Beginner Mon 6pm - Improver Mon 7:15pm - Absolute Beginner Wed 10:30am. Contemporary line dances in a fun-filled class. No partner is needed but feel free to bring a friend.

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

## SWEABURG EUCHRE

Sweaburg & District Lions Club next euchre (progressive) is to be held Sat, Apr 18, at Sweaburg United Church (Dodge Line). Doors open 6:30pm, \$10 per person & light refreshments on hand. Everyone is welcome, come out and have a fun night of euchre.



## TRIVIA NIGHT in INGERSOLL

Are you a Trivia Lover? Do you have friends, families or coworkers that love to play trivia games? The Ingersoll Pipe Band has the best entertainment night in April planned for you. Come on out to the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall April 11, 7pm and enjoy some amazing trivia rounds created by the trivia gurus Danielle & Ron McMurchy! Teams can be 2 to 6 in size and each member of a team pays \$20. For that you get treats & a chance to win some great prizes, all the while having fun & challenging those grey cells. Call 519-878-4494 or text to register your team. Deadline for registration is Mon, Apr 6. This is a fundraiser for the IPB which is planning a major trip to the Maritimes in 2027 so come on out and support our band.

## 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](http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca), [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)  
Tues 7pm St. Pauls Church, 56 Thames St. S, Ingersoll.

## THISTLE THEATRE

**Dramarama 2026** Early bird rate ends May 1! The 30th season of Dramarama our summer day camp ages 6-13 (grades 1-8). Session (9 spots remaining!) runs July 20-31 with 2 final performances July 31, 11am & 1pm. A 2-week session at Dramarama is all about developing creativity, self-expression & self-confidence. Workshops in drama, music, dance, arts & crafts, and theatre production take place each morning, with the afternoon spent working together to collectively create one play. Camp runs daily 9-3pm out of the Embro Town Hall, 135 Huron St. For all the information, including payment options, head to [www.thistle-theatre.com](http://www.thistle-theatre.com) and click on the Dramarama page. We're looking for volunteers who want the ability to obtain community service hours while also participating in our programming! Apply to be a Leader In Training at Dramarama if you're transitioning to high school this fall or currently in grade 9-12. Email our Artistic Director at [dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com](mailto: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. We're always looking for used-in-good condition costumes or props that you'd be willing to part with & donate to our camp, please email [dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com](mailto:dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com) to arrange for drop off or pick up.

**Thank You - Mighty Men of Zorra** Thistle Theatre & the production team of Mighty Men of Zorra extend their sincere thanks to everyone who attended the show & to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. With a cast of 16 actors, a dedicated crew of 10, and playwright William Butt, this new production brought the proud history of Zorra Township vividly to life. Staging the performance in the Embro Old Town Hall—built just one year before the final Tug of War victory—added a special sense of authenticity & connection to the story. We are also deeply grateful to our sponsors for their support, with special thanks to the Zorra Caledonians.

**Auditions** - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Thistle Theatre is looking for singers, of all ages, sizes & genders for our fall production. Auditions are June 5 & 7 at the Town Hall in Embro. Please visit our website [www.thistletheatre.com](http://www.thistletheatre.com) to book your audition time. Hope to see you there.



## IN 2026 IT'S YOUR FIX!

Ingersoll Country Music Jamboree meets every other Fri 1-4pm at Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St S, Ingersoll. Join us, walk ins welcome. Qualifications: love 1950-70's country music, perform, listen, dance, enjoy! Apr 10 & 17, May 1 & 15 & 29, June 5 & 19.

## THORNDALE LIBRARY

**FOR YOUNG FAMILIES: Thorndale Storytime** Tues 10:30am. Stories, songs, rhymes, and fun!

**Happy Hour** Thur, Apr 9, 16, 23, 30 3:30-4:30pm. Crafts & games! For ages 3-6. Parents must be present in the library.

**FOR SCHOOL AGED: Afternoons Unplugged** Wed, Apr 8, 15, 29 3:30-4:30pm. Recharge your aura with crafts, games & yapping with your friends. Ages 7-12.

**PD Day Miniature Magic for Teens & Tweens** Fri, Apr 24, 11-12pm. Make jewelry, miniatures of your favourite animals, or a keychain with Shrinky Dinks. Ages 9-18.

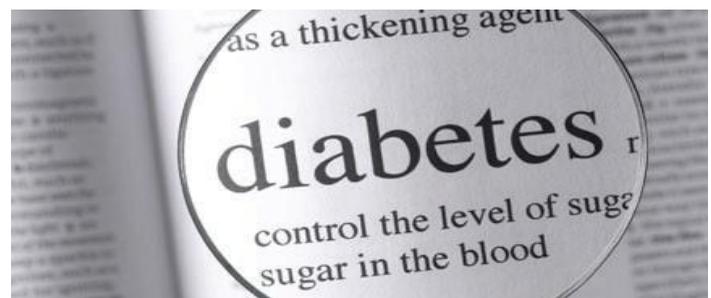
**FOR ALL AGES: Used Book Sale** Sat, Apr 11-Fri, Apr 17 during library open hours. Purchase one (or 100!) previously loved books. By donation to support our library programming. For more information or to register, call 519-461-1150, [thorndale\\_staff@middlesex.ca](mailto:thorndale_staff@middlesex.ca).

## THORNDALE KID'S CHURCH CAMP (formerly VBS)

The week of July 13-17 at Thorndale United Church 9am-noon. Children - SK to grade 6 are invited to attend. Theme for the week will be "Rocky Railroad". We welcome Student Volunteers as Crew Leaders to help out & will be credited with their volunteer hours. For further information contact Yvonne Elliott [elliotttj@bell.net](mailto:elliotttj@bell.net) or Pam Wilcox [pamwilcox@hotmail.com](mailto:pamwilcox@hotmail.com).

## DIABETES EDUCATION

Are you looking for support with your Diabetes? Our team of Registered Nurses, Registered Dietitians & a Social Worker is here to support YOUR goals. We can help with medication adjustments, lifestyle & diet changes, stress management, weight reduction strategies & more. Appointments are available at Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll & Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and by phone. SELF REFERRALS ARE WELCOME. Please call 519-485-9611 to book an appointment. Let's work together!



## BIG CHEESE DAYS "WE LEND A HAND"

Screening Sat, May 2, 1-3pm, the Ingersoll museum will host a screening & meet-and-greet for the documentary We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of the Ontario Farmerettes. This 49-minute film honours the 40,000 teenage girls who volunteered between 1941 and 1952 to ensure critical food production during WWII. Through archival images & reenactments, the film captures the memories of these women & their incredible service to the frontlines. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for all the latest news and events.

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172 King St., Thorndale. Look for us on Facebook!  
Join us at 11 am!  
Rev. Quenton Little, quenton\_little@outlook.com,  
226-237-4298

### **South Nissouri Presbyterian Church**

Service 10am  
17358 Oliver Rd at Heritage, Thorndale  
Contact: Doug Hill 519-461-0906

### **Thorndale United Church**

Pastor Pam Wilcox  
245 King Street www.tzuc.ca 519-609-6132  
Tues Bible Study 7-9pm  
Wed Youth Group 5:30-7:30pm  
Thur Choir Practice 8:15-9:15pm

### **Truth Community Church** 519-285-2112

154978 15th Line, Thamesford, truthcommunitychurch.ca  
Pastor Steve Twinem, tccthamesford@gmail.com

### **Chalmers United Church** Kintore, kintorechurch.com

Rev. Pirie Mitchell 519-639-0978, pirieminister@gmail.com  
SUN Services 10:30am.  
MON Kintore Knitting & More 9:30-11am. Everyone welcomed.  
Apr 5 Easter Sunday 7:30am Sunrise Service at the Cemetery  
8am Breakfast at the Church, pancakes, sausage, beans  
& fruit salad. Free will offering.  
10:30am Easter Service  
Apr 21 Over 50's Potluck Lunch 12:30pm.  
Mystery Speaker to follow. Last one until October.

### **East Nissouri Union Church** 519-709-0282

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

### **Banner United Church** www.bannerunitedchurch.com

602800 Road 60 at Line 15, Zorra Twp.  
Apr 12 Spring service, 3pm. All welcome.

# APRIL

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> • Prostate Cancer support • Caregiver Corner 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> • Choral concert 	<b>4</b> • Egg Hunt
<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> • VON Exercise, Ingersoll 50+ • Mahjong, Thamesford Library	<b>7</b> • Shuffleboard, Ing. • Light Circle • STEAM Club, Thamesford Library	<b>8</b> • Meditation, Ingersoll • Thorndale Horticulture meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> • All Dressed Up • Jamboree, Ingersoll • Knits & Knots, Thamesford Library	<b>11</b> • All Dressed Up • Abstract Magic, ICAC
<b>12</b> • Banner United Church Service	<b>13</b> • Total Body Workout, Ingersoll 50+ • Ontario Ancestors • Knitting, Ing 50+	<b>14</b> • Functional Movement, Ing 50+ • Adult Crafternoon, Thamesford Library	<b>15</b> • Air Cadets • Total Toning, Ing 50+ • Tales for Tots, Thamesford Library	<b>16</b> • Shuffleboard, Ing. • Cooking Connexions	<b>17</b> • Jamboree, Ingersoll • Strength & Stretch, Ing 50+ • Ukelele, Ing 50+	<b>18</b> • Nature Hike, Fingal • Daughters of the Nile, Garage Sale • Knitting, Embro • ICAC Exhibit opening
<b>19</b> • Ian Tamblin, Harrington	<b>20</b> • Tai Chi, Ing 50+ • Line Dancing, Ingersoll 50+	<b>21</b> • Watercolours, ICAC • Writing Group, Thamesford Library <b>VILLAGE VOICE DEADLINE</b>	<b>22</b> • MAiD Grief Support • Chair Fitness, Ingersoll 50+ • Thamesford Friendship Club	<b>23</b> • Pilates, Ing 50+ • Sewing, Ing 50+	<b>24</b> • Han & Oyster dinner	<b>25</b> • Reuseapaloozaha • Ing 50+ Yard Sale • Growing Veggies, Embro • Choralaires concert
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> • Pickleball, Ing 50+	<b>28</b> • Ingersoll Horticulture • Chair Yoga, Ing 50+ • Adult Crafty class, Thamesford Library • Sacred Heart Euchre • Al-Anon, Ingersoll	<b>29</b> • Air Cadets • Walking Club, Ingersoll 50+ • Book Club, Thamesford Library	<b>30</b> • Gentle Yoga, Ing 50+	<b>MAY 1</b> • Osteofit, Ing 50+ • Singing, Ing 50+	<b>2</b> • We Lend a Hand • Sacred Heart Yard Sale

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