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FREE GARDENS TOUR

Ingersoll & District Horticultural Society invites you to view, free of charge, several open gardens on July 12, 1-4:30pm. Pick up address information at the downtown gazebo 11-2pm.

MILITARY HERITAGE OPEN HOUSE & FLY DAY

Come fly with us! The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA) is inviting the community to the Tillsonburg Regional Airport Sat, July 17 for a special Military Heritage Open House & Fly Day. It will be a celebration of Canada's aviation legacy & a remembrance to those who served in the Second World War. Visitors looking for an unforgettable experience can purchase a flight in an authentic WWII Harvard aircraft, with advance reservations recommended by emailing crewflights@harvards.com. Visitors can also explore CHAA's hangars, meet the pilots & maintainers who preserve the iconic yellow Harvard trainers, learn about the aircraft's role in preparing thousands of young men for service during the Second World War, and enjoy displays & demonstrations. From the sound of the Harvard's distinctive engine roar to the stories shared by CHAA's dedicated volunteers, the July 17 event offers a rare opportunity to connect with Canada's military aviation heritage in a living, hands-on way. Admission is always free.

EAST MISSOURI UNION CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Car Wash • Bake Sale • Pie Silent Auction • Hot Dogs
Sat July 4, 10-2pm at the Cooper Farm, 197133 Rd 119 - north of Uniondale.

STRAWBERRY SUPPER

Chalmers United Church Strawberry Supper Sept 16. Two sittings 4:30pm and 6pm and takeout. Adults \$25, children 6-12 \$15, 5 and under free. Get your ticket by Sept 2. Call Judy 519-283-6355 or Louise 519-461-1795.

HOLY DINER, DORCHESTER

The Holy Diner at Dorchester United Church runs every Thursday until Aug 27, rain or shine. People are welcome to come between 5-7pm to enjoy a BBQ meal.

ZION HILL 7TH LINE CEMETERY DECORATION

Aug 16. Your donations go to the upkeep of the cemetery. Thank you for your support. Inquiries Call Wayne Murrell 519-461-1795.

EMBRO FAIR COUNTRY CONCERT TICKETS

Sat, Sept 1 the Country Music Concert is back at the Embro Fair, under the Pavillion at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. A 19+ Age of Majority Event, 8pm start. Food & drinks provided by Mad Mash Brewery. Tickets available at www.embrofair.com (Early Bird price by July 1 at \$30, or \$35 after that). Features headliner Chris Clark, and opener Greg Williams & The Dirty Magnolias.

BANNER CEMETERY DECORATION

Sun, Aug 23. There will not be a service. Donations will be gratefully received.



July 25, 2026, 7-11pm
Thorndale Fairgrounds
Rain or Shine!

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4-H ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE!

Go For The Gold (GFTG) is a trivia game based on 4-H projects & general knowledge. This year it will be Wed, July 15 at the Embro Knox United Church being organized by the Brooksdale 4-H Club. It is played with teams of 4 players playing games with short answer, True/False, group question & multiple-choice questions. The top 2 teams will advance to the Region 6 Go For The Gold Aug 5 being hosted by Elgin 4-H. Youth are to pre-register by July 8 to elizabethannbruce@hotmail.com. The Community 4-H Club hosted a Relay My Way June 12 at the Hickson Park. The youth team raised \$16,220 this year, with a total of \$221,870 for the past 20 years. It was a great community event with 2 other teams 'Currah Crew' and 'Benbow/Jancsar Jays' joining. The event raised \$20,938 for the Canadian Cancer Society. There were themed laps—3-legged, bubble, glow-in-the-dark, sparkler. The evening started with opening ceremonies followed by a lap of hope with people from the community being cheered on while walking the track. The luminary lap started at dusk with pipers & drummers and luminary bags being lit with tea lights. Thank you to the pipers & drummers Lois Turvey, Lana Coghill, Nancy Matthews, Jane Muterer, Charlie Thomson, Lisa McPherson, Harold Matthews, Andrw Coghill & Doug Turvey. Thank you to the event sponsors Oxford Agropro, Parion Animal Nutrition, Hickson Motors, Princess Elizabeth Women's Institute, Liquid Feeds Inc, The Garden in Harrington, Kaufmann Service & Supply, Braemar Women's Institute and Farm Credit Canada Club Fund Grant. To support the team for 2027, they are collecting used electronics, returnable bottles/cans & selling rhubarb jam & grape jelly. Contact Shonna for more details wardshonna@hotmail.com or 519-854-6919. Dairy 4-H Club youth will be participating in the EastGen Challenge West July 13-14 and Western Junior Dairy Show July 2-3. Oxford 4-H Dairy Show will be held Aug 22 at Woodstock Fairgrounds. Lots of 4-H Ontario activities happening—Summer Virtual Art Show for youth ages 6-21 with entries being accepted throughout the summer in 5 categories: painting/drawing, photography, craft/sculpture, food art and new for 2026--video. The Provincial Online Judging Competition for youth ages 6-21 is July 15-Aug 15. 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 and communication in a hands-on learning atmosphere. There is always something happening and 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.

TOURISM IN OXFORD

Play tourist in your own backyard this July and rediscover everything that makes Oxford County worth celebrating. Take a drive through familiar roads & see them with fresh eyes, stopping at local farm stands, vibrant markets, and U-pick fields that showcase the best of the season. It's the perfect way to experience what makes Oxford special and to share it with visiting friends & family. Dive even deeper with a hands-on farm experience at TourismOxford.ca/Experiences. Show off the community you're proud to call home by planning around one of Oxford's summer events. From Canada Day celebrations & classic car cruises to flavour-filled festivals and the iconic Embro Highland Games, there's no shortage of ways to make lasting memories together. See what's coming up at TourismOxford.ca/Events. Hosting guests or planning a staycation? Let us help you make it unforgettable. Reach out at tourism@oxfordcounty.ca or explore ready-made itineraries at TourismOxford.ca to plan your perfect July adventure.

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Upcoming Exhibition: What I Know Thus Far This exhibition features abstract acrylic paintings from Johnnene Maddison. Join us for the opening Sat, July 18, 1pm. The exhibition will be on display from July 18-Aug 22.

Upcoming Classes: Summer Quilt Mon, July 6, 10-3:30pm & Thur, July 9, 3:30-7pm. Sign up for the Summer Quilt to receive the pattern and join us for one or both days to sew together!

OXFORD CTY BRANCH ONTARIO ANCESTORS

Are you looking to start a summer pastime? Are you interested in your family history? Oxford Branch has an extensive collection of family history and genealogical resources that can help you. Come visit our Resource Centre at 82 Light St, Courthouse Square, Woodstock. We are open Tues-Thur 10-4pm. Volunteers are ready to help you get started or help you research for missing information. You can also connect with us on the web at <https://oxford.ogs.on.ca>. We are dedicated to supporting & promoting genealogical research in Oxford County.

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A corn-hole tournament will be held Sat, July 11 starting at 1pm at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall. This competition is for all corn hole players of various skills (beginners or advanced players). Teams are asked to register by July 6 – cost \$25 for a team of two. There will be cash prizes for the winners plus there will be other prizes awarded. Spectators are welcome. Barbecues will be set up to purchase food from 4pm on and there will be a cash bar for refreshments. The Lost Beach Ice Cream Emporium truck will be on site and as part of the day's entertainment, and there will also be roving pipers & drummers providing some excellent summer Celtic vibes! This event will run from 1-8pm at 108 Wonham St S, Ingersoll. Contact by phone or text to register 519-878-4494.

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THORNDALE LIBRARY

Storytime Tues, 10:30-11am. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and plenty of fun! Open to all families, no registration required.

Early ON Play & Learn Fri, 9-11am. A free drop-in program designed for families with children aged 0-6. No registration required.

Top-tier VR July 7, 10, 14, 17, 11-1pm. For families visit faraway places, face your fears, try a completely new gaming experience.

Stitch 'n Chat 1st Tues of the month, 10-12pm (next session: July 7). 3rd Wed of the month, 6-8pm (next session: July 15). Bring your current needlecraft project and meet other crafters for some stitching and chatting. Registration required.

Volcano in a Bottle Wed, July 8, 2:30-3pm. Are you ready to unleash your inner chemist? Well, prepare yourself, because it is going to get messy. Create your own Volcano in a Bottle in this explosive chemistry experiment! Registration required.

Watercolour Zendoodles Thur, July 16, 6-7:30pm. Relax & explore your creativity with simple zendoodle patterns & watercolour techniques. No experience needed! For youth 12+ and adults. Registration required.

Miniature Magic Tues, July 21, 11:30-12:30pm. For families, make jewelry, miniatures of your favourite animals, or a keychain with Shrinky Dinks. Registration required.

Paint Swatch Poetry Wed, July 22, 6:30-7:30pm. Write a colourful poem using inspiration from the names of shades on paint swatches. For adults, 18+

Library Legends: Learn to Play Dungeons & Dragons! Thur, July 23, 2-3:30pm. Trying to learn a fun & creative hobby filled with goblins & dragons? Look no further! Come to learn the basics & play a one-shot at the library! Bring your own device if possible. Ages 10-17. Registration required.

Creepy Clay Crafting Wed, July 29, 6:30-7:30pm. Bring form to a creature that is unhallowed, cursed, abominable, odious out of clay, eyes, and teeth. Registration required.

Magazine? No! My-zine! Thur, July 30, 11-12pm. Discover how to plan, design, and print your own zine. Registration required. For families, school-aged and youth.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SOUTHWEST PARTNERS

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.

BROWN'S CHICKEN BBQ

Brown's United Church Drive-thru chicken BBQ is Thur, July 9, 4:30-7pm. Advance tickets only \$30, call Sue 519-868-3335.

BEACHVILLE DISTRICT MUSEUM

Join us this summer for a tour of the museum & grounds Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, or for one of our upcoming programs and events. We look forward to seeing you soon! With summer programming right around the corner, the museum has welcomed on a summer staff that includes Julianne (Summer Activity Coordinator) and Gillian (Program Coordinator—Education). They were hired through the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs programs, respectively. Our Education & Public Programs Coordinator, Lily, joins us through March 2027 thanks to funding provided by the Young Canada Works program. This team looks forward to running summer camp through July and Aug, leading Hands-on Heritage programs, and supporting our many upcoming programs and events. The museum is also proud to announce that the Hands-on Heritage Baseball-making program has been named a signature experience by Ontario's Southwest Tourism. This accomplishment was only made possible through the work of our staff & dedicated volunteers, as well as support from Community Futures Oxford and the Tourism Oxford team. Details of the experience can be found at beachvilledistrictmuseum.com/hands-on-heritage.

Upcoming Programs & Events - Summer Camp Program for children ages 5-11 from June 29-Aug 28. Space is still available for single-day and full-week registrations. Register online now at beachvilledistrictmuseum.com/summercamp2026.

July 18 Ingersoll Minor Ball Family Fun Day. 9am in Ingersoll's Victoria Park. Stop by the museum's booth to take in a display that explores the history of baseball in Oxford County and try your hand at stitching a lemon peel style baseball.

July 26 Community Car Show 11-3pm (show cars are welcome on the grounds from 9:30am) at the Beachville District Museum, 584367 Beachville Rd. The Beachville Legion will be preparing a BBQ lunch, ice cream will be available, and local vendors will be onsite. Come by to take it all in, grab a snack, tour the museum, and participate in the 50/50 draw! No pre-registration is required, drivers can register at the main table when they arrive. There is no cost to attend (donations to the Beachville District Museum are welcome).

Aug 14 BDHS Beef BBQ Fundraiser 5-7pm at the Beachville District Museum. Tickets are on sale now for a delicious meal of roast beef, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, baked beans, salads, and homemade pie. Stop by the museum or visit us online to get yours today. Pricing: Adult \$30, youth (6-11) \$10, children under 5 free. This is a rain-or-shine event with a sheltered eating area in the case of rain. Take-out option available; please bring your own take-out container to help us reduce waste.

"ROLLIN' RIVER RAMPAGE" VBS

Embro community "Rollin' River Rampage" Vacation Bible School Aug 10-14, 8:30am - noon. At Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews St, Embro. Children welcome from SK to Grade 5. "Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God" through games, Bible stories, songs, crafts & discovery. Snacks provided, safe environment, accessible. To register contact Sue monknsu@gmail.com.





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CLUTTER AND CORTISOL

We live in a consumer driven society. Everywhere we turn we are met with sales, new styles, and increasingly convenient ways of acquiring stuff. Overwhelm & increased cortisol happens quickly. Minimizing the clutter in our lives is a tangible way to reduce stress. Research states that reducing the amount of "stuff" you have can decrease stress, depression & fatigue. Organizing almost immediately provides gratification. You go through a cupboard, fill a bag, and immediately see (and hopefully feel) the physical benefits.

To get started:

- When you receive a new item, use that box or bag to fill with things to go. Or think of swaps: buying two new sweaters, then two have to go.
- Set a timer and organize a spot and make a pile to go.
- Pick a theme: kitchen items, clothes, kid's toys.

Getting rid of "clutter" can feel difficult. We hold onto items for many reasons: grief, guilt, security & more. Try passing items along to a specific cause or person. Have compassion & start slow. Once we get started, organizing is just one of the ways our mental health may be reflected in our surroundings. Jaclyn Turpin is a Social Worker at Rural Refresh Counselling. She supports adults experiencing grief and farmers & their families.

EZAS COOKBOOK IS LOOKING FOR RECIPES!

Submit your favourite recipe to be included in our 2026 Community Cookbook. The recipe must be your own, and we hope to hear a cherished story to go along with it. All recipes will be published into a cookbook that will be available for purchase late this fall. Deadline to submit recipes is July 31, no cost to send in your recipe! Interested in advertising in our cookbook? Check out embrofair.com for all the details!



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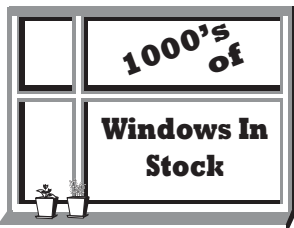
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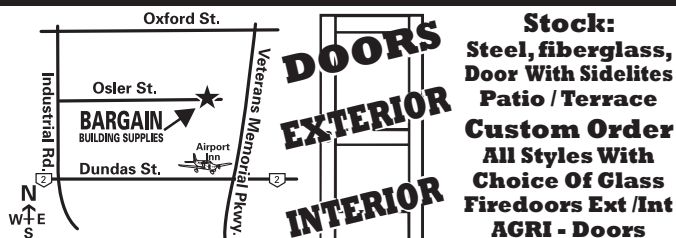
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NASH BARNETT MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

We are pleased to announce that we will be again running the car show in memory of our son Nash for the 5th year! This year it will take place Sun, Sept 20 at the Embro Zorra Community Centre parking lot, 10-4pm. We will have local band "Now What?" playing live music, door prizes to hand out, and show participants & spectators can also take in everything the Embro Fair has to offer including children's activities, food trucks, silent auction & more! Car Show participant fee is by donation at the event to the Canadian Wildlife Federation in memory of 14 year old Dominic Cross who was taken from this world January 2026.... We would love to honour our friend's son & do something positive in his memory. We would love to see many cars of any kind attend (antique, vintage, drag, race, show, European, anything!). We also welcome antique tractors, motorcycles, ATVs, or anything that is special to you — please bring it, we would love to see it. Thank you for all your love & support, it truly means the world to our family. If you would like to pre-register, please contact Nicole Barnett 519-533-2208 or nbarnett221@gmail.com. Pre-registration is not necessary, but encouraged.



Not sure if you can come yet? Decide that day and just come out! Can't show up for 10, or have to leave early? That's fine — come and leave as you like!

INGERSOLL MUSEUM

Thursdays at the Museum: Youth Explorers Looking for a summer filled with adventure, creativity & discovery? Join us every Thur 9-4pm for our Youth Explorers Program, designed for children in Grades 2-5! \$40 per day. Each week brings a brand-new theme packed with hands-on activities, games, crafts, outdoor fun, and exciting learning experiences.

July 2 Mad Science Lab Become a junior scientist with crazy experiments & hands-on STEM fun!

July 9 Knights & Dragons Grab your shield & prepare for adventure as we explore the age of knights & dragons through games, challenges, crafts, and royal fun.

July 16 Down on the Farm Enjoy a barnyard-inspired day filled with farm games, animal activities, crafts, & outdoor adventures.

July 23 History Detectives Travel through time solving mysteries, uncovering artifacts & cracking clues in this hands-on history adventure.

July 30 Earth Explorers Discover wonders of nature through scavenger hunts, outdoor games, eco-crafts & earth science activities.

Aug 6 Art Attack Get ready for a creative explosion of painting, crafting, sculpting & masterpiece-making!

Aug 13 Fairytales Campers will enter a magical world of fairytales with enchanted crafts, fantasy games & storybook adventures!

Aug 20 Under the Sea Dive into an ocean-themed day filled with sea creature games, underwater crafts, and splashy summer fun.

Choose your favourite theme or join us for them all—every Thursday is a new adventure at the museum! Register online.

Cops & Rodders Cruise Night Get ready to rev your engines & rock the night away at the Cops & Rodders Car Show, hosted by the Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum! Join us every 2nd Mon May-Sept, 5-8pm! Whether you're a car lover or just looking for a fun night out, we've got something for everyone! Check out classic & custom rides, enjoy live tunes, and treat yourself to delicious eats—all in a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere.

Curds, Cards, and Calling Spirits Co-hosted by the Ingersoll Cheese Museum and Moonlake Ritual Co., this magical evening blends local history, intuition & creativity inside the historic Sherbrooke Barn. Join us Thur, July 23, 6-8:30pm as we explore the fascinating history of Spiritualism in Oxford County & the mysteries of pendulum divination. Guests will learn about different types of pendulums, enjoy spiritual guidance, and create their very own pendulum to take home. Your evening also includes charcuterie & refreshments in a cozy & enchanting atmosphere. Space is limited, so be sure to grab your tickets early! Tickets will only be sold through Eventbrite <https://CurdsCardsandCallingSpirits.eventbrite.com> \$25 per person.

THISTLE THEATRE - DRAMARAMA 2026

Thistle Theatre is proud to present the 30th season of DRAMARAMA our summer day camp for people ages 6-13. Second Session (a few spots remaining!) runs July 20-July 31. It's 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. The 45 minute(ish) play is then performed for family, friends & community members on the final day of camp. For all the information, including payment options, please head to www.thistle-theatre.com and click on the Dramarama page. The registration fee is \$375 per camper per session. 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. We're always looking for used-in-good condition costumes or props that you'd be willing to part with and donate to our camp.



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GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

A brand-new fundraiser is in the works once again! As always, ALL proceeds go toward helping kids fight cancer. And once again, this is the LAST TIME this fundraiser will be offered, as this is my final year participating in the Great Cycle Challenge. It's bittersweet, but all things have an expiry date, and after a 10 year ride with GCC, I feel the time has come to move on to something new. Before I do, I wanted to leave you with one more fun fundraiser packed with some amazing prizes! It's an incredible package valued at \$1,545! Included in this package:

- An Eco Tour from the Tillsonburg Airport
- A fun-filled family day at Clovermead Adventure Farm
- A visit to Makkink's Flower Farm
- An awesome SNAP-ON tool set
- Numerous gift certificates from businesses throughout Tillsonburg & Southwest Oxford County. There may even be a few gift certificates from just outside the area—but not far! Fundraiser runs July 1-31, with the wheel spin taking place shortly thereafter. Names entered on the wheel spinner do not qualify for a tax receipt. If you would like a tax receipt, please make your donation directly through my Great Cycle Challenge page. Simply visit GreatCycleChallenge.ca and search for Henrietta Mulder. Follow the prompts to make your donation, and a tax receipt will be issued directly by SickKids Foundation. No matter which way you choose to support, your donation helps improve the lives of children battling cancer. Can I count on you during this, my final year supporting this incredible cause? "We cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good we can do." Thank you for helping me make a difference, one last ride at a time.

EZAS PRIZEBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE!

Pick up your Embro Fair prizebook at: Embro Cheese House, Embro Food Market, Kintore Coffee, Village Deli Thamesford. Find some great homecraft classes to enter your homemade items in, children's crafts & creations, forage crops, and find out all the wonderful activities planned for the 2026 Fall Fair! Can't find a prizebook? Please reach out to embroagsociety@gmail.com.

FREE YOUTH PROGRAM

Free youth program for ages 12-18. 201 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron: * Participate in survival training exercises * Fly simulators * Learn leadership skills & make lifelong friendships * Join the squadron pipe & drum band. * Earn community service hours * All training & uniforms are free of charge. The squadron meets weekly on Wednesday at the Dorchester Optimist Club, 6:30-9pm. For more info: email: captain.higgins@outlook.com. <http://www.aircadets.ca/201/>

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, July 7 & 21 start 1pm. Refreshments provided.



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 Rural Roads Health Services: Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll site and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital site and by phone. SELF REFERRALS ARE WELCOME. Please call 519-485-9611 to book an appointment. Let's work together!



SYNCHRONIZING

Thamesford Lions and the Oxford Coalition for Social Justice are working together to synchronize a metal & electronics recycling day in Thamesford with a ReuseapalooZaha in Embro in spring 2027. Scrap materials at the massive free swap meet in Embro will help the Lions' great work & support for the community. "Both events will divert resources from dumps, and those two are good things too" notes Bryan Smith.

EZAS WORKSHOPS

Wine Glass Painting & Charcuterie Evening! July 11, 5-7pm. Join us for wine glass painting, drinks & charcuterie. \$40.
Canning Pickled Beets Aug 15, 10-11:30am, Embro Zorra Community Centre. \$10. Tickets at EmbroFair.com.

THANK YOU – AGRICULTURE SAFETY DAY

On June 16, the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society was proud to host a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day at Hickson Public School—an important event dedicated to teaching youth how to stay safe on farms & in rural environments. This year we celebrated 10 years of Farm Safety Days. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated presenters: Thorndale Agricultural Society, Julie McIntosh, Christine Kramer, TD Agricultural Services, Premier Equipment, Kaitlan Van Wely, Laura Good, Eileigh Whetstone, Elizabeth Burrill, Hickson Firefighters, OPP, Jackie King, Hailey Lupton, Mary Walton, Dany Overdevest, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Janna Baigent, Janeen Overdevest, Oxford County Paramedics, Harry Van Egdome, BASF, and Emily Bertens. A special thank you to our organizing team: Elizabeth Burrill, Marian Sterk, Katelyn Sykes, Kaitlan Van Wely, Hannah George, and Hailey Lupton, whose hard work and coordination made this day a success. It truly takes a community to deliver a program like this, and we are proud to work alongside so many individuals and organizations committed to youth safety & agricultural awareness. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of our local youth.



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DOUBLE FALL REUSEPALOOZAHAS

For information about September's 2 wonderful opportunities to trade stuff with your neighbours, trade stories with them and new friends, and to see your excess goods become social good, check out Embro Community Centre as of 8am Sept 12 and the Lions' Ball Park in Sweaburg Sept 26. Your food consumption on Sept 12 will help the Ingersoll Pipe Band continue to travel to play & compete in bagpipe music; Sweaburg United Church's good works will benefit from your need to snack on the 26th. More information and opportunities to volunteer via www.reusepaloozaha.ca.

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CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST Sat, Aug 22, 8-12pm. Come and find all the Christmas treasures that will set you up for December.

ST. JACOB'S BUS TRIP Shopping at St. Jacob's Market & Live Theatre production of "The Odd Couple". Thur, Aug 13, 9-6pm.

KINGSTON 3 DAY BUS TRIP Sept 22-24. Luxury motorcoach transportation, accommodation, 1000 Islands Dinner Cruise, Kingston City Tour, Guided Tour of Kingston Penitentiary. Reserve by Aug 6 by calling Great Canadian Coaches 519-896-8687 x280.

ALZHEIMERS EDUCATION SESSIONS Dementia Education Sessions – to start again in the fall.

AMERICAN MAH JONGG BEGINNER LESSONS This is a registered session as you must be committed to playing on all 4 Tuesdays. If interested please call. \$20 for the 4-week session.

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

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 about the monthly schedule.

SING FOR JOY Fri, 11:15-12:15pm. Gentle vocal exercises, breathing & posture techniques and sing-along favorites in a relaxed, supportive environment. No experience is needed. Session to start on Fri July 3, Please call & register.

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.

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 will start Fri July 3, please call & register.

WEDNESDAY BRUNCH Join us on Wednesdays (July 8, 15, 22 & 29) 9-11:30am, \$10. Please register by 12pm the day before.

WOOD CARVING Mon 1pm. Enjoy carving pictures into wood, creating beautiful figurines and more. Carvers must provide their own supplies. Membership is required to use the woodshop.

WOODSHOP We have a well-equipped shop for you to create your projects from start to finish. Membership & orientation are required prior to using any of the equipment.

THORNDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thorndale Horticultural Society held its Annual Spring Potluck on June 10. As always the variety of food was fabulous, with a few strawberry-inspired desserts - strawberry custard, rhubarb/strawberry tart, and scones with strawberry jam & whipped cream. Our theme for the evening was "All about Strawberries" with a very interesting presentation from Will Heeman, Chief Daymaker at Heemans, the multi-generational family garden center, berry farm, cidery and meadery in Thorndale. Bill & Susan Heeman started Heemans in 1963 and the younger generation has taken over. Will Heeman has been the youngest President of the Ontario Berry Growers Association and was named the Young Retailer of the Year for North America in 2016. The Thorndale Horticultural Society does not have a July meeting. Join us Aug 12 with a presentation from Connie Jasinskas "Don't Let Gardening be a Pain!"

ANNUAL GREEN THUMB GARDEN TOUR Sun, June 28, 11-4pm. Adult passports \$10, children 12 & under free and must be accompanied by an adult. Passports to visit 5 beautiful host gardens will be available at the Cenotaph on day of tour, 198 Thorndale Rd.



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THE GREATS OF ZORRA - CHARLES GORDON

Storytelling brings history alive. Zorra Heritage Committee collects and shares stories, as storytelling has always been a vital part of Zorra's sense of itself. Zorra's most acclaimed storyteller, Charles W. Gordon (1860-1937), moved to the Harrington manse at age ten, as his father was appointed Presbyterian minister. Charles eventually earned his own manse in Winnipeg, but only after attending school in Harrington and high school in St. Marys before and after becoming a man of the cloth himself. Charles was chaplain to Canadian soldiers in the "Great War" and offered advice to presidents and prime ministers. He supplemented sermons with novels published under the pen name, "Ralph Connor". They were "fast paced, sentimental melodramas, with stereotyped characters dramatizing the conflict between good & evil in frontier settings presided over by exemplary churchmen". His novels went viral – the first 3 sold over five million copies. His fame & prestige culminated in appointment as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada from 1922 to 1925, during the period of church unification. Still, he continued to care for the community that nourished him in his youth. He regretted being unable to attend the Harrington Boys and Girls Reunion in 1925 but sent the community a long letter, including, "I have seen many lovely parts of Canada, but for quiet sweet, restful beauty, I know of nothing more exquisite and more satisfying than the view from Pitt's Hill on the one side of the village, or from Sullivan Ross' front door on the other".

OXFORD READS

Announcing the 2026 selection: How to Survive a Bear Attack by Claire Cameron. Community-wide book club invites readers to explore a compelling memoir about survival, loss and the natural world. Oxford County Library & Woodstock Public Library are proud to announce that How to Survive a Bear Attack by Canadian author Claire Cameron has been selected as the 2026 Oxford Reads title following a community-wide vote. In this award-winning memoir, Cameron examines a fatal bear attack that occurred in Algonquin Park in 1991 while also reflecting on her own experiences with illness, motherhood, fear & survival. Blending investigative journalism, memoir & nature writing, the book explores how people make sense of tragedy & our relationship with the natural world. Residents across Oxford County are invited to borrow a copy of the book & join the community-wide book club. Print, e-book and audiobook copies are available through the Oxford County Library, and book club sets can be borrowed through Oxford County Library for group discussions. Additional programming will be announced in September, including details for the Oxford Reads Gala this fall. For more information, visit www.oxfordreads.ca.

Worship With Us

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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

Sun Outdoor Church Services 11am.

Weather permitting - please bring lawn chair.

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.

Summer Break June 28-Aug 2

Kintore Knitting and More Summer Break July ,back in August.

Sept 2 deadline to get your tickets for Strawberry Supper Sept 16 tickets. Call Judy 519-283-6355 or Louise 519-461-1795

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Sun 9:30-7pm

FRIDGE DOOR LIVE THEATRE

Fridge Door Live Theatre Company returns with a music infused version of Lawrence Station: The Flagship Erie's Final Flight, a play that explores the lives forever changed by the tragic final flight of the Flagship Erie that occurred Oct 30, 1941 in a local Ontario farmer's field. On stage, Oct 29-Nov 1. Tickets and Information at www.OnStageLive.ca. www.LenCuthbert.com.

STOPPING TO SMELL THE FLOWERS: A Healing and Resource Centre ~ Echoing a Remembrance of your Magnificence Through Short Story Awakenings and Offerings

Meditation in the Garden! Tues, July 7, 14, 21, 7-8pm. A beautiful time of year to meditate outside with the birds & plants – this guided meditation series will help you slow down & notice the moments. \$135. All programs take place at the Meditation Hut, 130 Stanley St S, Thamesford. Check out my short story series of books & other mindfulness merch at www.stoppingtosmelltheflowers.com. To find out more or to register, reach out to Stephanie Malo, author and facilitator at stephaniemalo@hotmail.com; Facebook: "Stopping to Smell the Flowers: Extraordinary Observations of Everyday Life" Instagram @therealstephaniemalo.

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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. Don't let the name fool you! This class is a gentle yet vigorous workout that includes warm-up, cardiovascular component, cool down and balance, resistance training, and wraps up with stretch and relaxation exercises.

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 yoga poses both standing & on the floor. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mat.

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 the courts beside the Sr. Centre. 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 incorporating graceful, slow movements to help restore balance, both body and mind. Can be done standing or seated.

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT Mon 9am / Tues 9am. An energetic, fully standing class set to fun music, focusing on cardio, balance, resistance, and flexibility training.

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. These classes are designed to assist in the maintenance of independence and to assist in the prevention of falls and fall related injuries. 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 bring along 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.

JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
28 • Gardens Tour, Thorndale	29	30	JULY 1 • Embro Highland Games 	2 • Holy Diner BBQ, Dorchester 5-7pm	3 • Sing for Joy, Ing 50+	4 • East Nissouri Church Car Wash, Bake Sale, etc.
5	6 • Quilting class, ICAC • Tai Chi, Ing 50+	7 • Euchre, Sacred Heart, Ingersoll 1pm • Chair Yoga, Ing 50+	8 • Meditation, Ingersoll • Air Cadets, Dorchester	9 • Quilting class, ICAC	10 • Ukelele, Ing 50+	11 • Corn Hole Tourney • Glass Painting Workshop, Embro
12 • Gardens Tour, Ingersoll	13 • Cops & Rodders, Ingersoll Museum	14 • Sketchy Srs, Ing 50+ • Art in the Park, Ingersoll Vic. Pk.	15 • 4-H Go For the Gold • Brunch, Ing 50+	16 • Holy Diner BBQ, Dorchester 5-7pm	17 • Harvards Military Fly Day, Tillsonburg	18 • Exhibit Opening, ICAC
19	20 • Wood Carving, Ingersoll 50+	21 • Euchre, Sacred Heart, Ingersoll 1pm	22 • Meditation, Ingersoll • Air Cadets, Dorchester	23 • Spiritualism in Oxford Ingersoll Museum	24	25 • Back 40 Bash
VILLAGE VOICE DEADLINE						
26 • Car Show, Beachville Museum	27 • Pickleball, Ing 50+	28	29	30 • Holy Diner BBQ, Dorchester 5-7pm • Gentle Yoga, Ing 50+	31	AUGUST 1
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