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JUNE 2026

BANNER UNITED CHURCH 169TH ANNIVERSARY

June 21, 3pm. All welcome, come & join in the celebration! BBQ to follow. www.bannerunitedchurch.com.

KEEPING HISTORY AIRBORNE

At the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA) in Tillsonburg, the flying season may be in full swing, but the work of preserving Canada's iconic Second World War yellow trainers never slows down. Behind every historic aircraft is a dedicated team of volunteers who spend countless hours maintaining, restoring, and flying these warbirds as a reminder & remembrance to our past. The Harvard is a living artifact of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan - one of the most significant aviation training programs in history. Keeping these aircraft flying allows guests to experience the sound, power, and presence that thousands of wartime pilots once knew. CHAA's monthly Open House & Fly Days will continue on June 27 (Rain date: June 28) at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport, offering visitors a rare chance to get up close to the aircraft, explore the hangars & learn how the Harvard Aircraft Association keeps history in the air. For an unforgettable experience, Harvard flight experiences can be purchased, giving a chance to take to the skies. These flights help support the organization's mission while giving participants a once-in-a-lifetime view of history from the cockpit. Flights can be purchased in advance by emailing crewflights@harvards.com. As a registered charitable organization, the Harvard Aircraft Association relies on community support to continue its work. To learn more, visit www.harvards.com.

INGERSOLL GARAGE SALES

Ingersoll's annual town wide yard sales Sat, June 6!

ST. JOHN'S DECORATION DAY SERVICE

220 Dundas St., Thamesford, June 14, 2pm. All welcome.

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.

"OH CANADA" ART EXHIBITION & AUCTION

Our member artists & artisans will showcase creations inspired by their love of Canada. See works in diverse media, including mixed-media, sculptures, quilting, pottery, rug hooking, stained glass, and fabric art. The exhibition combines artistic celebration with fundraising for the Centre through silent auction bidding. This unique event highlights both creative talent & the pride of being Canadian. The show & auction launch June 6, 1pm & runs to June 26, 12 noon. Join us at this wonderful display of Canadian pride! Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre, 125 Centennial Lane, Ingersoll (enter off Wellington St). www.creativeartscentre.com, contact: mike-jaycock71@gmail.com.



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INGERSOLL CHEESE & AGRICULTURE MUSEUM

Cops and Rodders Cruise Night Back for year 3! Get ready to rev your engines & rock the night away at the Cops & Rodders Car Show, hosted by the Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum! 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. At 290 Harris St, Ingersoll (behind the Cheese Museum). Every 2nd Mon: June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14, 5-8pm. FREE to attend!

Dairy Days PD Day Program Looking for a fun & educational way to spend the PD Day? Join us at the Ingersoll Cheese Museum for a full day of hands-on activities, games, and discovery! Children in grades 2-6 will explore the rich dairy history of Oxford County through exciting scavenger hunts, science experiments, crafts, and interactive learning activities. Fri, June 26, 9-4pm. \$40 per child. Spaces are limited, so register early to save your spot for a day full of fun, learning, and cheese-themed adventures!



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MAYOR MARCUS RYAN

Timing is a key factor in getting things done in politics. Timing has been a critical factor in many if not all of the things I've contributed to.

Stopping High Speed Rail

Stopping Dump

Thamesford and Embro Splash pads

Managing through COVID

Protecting farmland

100% renewable buildings and childcare

The Maple Leaf redevelopment in Thamesford

Keeping schools open or building a new one

Keeping tax pressure low (there were 3 years where Council(s) delivered a reduction in tax rate, and 2 more where the increase was less than inflation)

Getting housing, and particularly affordable housing, built

The goal was always to leave my community, Zorra, Oxford, better. And now the timing says I should stop. I will not be running in the 2026 Municipal election. It has been a tremendous honour to serve as Ward Three Councillor, Zorra Mayor, and Oxford Warden. When I set out with people to keep AJ Baker P.S. open I never imagined it would lead to this. Without a doubt this has been the most challenging, satisfying & rewarding job I have ever had. And by far the best people I have ever worked with. No-one does a job forever. If you're fortunate, you get to choose when you stop. As always, feel free to contact me on any issue: Marcus Ryan, Mayor, Zorra Township (and Warden, Oxford County), mryan@zorra.ca, 519-425-2338.

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! June 5 & 19.



INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB

LAWSON NATURE RESERVE CLEAN-UP DAY Sat, June 6, 9am meet at the Reserve. Community members are welcome to join the Ingersoll & District Nature Club for clean-up activities, including trail maintenance, garlic mustard extraction & painting. Please bring gloves, bug spray & wear sturdy boots. This property is solely managed by volunteer hours. The Reserve is located on McBeth Rd in Salford, south of Ingersoll. We know many community members enjoy the Reserve and helping hands are always appreciated. For more information contact Sheila 519-485-2645 or www.ingersollnatureclub.com.

"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.

THAMESFORD LIONS CLUB

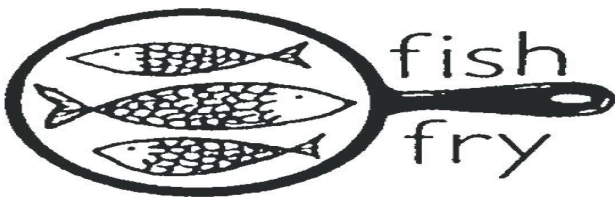
The Thamesford Lions Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their incredible support during Calithumpian weekend. The Club is continually amazed by the generosity & community spirit shown year after year. A special thank you goes to the Calithumpian Committee and all volunteers for organizing another successful celebration, including naming our very own Tony Reddix as Grand Marshal of the Monday parade! As the Lions wrap up another successful year, the Club would also like to thank outgoing President Glenn Ross for his dedication, leadership & hard work throughout his term. The Club is excited to welcome incoming President Francine Overeen and looks forward to the future under her leadership. Upcoming events include a community barbecue hosted by Embro Family Pharmacy Sat, June 6, 11-2pm. The Thamesford Lions (BBQ masters) will be serving hot dogs, burgers, veggie burgers, and cold drinks by donation, with proceeds supporting the Embro Dog Park. The Lions Father's Day Car Show takes place Sat, June 20, 8-2pm at Lions South Park. Registration is \$10 per vehicle, with dash plaques for the first 100 participants. A hot breakfast & bbq lunch will be available throughout the day. For information, contact Lion Derek 226-268-2786. The popular Catch the Ace continues weekly & has now climbed past the \$5,000 mark. Save the date for the Thamesford Lions Community Appreciation Day Sat, Aug 22, 11-3pm at Lions South Park. The free family event will feature a barbecue, drinks, face painting, live music & activities for all ages. Community members are invited to bring lawn chairs & enjoy an afternoon of celebration together.

BROWNSVILLE VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE

Sat, June 6, 8-1pm. Craft and vendor show. Food truck.

SWEABURG LIONS FISH FRY

The Sweaburg & District Lions are pleased to present their annual fish fry on Sat, June 13. Dinner served 5-7pm. Take out pickup 4:30-5pm at Sweaburg Community and Lions Park. Adult \$25, 12 and under \$15, advance sales only. For tickets call Sue 519-456-5926 or ask any Sweaburg Lions member.





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Public meeting

Oxford Road 2 (Dundas Street) corridor improvements, Thamesford

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Public meeting

A second Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to share updates to the design; review key points and feedback received to date; provide an overview of the proposed construction timing, staging and anticipated impacts; and allow the public to view plans and discuss the project with the project team.

 **Monday, June 8, 2026 | 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**


A formal presentation will be delivered at 5:15 p.m., followed by a question and answer period

 **Thamesford District Recreation Centre (large hall)**
85 Middleton Street, Thamesford

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**JUNE
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THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

June means summer arrives & with it the BBQ season. Thamesford Friendship Club will meet in the Beaty Room at the library in Thamesford Wed, June 24 for a BBQ at 12 noon, thanks to the Thamesford Lions Club. We will have a special dessert and hear the "Ukuleles from the Ingersoll Seniors". June is also Senior's month. The Friendship Club invites seniors 55 plus - new or old from Thamesford & the surrounding area. RSVP by June 18 by calling Helen 519-285-2024. We will meet again Sept 23.

AL-ANON

Friends, families & adult children suffering from the effects of a loved one's drinking find understanding, support & hope at Al-Anon meetings. There are no dues or fees. Call 24 hours 519-434-2613. al-anon.alateen.on.ca, al-anon.org
Tues 7pm St. Pauls Church, 56 Thames St. S, Ingersoll.

A RECIPE FOR PLEASURE

Spring and summer are times of the year when Ontario produce is bountiful. Buy it locally, best from the farm. Enjoy it now or preserve it for winter when prices are likely to rise. The end of the short asparagus season often means the start of strawberries. Enjoy. Bryan Smith will all the while we preserve our farmlands from the loss of 319 acres daily.

EZAS UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

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TRAINS TO TORONTO

The Oxford Coalition for Social Justice stands in for the Ontario Health Coalition here & stands up for public health. Bryan and the Coalition thank all those who boarded a train on May 28th to Toronto to protect our public hospitals.

HISTORICAL SPEAKER SERIES

On Tues, June 9, 7pm the Beachville District Historical Society speaker series welcomes Helen Dowd of the Zorra Caledonian Society presenting "Zorra - The Oldest Highland Games in Ontario". Join us at the Beachville District Museum & learn about the history of the upcoming games. Refreshments & lunch to follow. All are welcome.



INGERSOLL LIBRARY

ADULTS - Film Club Discussion Wed, June 24, 5pm. Do you love watching & talking about films? If so, join our Film Club! Each month, 4 themed films will be available for the club to borrow, watch and discuss.

Digitization Drop in Mon, June 29, 1-7pm. Drop into the local history area with a few photos or slides or a VHS tape & learn how to convert them to digital format with our resources.

KIDS - Summer Reading Club Launch Party! Fri, June 26, 10am. Splash into Stories with Oxford County Library this summer! Join the Ingersoll branch for a launch party & pick up your summer reading registration packages. 10am: Dive In! Magic Show with Captain Corbin (Drop in - all ages welcome while capacity allows).

11-1pm: Big games, Ox on the Run Bookmobile, Kiwanis BBQ by donation, The Ingersoll Music Academy, The Sweet Cycle, free books, and more! (while supplies last).



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.OnStageLive.ca for information and tickets. www.LenCuthbert.com.

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Sacred Heart Ingersoll's CWL Yard and Plant Sale, held May 2 at Henderson Hall, was very successful despite the road construction! The CWL Executive would like to send a huge thank you to all those who made donations, those who volunteered from setup to clean up, and those who supported us by attending. Money raised will help support local organizations and those in need.

AGRICULTURAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Oxford County Federation of Agriculture (OCFA) is proud to announce that George Gilvesy has been named the 2025 Agricultural Hall of Fame recipient. Gilvesy was officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Oxford County Council meeting Apr 22, where his photograph will be displayed in the Oxford County Council building to honour his outstanding contributions to local & national agriculture. In addition, at its Annual General Meeting this past January, the OCFA presented the Family Farm Award to the Doan Family, celebrating their longstanding commitment to farming excellence & community service. The Family Farm Award recognizes an intergenerational farming operation that demonstrates progressive achievements & a deep commitment to community service. The Doan Family, farming in the Norwich area since 1919, perfectly embodies these values. Now operating across multiple farms, the family manages diverse agricultural enterprises including dairy, turkey broiler, beef & extensive cash crop operations. The Doan family is celebrated for their ability to blend deep-rooted tradition with modern innovation, continuously pushing the boundaries of efficiency while remaining heavily involved in local 4-H programs & community sports. The Agricultural Hall of Fame Award honours an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership and an unwavering dedication to strengthening the rural community & the broader agricultural industry. This year's recipient, George Gilvesy, has spent over 46 years elevating Canadian agriculture on the global stage. Beginning his career as a tobacco grower in Tillsonburg, Gilvesy transitioned to powerful advocacy roles, eventually leading the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers through a period of unprecedented growth. His tireless work in international trade, labour reform & climate policy has safeguarded the livelihoods of countless farmers across the nation. In recognition of his lifetime of service, his photograph will be permanently displayed in the hall of the Oxford County Council building alongside previous Agricultural Hall of Fame distinguished winners. The OCFA congratulates the Doan Family and George Gilvesy for their remarkable contributions to the agricultural sector. Their hard work ensures that the local farming industry remains vibrant, resilient, and forward-looking for generations to come. The OCFA is a local, general farm organization affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and dedicated to uniting the farming community through grassroots leadership and cooperation to address rural concerns. www.oxfordag.ca.



BROWNSVILLE ANNUAL SCHOOL REUNION

The Brownsville Annual School Reunion will be held Wed, June 10, 10-3pm at the Brownsville Community Centre. There will be a Potluck lunch, so please bring your favourite dish. All former students & spouses are welcome to attend. If you have any historical information or pictures please bring them with you. If you have any questions please contact Patty Meertens rpmeertens@gmail.com.



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We invite everyone to join us for a euchre afternoon, held in Henderson Hall, 133 John St, Ingersoll. Tues, June 9 & 23 start at 1pm. Refreshments provided.



GLUTEN FREE EXPO

Trinity United Church Ingersoll is hosting... Divinely Gluten Free Expo Sun, June 28. This expo will host a wide variety of gluten free vendors, selling a plethora of delicious products. You don't want to miss this event. If you wish to be a gluten free vendor, please email divinelyglutenfreeexpo@gmail.com.



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MOCCASINS, STARFISH, AND MUSIC.

There is a lot of talent in the Oxford Coalition for Social Justice. Janet makes beaded moccasins from beautiful, supple leather. Mary offers real & resin starfish. Deb hands down the musical spoons & slide whistles. The Coalition is grateful to these wonderful people & invites the public to shop among the many goods

ROAST BEEF ON A BUN, WOODSTOCK

Fri, June 5, 5:30-6:30pm pick up roast beef on a bun at The Church of Epiphany, 560 Dundas St, Woodstock. Tickets at the church office, call 519-537-7698 and available at the door. Adults \$18, ages 6-12 \$10, under 5 are free. Come & bring your family & friends.



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Lots of 'learn to do by doing' action with 4-H Clubs starting projects in the past few weeks. The 3 Dairy 4-H Clubs have youth learning about the parts of the cow, how to pick a calf for the show ring and judging animals & crops. Community 4-H Club is preparing for the Relay My Way at Hickson Park June 12 with various fundraising (catering to Tavistock Men's Club, park & roadside clean-up, collecting used electronics, pop cans, returnable/liquor bottles/cans and pledges), team building activities & decorating the luminary bags. The Swine 4-H Club will be showing at the Bacon Maker Classic in Stratford June 18. The Brooksdale 4-H Club started an Anything with and Engine 4-H project. The Oxford Horse, Oxford Vet and Oxford Fishing 4-H Clubs have enthusiastic youth learning. The NEW Oxford Line Dancing 4-H Club will be starting June 18, contact oxford4hlinedancing@gmail.com for information. The Oxford 4-H Judging/Critical Thinking event (ages 9-21) is June 5, 6-9pm at Markus Family Farm with refreshments provided. The classes are dairy heifers, dairy cows, crops, beef & homecraft for youth to judge all classes & give reasons on designated classes. Go For The Gold (GFTG) is a trivia game based on 4-H projects & general knowledge. It will have teams of 4 players playing games with short answer, True/False, group question & multiple-choice questions. The Oxford GFTG will be Wed, July 15, organized by the Brooksdale 4-H Club. 4-H youth to register by July 8 with Elizabeth elizabethannbruce@hotmail.com. The top 2 teams will advance to the Region 6 Go For The Gold in Aug in Elgin County. Embro Highland Games will have the Thamesford 4-H Club serving up strawberry shortcakes & other 4-H youth will be helping with site clean-up July 1, 10-6pm. 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'. Volunteers are not required to be a parent of a youth member. Contact oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com to find out more & 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 and communication in a hands-on learning atmosphere. There is always something happening, to learn more about the 4-H program, contact the Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator, Shonna Ward oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com or call/text 519-854-6919 or check out Oxford County 4-H Facebook.



ST MARYS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

June is seniors month in Ontario, a time to celebrate & thank older adults for the contributions they make to our community! Celebrate the seniors in your life, stay connected & engaged, try something new or revisit a favourite activity, share stories & laughter. Join us Thur, June 11, 2pm for a healthy summer salad session with dietitian Teresa! Spots are filling up quick, cost \$5. Register today! The Friendship Centre will be closed July 1 for Canada Day. See our May/June newsletter online at our Town of St. Marys website. Contact information: 317 James St S, St Marys, 519-284-3272, friends@town.stmarys.on.ca.



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THORNDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thorndale Horticultural Society held a lovely informative demonstration by Brenda Symns on May 13. She showed us how to make 2 different types of floral arrangements using spring flowers and then 2 lucky members were able to take them home. We also held a Member Flower Show and were excited to have 44 entries from the 35 members present.



Our next meeting is Wed, June 10 at the Thorndale Community Center 6:30pm, it is our annual Spring Pot Luck. Our speaker will be Will Heeman, talking about strawberries. We hope to have a strawberry- inspired pot luck selection!

Green Thumb Garden Tour Sun, June 28, 11-4pm. Tickets \$10 available at the June meeting or on the day at the Cenotaph.

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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 Mon, Chinese Thur), Mexican Dominoes (Fri), & 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 Come on out & sing with our social choir. The Overtones practice at the centre and then travel to local retirement homes to sing once a month.

SEWING DROP-IN Thurs 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 and worked on together. Bring your own machine and enjoy a morning of sewing and conversation.

SING FOR JOY Fri 11:15-12:15pm. Blends gentle vocal exercises, breathing & posture techniques and sing-along favorites in a relaxed, supportive environment. No experience is needed.

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.

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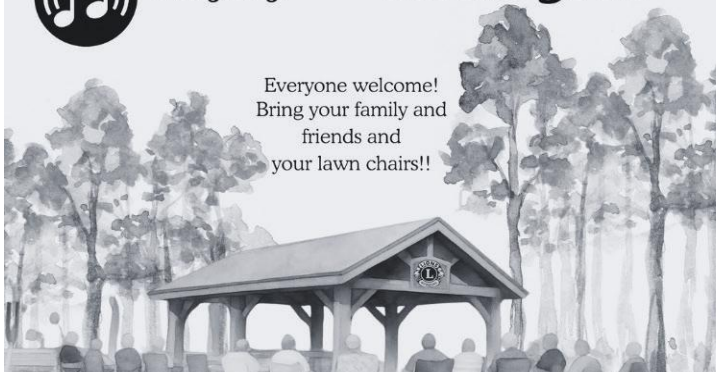
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July is Meditation in the Garden! Tues, July 7, 14, 21, 7-8pm. A beautiful time of year to meditate outside with the birds & plants – this guided meditation series will help you slow down & notice the moments.

Summer Solstice Event Join me and Internationally respected Psychic Medium Kerrilynn Shellhorn for the Summer Solstice Event Sun, June 21, 3-5pm. Tickets \$225/person. This is an intimate event full of intention setting + guided meditation including cord cutting, and everyone will receive an individual psychic medium reading. If you are interested, don't delay - tickets are selling fast! All programs take place at the Meditation Hut, 130 Stanley St. S, Thamesford. To find out more & register, message Stephanie Malo, author and facilitator: Facebook: "Stopping to Smell the Flowers: Extraordinary Observations of Everyday Life" Instagram @therealstephaniemalo email stephaniemalohotmail.com www.stoppingtosmeltheflowers.com.



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Line Dancing Thur, June 4 & 11, 7-8pm. \$10.

West Coast Swing Dancing Thur, June 4 & 11, 8:15-9:15pm. \$10. No partner required.

Darts Blind Draw Doubles Fri, 8pm.

Thames Valley Bluegrass & Old Time Country Pickers Sat, June 6, 13, 20 & Sun, June 28, 1-4pm. Open mic (acoustic only).

Oxford County Feline Wellness & Outreach Bingo. Fri, June 5 & 12. Doors open 6pm, play begins 7pm.

Ox On The Run Mobile Library Wed, June 10 & 24, 4:30-6pm.

Chicken Parmesan with Pasta Dinner Fri, June 12, 5:30pm. \$15. Call to pre-order and avoid disappointment 519-423-6363.

Community Canada Day Party & Open House Sat, June 27. All welcome! Fun for everyone. Outside event weather permitting, inside otherwise. The 50Sixty Brothers featuring 50's, 60's & 70's music. Feel free to dress for the era. \$1 hot dogs, \$2 burgers. Popcorn, games, refreshments. Help say Happy Canada Day with us.

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GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

There's a brand-new fundraiser in the works to help kids on a cancer journey! This will be the LAST time I offer this fundraiser, and it's the biggest package ever - valued at over \$2,600! With so much variety, there truly is something for everyone! So many amazing Ingersoll & area merchants have helped me build this incredible prize package, and for just \$25, the entire package could be yours! Use it yourself or share with family & friends. Got a sweet tooth? Covered. Have a fur baby that deserves some love? Covered. Want your car looking shiny & beautiful? Covered too! Honestly, there doesn't seem to be anything that ISN'T covered! The fundraiser begins June 1st and runs until the end of June. Shortly after, a winner will be chosen using a random wheel spinner. You won't want to miss this one — this is my final year participating in Great Cycle Challenge, and I will not be offering this fundraiser again. Be sure to watch my Facebook page, Henrietta Mulder, beginning June 1st for full package details! If you would prefer a tax receipt for your donation, you can donate directly through my Great Cycle Challenge page. SickKids Foundation will issue your tax receipt. Donations that receive a tax receipt DO NOT qualify for a spot on the spinner wheel. Either way, you'll be helping kids on a cancer journey, as ALL funds raised through this fundraiser will be donated to my Great Cycle Challenge page on MATCH DAY in mid-August! \$25 per spot on the wheel. No limit to the number of spots you can purchase! EMT to: omulder@rogers.com. Once payment is received, I will confirm your entry and add your name to the wheel. And remember... just like in golf, you miss 100% of the chances you don't take! Let's do this and help the kids! Henrietta Mulder, Great Cycle Challenge Rider ID #1109. <https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/riders/HenriettaOlthoffMulder>.

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The relationships and memories made here will always be appreciated. Dr. Scott Fairbairn, DDS

THANK YOU

Westminster United Church would like to send a big thank you to those that donated items to our annual yard sale and thanks for those that made it out to shop at the yard sale and/or Heavenly Boutique.

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THORNDALE KIDS BIBLE CAMP (formerly VBS)

Camp will be the week of July 13-17, 9am - noon at Thorndale United Church. Theme for the week is “Rocky Railroad”. Children - SK to Gr. 6 are invited to attend for Bible stories, songs, games, snacks and fun with friends new and old. We welcome Student Volunteers as Crew Leaders to help out and will be credited with their volunteer hours. Registration fee \$30/camper or \$90/family of 3 or more. To register or for more information email: Yvonne Elliott elliottjy@bell.net or Pam Wilcox pamwilcox@hotmail.ca. Registration due by: June 22.

EMBRO ZORRA LAWN BOWLING CLUB

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS If you want to give Lawn Bowls a try with no commitment, come out on any Monday evening in June 7-9pm for free instruction and a friendly game. Lawn Bowling offers a mild form of exercise that is fun, but fosters friendships & socialization while providing recreational & competitive play. Club bowls are available to new players & no special clothing is required. Coaching is available. We welcome all to try the fun game of Lawn Bowling at the club located at the Embro West Zorra Community Center! For more information call Ken 519-533-7446.



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PARADE OF GARDENS

Ingersoll & District Horticultural Society presents a free parade of gardens (no liabilities accepted) July 12, 1-4:30pm. List of gardens available at the downtown gazebo 11-2pm.

WHAT'S ON AT THORNDALE LIBRARY IN JUNE!

FOR YOUNG FAMILIES: Thorndale Storytime (Tues, 10:30am) Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun!

Early ON Play & Learn (Fri 9-11am) Free drop-in program for families with children 0-6 years old.

Happy Half Hour (Thur, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 4-4:30pm) Drop into the library after school for a happy half hour of crafts & games! For ages 3-6. Parents must be present in the library.

FOR SCHOOL AGED & YOUTH: Unplugged Afternoons (Wed, June 3, 17, 24, 4:30-5:30pm) Hey chat. Touch grass after school to recharge your aura with crafts, games, and yapping with your friends. For ages 7-12.

Sprouting into Summer (Wed, June 10, 3:45-4:45pm) Create a head that sprouts grass! Decorate the container with a face and then wait for the "hair" to grow. For ages 7-17. Registration required.

FOR ADULTS & SENIORS: Stitch 'n Chat (Tues, June 2, 10-12pm & Wed, June 17, 6-8pm). Bring your needle project & meet other crocheters, knitters, and stitchers. Registration required.

Brain Health Workshop (Thur, June 18, 10-11:15am) Join a fun and informative workshop offered by Baycrest Academy for Research & Education to gain insights into brain health & aging. Participants ages 50-85 can take a brain assessment. Registration required.

Evening Book Club (Thur, June 25, 6-8pm) Come and sign out a Book Club novel and then join us on the 4th Thursday of each month to share your opinions! Register for the Book Club is required as the number of books available is limited. For more information or to register, call 519-461-1150 or email thorndale_staff@middlesex.ca.

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Sat July 4, 10-2pm at the Cooper Farm, 197133 Rd 119 - north of Uniondale.

HAVING HOPE AT HOME

Don't miss this heart-warming & hilarious comedy by Canadian Playwright Daniel S. Craig! Having Hope at Home is a powerful & funny family drama! 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, our talented cast & crew are ready to entertain audiences again! Theatre Tillsonburg's production of "Having Hope at Home" is humorous, heart warming, and a definite "Don't Miss out!" production! June 4, 5, 6, *7. Evenings 7:30pm, *2pm. Tickets: theatretillsonburg.com.

HOLY DINER, DORCHESTER

The Holy Diner at Dorchester United Church will begin Thur, June 25, running for 10 weeks (until Aug 27), rain or shine. People are welcome to come between 5-7pm to enjoy a BBQ meal.

TOURISM OXFORD

From fresh blooms to sunny patios, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy the outdoors right here in Oxford. Turn your next grocery run into a local outing at one of our farm markets. Spend an afternoon at a flower farm, picking a bouquet to bring home. Got a pup? There are plenty of dog-friendly spots to explore together. When you're ready for a bite, settle in on a patio & enjoy some sunshine. Thinking about a quick reset? Pitch a tent or park the trailer at one of Oxford's scenic campgrounds. With festival season in full swing, there's always something happening around the corner. Check out TourismOxford.ca/events to see what's coming up. Need a few ideas? Visit TourismOxford.ca for local inspiration or reach out anytime at tourism@oxfordcounty.ca. We're happy to help you plan your next outing, close to home.

SPORTS CAMP
First Baptist Church Ingersoll

July 6-10
Ages 6-12 \$130
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EARLY NOTICE: TWO REUSEPALOOZAHAS

Giant free swap meets are coming! Put Sept 12 & 26 in your calendar as opportunities to see neighbours & friends, find fresh treasures, and move serviceable goods to others in the community. Look for further updates soon in the Village Voice and/or at www.reusepaloozaha.ca. There will be opportunities for you & teens to volunteer too.

TIME TO GEAR UP FOR SUMMER!

Stop by the Thamesford Library & get what you need to enjoy your leisure time this month. Stock up on books, movies, graphic novels, puzzles, magazines and more.

Kindness Bookmark Drop by throughout June to create a Kindness bookmark. Create & colour a bookmark with a positive message. Hide it in a book & brighten someone else's day.

Summer Ready Club registration opens Tues, June 9. Drop in to the Library to register for the 2026 Summer Reading Club. All ages welcome. There will be many programs happening at the library in July & Aug for children so stay tuned for our Summer Reading Calendar.

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

Tales for Tots Wed 10:30-11am. Come in for a half hour of fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories and more followed by freeplay and social time. For ages 0+ with a caregiver. Last story time will be Wed, June 10.

Writing Group Tues, June 16, 2-4pm, are you a creative writer looking to meet other writers?

Mahjong Wed 1-3pm, everyone is welcome!

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

Thamesford Library Book Club our June meeting is Wed, June 24, 3pm, stop by the library to pick up this month's read.

Thank you to the Thamesford Community for joining us for our yearly Calithumpian Book Sale. We are grateful to everyone who donated books and to all those who came to browse and support the sale. Your participation made this event a success!

OXFORD DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

Are you looking for support with your Diabetes? Our Team of Registered Nurses, Registered Dietitians and a Social Worker is here to support YOUR goals. We can help with medication adjustments, lifestyle and diet changes, stress management, weight reduction strategies and 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!

THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR

We are taking a summer break until Sept. Choir members wish to thank the Thorndale & surrounding communities for their support throughout the year. We truly appreciate our audiences & the folks who support our annual plant sale! We welcome new singers to try us out this fall. For more information, please contact Cathy c_baskerville@hotmail.com.

THISTLE THEATRE

Dramarama Our 30th season! Dramarama is our summer day camp for young people ages 6-13 (grades 1-8). Second Session has a few spots remaining! July 20-July 31. Workshops in drama, music, dance, arts and crafts, and theatre production take place each morning, with the afternoon spent working together to collectively create one play. For information, visit 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. 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 and donate to our camp, please email dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com to arrange for drop off or pick up.

Auditions - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Looking for singers, of all ages, sizes & genders for our fall production. Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Tim Rice. Auditions are being held June 5 & 7 at the Town Hall in Embro. Please visit www.thistletheatre.com to book your audition time. Rehearsals will begin in late summer/early fall, with the show on stage in Nov 2026.

Western Ontario Drama League Festival Awards Our show "Perils of Persephone" (performed in Embro Nov 2025) was nominated in 4 categories in the Western Ontario Drama League (WODL) Traveling Festival Awards.

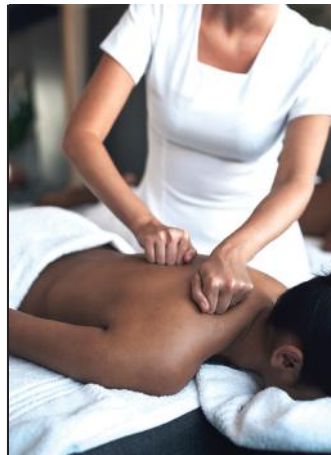
Outstanding Juvenile Performer – Becca Potter as the daughter Wendy

Outstanding Cameo Role – Shrirang Raval as Hinkley the "nuclear" truck driver

Outstanding Supporting Actor – Becky Issenman, as Skip Fuller, the Premier's aggressive Executive Assistant and 'fixer'

Outstanding production of a Canadian Play

Congratulations to these 3 talented actors, and the entire cast and crew for these deserving nominations. Thistle Theatre is thrilled to share that when the winners were announced May 17 in Hannover at the WODL Festival Awards Gala, Shrirang Raval won for his performance as Hinkley. On behalf of all of us at Thistle Theatre - Congratulations Shrirang!



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ASSISTIVE DEVICE FREE LOAN PROGRAM This FREE program has a wide range of equipment from crutches, canes, commodes, rollators, knee slider boards to wheelchairs. We also welcome donations! DROP OFF & PICK UP Mon-Fri 9-12pm.

CURBSIDE MEALS Full meal & dessert on Tues, \$10. Pick up 11:45-12:15pm. Free delivery to Ingersoll & Thamesford available.

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

FOOT CARE CLINIC \$31.

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

GROCERY BUDDY Call us with your grocery list and we will arrange a day & time for us to do your shopping! Volunteers are needed as this program grows. Contact 519-485-2269 ext. 106 if interested.

HELP WITH FORMS FREE, by appointment. Examples include CPP, OAS, GIS and passport forms, etc.

HOME HELP & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM SMALL FEE FOR SERVICE
 A normal part of aging is needing assistance with independent activities of daily living. Yard work, companionship & cleaning. Call us for a referral to a police check individual who can help you out! We are looking for people to clean homes & do landscaping. Do you have a truck to help with large deliveries?

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

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE Security checks can make all the difference to an individual alone at home. If you or a loved one would like to talk with a friendly volunteer once a day or once a week.

TRANSPORTATION For older adults & those with disabilities in Ingersoll & surrounding areas. Rides to & from appointments, errands, etc. We have very reasonable rates & reliable, friendly volunteer drivers'. We are looking for people to drive, please call us to fill out an application today. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage.

VOLUNTEERS We are looking for volunteers to assist with Meals on Wheels delivery 11:30-1pm in Ingersoll. Please call Victoria 519-485-2269 if you're interested in helping.

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.





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BEACHVILLE DISTRICT MUSEUM

Join us for a tour of the museum & grounds Tues-Sat 10-4pm, or for one of our upcoming programs & events.

Summer Camp Program Our 2026 summer camp program will run for children ages 5-11 June 29-Aug 28. Space is still available for single-day & full-week registrations. Register online at beachville-districtmuseum.com/summercamp2026.

Beachville Volunteer Firefighter's Breakfast Sun, June 7, 8:30-11:30am at the Beachville Fire Station, 434696 West Hill Line, Beachville. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, support the Beachville Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc, and explore the history of firefighting equipment & practices in SWOX through artifact displays. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$10, ages 5-10 \$8, under 5 FREE.

Speaker Series Tues, June 9, 7pm. Hosted by the Beachville District Historical Society (BDHS), this month's talk Behind the Embro Highland Games: Leveraging the Leadership of a Legacy will be presented by Helen Dowd. Free admission. No registration required. Seating limited & first-come, first-served.

Oxford Pride Family Day Sat, June 13, 11-5pm in Woodstock's Museum Square. Join us as Oxford County comes together to celebrate love, diversity & joy. Stop by the museum's booth to take in a display that explores the history & impact of craft in queer communities and contribute to our community tapestry, which will be displayed in the museum's Program Room June 16-20.

Community Car Show Sun, June 14, 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).

Embro Highland Games July 1. Visit our table at the Embro Zorra Community Centre on Canada Day to see a selection of museum artifacts and learn about the Zorra Heritage Committee's Greats of Zorra project. We look forward to seeing you there!





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Registered Programs: STROKE RECOVERY, COPD, PARKINSON'S DISEASE FITNESS Tues/Thur 10:30am. Light to moderate intensity exercise with a focus on functional movement.

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

CHAIR FITNESS Wed 10:30-11:30am. A gentle yet vigorous workout that includes warm-up, cardio, cool down & balance, resistance training, and wraps up with stretch & relaxation.

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.

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

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. Back at the courts across from the Seniors Centre. Drop-in rate \$5.

SCULPT & SWEAT Wed 9-10am. A 1-hour total body workout with a thorough warm up & cool down, 15 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of strength & abs training using dumbbells and body weight, finishing with a relaxing 15 minutes of flexibility training. We will be doing some exercises on the floor. It is meant for every fitness level where everyone is encouraged to workout at their own pace. Participants need to come 15 minutes before the class starts so that they can set up their own equipment which the Centre provides.

STRENGTH & STRETCH Fri 9am. Increasing your strength helps with activities of daily living. Come have fun pumping some weights, followed by flexibility training & relaxation. It is a 75-minute class. Participants need to come at least 15 minutes prior to class starts to set up their own equipment which the Centre provides.

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.

TOTAL TONING TIME Wed 5:30pm. Get ready to sculpt, sweat, and shine! This full-body workout blends strength moves with a cardio boost to leave you feeling powerful and energized. With options for every fitness level, you'll tone and tighten from head to toe while pushing yourself in all the right ways. 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 and 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.

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

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 nbarnett21@gmail.com.

WHIRLWIND

The weather has been unpredictable lately, to say the least. After a mixed bag, as they say, over Cali Weekend (and thanks to the team in charge for a great weekend!), things got hot for a couple of days. Then cooler weather brought winds & rain on May 19 that had all our phones blaring with warnings and all of us watching the skies to see if we'd have to head for shelter in our basements. A tornado did hit the Belmont area, and, at time of writing, there were no reported injuries, but we still pray those affected will be able to recoup any losses. Sadly, climate change will only add to these events, along with larger, longer, and stronger wildfire seasons as well. Life can be like that, can't it? Smooth sailing for a while – sure the odd dip here & there – but then a storm blows up out of nowhere & it leaves us reeling. Or like a wildfire, it consumes us & leaves little energy for that which feeds us in our lives. With everything going on in the world, we are certainly living in 'whirlwind' times. I still have many people who tell me it's their faith that gets them through. Societally, though, faith is not given as much credence as it once was. Where do people find their strength in tough times? Government programs? Support groups? Friends and family? Community? All can be good sources of help, and each can have their downfalls – impersonal, unspecific, echo chambers that don't challenge us to growth, or, especially, in terms of social media, unrealistic expectations put on us. Reach out for what you can, and be careful, too. It was 50 days after the Resurrection that the disciples had their own 'whirlwind' moment – they were gathered together with many others when the Holy Spirit blew in with wind & fire, and, best of all, it allowed them all to understand each other even though they spoke different languages. We call it Pentecost and the church was born that day, but mostly, those gathered felt a connection they might never have felt before – a connection that would help them weather the storms of persecution to come. When I heard my cell phone blare, I looked out my window for a funnel in the clouds. I immediately started wondering what would happen if we were actually hit & our home was carried away. Then I remembered that there are people with that feeling all the time, without a tornado to blame – job losses, food insecurity, those struggling to keep housing, refugees fleeing wars, grief, illness, and the list goes on. Why, just pulling up to a gas pump can make your head spin a bit when you see the price. Whirlwinds are all around us. And, in the midst of it all, I also see hope. Not hope like a wish – a list of things you wish you could have or wish would happen. Hope is active. Hope is found in people doing for others, offering help where it is needed, giving of themselves to lift up others. It's not just a wish, it's an action – when it's done, hope is already there. Wherever you find it, I hope your hope sustains you. May hope carry you through this summer with some rest & relaxation. May hope be the answer to the whirlwind that is this world. And, if you need others to journey with in hope, we are always here.

Rev. Mark Marshall, Westminster United Church, 115 George St, Thamesford. makingconnexions.com – 519-285-3212.



Civic Corner

Civic Corner appears monthly in the Village Voice and will keep Township residents informed about upcoming meetings, notices, announcements & other important information. Please feel free to contact us with any comments or suggestions. The Township thanks JC Graphics for providing this valuable community service.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Wed, June 3, 9:30am • Wed, June 17, 6pm • Wed, July 15, 9:30am, all at the Township Office. Check the Township website for agendas at www.zorra.ca. All Council meetings are streamed live on our YouTube channel @zorratownship3193. If you would like to speak to an item on a Council agenda, contact 519-425-2305 or clerk@zorra.ca.

Municipal Election – Are you on the Voter's List?

The next municipal & school board elections are Oct 26, 2026. If you are a resident, owner, or tenant of property in Ontario, a Canadian citizen, and 18 years of age, you can vote! Zorra Township residents can find out whether they're on the list to vote for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at www.registertovoteon.ca. This is an online service used to collect and confirm info that will be used in the preparation of the final Voters' Lists across Ontario.

You can also add names to your property address.

Thinking of running for the 2026 Municipal Election?

Nominations are open & accepted until Fri, Aug 21, 2pm. The Township of Zorra Candidate Package contains all the information you need to get started. Packages are available at the Township municipal office or on the Township website. Please to book an appointment to file your nomination papers.

Staff Quarterly Reports

Did you know? All departments share a quarterly report with Council highlighting recent activities and future plans for their departments. These reports can be very informative for members of the public, and all reports are posted on the Council agendas for review prior to the meetings. Visit our website to look at recent reports and see what our staff have been up to.

By-law Department

Fireworks By-law 36-14. Residents may set off consumer fireworks on their private property 2 days prior to and 2 days following Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, and Diwali as long as they are set off before 11pm. Let your neighbours know when you plan to set off fireworks. Anyone who contravenes this by-law may be subject to a \$200 fine. Visit www.zorra.ca to view the entire Fireworks By-law.

Recreation Department

Summer Day Camp registration: children ages 4-11 can join us for a full-day camp for 10 weeks of summer! We look forward to swimming, outside play & tons of fun! Register for the full week for \$179 or \$44.75/per single day. Camp operates 8:30-4:30pm with additional before & after care available. Swimming registration opened May 1, 9am. Check out our Drop-in programs on the community calendar, pickleball, yoga, and more! New recreation fees are in effect, and some programs require registration on pickuphub.net.

Tax Department

Zorra Council adopted the 2026 Tax Rates By-law on May 6, 2026. 2026 Final Property Tax bills will be mailed starting June 26, 2026 with Final Bill instalment dates of Aug 31 & Oct 30. There is still time to sign up for pre-authorized payments (PAP). Zorra offers three different payment plans; 10 months, 12 months and 4 instalments. Please visit our website at www.zorra.ca to complete the required forms. For tax inquiries please contact Melissa De Luca at 519-485-2490 ext 7222 or mdeluca@zorra.ca

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Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (excluding statutory holidays)

Worship With Us

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519-285-3218, 220 Dundas St, Father Quenton: 226-237-4298
SUN Service 10am

Westminster United Church 519-285-3212
115 George St, Rev. Mark Marshall makingconnexions.com

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.
June 28-Aug 2 there will be no Sunday Services.
Sept 16 Strawberry Supper. Call Judy 519-283-6355 or
Louise 519-461-1795.
May-July 10 we are collecting clothing, housewares, books &
bedding as a fundraiser. Check out the flyer at
kintorechurch.com for full details.

East Nissouri Union Church 519-709-0282
Corner of Rd 96 & Line 15, Uniondale Pastor Gail Kavelman

First Baptist Church Rev Trevor Whittingham
235 Thames St S, Ingersoll, fbcingersoll.com, 519-485-3046
SUN 10:30am Worship Service
June 12 Praise & Worship Night 7pm
June 13 Men's Breakfast 8am
June 17 Primetimers Lunch 11:30am
June 20 The Well 7pm
July 6-10 Sports Camp 9-3pm

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

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

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

The Ark New Beginnings Assembly

Salford Commtty Center, 383908 Salford Rd, TheArknba.com
SUN 10:30am

Reynolds Creek United Church 519-425-1174
7180 Hamilton Rd, Putnam
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Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

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

Free Reformed Church of Oxford County

284793 Pleasant Valley Rd, Pastor D. Kranendonk, oxfordfrc.com

Southwest Oxford United Churches

Emergency Contact: Rev. David Van Patter 519-402-0147
vanpatter007@gmail.com
West Oxford 354395 Church Line 9:30am
Foldens 374097 Folden's Line 9:30am
Sweaburg 474425 Dodge Line 11am
SUMMER SERVICES 9:30am
July 5 - Foldens
July 12 - Sweaburg
July 19 - West Oxford
July 26 - Foldens
No services August to Sept. 6
Sept 13 regular services resume with time change

Huron Park Baptist Church

199 Berwick St, Wdstck
519-421-4722, office@huronparkchurch.org
10:30am Sunday Service Mid-week programs Tues & Thur
July 6-10 Basketball Power Camp 9-12:30pm. Ages 5-14.
Please call 519-421-4722 for more information.

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Sun 9:30-7pm

JUNE

June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tai Chi, Ing 50+ Sewing Workshop, Ing 50+ Centre Open House Lawn Bowling, Embro 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light Circle, Thmsfd Community Employment, Thamesford Library 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Cadets, Dorchester Prostate Cancer Support Walking Club, Ing 50+ Centre Zorra Council 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euchre, Beachville Legion VON Exercise, Ing 50+ Centre Having Hope at Home, Tillsonburg 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef on a Bun dinner, Woodstock Jamboree Auditions, Thistle Theatre 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingersoll Yard Sales Lawson Reserve Clean up BBQ Tips Workshop Brownsville Garage Sales
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O Canada Art Exhibit opens, ICAC Auditions, Thistle Theatre Firefighter Breakfast, Beachville Museum 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cruise Night, Ingersoll Museum Open House Lawn Bowling, Embro PUBLIC MEETING Re: Main St Parking 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Speaker, Beachville Museum Light Circle, Thmsfd Euchre, Sacred Heart 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Yoga, Beachville Legion Sculpt & Sweat, Ing 50+ Centre Brownsville Reunion 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line Dancing, Beachville Legion Summer Salads, St Marys Srs Gentle Yoga, Ing 50+ 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Parm dinner, Beachville Legion Knits & Knots, Thamesford Library Osteofit, Ing 50+ 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murder at the Dead Horse, Woodstock Oxford Pride, Wdstk Sweaburg Fish Fry
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Show, Beachville Museum 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Body Workout, Ing 50+ Centre 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Al-Anon, Ingersoll 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Cadets, Dorchester Dart League, Beachville Legion Total Toning, Ing 50+ Centre Zorra Council 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Yoga, Ing 50+ Centre Sewing Drop In, Ing 50+ Centre 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blind Draw Doubles, Beachville Legion Jamboree, Ingersoll Strength & Stretch, Ing 50+ Centre 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thamesford Lions Father's Day Car Show South Park
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 169th Anniversary Banner Church Solstice event, Stopping to Smell... 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball, Ing 50+ Centre 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euchre, Sacred Heart Sketchy Seniors, Ing 50+ Centre 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film Club, Ingersoll library Thamesford Friendship Club Meditation, Ingersoll 	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dairy Days program, Ingersoll Museum Sing for Joy, Ing 50+ Centre 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House / Fly Day, Cdn Harvards Canada Day events, Beachville Legion
VILLAGE VOICE DEADLINE						
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluegrass Open Mic, Beachville Legion Garden Tour, Thorndale Gluten Free Expo, Ingersoll 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digitization Drop In, Ingersoll library Wood Carving, Ing 50+ Centre 	30	JULY 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada Day celebration, Victoria Pk, Ingersoll 4-10pm Embro Highland Games  	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ukelele class, Ing 50+ Centre 	4

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