

CALITHUMPYAN CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 21, 6pm! The beloved Calithumpian Christmas Parade will take place Sat, Dec 21, 6pm, following the same route as last year through Thamesford! We're looking forward to seeing the community come together once again to enjoy this festive tradition. The Calithumpian Committee will be organizing & coordinating the parade. Details on float registration & participation will be shared soon. For now, mark your calendars for this wonderful holiday evening! For parade-related inquiries, please contact: sarah@thamesfordcalithumpian.ca.

CATCH THE ACE

Catch the Ace is back & the jackpot keeps growing! Head over to one of our amazing local vendors to grab your \$5 ticket and choose a number from the board of remaining envelopes. Each week, one ticket is drawn—the winner takes home the weekly pot, and if their chosen envelope reveals the Ace of Spades, they claim the jackpot! The prize is still climbing and is now over \$7,000. Tickets are available at JC Graphics, Brunny's Bar & Restaurant, McFarlan Rowlands Insurance, Shell Gas Station (Thamesford), Village Catering & Deli, Dewy's Auto & Custom Repairs, Highland Restaurant (Embrow), and Embrow Family Pharmacy.

INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB

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

BETHLEHEM WALK 2025

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

QUILTS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

HISTORY OF MILITARY IN OXFORD COUNTY

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

INGERSOLL SANTA'S VILLAGE

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

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

Nov 29 Letters to Santa, Popcorn, Crafts & Visit With Santa.

Dec 6 Balloon Twisting, Crafts, Letters to Santa & Visit With Santa.

Dec 13 Stella Jurgen & Jazz Band, Letters to Santa, Crafts & Visit With Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET

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

A CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

SALFORD LEISURE CLUB

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



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THORNDALE HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

For Nov 11 Remembrance Day we will put our ceramic poppies again at the Thorndale Cenotaph. Our next meeting is Nov 12, as usual in the Thorndale Community Centre, 7:30pm. We will have Paul Knowles as speaker & his topic is: Digging Deeper: Finding the magic in your garden. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend & come and see what a good group of people we are. You don't have to be an expert in gardening, we are all still learning new & interesting things. Membership is still \$15 and \$10 for a 2nd person from the same household. Follow us on Facebook or get in touch with us at Thorndalehort@gmail.com.





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INTER-CHURCH

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

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

INGERSOLL SKATING CLUB

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



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

INGERSOLL CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

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

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

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

Watercolour with Leith Channen (Landscape). Wed, Nov 5, 7-9pm.

Cake & Coffee (Cake Decorating) with Rosy's Kitchen. Sun, Nov 16, 1-3pm. Adults & youth ages 6+.

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

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK?

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

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COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE

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

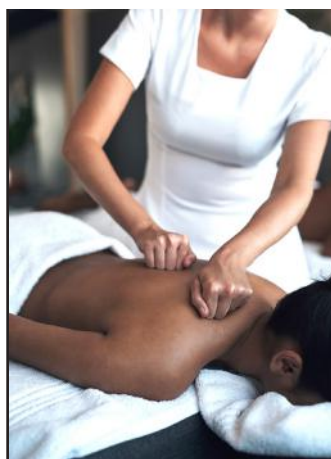


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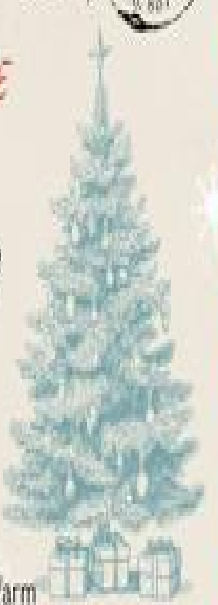
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SACRED HEART PARISH EUCHRE

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Bazaar

CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET

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

EMBRO ROYAL CAN. LEGION BRANCH 318 UPCOMING EVENTS

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LEGION BRUNCH

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | \$10 REGULAR - \$15 TRIPLE TRIO - \$5 KIDS
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TUE
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REMEMBERANCE DAY

11:00 - 11:30 AM | JOIN US AT THE EMBRO CENOTAPH TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED, THEN GATHER AT THE LEGION FOR CHILLI & MORE

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KARAOKE - WITH KARAOKE STEVE

8:00 - 12:00 PM | EVERYONE WELCOME!
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LEGION BRUNCH

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | \$10 REGULAR - \$15 TRIPLE TRIO - \$5 KIDS
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EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, HASHBROWNS & TOAST, COFFEE & JUICE

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TRIVIA NIGHT

7:00 - 11:00 PM | EVERYONE WELCOME!
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MORE INFO ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
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Tales for Tots Wed 10:30-11am. Fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories followed by freeplay & social time. For ages 0+ with caregiver.

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

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

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

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

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

After-school Hangout Tues 3:45-4:45pm for an after-school activity. Ages 7-12, all are welcome but younger children may need assistance. Please register as some supplies are limited.

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

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

GOURMET SPAGHETTI DINNER - NOV 8th

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

DIABETES 101:

Are you at risk of developing Diabetes, have recently been told you have Prediabetes or Type 2 Diabetes or simply need a refresher? Join our dietitians for a 2 hour session on how simple changes can set you up for a healthier future! To register for this class call, 519-485-1700, ext 8611

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

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

CHRISTMAS BELLS CONCERT

Save the Date: Dec 13, Ingersoll Choral Society "Christmas Bells" concert. 2pm & 7pm at Ingersoll Christian Reformed Church. Special Guests - Thamesford Handbell Choir. Bake sale. More info to follow in December edition.

HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR

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



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BEACHVILLE LEGION

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

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

General Meeting Nov 5, 7pm

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

Remembrance Day Ceremony at our Cenotaph Nov 11

Fish & Chip Dinner Nov 14, 5:30pm

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

Karaoke with Ken Pyle Nov 22, 7-11pm

Annual Christmas Turkey Dinner Dec 5, 5pm

Chair Yoga Wed 7-8pm

Line Dancing Thur 7-8pm, \$10

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

Euchre Thur 7pm • **Darts** Fri 8 pm • **Free Pool**

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

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



ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE

On Sat, Nov 15, 11am, the 28th Annual Ingersoll Rotary Christmas Parade will once again bring festive cheer to our streets. If your group would like to be part of this wonderful community tradition, visit ingersollrotary.com to register today.

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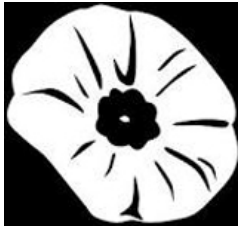
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PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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CANADIAN HARVARD AIRCRAFT ASSOC

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



BROWNS WI EUCHRE RESULTS

Oct 9 - Men's High - Carol Herbert, Men's Lone Hands - Jim Conn, Men's Lucky - Ken Kittmer, Lady's High - Ruth Ridley, Lady's Lone Hands - Marion Baigent, Lady's Lucky - Linda Tasker.
Oct 23 - Men's High - Dave Miller, Men's Lone Hands - Ralph Nixon, Men's Lucky - Jim Conn, Lady's High - Lynn Anderson, Lady's Lone Hands - Doris Champion, Lady's Lucky - Sandra Henderson
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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:

Wednesday November 5, 9:30 a.m. Township Office
Wednesday November 19, *4:00 p.m. Township Office *special start time
Wednesday November 26, 6:00 p.m. - Special Budget meeting at Township Office

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

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Zorra Now

The Fall issue of Zorra Now is out! Visit our website to view an online copy. Hard copies available at our libraries & community centres. Want future issues sent to you by email? Send your request to admin@zorra.ca.

By-law Department

The Township permits the temporary storage of recreational vehicles in residential zones from May 1 - October 31 on the driveway in the front yard, provided that the recreational vehicle does not exceed 29.5ft in length and does not impede on sight lines. The temporary RV storage period has ended for 2025 and all RV's should now be moved out of residential driveways.

Winter parking restrictions come into effect November 15th as per by-law 48-20. No parking permitted on any street from 1am to 8am. This includes no unauthorized overnight parking at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre.

Zorra Multi-Use Courts Committee

The Zorra Multi-Use Courts Committee (ZMCC) has reached their fundraising goal & is excited to bring the courts to Thamesford! The Township extends a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated committee & generous donors. The ZMCC has officially endorsed the new development off Brock Street. This site will serve as a central, community hub offering a variety of recreational opportunities for residents. The Request for Proposal will be issued in 2026, with construction to follow. Check out ZMCC page on the Township's website.

Recreation Department

Fall programs are listed on the community calendar; join us for pickleball, shinny, skating, and yoga! NEW High School Shinny in Thamesford Mondays at 4:00 p.m. Looking to rent the ice? Book online today!

Tax Department

The final tax instalment for 2025 was due on October 31, 2025. If you recently received a supplementary tax bill, please refer to the bill for additional due dates. Please allow 3-5 business days for on-line payments to be received. Penalty and interest charges of 1.25% will be added to instalments not paid and received by the municipality by the due date. Interest charges are applied from the first day of each month until the balance is paid. For tax inquiries please contact Melissa De Luca at 519-425-2304 or by email at mdeluca@zorra.ca.

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

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

PICKLEBALL Mon 9:30am Trinity Church.

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

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

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

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

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

WALKING CLUB Wed 9am. Enjoy a morning walk at various trails.

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

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

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

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

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

OSTEOFIT Fri 10:30am. A gentler total body workout.

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE 2025

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

THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR

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

SCRAPBOOKING

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

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CANADIAN FOREST FRIENDS BAZAAR & CAFE

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EMBRO PARADE and SANTA MEET & GREET



Dec 6, 6pm. It's almost that time of year. Mark your calendars for the Embro Santa Parade Dec 6 starting at 6pm. The parade will start at the corner of 35th Line & Commissioners and end at Matheson Park. Following the parade the community is invited back to Knox United Church for free hot chocolate & a bake sale put on by Knox United Church. Is your business or organization planning to enter a float? It is free to register online at embrofair.com. The community is invited to vote for their favourite float and the winner will receive Embro Fair passes.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR MAID RELATED LOSS

This monthly in-person grief support group for loss related to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) offers a compassionate, safe space to explore this unique loss. The group meets the 4th Wed of the month 1-2:30pm at the Thamesford Library, 165 Dundas St, Thamesford. The group is free of charge & pre-registration is requested. Next meeting is Wed, Nov 26. To register or inquire about an evening group, contact Faye Brekelmans 519-866-3016 or email faye@compassionategriefsupport.ca.

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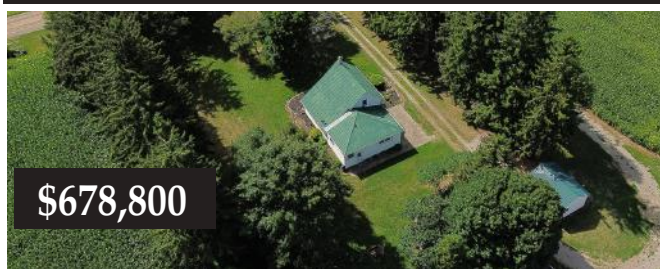
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ALZHEIMER SOCIETY Nov 20, 2pm. An overview of 2 rarer types of dementia to better understand the unique symptoms.
PA DAY Fri, Nov 14, 9-1pm. Music, art, active games & lunch. Kate Channer will be leading a music-based session.
TIMELINES & TALES (HISTORY) Tues 9:30-11:30am. Dave, Deward & Brian have a variety of topics including Canadian women, Norse settlement in North America, etc. Thought-provoking discussions!

INGERSOLL PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Messy Monday Nov 3, 10-11am. Sensory play & hands-on discovery. For ages 5 & under with caregiver.
Learning About Memory Loss with the Alzheimer Society Nov 5, 3-4pm, drop in. A free seminar, which covers normal changes in memory & thinking, mild cognitive impairment and early-stage dementia, recognizing the symptoms & strategies for brain health.
Maker Morning Nov 8, 9:30am. A morning of creating! Craft supplies, beads & puzzles will be provided but you are welcome to bring a crafty project that you are working on. All ages welcome! Ages 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult in the library.
PA Day Pinecone Gnome Ornament Nov 14, 10-12pm. Ages 12 & under. No registration required. While supplies last.
Learn to Cross Stitch Nov 18, 5:30-7pm. Learn the basics of cross stitch & start a beginner friendly project in time for the holidays. Experienced stitchers are welcome too! All supplies provided. Open to grades 7-12. Space is limited. Registration required.
Book Sale Nov 20, 6-8pm. As part of Moonlight Madness in downtown Ingersoll join us for our annual book sale! Cash only please.
Tween Time: Macramé Gnomes Nov 25, 4-5:30pm. Hey tweens! Drop by the library to create a macramé gnome ornament. Ages 9-13. No registration required.

MINLER MILITARY FAMILY HISTORY

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

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

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

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

FARKLE & CRIBBAGE Wed 6pm.

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

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

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THISTLE THEATRE - EMBRO

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

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

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





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THE CROONERS AND THE BETTYS

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



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OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

CHEERY CHRISTMAS CARDS WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

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

ST MARYS FRIENDSHIP CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SWEABURG LIONS OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS

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



BEACHVILLE MUSEUM

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



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INGERSOLL DOWNTOWN BIA

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

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Kettle Drive Update

Our club is in the process of securing locations for this year's Christmas Kettle Drive. Please keep an eye out for us as we collect non-perishable items as well as monetary donations. The Ingersoll and District Inter-church is a 100 percent volunteer committee comprised of members from the various churches in the area. We support families in Thamesford, Banner, Putnam, Mt. Elgin, Salford, Foldens, Beachville, Embro and Ingersoll.

Thamesford Lions Annual Christmas Carol Sing

Everyone's Invited! Mark your calendars for Saturday Dec 6th being held at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre! Doors open at 6:00 PM, and the show starts at 6:30 PM. This FREE event is open to all and promises a fun, family-friendly evening of holiday cheer.

Enjoy performances from local talent singing your favorite Christmas classics, as well as a few sing along moments followed by a community social with hot chocolate and baked treats!!

Plus, Santa will be there for photos with the family!

Bring your family and friends for a magical evening of holiday fun!

Contributions from all three events will go directly to the Ingersoll & District Inter-Church Hamper Program, which helps families in need right here within Thamesford and in our local communities. Registration begins Nov 15 for hamper deliveries on Dec 15. For more info: Interchurch2005@gmail.com

NOVEMBER IS 4-H MONTH!

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



ANNUAL SANTA'S VILLAGE

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

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

Nov 29 Letters to Santa, Popcorn, Crafts & Visit With Santa.

Dec 6 Balloon Twisting, Crafts, Letters to Santa & Visit With Santa.

Dec 13 Stella Jurgen & Jazz Band, Letters to Santa, Crafts & Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

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



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HOLIDAY FLORAL CENTREPIECE WORKSHOP

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





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

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

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

Thur Stitch & Chatter 1pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New program ideas for Thorndale: What programs would you like to see offered in Thorndale at the Community Centre? If you have suggestions of programs we can offer in Thorndale, please call 519-268-7334 ext. 730 or email kschruder@thamescentre.on.ca.

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



THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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



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

PETER, PETER, PUMPKIN EATER!

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



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EVERYDAY ORGANIZED

November marks the beginning of the season of "extra." Extra dishes, extra décor, extra gifts, extra company & extra events. It's all part of the fun of the Christmas season, but let's be honest, it can also feel overwhelming. Without a plan, the joy of the holidays can quickly get buried under piles of stuff. Enjoy the season without drowning in the excess with these tips:

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

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

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

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

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

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Nov 30 1st Sunday of Advent

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 • Bluegrass Jam, Beachville Legion
2 • Xmas Hamper registration begins • Live Music at Purple Hill Opry, Thorndale • Brunch, Embro Legion	3 • Messy Monday, Ingersoll Library • Total Body Workout, Ingersoll Seniors • Strength & Tone, Thorndale Seniors	4 • Watercolour class, ICAC • Al-Anon, Ingersoll • Diabetes 101 • Functional Movement, Ingersoll Seniors • Sketchy Srs, Ing Srs • Thames Centre Choir	5 • Zorra Council meeting • Chair Yoga, Beachville Legion • Watercolour class, ICAC • Salford Shuffleboard • Memory Loss, Ing library • Prostate Cancer support • 4-H Day in Canada! 	6 • Line Dancing, Beachville Legion • Step Class, St Marys • Pilates, Ing Seniors • Ingersoll Ukes • Stitch n Chatter, Thorndale Seniors	7 • Bingo, Beachville Legion • Strength & Stretch, Ingersoll Seniors • Thamesford Trojans • Oxford Reads Gala	8 • Spaghetti Dinner • Victoria Quilts Preview • Xmas Bazaar, Woodstk • ICAC Exhibit Opening • Choral Singing class • Xmas Mkt, Hi-Way Ch. • Maker Morning, Ingersoll library • Holly Days Bazaar
9 • Cuckoo's Nest concert	10 • Salford Leisure Euchre • Tai Chi, Ing Seniors • Wood Carving, Ing Srs • Book Club, Thorndale Seniors	11  • Oxford Military History • Beachville Cenotaph Service 11am • Timelines & Tales, Ingersoll Seniors • Euchre, Sacred Heart	12 • Victoria Quilts auction online bidding begins • Air Cadets, Dorchester • Chair Fitness, Ingersoll Seniors • Movie Night, Ing Srs • Cribbage, Ing Srs	13 • Ballroom Dancing, Beachville Legion • VON Smart Exercise, Ingersoll Seniors • Gentle Yoga, Ingersoll Seniors • STEM Club, Thamesford Library	14 • Fish & Chip dinner, Beachville Legion • PA Day Fun, Ing library • PA Day Fun, Ing Srs • Jamboree, Ingersoll • Thistle Theatre play • Thamesford Trojans	15 • Dorchester Srs Bazaar • Ingersoll Xmas Parade • Scrapbooking event • Craft Show, St Marys • Karaoke, Embro Legion • Thistle Theatre play • Xmas Bazaar, Thorndale Seniors • Xmas Makers Market
16 • Victoria Quilts auction online bidding ends • Cake Decor., ICAC	17 • Circuit Training, Ingersoll Seniors • Chair Yoga, Thorndale Seniors	18 • Al-Anon, Ingersoll • Learn to Cross Stitch, Ingersoll library • Ukelele, Ing Srs • Cooking Demo, Thmsfd Library	19 • Chair Yoga, Beachville Legion • Salford Shuffleboard • Cooking class, Ing Srs • Addiction Seminar, St Marys Friendship • Colouring thru Grief • Forest Friends Bazaar • Zorra Council meet.	20 • Bethlehem Walk • Alzheimer pres., Ing Srs • Xmas Hamper regist. • LAST DAY • Book Sale, Ing library	21 • Bethlehem Walk • Bingo, Beachville Legion • Deck the Halls, ICAC • Brownsville Tree Light. • Knits n Knots, Thamesford Library • Thistle Theatre play • Thamesford Trojans	22 • Bethlehem Walk • Karaoke with Ken, Beachville Legion • Deck the Halls, ICAC • Bells & Bows Bazaar • Soulstice Collective, St Marys G&CC
23 • Cuckoo's Nest concert	24 • Line Dancing, Ingersoll Seniors • Gentle Yoga, Thorndale Seniors	25 • Horticulture Society • Al-Anon, Ingersoll • Tween Time, Ing library • Timelines & Tales, Ingersoll Seniors • Chair Yoga, Ingersoll Seniors	26 • Air Cadets, Dorchester • Grief Support (MAiD) • Zorra Council meet. • Oxford Historical • Tales for Tots, Thamesford Library • Thamesford Book Club • Thamesford Friendship	27 • Line Dancing, Beachville Legion • Euchre, Beachville Legion • Ingersoll Ukes	28 • Darts, Beachville Legion • Jamboree, Masonic Hall • Lights of Love, Sakura • Osteofit, Ingersoll Seniors • Thamesford Trojans	29 • Santa's Village, Ingersoll • Xmas Market Ingersoll Legion • Thamesford Market
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