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# The Village Voice

THAMESFORD

Issue 388

# VOICE

MAY 2026

## CALI WEEKEND TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Westminster United Church will be hosting their Annual Yard Sale Sat, May 16, 8-1pm. Please consider donating your gently used stuff. We will be accepting donations of items that are clean & in good, or repairable, condition on Tues, May 12, 10-6pm at 115 George St, Thamesford. To make other arrangements for drop of you can contact Mariette 519-533-7515. Besides your regular household goods, we also appreciate the following items: fashion accessories like jewelry (even your broken silver & gold jewelry), purses; vintage items; books; reusable shopping bags. There will be breakfast sandwiches & beverages available for purchase. We will be selling books \$5 per bag. Make sure to visit our Heavenly Boutique with loads of jewelry and many, many purses/handbags. Yard sale items will be half price from 12-1pm.

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK, BAKE & YARD SALE

220 Dundas St., Thamesford May 16, 9am to Noon.

## THANKS FOR REUSEAPALOOZAHANG!

Many thanks to the volunteers at both recent Reuseapaloozahas, in Brownsville & Innerkip. In addition to having a great time, many found treasures. I have been approached by people about fall editions in other parts of Oxford County. Let's do it! Contact [bryasmit@oxford.net](mailto:bryasmit@oxford.net).

## 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.



THAMESFORD CALITHUMPIAN PRESENTS

# TROPI-CALI WEEKEND

MAY 15-18 2026

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## EMBRO ZORRA LAWN BOWLING CLUB

The season begins May 18 with a potluck / BBQ at 5pm followed by the opening jitney. New members are welcome.

**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.

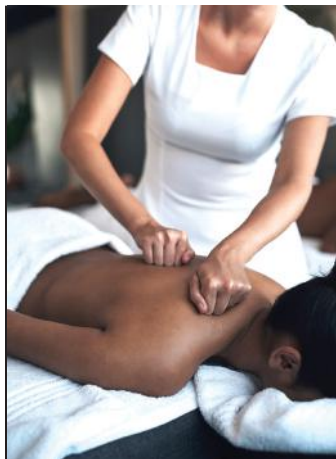


## ANDREW'S LEGACY & DRAGONBOAT CHALLENGE

Join us for a day full of paddling, games, CPR & AED demonstrations, 50/50 draw, food, music & some friendly competitions! Sat, May 23 at Wildwood Conservation Area, St. Marys. The TRPC & Andrew's Legacy have teamed up to provide a great team building activity & challenge for all, from novice to competitive! Great for businesses, schools & other groups to try something new. Enjoy the park, BBQ lunch, yard games, silent auction & 50/50 draw. Stop by the Andrew's Legacy tent to try your hand at CPR and get one of our new legacy ducks. To make a donation to the silent auction table contact [andrewslegacy11@gmail.com](mailto:andrewslegacy11@gmail.com) or visit [www.thamesriverpaddlingclub.com/wdbc](http://www.thamesriverpaddlingclub.com/wdbc): To make a PLEDGE to a participant or team visit: [www.Andrewslegacyforever.ca](http://www.Andrewslegacyforever.ca). All pledge proceeds go towards placing automated external defibrillators (AED) in public spaces.

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### STOPPING TO SMELL THE FLOWERS:

A Healing & Resource Centre ~ Echoing a Remembrance of your Magnificence Through Short Story Awakenings and Offerings~ **Guided Meditation** sessions Tuesdays in May (May 5, 12 & 19) 7-8pm at the Meditation Hut, 130 Stanley St S, Thamesford. Chairs are provided. \$135 + free admission to the Immersion Series Thur, May 28, 7-8:30pm – a new offering with sneak peaks & take away tools into concepts from my next book series on how to manifest with the energy that is in us & around us.

**Commonplace Book Store** Sat, May 1, 105 Thames St. S, Ingersoll, 12-4pm. Buy a Stopping to Smell the Flowers book and get it signed by the author! I will also be offering a free Guided Journaling Workshop – just drop in – all journaling tools will be provided. This is a great way to tune into emotions & pivot towards better feeling thoughts & actions. To find out more & register, message Stephanie Malo, author and facilitator: Facebook at “Stopping to Smell the Flowers: Extraordinary Observations of Everyday Life” Instagram @therealstephaniemalo or email stephaniemalo@hotmail.com. www.stoppingtosmelltheflowers.com.

### INGERSOLL LIBRARY

**ADULTS - Ten Healthy Habits of Financial Management** Tues, May 5, 5:30pm. Learn with Michael Banham, a retired financial services executive with over 32 years of experience.

**Film Club Discussion** Wed, May 27, 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 & discuss.

**Superstorms of Ontario** Sat, May 30, 11am. Enjoy seeing a wide variety of severe weather including thunderstorms, ice storms, wind storms, snow storms & solar storms all from the beautiful province of Ontario, presented by David T. Chapman!

**KIDS - Messy Monday** Mon, May 4, 10am. Drop by & explore learning through play! Your little learners will enjoy sensory play & hands-on discovery. Some play materials may be messy! For children ages 5 and under with their caregiver. \* Please note the program room capacity is limited and you may be asked to wait & enjoy the library until space opens up in the program.

**Tween Time** (Ages 9-13) Pebble Art Tues, May 26, 4pm. Hey tweens! Drop by the Ingersoll library program room to make a pebble art picture! The library has various programs for all ages. We kindly ask that the age limits are followed and we appreciate your understanding!\*

**PA Day** (Ages 12 and under): Magnet Fishing Craft Fri, May 29, 10am. Drop by to make a magnet fishing game! While supplies last and space allows.

### INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB

**BIRDING AT HODGES POND** Sat, May 16. Please join us 9am in the Ingersoll Municipal Parking lot behind the arena to carpool to Hodges Pond at 504918 Old Stage Rd Woodstock N4S 7V8 or meet us there. Hodges Pond is a former millpond that has been transformed through the hard work of a local project team & volunteers. The ecological enhancement started with removal of the dam in 2016 followed by construction of several wetland cells, in-stream habitat improvements, planting of thousands of trees & installation of several wildlife nest structures. This loop trail provides for an easy walk through prime wetland with ample opportunity to view migrating & resident birds. This project is an ongoing partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada, Oxford County, Stewardship Oxford, UTRCA and the MNR. The Ingersoll District Nature Club has several extremely knowledgeable birders who would be more than willing to share their expertise with anyone who joins our outing. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners & experts to enjoy the great outdoors and hone their skills! For more information contact Sheila 519-485-2645 or www.ingersollnatureclub.com



### LAWSON NATURE RESERVE CLEANUP DAY

Sat, June 6, 9am. Community members are welcome to join the Ingersoll District Nature Club for clean-up activities at the Reserve on McBeth Rd, south of Ingersoll, including trail maintenance, garlic mustard extraction & painting. We would especially appreciate help from those who regularly use the trails as the Reserve is maintained solely by volunteers. Please bring gloves, bug spray & wear sturdy boots. Helping hands are always appreciated. For info call Meg 519-485-4220 or www.ingersollnatureclub.com.

### BEACHVILLE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Sat, May 23, 8am-noon. Sell your unwanted treasures.

### THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Thames Centre Community Choir presents its May Concert Sun, May 24, 2pm at Dorchester United Church, 4100 Catherine St. Admission is by donation. Everyone is welcome! Choir members will be selling Dipladenia and Hibiscus plants as their major annual fund raiser this April and early May. Same great prices & delivery by Mother's Day. Please contact any choir member or c\_baskerville@hotmail.com for more information.

## UTRCA CONTRIBUTES TO 30X30

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA), in collaboration with Ontario Nature, is proud to announce the contribution of 855.76 hectares of natural areas & provincially significant swamp land towards Canada's target of protecting & conserving 30% of our lands & waters by 2030, known commonly as the 30x30 target. The partnership with Ontario Nature facilitated an assessment of UTRCA lands, determining that 16 properties will be registered under the Protected Areas designation in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database. This marks a significant step towards halting & reversing biodiversity loss in the Upper Thames River watershed. Notable areas include Harrington Conservation Area (CA), Dorchester CA, and Embro CA. Each of these areas consist of mixed woodland and coniferous plantations centred around a small dam and pond. "Protecting these lands through long-term conservation measures supports habitat for species at risk, reduces the impacts of flood events, and provides recreational opportunities" said Brandon Williamson, Land Management Coordinator, UTRCA. The full list of properties includes: W.L Dickson Arboretum, Beachville Tract, Cade Tract, Dorchester CA, Dorchester Mill Pond, Downey Tract, Embro CA, Fish Creek CA, Gads Hill North and South, Golspie Swamp, Harrington CA, Ivey Tract, Kintore Swamp, Lowthian Flats, Shakespeare CA, and Westminster (Dingman). This initiative has helped us further reach our vision of partnering to protect and promote a healthy environment and resilient communities.

## INGERSOLL GARAGE SALES

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



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Calithumpian  
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**MAY 15**  
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### THISTLE THEATRE – AUDITIONS

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

### THE CAIRN!

The Zorra Caledonians have carefully considered options for the iconic cairn located at the North Embro Cemetery. The cairn, built in 1939, is dedicated to the 1893 World’s Fair Tug of War champion team, and remains a local, national & international symbol of honour & pride in Zorra’s impact on the sport. For several years the Caledonians have received financial support from the community for cairn restoration & we are excited to announce that after a careful search into repair options, the work will proceed this spring! Anyone interested in contributing to this work is encouraged to send your donation via e-transfer to [events@embrohighlandgames.ca](mailto:events@embrohighlandgames.ca) or mail a cheque to Zorra Caledonian Society PO Box 258, Embro, NOJ 1J0. Four quotes for the work were sourced and the cost will be \$ 9,000, taxes in! Any support is welcome as we honour the men who put Zorra - a community considered the birthplace of tug-of-war - on the map.



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### FROM CONVERSATION TO ACTION:

Oxford Community Foundation Celebrates Grants, New Funds, and a Bold Look at Housing. Join us for our Community Impact Celebration Mon, June 1, 4-6pm at the Clubhouse at the Tillsonburg Soccer Club, 275 Quarter Town Line, Tillsonburg. This evening is a celebration of new funds created dedicated to supporting our most vulnerable residents, strengthening community & investing in our youth. We’ll also celebrate \$255,000 in grants awarded to 38 local charities supporting arts, culture & heritage, to health & wellness, education, the environment, and social services. And the centrepiece of the evening is a panel discussion we believe is particularly timely for our community: Housing & Homelessness. The panel will feature voices you’ll want to hear, including a community organization & builder who didn’t just talk about the housing crisis — they did something about it. They built homes for families on the waitlist and, in the process, opened doors for young people looking to build careers in the skilled trades. It’s the kind of story that reminds us what’s possible when people in this room decide to act. The panel will also include a local expert sharing what’s happening right here in Oxford County and what we can accomplish together. This is an open invitation to everyone in our community. We would be honoured to have you join us. Register now at [www.oxfordcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.oxfordcommunityfoundation.org).

### HOPE BLOOMS, CHORAL SOCIETY

May 8, join the Ingersoll Choral Society as they present “Hope Blooms”, a spring benefit concert in support of the Ingersoll & District Interchurch. Uplifting choral selections to brighten your spring day! St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, 56 Thames St. S, Ingersoll, 7pm. A free will offering will be received for Ingersoll & District Inter-Church. Find us on FB or [www.ingersollchoralsociety.ca](http://www.ingersollchoralsociety.ca).

### NHL NEWS

The Buffalo Sabres finished the season as Atlantic Division Champs. This is the first time they have reached the playoffs in 15 years. Local Michael Kesslering is #8 on the team. Submitted by Ken Minler.



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## OXFORD 4-H

Oxford 4-H is growing with the 3 new 4-H clubs—Fishing, Horse & Vet along with the other clubs & projects happening with hands-on learn to do by doing activities. Some 4-H Clubs started in April with youth still able to join. For Dairy 4-H Clubs contact Dean dkarn@xlpornet.com for Ingersoll Kiwanis; Jack jjdanen@netflash.net for North Oxford; T-J tj\_hargreaves@yahoo.ca for Bonds. The Oxford Beef 4-H Club contact oxford4hbeef@gmail.com; Community 4-H Club is doing 'Community Engagement' project, contact Shonna wardshonna@hotmail.com; Brooksdale 4-H Club doing an "Anything with an Engine" 4-H project, contact kait.mckay12@gmail.com; Hickson 4-H Club doing a "Let's Get Ready for the Fair" project, contact Shonna wardshonna@hotmail.com. The two Cloverbud 4-H Clubs in Oxford for 6-8 year olds have youth learning about maple syrup, field crops, alternative livestock, fruits & vegetables, our heritage, butterflies & pollinators, alternative dance & breadventure. Oxford 4-H youth have participated in a few opportunities this year already—Dairy Sense, Future Leaders in Action and soon going to 4-H Canada National Citizenship Congress in Ottawa. Jacob Bergsma was selected to be a 4-H Ontario Ambassador for 2026—Congratulations Jacob! There are lots of opportunities for youth ages 6-21 to become involved with 4-H to 'learn to do by doing' at home & in-person. Are you beyond the age to be involved as a member—become a 4-H volunteer! Volunteers also 'learn to do by doing' by being involved in the 4-H program. Volunteers are not required to be a parent of a youth member. Contact oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com to find out more & 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. 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 the Oxford 4-H page on the 4-H Ontario website at <https://4-hontario.ca/association/oxford-4-h-association/>.

## 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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## WHAT'S ON AT THORNDALE LIBRARY IN MAY!

**FOR YOUNG FAMILIES:** Thorndale Storytime Tues, 10:30am. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes & fun!

**Early ON Play & Learn** Fridays, 9-11am. Free drop-in program for families with children 0-6 years old.

**Early ON Click & Connect** Fri, May 22, 9-11am. Middlesex EarlyON offers quarterly Check & Connect drop-in clinics during regularly scheduled Play & Learn programs.

**FOR SCHOOL AGED & YOUTH:** Show & Tell Wed, May 13, 6-7pm. Relive Kindergarten joy with a show & tell performance! Show us your favourite stuffed animal. Tell us a wild, zany story that happened to you last summer. We want to see & hear you! Ages 7-17.

**Catch the Sun!** PA Day Fri, May 29 12-1pm. Spring is here & summer is coming! Join us for this PA Day craft & create your own colourful suncatcher to hang in your window. For ages 7-17.

**FOR ADULTS & SENIORS:** Stitch 'n Chat Tues, May 5, 10-12pm & Wed, May 20 6-8pm ) Bring your needle project & meet other crocheters, knitters, and stitchers. Registration required.

**Evening Book Club** Thur, May 28 6-8pm. Come & sign out a Book Club novel and then join us on the 4th Thur 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](mailto:thorndale_staff@middlesex.ca).

# Thamesford Lions Club Tropi-cali weekend fun!

## Children's races

SATURDAY  
MAY 16

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the grassy area north of the Thamesford District Recreation Centre for a lively event! Kids of all ages are welcome to participate in this enjoyable and friendly competition. Races will take place across the beautiful green space, and ribbons will be awarded for those who finish in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

Fast Feet, Big Smiles – Who Will Claim Victory?



## Annual Trout Brunch

SUNDAY  
MAY 17

Annual Trout Brunch on Sunday, May 17th at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre, running from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy a full plate featuring traditional beer-battered trout, coleslaw, potato salad, tomato slices, veggie sticks, a dinner roll, and a special dessert. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children ages 5–12, and free for children under 5. Each ticket includes one full plate, with takeout options also available. Pre-sale tickets can be arranged by calling Lion Jack B at 519-285-2729 or by visiting [www.thamesfordlions.com](http://www.thamesfordlions.com).

Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event, with cash, debit, and credit accepted.



## Parade

MONDAY  
MAY 18

Aloha, Thamesford! The Thamesford Lions are excited to bring tropical flair to this year's parade with a vibrant, island-themed float featuring flamingos, Lion members, and plenty of candy, stickers, and pamphlets for the crowd. Don't forget to bring along non-perishable food items in support of the Eco Market and the Inter-Church program. Join us for sunshine vibes, community spirit, and a whole lot of fun!

## SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 6** Thamesford Lions will be barbecuing at Embro Family Pharmacy in support of the Embro Dog Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone welcome

**JUNE 20** Lions South Park for the annual car show and barbecue. More details coming

**AUGUST 22** Lions South Park celebration in the park!  
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### BEACHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Tues, May 12, 7pm the Beachville District Historical Society welcomes Todd Pearson, owner of Kintore Coffee Company in Embro. He will share the story & history of the Kintore Coffee Company. Join us at the Beachville District Museum for his story followed by a light lunch & of course a cup of Kintore Coffee.

### EZAS UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

**Craft, Tea & Embroidery** May 2, 10-11:30am, Knox United Church  
**BBQ Tips & Tricks** with Lancaster Smokehouse June 6  
**Cupcake Decorating** June 13      **Wine Painting** July 11  
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### EZAS 5K-10K FARM

Join us for the 2nd Annual EZAS Farm 5k/10k. We will start the morning off enjoying a beautiful walk/run down Oxford County country roads. After, the race guests are welcome to tour Darcroft Farms to enjoy pulled pork on a bun for lunch. There will be activities for kids & agriculture industry representatives on site teaching about other local farming practices. Note: May 31 rain date.



9am Participants welcomed at Darcroft Farms to complete registration & obtain race number. You must be registered by 10:45am, so please arrive early.

10am Tiny Trotters 250m. Little racers ages 2-6 years old are invited to dress as their favorite farm animal & race. Prizes for all participants.

11am EZAS Farm 5k/10k begins. Upon arrival back to Darcroft Farms, participants can rest and/or receive a guided tour of the dairy farm. Followed by Pulled Pork Lunch. Registration includes your race, guided farm tour & hot lunch.

Not interested in racing? For those not wanting to race, or wanting to attend to support a racer, you can purchase a ticket for just the farm tour & lunch. So bring your cheer squad to encourage you on across the finish line and join you for the farm tour & lunch.

Registration Fees: Adults \$40 - Youth (13-18 yrs) \$30 - Ages 12-4 yrs \$10. Farm Tour and Lunch Ticket, ages 4+ (does not include the race) \$10. Ages 4 & under can participate in the race, tours and enjoy lunch for free. There will be kids activities at the farm for your littles to enjoy.

### TARTAN TEA LUNCHEON

Daughters of the Nile Tartan Tea Luncheon & Floral Demonstration May 21, 12:30pm at Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St, S. Floral demonstration by Little Leaf Haven. Tickets \$25. Gluten free available if asked at time of buying ticket. For tickets, please phone Merilee Peter 519-425-2162. Proceeds of this event assist our club to support Shriners Children's Hospital Canada.

### OXFORD DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

Are you looking for support with your Diabetes? Our team of Registered Nurses, Registered Dietitians & a Social Worker is here to support YOUR goals. We can help with medication adjustments, lifestyle & diet changes, stress management, weight reduction strategies & more. Appointments are available at Rural Roads Health Services: Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll site & 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!

### OXFORD BRANCH ONTARIO ANCESTORS

Mon, May 11, 7pm on Zoom - Researching at the United Church Archives with Christopher Hogendoorn. An in-depth look at the United Church of Canada (UCC) Archives, with a focus on how genealogists can locate, interpret & access church records. Please visit our website at <https://oxford.ogs.on.ca> and click on the link to register. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend.

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### DROP-IN SHUFFLEBOARD

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



### TOURISM OXFORD

Craving a cheesy outing? BIG fun is coming to the Cheese Trail on Saturdays in May. Get out & explore during Big Cheese Days when Cheese Trail stops roll out extra special offers like factory tours, new cheeses & treats, plus hands on experiences. There's no 'why' you want to miss this 'gouda' local event. Get all the ooey goeey details plus cycling routes to explore the trail by bike. [www.TourismOxford.ca/Big-Cheese-Days](http://www.TourismOxford.ca/Big-Cheese-Days).

### LAWRENCE STATION:

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

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### EZAS COMMUNITY TOGETHER COOKBOOK

Please submit your favourite recipes for the EZAS Community Cookbook! Cookbooks will be available for purchase this fall. Please see our website [www.embrofair.com](http://www.embrofair.com) to submit!

### 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 & old. We welcome Student Volunteers as Crew Leaders to help out & 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 [elliottj@bell.net](mailto:elliottj@bell.net) or Pam Wilcox [pamwilcox@hotmail.ca](mailto:pamwilcox@hotmail.ca). Registration due by: June 22.

### THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

May is the TFC Spring Outing. It will take place Wed, May 27. This is the time we go together on an adventure & eat out – maybe somewhere we have not been before. Please arrive by 9:50am. We start out at 10am from the Thamesford Library Parking lot. We join up in vehicles to drive to the adventure destination as planned. All drivers are voluntary. Then together we go to the restaurant where we dine & pay our own way. Maybe your car mates want to venture on their own after that but we are usually back by 2.30pm in Thamesford. We will need to reserve our spot at the restaurant & know how many vehicles we need. Please let us know you want to join with us by May 20, call Helen 519-285-2024 or Shirley 519-285-2938. If you need assistance let us know. Maybe we can help. The Friendship club invites Seniors 55 Plus - new or old from Thamesford and surrounding areas.

### ST. JOHN'S DECORATION DAY SERVICE

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

### THISTLE THEATRE – DRAMARAMA 2026

Thistle Theatre is proud to present the 30th season of DRAMARAMA! Dramarama is our summer day camp for young people ages 6-13 (grades 1-8). 9 spots remaining in our July 20-31 session. Dramarama is all about developing creativity, self-expression, & self-confidence. 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. The play is then performed for family, friends & community members on the final day of camp. Camp runs daily 9-3pm out of the Embro Town Hall, 135 Huron St. For all the information, head to [www.thistle-theatre.com](http://www.thistle-theatre.com) and click on the Dramarama page. We're looking for volunteers who want the ability to obtain community service hours while also participating in our programming! Apply to be a Leader In Training at Dramarama if you're transitioning to high school this fall or currently in grade 9-12. Email our Artistic Director at [dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com](mailto:dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com). These are volunteer, unpaid positions with the ability to obtain community service hours, as well as learn valuable leadership skills along the way. We're always looking for used-in-good condition costumes or props that you'd be willing to part with and donate to our camp, please email [dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com](mailto:dramarama.thistletheatre@gmail.com) to arrange for drop off or pick up.



**Thistle Theatre**

### JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE & SUN CHOKES

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## PUMPKIN PRINCE & PRINCESS SEEDS READY!

Register online for your FREE pumpkin seeds to grow & enter at the Embro Fall Fair! NOTE: Students who attend AJ Baker or Zorra Highland Park Public school DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER. Their seeds will be distributed at school in May. Please see our website [www.embrofair.com](http://www.embrofair.com) for more details.

## INGERSOLL CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

**Gallery & Artisan Market** Open Mon-Fri 9-4pm & Sat 1-4pm. 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!

**Current Exhibition: ICAC Members' Show** Featuring the works of our talented members, this show is a must-see for any art lover! Join us for a multi-media exhibition of pottery, rug hooking, quilting, fibre arts, paintings, mixed media, photography, and more. The exhibition will be on display until May 23.

**Upcoming Exhibition: ICAC Fibre Arts Bunch & Nimble Fingers** Exceptional fibre artwork by the talented members of the Creative Arts Centre's fibre arts groups. Running May 30-July 4.

**Upcoming Classes: Cookies & Coffee** with Rosy's Kitchen. Sat, May 9, 1-3pm.

**Wire Wrapped Trees** with Pat Palmer. Tues, May 12, 3-5pm.

**Ink Joy!** Adventures in Alcohol Inks with Audianna DeSouza. Sat, May 23, 1-3:30pm.

**Play with Watercolour** with Leith Channen. Tues, May 26, 3-5pm.

**Spring Into Watercolour** with Leith Channen. Tues, May 26, and/or Wed, May 27, 7-9pm

**Events: ICAC Fashion Show Fundraiser** May 8, doors open 6pm, show 7pm. Support the Arts Centre and stay up on the latest fashions! Featuring the fashion of Roberts & Co. Ladies Wear. Tickets available at the Centre or at [www.creativeartscentre.com](http://www.creativeartscentre.com).

**The "Oh Canada" Silent Auction Fundraiser** June 6-26. Opening: Sat, June 6, 1pm. This fundraiser silent auction will feature a wide selection of artwork celebrating what we love about Canada! Pottery, fibre art, rug hooking, quilted items, and more made by the talented members of the Creative Arts Centre.

## 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](mailto:lyndapillon281@gmail.com). We'd love to have you.

## SAVE THE DATE!

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](mailto:divinelyglutenfreeexpo@gmail.com). More information to share in May's edition and/or follow us on Facebook.

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**Melisande** Fri, May 1, 8pm at Metropolitan United Church

**Moonfruits** Sun, May 31, 7:30pm at German Canadian Club

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### 160th ANNIVERSARY!

Join us at Beachville Baptist Church, The Village Chapel, 8 King St, Beachville, for our 160th Anniversary May 3, 2pm. Rev. Dr. Glenn Malcolm, speaker & special musical guests. We welcome former members & friends to celebrate with us. For information: Eleanor Reeves 519-423-6776 or Sheila Graham 519-421-5460.

### EMBRO LEGION BREAKFAST

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

### THORNDALE HAM & STRAWBERRY SUPPER

You are invited to our annual Ham & Strawberry Supper Tues, May 19, at Thorndale Lions Community Centre, 4:30-7pm. Adults \$25, children 6-14 \$10, 5 and under - free. Take-out and dine-in available. Advance tickets only until Sun, May 10. For tickets call Bob & Darlene 519-461-0463.



### EZAS FIELD CROP COMPETITION DEADLINE

Calling all farmers in Zorra Township! This is a competition you can enter without even doing anything out of your regular day — the Field Crop Competition. Standing crops will be judged, points given, and winners announced at the Embro Fair. Prize money will be awarded. Several crop classes to be included, with the first deadline to be May 8 for First Cut Hay. Please contact Jim Grieve 519-475-6163 or embroagsociety@gmail.com to enter your field.

### STICH SUPPER CLUB WANTS YOU!

Bryan Smith leads a couple of the volunteer teams at STICH Supper Club. They serve a meal on Thursdays, but have some tasks which need doing other days of the week, and need your help with them. To sign up, visit [www.stichsupperclub.ca](http://www.stichsupperclub.ca) and look for the volunteers' link on the right side.

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## EZAS COMMUNITY CONCERT IS BACK!

Back by popular demand, Chris Clark will be our concert headliner, and we are excited to welcome Greg Williams & The Dirty Magnolias to open up the show. Early bird tickets are \$30 each before July 1. After, tickets will be \$35. Hope to see you there!



## BEACHVILLE DISTRICT MUSEUM

We're getting ready for another fun & exciting summer season at the museum! This month, we welcome Keely Shaw to the museum team as Interim Assistant Curator for 2026. Keely will be the newest friendly face you'll see around the museum & brings experience in programming, education & collections research. We're also glad to welcome our grounds keeper Jeff, back for another summer season. Be sure to say hello to Keely and Jeff the next time you're in! Join us this spring for a tour of the museum & grounds Tues-Sat 10-4pm, or for one of our upcoming programs and events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Upcoming Programs & Events - SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM** For children ages 5-11 June 29-Aug 28 (excluding statutory holidays). Additional slots for each week are now available for both full week & single day registrations. Register online now at [beachvilledistrict-museum.com/summercamp2026](http://beachvilledistrict-museum.com/summercamp2026).

**OXFORD LOCAL HISTORY DAY** Sat, May 9, 10-1pm at the Ingersoll Public Library, 130 Oxford St, Ingersoll. Join us for a day of presentations & exhibits at the library that will help bring the story of Oxford to light & promote the importance of local history to the community. Visitors will experience collections, exhibits & featured stories from archives, museums, heritage groups & individual researchers from around Oxford County.

**MAY SPEAKER SERIES** Tues, May 12, 7pm in the museum's Program Room. Hosted by the Beachville District Historical Society (BDHS), this month's speaker will be Todd Pearson on the origins of his business, the Kintore Coffee Co., and their current location. Free admission. No registration required. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**MAY COMMUNITY CAR SHOW** We're kicking off our season of Community Car Shows on Sun, May 24, 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).

**SOUTH-WEST OXFORD TOWNSHIP FARE** Sat, May 23, 10-2pm at the Mount Elgin Community Centre, 333204 Plank Line, Mount Elgin. Join us as we celebrate 51 years of the Township of South-West Oxford at the SWOX Township Fare! Visit the museum's table to take in a display of artifacts related to the history of dairy businesses in SWOX. Afterward, shop local businesses, grab a bite from some fantastic food trucks, and enjoy a great mix of hand-crafted goods, candles, skincare, preserves, honey, cheese, local services, and more!

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## NASH BARNETT MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

Save the date! The 5th Annual Nash Barnett Memorial Car & Tractor Show will be held Sun, Sept 20, 10-4pm, at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. We will have a live band, door prizes & more! We look forward to seeing everyone out with their favourite set of wheels.

To register, or for more information, please contact Nash's mom and dad - Nicole & Chris 519-533-2208 or email [nbarnett221@gmail.com](mailto:nbarnett221@gmail.com).



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**Tales for Tots** Wed 10:30-11am. A half hour of fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories & more followed by freeplay and social time. For ages 0+ with a caregiver.

**Mahjong** Wed 1-3pm, drop in to play everyone is welcome!

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

**Writing Group** Tues, May 19, 2-4pm, are you a creative writer looking to meet other writers?

**Thamesford Library Book Club** Wed, May 27, 3pm. stop by to pick up this month's read.

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

May 5, 5-6pm – Superhero Science

May 19, 5-6pm – Crafty Codebreaking

**Adult Crafternoon** Tues, May 12, 1:30pm. Visit the library to learn some historical Japanese bookbinding stiches and sew your own mini notebook! Please register.

**Calithumpian Book Sale** Sat, May 16, 8-2pm. We will start collecting donations for the Book Sale at the Library (during open hours) Fri, May 1, please make sure all donations are in good condition (no yellowed pages or musty smells).

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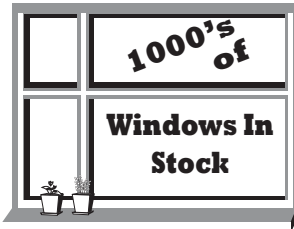
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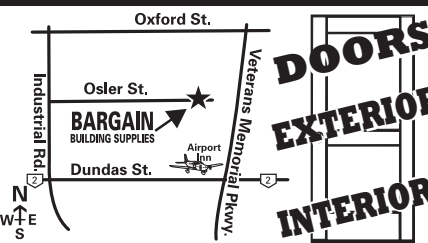
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...welcoming our first refugee family & one year of food security and helping the environment through the EcoMarket & Café! First of all, thank you to the many people from our community who offered furniture, housewares, donation or time, talent & gift cards to make a home for our Refugee Family – you've helped make it all possible! After 4 years in the planning & fundraising stage, it's been a whirlwind of recent activity – hearing from the family on Good Friday that they'd be coming Apr 23, receiving official notice of that on the Tuesday after Easter, but the search for accommodations already started on Easter Monday. After over a week of looking, applications not being chosen by landlords, expanding our search radius, raising our budget, etc., we were lucky enough to find a beautiful four-year-old 4 bedroom house in the White Oaks area of London (a predominantly Arab-speaking area with lots of community supports & easy access to shopping and public transportation.) Just sitting outside the house, wondering if it was even worth trying as it was above our price point, it happened that the landlord was there and, as it turns out, was himself a refugee from Kosovo in 1999! His eyes filled with tears as he recounted the work his sponsors had done to give his family a home away from the war they'd fled, so he wanted to pay it forward, offering a month's free rent (putting it back in our price range,) allowing us in early to set up the house & welcome the family without interim accommodations, and left some furniture and a TV and other household items. As I write this, volunteers are in cleaning the house & setting up the kitchen – tomorrow is moving day with all the big items we've been collecting & storing being moved in and set up – the next day will be the final touches & picking the family up from the airport in Toronto in the evening to come home and make their start in Canada. The Hammouda's are a family of 5 – a single mother (her first husband died in the war & her second husband abandoned them,) and her 4 children – an adult female who has completed her first degree & hopes to do Pre-Med at Western, an adult male, a teenage girl, and a seven-year-old girl. After having fled the war in Syria in 2022, spending 4 years in Lebanon in one room, enduring the recent bombing there, and now finally getting their clearance to come to Canada, it is a new start for all of them! Again, thank you for your help towards this cause & for all your prayers for the family. AND, of course, May 1 will mark the first anniversary of the EcoMarket & Café – our weekly event offering food for everyone. It is not just a handout, but a hand up, as well as diverting good food from being wasted or even eventually making it to landfills – it really is for everyone! There are tables set up to enjoy a coffee & goodies as well, adding to the community atmosphere, along with the background music and the friendliest volunteers you've ever met (we're often told so by our patrons!) And, we now have a Community Cupboard to store food between & have available for emergencies between Markets. And we've been able to expand to provide meat, eggs, milk & cheese every other week when pre-ordered – all because of donations from our community! So that's a major community event happening every Thursday (even Christmas Day & New Year's Day this past year) for a whole year & no signs of stopping! Many thanks to everyone contributing – we couldn't do it without you. Recently, someone said, "Westminster has always supported missions – now we're really doing them, and that's a major shift." We hope it's a shift you've noticed, or may even want to become a part of – let us know & we'll be happy to help find the best fit for you, especially if you have time to give to the Market, or especially helping the Hammouda's learn about life in Canada. You never know when taking the leap might lead to something better than you'd ever thought possible – that's certainly been the case for us with both these projects.  
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## AL-ANON

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

## 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.

## THORNDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We had a very fun & informative meeting with Catherine McGill who spoke to us on "The Ground gets Lower every Year: Tips and Tools for Ageing Gardeners". Catherine comes to us from the Haldimand Horticultural Society. At one point she had her own Garden Maintenance Company and she shared her knowledge & experience on how we can continue to garden, even as we age. There is a Spring Design Workshop 2026 being arranged for Wed, May 6 at the Thorndale Community Center 7:30-9:30pm. Jim Mabee will be hosting this event. Come & explore fresh, creative designs. Perfectly timed ahead of our May Flower show. \$15 per person (supplies not included). Non-members can register, \$20 per person. Registration by email: [dian.chute@hotmail.com](mailto:dian.chute@hotmail.com). Our next meeting will be Wed, May 13, 7:30pm at the Thorndale Community Centre, Room 3. Brenda Symns will demonstrate a couple of Floral Design Arrangements using spring flowers. We are also holding our Member Floral Show which has not been done for a few years. We are excited to see what our members will display. Our 27th annual Green Thumb Garden Tour will be held Sun, June 28, 11-4pm rain or shine, so dress appropriately. Passports to view the gardens are \$10 per person and will be available at our May 13 and June 10 regular meetings and on the day of the tour at 198 Thorndale Road (Cenotaph). We have 5 lovely host gardens in the north-west quadrant of Thorndale, as well as our community beds within the village. Guests are welcome at our meetings.

## SACRED HEART PARISH EUCHRE

We invite everyone to join us for a Euchre afternoon. It will be held in Henderson Hall, 133 John St, Ingersoll. Tues, May 12 & 26 start at 1pm. Refreshments provided.

## WHAT DO TEARS MEAN?

When you see teens crying at an airport, you know they are having a deeply personal experience. One even said he was aware that it was less his story & more who he'd become that was important, at the end of 9-week exchanges with ISE-Ontario. Moving 39 adolescents through 2 large airports should be a complicated task, but thanks to planning & preparation by ISE, International Student Exchanges, students had been gathered from all over France & Germany, for their return to their homes. Tears? Of course, parting is such sweet sorrow. The prospect of reuniting with family could provoke tears too. For more information about the extraordinary impact that exchanges to any of ISE's 6 European destinations, track down a recent participant in your school, contact [bryasmit@oxford.net](mailto:bryasmit@oxford.net) and/or visit [www.iseontario.on.ca](http://www.iseontario.on.ca).





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## INGERSOLL MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The local Ingersoll Ironbirds U9 REP team were nominated in the Classic Rock 98.1 Hometown Showdown. The team were excited to hear they were finalists in the competition & spent an amazing morning at the London radio station. A cheer went up when they were announced winners & handed the trophy along with an incredible prize pack which included cash, team gear, snacks, gas cards & more. Thanks to the amazing support of parents, coaches, friends, and the Ingersoll community at large for votes & always supporting our local athletes & programs. Extra thanks to the radio station and Classic Rock 98.1 Hometown Showdown for supporting local sports. Youth sports take a huge community effort, from equipment and uniforms to travel and field time. It all adds up so this prize will make a big difference for our players this season.

## 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 once again! Theatre Tillsonburg's production of "Having Hope at Home" is humorous, heart warming, and a definite "Don't Miss out!" production! Show dates: May 28, 29, \*30, \*31 & June 4, 5, 6, \*7. Evenings 7:30pm, \*matinees 2pm. Tickets available at theatretillsonburg.com.

## KC AND THE SUNSHINE GIRLS

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

## CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL IS COMING!

After an extraordinary year in 2025, the Children's Water Festival returns in 2026 at nearby Fanshawe Park Conservation Area. For the most fun imaginable, sign up to volunteer any day of the week of May 25-29, or to help with the Family Night on May 28. The Oxford Coalition for Social Justice is committed to solidarity in developing new activities, bringing older ones up to date, and making complex ideas clear for all age groups. Connect via <https://www.childrenswaterfestival.ca>, fill out the volunteer's form & get ready to get wet.

## SWEABURG EUCHE

Sweaburg & District Lions Club EURCHE (progressive) is on Sat, May 23, at Sweaburg United Church. Doors open 6:30pm and the fun begins at 7pm. \$10 per person & light refreshments are served. Everyone is welcome.



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Save the date: Sat, Sept 5, for the Tractor Skill Games Event, fundraising for Children's Hospital. If you wish to participate in the games, volunteer, or your business would like to be a sponsor, please visit our website [www.tractorskillgames.ca](http://www.tractorskillgames.ca).



## OXFORD STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNER:

**Middle Grand Chapter of Freshwater Conservation Canada**

Oxford County Warden Marcus Ryan presented the 2025 Oxford Stewardship Award to the Middle Grand Chapter of Freshwater Conservation Canada, honoring their contributions to land improvement & sustainability. The Middle Grand Chapter of Freshwater Conservation Canada, a passionate volunteer group, unites behind a vision to renew & protect the health and biodiversity of cold-water tributaries along the Middle Grand River. Over the past 3 years, the Middle Grand chapter has planted over 2,000 trees along a stretch of Horner's Creek in Oxford County, between 8th and 10th Concession, just outside of Bright. The group pursues a simple goal: healthier water. Cool, flowing water equals healthy water. By planting trees, they create a buffer around the stream, reduce runoff & sediment, and, as the trees mature, provide shade that helps keep water temperatures down. With support from the Oxford Clean Water Program, the group furthered these efforts by organizing a community planting event at a farm property along Horner's Creek last spring, where 250 potted & bareroot trees were added. The chapter collaborated closely with the Grand River Conservation Authority, Enbridge, and local landowners, who provided access to their properties to assist with tree planting and the implementation of this project. Oxford County is honouring this year's Oxford Stewardship Award recipient with a \$500 gift certificate to purchase original artwork commissioned from an Oxford County artist of their choice OR an experience at a local destination featured through Tour Oxford. In addition to this prize, the Middle Grand Chapter has been added to the recognition wall at the Oxford County Administration Building, designed to honour all past and future recipients of the Oxford Stewardship Award. The winner of the Oxford Stewardship Award is chosen by representatives of local stewardship organizations, with Marinda Gras, Soil & Crop Improvement Association, and Cher Sprague, Stewardship Oxford, leading the judging process.



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  - Branch Euchre Thursdays play begins 7pm.
  - Line Dancing Thursdays 7-8pm (with exception of May 28) \$10.
  - West Coast Swing Dancing Thursdays (with exception of May 28) 8:15-9:15pm. \$10, no partner required.
  - Darts Blind Draw Doubles Fridays, play begins 8pm.
  - Thames Valley Bluegrass & Old Time Country Pickers Sat, May 2, 9, 23, 30, 1-4pm. Open mic (acoustic only). Come enjoy the music.
  - Oxford County Feline Wellness & Outreach Bingo Fri, May 8 & 22. Doors open 6pm. Play begins 7pm.
  - Ox On The Run Mobile Library Wed, May 13 & 27, 4:30-6pm.
  - General Meeting Elections Wed, May 6, 7pm.
  - Roast Beef Dinner Fri, May 8, 5:30pm, \$15. Call to pre-order 519-423-6363.
  - Mothers Day Brunch Sun, May 10, 9:30-12:30pm. Adults \$12, under 10 years of age \$5.
  - Pork Roast Dinner Fri, May 22, 5:30pm. \$15 call to pre-order 519-423-6363.
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### IN 2026 IT'S YOUR FIX!

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### A FULL PASSENGER CAR - MAY 28

The Ontario Health Coalition has reserved an entire VIA train car from Woodstock to Toronto and back again to do an education session about the savings of costs & lives in fully public hospitals. Not too long ago, retirees in ARM 11 spent a day at Queen's Park, urging policy makers to extend the quality & duration of life for those needing home care. Now a second opportunity awaits: Join us for education and discussion while travelling into town, at Queen's Park and on the (rail)road home. Visit [www.ontariohealth-coalition.ca](http://www.ontariohealth-coalition.ca) for more information. See you Thur, May 28 at the Via rail in Toronto. Your voice must be heard.

### THAMESFORD LIONS CLUB

The Thamesford Lions Club has been active this spring with a number of successful events & ongoing community service. On Apr 18, we held our bi-annual scrap metal & electronics drop-off at the Thamesford Recreation Centre. We extend sincere thanks to everyone who contributed, with a final total to be shared soon. On Apr 25, we proudly celebrated our 65th Charter Night, an evening that featured music by RJ Conspiracies, a meal from Village Catered Deli, and recognition of several deserving members. In early May, Lions members completed our annual roadside cleanup across Oxford County, helping to keep our community clean & welcoming. Looking ahead, we will be hosting children's races during the May 16-18 Tropi-Cali weekend, participating in the parade, and holding our popular Trout Brunch. Trout Brunch tickets are available through Lion Jack Broadfoot, and full details can be found on our website. Non-perishable food items collected during the parade support local food programs. On June 6, we will be barbecuing at Embro Family Pharmacy 11-2pm in support of the Embro Dog Park. For updates & information, please follow the Embro Dog Park Facebook page or Township channels. On June 20, we invite the community to Lions South Park for our annual car show & barbecue, featuring both a morning breakfast and a lunch BBQ. Finally, mark your calendars for Aug 22 and join us at Lions South Park for our 65th Celebration in the Park. This is a free event, and all are welcome to enjoy music, free hot dogs, and children's activities.



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**CHAIR FITNESS \*NEW TIME\*** 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. As of May 4 – back at the courts across from the Sr. Centre. Drop-in rate \$5.

**SCULPT & SWEAT** Wed 9-10am. Starting May 6. 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 at least 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.

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



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**AMERICAN MAH JONGG BEGINNER LESSONS** May – TBD. Are you interested in learning how to play? This is a registered session as such you must be committed to playing on all 4 weeks. If you are interested in lessons please contact Kristy.

**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.

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

**UKULELE** Fri 10-11am. This class will continue to learn basic chords & strumming techniques while playing along to simple & familiar songs to build confidence and have fun.

**WEDNESDAY BRUNCH** Join us on the 1st & 3rd Wed (May 6 & 20) 9-11:30am, \$10. Register by 12pm the day before.

**WEDNESDAY DINING & SOCIAL** Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wed (May 13 & 27), 5pm, \$13. Register by 12pm the day before.

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### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Wednesday May 6 at 9:30 a.m. Township Office

Wednesday May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Township Office

Wednesday June 3 at 9:30 a.m. Township Office

Check the Township website for agendas at [www.zorra.ca](http://www.zorra.ca)

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*If you would like to speak to an item on a Council agenda, please contact the Clerk at 519-425-2305 or [clerk@zorra.ca](mailto:clerk@zorra.ca)*

### Municipal Election – Are you on the list to vote??

The next municipal and school board elections are October 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](http://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.

### By-law Department

Spring is here and it's a good time to remind property owners of our Yard & Lot Maintenance By-law 16-2018. Property owners are responsible to maintain grass and weeds under 8". This includes vacant lots as well.

### Public Works Department

High winds can often mean downed trees. If you come across a tree blocking the road during business hours (M-F 8am-5pm), call the Township office to report 519-485-2490. Outside office hours, call the OPP to report at the non-emergency line 1-888-310-1122 \*OPP. If it is an emergency, call 911.

### Recreation Department

Registration for our Summer Day Camp is now open! Children ages 4 to 11 can join us for a full-day camp for 10 weeks of summer! We look forward to swimming, outside play and tons of fun! Register for the full week for \$179.00 or \$44.75/per single day. Camp operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with additional before and after care available. Swimming registration opens May 1st at 9:00am. Visit us at [www.zorra.ca](http://www.zorra.ca) for more info. 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](http://pickuphub.net).

### Tax Department

Pre-authorized payment notification letters detailing Jan-June 2026 withdrawals were mailed in January to property owners who are enrolled in any of our Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) Plans. If you are enrolled in a PAP plan, you will NOT receive an interim tax bill but will receive your final tax bill later this year. Not signed up for PAP? Enrolment forms can be found at [www.zorra.ca](http://www.zorra.ca), by entering "tax payment options" in the search bar. Interim tax bills, equal to 50% of the total 2025 tax bill, were sent the end of January with instalment due dates on Feb 27 & May 29, 2026. Penalty & interest charges of 1.25% will be added to tax instalments not paid and received by the due date. For tax inquiries contact Melissa De Luca 519-485-2490 ext 7222 or [mdeluca@zorra.ca](mailto:mdeluca@zorra.ca)

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163 Brock Street, PO Box 189, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0  
519-485-2490 or Toll Free 1-888-699-3868

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

# Worship With Us

## St. John's Anglican Church

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.

## 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  
May 4 & 11 Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High) 7pm  
May 23 The Well 7pm

## 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  
SUN 10am service avonputnampc.uc@execulink.com

## 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, oxfordfrfc.com

## Southwest Oxford United Churches

Emergency Contact: Rev. David Van Patter 519-402-0147  
vanpatter007@gmail.com

West Oxford 354395 Church Line 9:30am

Sweaburg 474425 Dodge Line 9:30am

Foldens 374097 Folden's Line 11am

May 31 Combined Service at West Oxford, 9:30am.

Guest speakers recounting 24 years of South African experiences and relationships. All are welcome.

## 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	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>Big Cheese Days</b> Every Saturday in May!  TourismOxford.ca/ Big-Cheese-Days					<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jamboree</li> <li>Stopping to... at Commonplace Books</li> <li>Osteofit, Ing 50+</li> <li>Ukulele, Ing 50+</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"We Lend a Hand"</li> <li>Sacred Heart Yard &amp; Plant Sale</li> <li>Bluegrass music, Beachville Legion</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KC &amp; Sunshine Girls</li> <li>Embro Legion Breakfast</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Messy Mon., Ingersoll library</li> <li>Line Dancing, Ingersoll 50+</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Mgmt, Ingersoll library</li> <li>Stopping to... meditation</li> <li>Sketchy Srs, Ing 50+</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Dart League begins, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Meditation</li> <li>Sculpt &amp; Sweat, Ingersoll 50+</li> <li>Abrams Celebration</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line Dancing, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Brownsville Coffee &amp; Connect</li> <li>Norwich Lawn Bowling free lessons</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hope Blooms, choral concert</li> <li>Beef Dinner, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Bingo, Bchvll Legion</li> <li>Fashion Show, ICAC</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluegrass music, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Cookies class, ICAC</li> <li>Oxford Local History Day</li> <li>Norwich Lawn Bowling free lessons</li> </ul>
<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brunch at Beachville Legion</li> <li>Mother's Day Brunch, Ing 50+</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ontario Ancestors</li> <li>Pickleball, Ing 50+</li> <li>Total Body Workout, Ingersoll 50+</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sacred Heart Euchre</li> <li>Wire Wrapped Trees, ICAC</li> <li>Speaker series, Beachville Museum</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair Yoga, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Thorndale Horticulture</li> <li>Air Cadets, Drchstr</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W Coast Swing Dancing, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Sewing Drop In, Ingersoll 50+</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <b>THAMESFORD CALITHUMPIAN WEEKEND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jamboree</li> <li>Plant Sale, Unifor</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heavenly Boutique, Thamesford</li> <li>Nature Club Birding</li> <li>Plant Sale, Ingersoll</li> </ul>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embro Lawn Bowling begins</li> </ul> 	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Al-Anon, Ingersoll</li> <li>Chair Yoga, Ing 50+</li> <li>Drop-in Shuffleboard</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meditation, Ingersoll</li> <li>Total Toning, Ing 50+</li> <li>Air Cadets, Drchstr</li> <li>Brunch, Ing 50+</li> </ul>	<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tartan Tea Luncheon</li> <li>Chair Yoga, Ing 50+</li> <li>Drop-in Shuffleboard</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bingo, Bchvll Legion</li> <li>Strength &amp; Stretch, Ingersoll 50+</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluegrass music, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Euchre, Sweaburg</li> <li>Dragonboat event</li> <li>Bchville Yard Sales</li> </ul>
<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car Show, Beachville Museum</li> <li>Choir concert</li> </ul> <b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuckoo's concert</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tai Chi, Ing 50+</li> <li>Kids Water Festival</li> </ul>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sacred Heart Euchre</li> <li>Tween Time, library</li> <li>Horticultural Society</li> <li>Watercolour class, ICAC</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film Club, Ingersoll library</li> <li>Thmsfd Friendship</li> </ul>	<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having Hope at Home, Theatre Tillsbg</li> <li>Euchre, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Gentle Yoga, Ingersoll 50+</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA Day fun, Ingersoll library</li> <li>Jamboree</li> <li>Seniors Learning in Retirement</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Super Storms, Ingersoll library</li> <li>Karaoke with Ken, Beachville Legion</li> <li>Book Sale, Aylmer</li> <li>5km Farm Run</li> </ul>

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