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FAMILY FUN DAY

Aug 29, at Brownsville Community Centre, Brownsville. 10-2pm.

KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND TRIBUTE

Old St Paul's Church, 723 Dundas St, Woodstock presents a tribute to KC and the Sunshine band with the girls from Celebrity Productions Sept 19, 1:30pm. Refreshments to follow. Tickets are only \$20 and available by calling 519-537-3921, at www.oldstpauls.com or at the door. It's time to get on your Boogie Shoes!

TALES OF THE THAMES VALLEY TROLLEY

On Tues, Sept 8, 7pm the Beachville District Historical Society welcomes Scott Gillies with "Riding the Rails with Estelle: Tales of the Thames Valley Trolley" at the Beachville District Museum. Join us for a look into the past. All are welcome with refreshments and light lunch to follow.

TOURISM OXFORD

Fall is just around the corner, bringing colourful countryside drives, farm-fresh flavours, and unforgettable experiences close to home. From corn mazes and pumpkin patches to local markets and stunning autumn scenery, there's plenty to explore throughout Oxford County. Discover curated trip itineraries, Cheese Trail highlights, and the new Oxford Handcrafted Trail at www.TourismOxford.ca. This season, embrace our Rural Routes and rediscover what's waiting in your own backyard.

INGERSOLL CHORAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

Like to sing? We'd love to have you join us. No experience required! Some of our choir members don't read music – so don't let that stop you! You'll find a welcoming environment where fun & fellowship are only exceeded by a love of singing! While our Good Friday concert remains our 'signature event', we also perform Broadway revues, dinner theaters, and other themed concerts. This season, our first production will be held at ITOPA in November. "Ingersoll Choral Society Lights Up Broadway" promises to be a lot of fun and we would love to have you be part of it! Rehearsals for our 2026/27 season begin Mon, Sept 14, 7-9pm at Ingersoll Christian Reformed Church, 429 King St W, Ingersoll. No commitment to join ICS is required until you've attended the first 3 rehearsals. Find us on Facebook or email holly.langohr@gmail.com for more info.



BOOK LOVERS INVITED!

Local Author Book Fair & Vendor Market Coming to St. Marys. Book lovers & shoppers alike are invited to the Local Author Book Fair & Vendor Market Sat, Sept 19, 10-2pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 236, 66 Church St North, St Marys. This free community event brings together talented local authors & vendors for a morning of books, shopping, and community connection. Visitors can meet authors, browse a variety of books for readers of all ages, discover unique products from local vendors, and support small businesses from across the region. Whether you're searching for your next great read, looking for one-of-a-kind gifts, or simply want to enjoy a welcoming community event, there's something for everyone. Come celebrate local talent, shop local, and help support the authors, artists, and entrepreneurs who make our community thrive. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome!

MODERN SQUARE DANCING IS FOR YOU!

Looking for something to do in the evening or something new to try? Modern square dancing is a great way to learn something new, have fun, meet new friends, relieve stress, and get some exercise! At Thames Valley Dance Club, we dance on Monday nights 7-9pm. All you need is comfortable shoes & casual clothing. No experience or partner is required & anyone over the age of 12 is welcome (children from 12-15 with an adult, please). We will be starting our 2026-2027 season Mon, Sept 14 at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St S, Ingersoll. The first night is free, and after that the cost is \$8 per person each Monday, paid monthly at the start of the month. For more information, contact Julie 519-535-3314. Hope to see you Sept 14 at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall!

JUNK IN THE TRUNK

Mount Elgin United Church is having a Junk in the Trunk sale Sat, Sept 26 at Mount Elgin United Church, 324105 Mount Elgin Rd 8-12 noon.

THE BARN DANCE IS BACK!

Grab your boots & get ready to kick up your heels! Our 2nd Barn Dance of the year is coming to the historic Sherbrooke Barn at the Ingersoll Cheese Museum! Fri, Sept 11, 7-10pm. We've got everything you need for a great night out: DJ & music all evening, Line dancing lessons — beginners welcome! PB's French Fries, bar hosted by the Ingersoll Lions Club. Round up your friends, mark your calendars & get ready for another unforgettable night in the barn!

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INGERSOLL LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

CHILDREN & FAMILY Messy Monday Mon, Sept 14, 10-11am. Drop by and 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).

Shake, Rattle & Read Wed, Sept 16 & 23, 9:30-10:15am. Drop in & together we will boost our early literacy skills with songs, stories, and movement!

Family Fun Night: Bad Art Night Fri, Sept 18, 6-7:30pm. Registration required, opens Aug 28. Leave your talent at the door & get ready to make a disaster-piece! Together families are tasked with creating a piece of art using an array of miscellaneous materials provided. Awards will be given for a variety of wacky categories!

Tween Time Tues, Sept. 29, 4-5:30pm (ages 9-13). Drop by the Ingersoll library program room to make a fun autumn craft!

ADULTS Dementia 101 Tues, Sept 15, 6-7pm - with the Alzheimer Society, drop-in. Join us at the Ingersoll Branch for this free presentation - participants will learn the difference between changes that come with normal aging & when something is not normal; treatable causes for these changes; and a general overview of dementia.

Tech Talk: Talk and Travel Mon, Sept 28, 6-7pm, drop-in. Join Melanie in the Programme Room as we discuss tips for planning your next holiday, language learning, and how the library can help you travel the world.

A TRUE LOCAL STORY ON STAGE THIS FALL

"Lawrence Station: The Flagship Erie's Final Flight". On the 85th anniversary of the crash of American Airlines Flagship Erie in Lawrence Station, ON, the story of it's final flight where local residents rushed to rescue the 17 passengers & 3 crew members aboard. At the time, it was Canada's worst aviation disaster. This music-infused play explores the lives forever changed by the tragic final flight of the Flagship Erie. Oct 29-Nov 1. Written by local playwright, Len Cuthbert. Music composed and performed by Fynn Cuthbert. www.LenCuthbert.com.

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THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Get your calendars out & circle Wed, Sept 23. The Thamesford Friendship Club is back to enjoy an autumn 12 noon catered meal with dessert at the Beaty Room in the Thamesford Library building. The TFC is a group of seniors 55 plus people living in or near Thamesford. At 1pm we have entertainment or a speaker of interest. This month's speaker is from Gunn's Hill, Artisan Cheese. "Sounds like a good combo, apple pie followed by cheese". You need to call Helen 519-285-2024 or Shirley 519-285-2938 by Sept 16 to reserve your spot!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Holy Family School in Woodstock is seeking volunteers for the Outdoor Farm Show to raise funds for the school. The show takes place Sept 15-17, at Canada's Outdoor Park in Woodstock. No experience is required. Duties include checking passes & greeting farm show visitors at the gates. Volunteer on your own or with a partner. Morning, midday & afternoon shifts available. A free pass to the farm show is provided to volunteers for the day they sign up. For more information please contact Alida and Ruth at holyfamily-farmshow@gmail.com.

CASH BINGO IS BACK!

Join us Sat, Sept 18, 7pm for a fun evening in support of youth programming at the Thorndale Fall Fair. Bring your friends, grab your dabbers, and settle in for great prizes & great community spirit. Every card played helps strengthen local opportunities for our kids and teens — a win all around!

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FITNESS ROOM Open to all members & equipped with a treadmill, elliptical, recumbent bike, spin bike, weights and more. A fitness orientation is needed before the first use. \$1/use.

REGISTERED PROGRAMS: ESSENTRICS with Lori: Mon 3:30-4:30pm. A fun, full body stretching and movement class that increases your range of motion and strengthens your muscles.

PELVIC FLOOR Wed 6pm. Pelvic tension & lower back aches aren't isolated issues—they are part of an intricately connected system.

STRENGTH & STRETCH Fri 9am.

STROKE RECOVERY, COPD, PARKINSON'S CLASS Tues/Thur 10:30am.

ZUMBA GOLD Tues 11am. A modified, low-impact version.

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

CHAIR FITNESS Wed 9am. Don't let the name fool you!

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

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

OSTEOFIT Fri 10:30am. Can be done standing or seated.

PICKLEBALL Mon 9:30am. Drop-in rate \$5.

SCULPT & SWEAT Wed 9am.

TAI CHI Mon 12:15pm.

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT Mon 8:30am, Tues 9am.

VON SMART Exercise Class Mon & Thur 1:30pm. A safe & effective exercise and fall prevention program. This is a free class.

SMART Walking Program Wed 9am. An hour indoors at the Centre.

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

YOGA Tues 9:45am.

INGERSOLL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meets Sept 22,
7:30pm at Ingersoll
Seniors Centre, 250
Ingersoll St. S. Speaker:
Roland Craig
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THORNDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our Aug 12 meeting our speaker was Connie Jasinskis, a Clinical Exercise Physiologist, and her topic was "Don't let Gardening be a Pain". She gave us a lot of valuable information on how to approach gardening as we age with easy exercises to do before & after gardening to help us be pain-free. Our next meeting will be Wed, Sept 9, 7:30pm at the Thorndale Community Center. Speaker is Jim Mabee who will be demonstrating "Design ideas for entries to the Thorndale Fall Fair". This is always a fun & inspiring event. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome. On Mon, Sept 14, our Society is holding a Fall Design Workshop at the Thorndale Community Center 7:30-9:30pm. Jim Mabee will be our demonstrator. Members \$15, non-members \$20. Please email to reserve your spot: thorndalehort@gmail.com by Sept 1. Details will be sent with your reservation, or any questions, please send to above email address.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our season kicks Oct 5, 7pm at Faithway Baptist Church, 576 Brant St, Woodstock. Join us as we hear from our special guest speaker, the Director of Operation Christmas Child Canada. Learn what's new, share questions or comments & enjoy the fellowship!

OXFORD DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

INGERSOLL COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE

Every other Fri 1-4pm be fallish, come to the Ingersoll country music jamboree at Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St S., Ingersoll. Come in and join us, walk ins welcome. Qualifications: love 50-70's country music. Perform, listen, dance & enjoy. Sept 4, 18, Oct 2, 16, 30, Nov 6, 20 & Dec 4. For more info: 519-537-7421.



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THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR

We welcome new singers to try us out this fall. Our first practice is Tues, Sept 15, 7pm at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre, 265 Upper Queen St, Thorndale. If you like singing in harmony and having a good time, come on out. For more information, please contact Cathy c_baskerville@hotmail.com or call 519-461-1679.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

St. John's Anglican Church Spaghetti Supper Sat, Sept 26, 4:30-6:30pm. Adult tickets \$20, children 12 & under \$10. Dinner includes: spaghetti, Caesar salad, bread, dessert & beverage. For tickets call Brenda 519-285-2013, cell: 519-668-9678.



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Line Dancing Thur 7pm.

Salsa & West Coast Swing 8:15pm. No partner required. \$10/session or \$90 for 10 sessions.

Friday Darts begins Sept 11, 7:30pm. Blind Draw Doubles. \$5. All money paid out.

Branch will be closed Labour Day weekend.

Hump Day Dart League Wed. Branch opens 6:30pm, 7:30pm start. Teams of 3 randomly drawn \$20/person. Call Shelley McDonald 519-580-8211 or Brandon 226-228-7545 for more info.

Thames Valley Bluegrass & Old Time Country Pickers Sun, Sept 13, 20, 27, 1-4 pm Open Mic (acoustic only). Great family time. Find a Treasure Sale continued. BBQ will be fired up.

Oxford County Feline Wellness & Outreach Bingo Fri, Sept 11 & 25. Doors open 6pm, play begins 7pm.

Ox On The Run Mobile Library Wed, Sept 2, 16, 30, 4:30-6pm.

100th Anniversary/Open House/Steak BBQ Sat, Sept 19. Branch opens 2pm. Cenotaph Service 2:30pm. Social time to follow. Visit the Legion to learn more about our history. Beachville Museum will have an artifact display related to the history of Beachville's soldiers and their military service. Find a Treasure Sale. Steak BBQ 5pm. \$30 steak, baked potato, salad, corn on the cob, dessert. Pre-order to avoid disappointment 519-423-6363, advance tickets also at bar.

Karaoke with Ken Pyle. Sat, Sept 26, 7-11pm.

Interested in Beachville Legion Veterans Banner Availability? Contact Darlene 519-495-6276 or juliandarlene@gmail.com.

Free pool. Hall rental for meetings, parties, receptions. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for additional events.

THE WELL

You are most welcome to join us at 'The Well' for an informal gathering of worship & praise on Sat, Sept 26, 7-9pm at 235 Thames St. S, Ingersoll, entrance is off the parking lot. Look for the welcome sign & meet in the downstairs hall. Refreshments will be served. "Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is King of all the earth; sing to Him a song of praise." Psalm 47:6,7.

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Wed, Sept 30, you are invited to attend the next meeting of the Oxford Historical Society, with a free presentation by local author Thomas Ryerson about "Altadore", the once palatial mansion of Oxford County politician James Sutherland which also became the home of Branch 55 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Woodstock. Sutherland, the coach of the world champion tug of war team, began life in Zorra then became a successful businessman in Woodstock before becoming our federal representative in Ottawa in the late 19th century. Rising to national prominence, he resided in one of the finest homes in southern Ontario. Come learn more of this fascinating story. The meeting takes place at Chartwell Oxford Gardens on Devonshire Avenue in Woodstock, 7pm. For more information visit <https://www.oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca> or email info@oxhs.ca.

LIONS VENDOR AND CAR SHOW

Mount Elgin Community Center,
Mount Elgin on Aug 30, 10-3pm.



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BEACHVILLE DISTRICT MUSEUM

Hands-on Heritage: Baseball-making Sat, Sept 5, 10-12:30pm. Enjoy a guided tour of our baseball exhibit & craft your very own replica baseball in Beachville, home of North America's first recorded baseball game. Space is limited, book on the museum's website at beachvilledistrictmuseum.com/hands-on-heritage or by calling us at 519-423-6497.

September Speaker Series Tues, Sept 8, 7pm. Hosted by the Beachville District Historical Society (BDHS), we'll welcome Scott Gillies with his presentation Riding the Rails with Estelle: Tales of the Thames Valley Trolley. Following the presentation, guests are invited to participate in a Q&A session, share stories, and enjoy light refreshments provided by the Beachville District Historical Society. Admission is free, and donations to support our ongoing programming are gratefully accepted. No registration is required; however, seating is limited & available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Beachville Legion 100th Anniversary Sat, Sept 19 at the Beachville Legion Branch 495, 434852 Zorra Line, Beachville. Join us in commemorating the Legion's 100th anniversary with a cenotaph service, steak BBQ, and a display of artifacts centred on the history of Beachville's soldiers and their military service.

Community Car Show Join us Sun, Sept 27, 11-3pm (show cars are welcome on the grounds from 9:30am) at the Beachville District Museum. 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).

FROM THE ZORRA CALEDONIANS

Whether you're approaching Embro from the north, or heading north out of the village, pause a moment at the North Embro Cemetery to admire the newly-restored "Mighty Men Of Zorra" cairn. Most people find it hiding in plain sight! Approaching its 90th birthday it's looking great! Also, when in Ingersoll, pop around to the Kiwanis Keyputt and admire the Zorra Caledonian hole, adjacent to the Lawson Trail, just off Charles Street W, and behind the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall. Play a round & see if you can conquer the Scottish obstacles! For a chance to win swag directly from Scotland, find the Caledonians at Embro Fair! (Hint: look for tartan!). Planning for the 2027 Embro Highland Games will be well underway in October of this year. To participate in this, or either of the Zorra Caledonians other annual signature events, please see our website and contact us at <https://zorracaledoniansociety.ca>.

FREE YOUTH PROGRAM

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

JOIN US FOR A THANKSGIVING CONCERT

St. James' Anglican Church Ingersoll is pleased to announce that the terrific musical duo, The Paddy Stones, will be returning to St. James' Church in Ingersoll for a matinee concert Sat, Oct 10. This Thanksgiving weekend concert follows up the Celtic concert that the Paddy Stones performed last spring. It was immensely successful & left audience members wanting more! So we are pleased to present this duo again who will not only entertain you with a vast selection of tunes but will make you "thankful" that you live in such a great community. This is a fundraiser with proceeds going to the Ingersoll and District Inter Church Association and to St. James' Church. The Paddy Stones are 2 acoustic guitar playing gents who have entertained crowds over the years at highland games, pubs, restaurants & private parties. They play pub favourites from Ireland, Scotland, the East Coast and Sea Shanties with plenty of song variations. Rick & Dan love to get the audience involved and ensure that attendees have a great time. They will post the words of many of the songs so all can see & sing along. This special Thanksgiving concert will begin at 2pm at 130 Thames St. S, Ingersoll. There will be an intermission where seasonal Thanksgiving treats will be available. Tickets \$25 and available by calling the church office 519-485-0385, or by emailing stjamesingersoll@gmail.com. Come and join us for a fun autumn musical afternoon and help us raise funds for the Christmas hamper program for Ingersoll.

FUN FREE BINGO

AT THE THORNDALE FAIR

Join us for Fun Free All Ages Bingo at the Thorndale Fair — happening Sat, Sept 26, 3:30-5pm in the Thorndale Community Centre. Come for the whole event or pop in for a quick game. Want to support the prize table? Prize donations are welcome. Contact Laura, call/text 519-319-0214.



MOM-TO-MOM TRUNK SALE



Sat, Sept 5, 8-1pm at Trinity United Church, 118 Church St, Ingersoll. Have your kids outgrown their clothes, toys, books, or sports/safety/play equipment? Sell them at our trunk sale! Vendor registration fee \$20. Vendor pre-registration required. Contact church office 519-485-0820. Snacks & Face Painting available during sale. All families are welcome to buy & sell!

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Beachville District Historical Society
September Speaker Series

RIDING THE RAILS WITH ESTELLE

Tales of the Thames Valley Trolley
with Scott Gillies



Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026 | 7pm

Beachville District Museum Program Room
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OXFORD BRANCH OF ONTARIO ANCESTORS

Virtual Meeting Mon, Sept 21, 7pm

Morrow Screw & Nut Company – Ingersoll, presented by Peg Perry. Step into the remarkable story of the Morrow Screw and Nut Company of Ingersoll, Ontario—a manufacturer whose influence reached far beyond its factory walls. This webinar explores the company's long & eventful history, its surprising role in shaping Canadian industrial & social developments, and the deep community bonds forged through its employee programs, traditions, and multi-generational workforce. Join us to rediscover a local institution that helped build not only machines, but a vibrant social fabric that endured for decades. Visit <https://oxford.ogs.on.ca> to access the link to attend. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.



THORNDALE ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE NEWS

Happy September folks! The Active Living Centre has many great programs, meals, bus trips, etc. planned. Come join the fun & discover everything we have planned for you! Be sure to visit www.thamescentre.on.ca/seniorcentre, call 519-268-7334 ext. 730 or email dbarons@thamescentre.on.ca for more information about upcoming programs, events, and bus trips.

Programs running in Thorndale for September are:

MON strength & tone 8:45am, chair yoga 9am, gentle yoga 10am, pickleball 1pm.

TUES pole walking 9am, euchre 1pm.

WED strength & tone 8:45am, men/women's coffee hour 10am, pickleball 1pm.

THUR gentle pilates 1:15pm, curling & shuffleboard 1-3pm.

FRI strength & tone 8:45am, chair yoga 9am, gentle yoga 10am, tai chi 10:30am, pickleball 1pm, poker 1pm. All programs except pickleball are offered for members & non-members. If you are interested in playing pickleball during Active Living Centre times, please contact Karen to get a Senior Centre membership. You must have a membership to play Pickleball!

MOVIE AFTERNOON at Thorndale Lions Community Centre Sept 18, 1pm. We will be showing the movie "The Peanut Butter Falcon" a 2019 American independent film written and directed by Tyler Nilson and Michael Schwartz. The plot follows a young man with Down syndrome who escapes from an assisted living facility and befriends a wayward fisherman on the run. As the two men form a rapid bond, a social worker attempts to track them. Contact Dayna dbarons@thamescentre.on.ca to register today.



"FALL DOOR SIGN" Are you the creative type? Sign up for a craft afternoon Thur, Sept 10, 2pm. Register by Sept 3 with Dayna at 519-268-7334 ext. 730 or dbarons@thamescentre.on.ca.

THORNDALE BOOK CLUB starts up again Sept 15. We will starting the book "The Right to be Cold". Call Dayna 519-268-7334 ext 730 or dbarons@thamescentre.on.ca.

THAMES CENTRE COMMUNITY CHOIR welcomes singers from teens to seniors to sing Tues evenings at 7pm at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre. To join the choir, there are no auditions, just a love of singing in the community, contact Cathy 519-461-1679. What programs would you like to have at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre? If you have any suggestions on different programs we can offer in Thorndale, please call Dayna 519-268-7334 ext. 730 or email dbarons@thamescentre.on.ca.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

"TRACTORS, TAILGATES & TUNES"

SEPTEMBER

25 – 27, 2026

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 p.m. Gates open to Public
6:00 p.m. Midway Opens (\$3/ride)
7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies at the Community Centre
 Crowning of 2026 Fair Ambassador; **Awards:** Homecraft, Youth Fair, School Fair; Field Crops; Service & Special Recognition; Lil Ambassador; Greetings from Dignitaries; Pie Auction

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 a.m. Gates open to the Public (buy your weekend pass)
11:00 a.m. Midway opens (pay 1 price begins at 12-5)
 Parade leaves from Shirley St & Fairview Rd.

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

10:00 a.m. Homecraft, Youth Fair, School Fair Exhibits
3:30 p.m. Bingo! All ages! **FREE!**
6:00 p.m. Community Centre Exhibits closes

OUTSIDE ATTRACTIONS

11:00 a.m. Midway opens (pay 1 price begins at 12-5 pm)
 Thames Valley Modular Railroad Display opens
 Education display & Pony Rides open
12:00 p.m. FREE horse-drawn wagon rides begin (until 4 p.m.)
 (Henderson Yost Livestock Pavilion)
 Plover Mills Commodities Ag Awareness Tent
1:00 p.m. Foot Race Registration (outfield on Diamond 3)
 Horse Pull Competition (Horse Pen)
 Dog Agility show (Diamond 3)
2:00 p.m. Foot Races begin (check out categories on page 27 in the book)
 Farmer Olympics part 1 (Diamond 3) *sponsored by Wellburn Agromart*
3:00 p.m. Social Tent opens opens next to horse ring
 Dog Agility show (Diamond 3)
3:30 p.m. Snowmobile Drag Racing begins - see map for new location - *sponsored by CCEX, MW Fabrications, Oxford Forklift Services & Ryan Elliott's Repair*
4:00 p.m. Farmer Olympics part 2 (Diamond 3) *sponsored by Wellburn Agromart*

7:00 p.m. Social tent musical act Max Smith Music *sponsored by Bob & Melanie Sorensen, Sutton Group Sales Representatives*

OUTDOOR STAGE

12:00 p.m. Trevor Pyka
1:00 p.m. Chris Eh Young
2:00 p.m. Trevor Pyka
3:00 p.m. Chris Eh Young

HEEMAN'S FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT ZONE (Kids of all ages)

11:00 a.m. **FREE** Face Painting and Balloon Creations until 4 p.m.
sponsored by of Rosewood by Sifton Properties

12:00 p.m. Foam Party
12:45 p.m. Family Magic Show
1:30 p.m. Foam Party
2:15 p.m. Family Magic Showy
3:00 p.m. Foam Party
3:30 p.m. Loonie in the Straw
3:45 p.m. Family Magic Showy

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

12:30 pm 4H Dairy Show *sponsored by TRS Components Ltd.*
1:00 p.m. Horse Pull *sponsored by C.R. Chittick Construction Ltd.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 a.m. Gates Open to Public
11:00 a.m. Midway opens (pay 1 price begins at 12-5)
4:00 p.m. Community Centre Exhibit Rooms closed
4:30 p.m. Exhibits pick-up

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

10:00 a.m. Homecraft, Youth Fair, School Fair Exhibits
 Church Service

OUTSIDE ATTRACTIONS

10:00 a.m. Thames Valley Modular Railroad Display opens

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10:00 a.m. Classic Car Show
11:00 a.m. Midway opens (pay 1 price begins at 12-5 pm)
 FREE horse-drawn wagon ridesrides begin (Henderson Yost Livestock Pavilion)
1:00 p.m. Pickleball Tournament
2:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Parade
3:00 p.m. Demolition Derby presented by Edge Motorsports
sponsored by Big Steel Box, Goris Electric, Goris Rentals & Thorndale Repair Shop

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12:00 p.m. Foam Party
12:45 a.m. Family Magic Show
12:00 p.m. Pet Show Registration
 Baby Show registration
 Pedal Tractor Obstacle Course (until 2) – all participants to receive a prize *sponsored by Dick Masse Homes*
12:30 p.m. Pet Show *sponsored by Thorndale Country Mills*
 (see page 20 in the book for classes)
12:45 p.m. Baby Show (every baby gets a prize)
1:30 p.m. Foam Party
2:00 p.m. Family Magic Show
2:30 p.m. Foam Party
3:00 p.m. Family Magic Show

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

9:00 a.m. Western Horse Show *sponsored by Kintore Boxes*
10:30 a.m. Haflinger Horse Show & Heavy Horse Show
sponsored by Nuview Farms, The Johnson's
1:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show *sponsored by TRS Components*



ALL WEEKEND
LONG

Antique Farm
Equipment Display

Commercial Outdoor
Displays

Poultry Building

Candy Counting
Contest (by the office)

Wagon Rides

MIDWAY
ALL WEEKEND

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH

Oxford County Paramedic Services will begin using a new system this October to prioritize emergency medical calls received through 911. The new system, which does not apply to calls made for police or fire, will help ensure those with the most serious medical conditions continue to be seen first. Under the new Medical Priority Dispatch System, emergency communications dispatchers will continue to take all emergency medical calls to 911. Calls involving life-threatening emergencies, such as cardiac arrest, difficulty breathing, stroke symptoms, severe allergic reactions or unconsciousness, will continue to receive the highest priority response, as they do now. Beginning the evening of October 14, when calling 911 for a medical emergency, more questions may be asked at the time of the call to help dispatchers understand how serious or severe a condition is. Less urgent conditions, such as flu-like symptoms or sprains, may experience longer wait times for an ambulance if the current call volume for paramedic services is high. Callers may also receive basic guidance over the phone while paramedics are on their way and may receive a call back to check on their status during longer waits. If a health condition changes or becomes more serious while waiting for an ambulance, callers should contact 911 again to update their status. The new system is designed to ensure that the most serious patients at any moment are seen first. Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) is an internationally recognized software system designed to prioritize medical emergencies based on urgency. The system supports faster response to life-threatening emergencies while improving the overall efficiency of emergency medical services. MPDS is used in thousands of dispatch centres around the world and is already being used in many other Ontario communities. More information, including frequently asked questions, is available on Speak Up, Oxford! at www.oxfordcounty.ca/speakup.



The UTRCA Phosphorus Reduction Program is open for 2026 applications, with **even more categories** and **increased incentives** for those combining BMP practices.

Manure Management	up to \$50/acre
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Contact Chris Van Esbroeck, Agricultural Stewardship Specialist,
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RURAL REFRESH: Farming. Family & Mental Health

Years ago it was only natural to see a farmer & his wife (often a farmer too, but somehow once removed from the position & titled "farm wife") working together with their kids in tow. Women stayed home to do the many roles of home management. Today we see a shift, as off-farm work has become a norm in many families. What hasn't changed is that farming is a lifestyle. A way of life & perspective that seeps its way into every aspect of our being. When we talk about mental health in agriculture, for me it is not only about the one in the coveralls, but also those who are balancing other work & childcare demands, getting groceries & delivering meals, running for parts & doing bookwork. And so, when we (those identifying as farmers or otherwise) find ourselves anxious about the pressures of agriculture (and especially the upcoming season), let's acknowledge the reach and the impact that farming has, and do it differently than our parents did. Let's talk about it, build community, and reach out. Stress has always been a part of farming, but the conversations about it haven't.

Jaclyn Turpin, Social Worker and Owner at Rural Refresh Counselling, supporting farmers and their families. jaclyn.ruralrefresh@gmail.com.

INGERSOLL CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

Visit the Gallery and Artisan Market: 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 and youth classes, as well as handcrafted gifts in our Artisan Market. Check out our Facebook page to see what events are happening now!

Current Exhibition: The Way We See It Recent works by the ICAC Painters. The exhibition will be on display until Oct 9.

CLASSES: Handbuilt Pottery Pumpkins Thurs, Sept 10 & 24, 6-8pm.

The Art Social: A Creative Night at the Centre Tues, Sept 22, 6-9pm.

Extreme Cut & Paste: Collage & Mixed Media with Bob Phillips. Fri, Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, & 16 (4 sessions), 1-3:30pm.

Youth Needle Felting with Pat Palmer Sat, Sept 26, 1-3pm. Ages 8+.

Youth Pottery: Pinch Pot Candy Dish. Thur, Oct 1 & 15 (2 sessions), 6-7:30pm. Ages: 8-14

Upcoming Events: ICAC Annual General Meeting Wed, Sept 23, 7pm at the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre. There is no cost to attend the meeting portion of the evening. Prior to the meeting, we will be having a catered meal & social 6-7pm. Payment for the meal must be received by Sept 18. We look forward to seeing everyone come out and support the Centre. RSVP by Sept 18 to the ICAC office by phone 519-485-4691 or email ingersollcreativearts@gmail.com.



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Bits n Clips

16th ANNUAL TROJANS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Another great tournament was held at Cobble Hills on Aug 8. The weather threatened all around but not at the course. That's almost as good as a hole in one. The winning foursome was Brett Busby,

Kyle Dolmage, Alex McLeod & Eric Lupann.

Congratulations Boys!

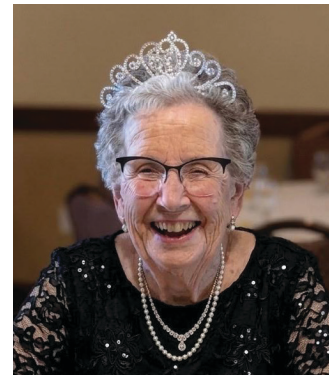
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LOOK WHO'S 95!

Happy Birthday
Margaret Armstrong
(September 10th)

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from your Family and
many Friends



QUINN

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Our family invites you to an Open House to celebrate Janet Quinn's 90th birthday and

George & Janet's 70th Wedding Anniversary!

Join us October 3, 1-4pm at the St. James Masonic Hall,
45 Thames St, N, St Marys.

Best wishes only, donations to the Food Bank appreciated.



TRICOUNTY FOODGRAINS MUSIC NIGHT

The TriCounty Foodgrains Group is a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank & exists to help end food insecurity in our world. Every year, members from First Baptist Church, East Nissouri Union Church and St. Marys Presbyterian grow chemical-free crops to sell at the farmers market to raise money for the cause. This year, we are growing squash, beets, potatoes & onions and they will be available for purchase at the St. Marys Farmers Market. All proceeds are matched at a ratio of 4 to 1 by the Canadian government which means that if you buy a squash from us for \$4, \$20 will go toward ending hunger in our world! In addition to growing crops, we are hosting a Music Night featuring Steph Martin Sept 19, 7pm at First Baptist Church in St. Marys. Admission will be by donation and there will be a silent auction to help raise even more funds. The Tricounty Group would like to thank the many generous folks in our community who have donated land, seeds and/or silent auction items this year. Together, we can help end global hunger. If you would like any information about the Tricounty group please contact Bob Pickel 519-461-1400 or stop by and see us at the St. Marys Farmers Market this fall.

TWO REUSEAPALOOZAHAS IN ONE MONTH!

Come to Embro Sept 12. Be in Sweaburg Sept 26. Find free treasures. Meet friends. Declutter. Starts at noon; ends by noon. And by the way, we've booked again for May. www.reuseapaloozaha.ca for more information.

THE EDIBLE GARDEN

Perennials are pretty. Edible plants & flowers are great to fill flower-beds. When you plant nasturtiums, consider their potential for spreading but also use their leaves to add to a sandwich or salad. The bright colours of nasturtium flowers are a summer's treat. Post your ideas on the Oxford Coalition for Social Justice page on Facebook, or share them with Bryan via bryasmit@oxford.net.

DIY HANDMADE HOLIDAY GIFT WORKSHOP

Nov, 7, 9am. A holiday favourite DIY Day for girlfriends, mothers & daughters, or anyone! Learn how to make something elegant, beautiful & festive for the upcoming holiday season at several of the craft stations and go home with a basket full of your own creations! Refreshments & homemade snacks included in the registration fee. This will take place at the Embro & Zorra Community Centre. Visit www.embrofair.com to register for just \$60!

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We meet in person & via Zoom 7-8:30pm on the 1st Wed of the month except July & Aug at 140 Pine Valley Blvd, London. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Carl 519-852-4277, carlkelly39@gmail.com; John 519-365-1599, johnolivei@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at: London Prostate Support Group and www.pcsupportgroup.ca.

CUCKOO'S NEST MUSIC 2026-27 CONCERTS

Presented by the Cuckoo's Nest in cooperation with London Irish Folk Club and Goderich Celtic Roots Festival.

ARTHUR COATES & KERRAN COTTERELL

Direct from the UK! Fri, Sept 11, 7:30pm. A two-man trad tornado from the UK tearing through the folk world with fiddle, guitar, foot percussion, vocals & groove to spare. Winners of the Robinson Emerging Artist Showcase at the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival 2025, they're becoming one of the scene's most talked-about acts.



FRIENDS OF FIDDLER'S GREEN Sun, Sept 27, 7:30pm. It has become a tradition for the Friends of Fiddler's Green to visit each September at the Cuckoo's Nest Folk Club. The current Friends include Ian Bell on banjo, guitar, concertina, pipes, trombone and bass; Alistair Brown on concertina, button accordion and harmonica; Grit Laskin on guitar, mandolin and bones; Jeff McClintock on piano; Ian Robb on several kinds of concertinas; and newest member James Stephens who plays a multitude of stringed instruments with an emphasis on fiddling. Most sing lead vocals occasionally and all sing harmonies & choruses.

CANTRIP Sun, Oct 18, 7:30pm. The name CANTRIP is an old Scots word meaning a charm, magic spell or piece of mischief and it aptly describes the unexpected twists and turns in their musical arrangements, likewise the compelling potency of their musicianship. Swirling border pipes, raging fiddle, thunderous guitar and three rich voices blend to create a sound energetic enough to tear the roof off. After more than 20 years of touring CANTRIP has found a character like no other. With members from both sides of the Atlantic CANTRIP stirs the elements in a witches' cauldron, slowly coalescing into chaotic order. The bands members are: Dan Houghton (Scottish border pipes, flutes, whistles, bouzouki, vocals), Jon Bews (fiddle, vocals), Alasdair White (fiddle) and Eric McDonald (guitar, mandolin, vocals). As veterans of the Celtic scene the band's members have played with or been a part of many groups - The Battlefield Band, Malinky, The McDades, Salsa Celtica, Doolin', Shoo Glenifty, Kalos, and The Outside Track. Concerts take place at German Canadian Club, 1 Cove Rd, London (free parking, food service available 6-8pm).

WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Woodstock Oxford Women's Probus Club is looking for retired or semi-retired women to join them on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at South Gate Centre in Woodstock. We enjoy a social time & an interesting speaker. For more information visit www.woodstockprobus.ca or email womenswoodstockprobus@gmail.com. We would love to see you Sept 16.

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

The only requirement to membership in FA is a desire to stop eating addictively. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. No in person meetings, visit <http://www.foodaddicts.org> for zoom. For information, call Gayle 226-927-4025.

THAMESFORD LIBRARY

Congratulations to our Summer Reading Club participants – as of Aug 20 you have read 16,108 minutes!

Community Employment Services

Tuesday afternoons; Your job is out there. A consultant from CES is available to help you find it by preparing a resume, training opportunities and information you need to achieve your goals. CES wants to connect people looking for work with employers who are currently hiring. Call Sam Ritchie at 519-539-8161 ext. 267 to book an appointment.

Drop in Mahjong 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. This is an adult social drop-in program. Please bring your own supplies.

Oxford Reads Join Oxford County's community reading program. Oxford Reads is asking community members to join the initiative by reading *How to Survive a Bear Attack* by Claire Cameron. Pick up a reading guide & place a hold on this title at the library. For more details about programming visit www.oxfordreads.ca.

Writing Group Are you a creative writer looking to meet other writers? Come out to meet a friendly bunch who enjoy sharing stories, poems & other writings, both oral & written. Tues, Sept 15, 2-4pm.

Thamesford Library Book Club Wed, Sept 23, 3pm, stop by the library to pick up this month's read.

Dementia Education Session: Communication for Care Givers – Tues, Sept 29, 6-7pm, please register.

Cooking Demonstration with Jed Laur: German Cuisine. Tues, Oct 6, 6-7pm. Please register.

Tales for Tots: Fall session – starting Wed, Oct 7. Wed mornings 10:30-11am. Come in for a half hour of fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories & more followed by freeplay & social time. For ages 0+ with a caregiver. No storytime Wed, Nov 4.

PROGRAMS AT INGERSOLL 50+ CENTRE

WELCOME BACK & OXFORD AGING ROAD SHOW Mon, Sept 14, 10-1pm. Discover all the Centre and County of Oxford has to offer for our 50+ Members. Demonstrations, booths with information and speaker sessions and of course Chef Rick's amazing cooking!!

ART WITH ADELLE Mon, Sept 21, 6pm. Instructional painting and then add your creative spin on top.

BEGINNER ART CLASS with Michael. Wed 11am. Learn the basics of drawing. No experience is needed.

SING FOR JOY Fri 11am. Will return in the fall.

UKULELE Fri 10am.

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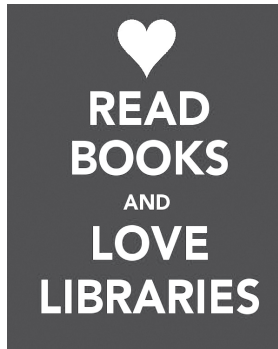
CARD GAMES See our newsletter for detailed schedule. Bid Euchre (Mon & Thur), Billiards (all week), Bingo (Wed), Bridge (Wed & Fri), Carpet Bowling (Tues), Darts (Thur), Mah Jongg (Amer. Mon, Chinese Thur), Mexican Dominoes (Fri), Pepper (Tues).

OVERTONES CHOIR Practice at the centre, then travel to local retirement homes once a week.

WEDNESDAY BRUNCH Every 1st & 3rd (and if there are 5 Wednesdays then that day too!) Wednesday morning starting in September (2, 16 & 30) 9-11:30am, \$10. Register by 12pm the day before.

WOOD CARVING Mon 1pm.

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







Have your say

Safer roads in Oxford

What would make roads in Oxford County safer for you?

Oxford County's municipalities are working together on a strategy to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities.



Complete the short survey, identify locations of concern on the interactive map, or submit a comment by September 8 at www.oxfordcounty.ca/speakup



Aging Well in Oxford



Free community events for 50+ adults, caregivers, and anyone interested in aging well to meet local service providers, listen to presentations, and take home resources

September 14th from 10am-1pm - Ingersoll 50+ Activity

Centre, 250 Ingersoll St S, Ingersoll

September 18th from 10am-1pm, Salford Community Centre

383908 Salford Rd, South-West Oxford

Light lunch and refreshments will be served

For transportation and accessibility requests please use the registration link: <https://bit.ly/AgingWellRoadshow> or reach out to Emily at eporchak@oxfordoh.ca or 519-421-4211 x 3352

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HEARTS FOR ETHIOPIA

Register today for Hearts for Ethiopia's A Walk in Their Shoes! This meaningful community event is happening Sat, Oct 17 in Woodstock, and individuals & teams are encouraged to sign up today at www.heartsforethiopia.com. A Walk in Their Shoes invites participants to step into the daily experiences of women & children in Ethiopia, while raising vital funds to support those living in extreme poverty. The event features a family-friendly walk, interactive education, a silent auction, an Ethiopian Merkato, refreshments, and opportunities to learn how the money raised will change the lives of women and children in Ethiopia. Be a part of something special, a fundraiser that makes life-changing projects possible in Ethiopia. Don't wait — register as an individual or gather your friends, form a team, and register today at www.heartsforethiopia.com. Every dollar raised makes a difference!



EZAS - PIE CRUST AND FILLING WORKSHOP

Sat, Oct 3, 10am. Back by popular demand – but with more! Join us at the Embro Legion and learn how to make the best pie crust (from scratch) & a delicious pie filling. Just in time for your Thanksgiving celebration – you will be ready to impress your guests with your new pie-making skills. All materials are included & tickets are just \$10. Suitable for ages 14 years & older. Ages 10-14 yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.embrofair.com to register.



THISTLE THEATRE UPDATES

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is coming to the Thistle Theatre stage in Embro this fall. Show dates are Nov 12-15 & Nov 19-22. Check www.thistle-theatre.com for more information.

Dramarama Thistle Theatre celebrated the 30th season of Dramarama in 2026. We welcomed new & returning campers this year, and we all hope you had as much fun as we did. Registration for Dramarama 2027 will open Feb 1.

Western Ontario Drama League's MiniFest On Aug 7 & 8, Thistle Theatre hosted Western Ontario Drama League's MiniFest in Embro. What is MiniFest? It's a One Act Play Theatre Workshop where participating community theatre groups have an opportunity to perform & see how other groups approach the SAME material! It is an exercise in creative individuality, a chance to learn about choices you either didn't make or didn't consider, and a fun workshop for both folks new to community theatre and those that have been around for a long time. This year's festival featured the play "Jersey" by Brad Fortmon, with Heather May leading the workshop. Embro hosted performances of "Jersey" by Binbrook Community Players, Cambridge Community Players, Guelph Little Theatre, London Community Players, and Theatre Woodstock. We were treated to 6 amazing performances of the play, with a variety of perspectives that ranged from psychological thriller to campy 80's TV sitcom. The weekend was a great success. Thistle Theatre would especially like to thank the community for its support and donations, and members of the Thistle Theatre community who volunteered their time to make MiniFest a success.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

250 Ingersoll St. S. ~ 519-485-3869 ~ css@ingersollseniors.com

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

CURBSIDE MEALS Full meal Tues, \$10. Pick up 11:45-12:15pm.

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

FOOT CARE CLINIC \$31. Call for an appointment.

FROSTY MEALS These meals meet Canada's Food Guide recommendations and use only the best ingredients.

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

HELP WITH FORMS Free, by appt. CPP, OAS & passport forms, etc.

HOME HELP & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM Small fee for service. Yard work, companionship & cleaning. Call us for a referral to a police check individual. We are looking for people to clean homes, and do landscaping. Please call us for more information. Do you have a truck to help with large deliveries?

MEALS ON WHEELS \$7/day, served Mon-Fri, within Ingersoll.

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

TRANSPORTATION for older adults & those with disabilities in Ingersoll and surrounding areas. Rides to & from appointments, errands, etc. Reasonable rates & reliable, drivers. 3-day notice preferred. We are looking for people to drive, please call us to fill out an application today. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage.

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

AL-ANON

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

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

TRIVIA NIGHT IN INGERSOLL

The Ingersoll Pipe Band held its first ever Trivia Night last April and it was such a resounding success that we are going to do it again! So if you are a Trivia Lover and want to gather your friends, family members or coworkers for another great night of Trivia, please mark the following information and date on your calendar. Our Trivia Night is scheduled for Sat, Oct 17, 7pm at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall at 108 Wonham St. S, Ingersoll. Our Trivia hosts will once again be Danielle & Ron McMurchy who will challenge you on many topics. Teams can be 2 to 8 in size and each member of a team pays \$20. For that you get treats & the opportunity to win some great prizes. Another exciting feature of the evening is the opportunity to arrive early at 5:30pm and purchase your supper from the famous Ingersoll PB's French Fries Event Truck! You will be able to get your favourite food items from the truck up to 7pm and bring them into the hall and enjoy some beverages and camaraderie with your team members. Nourishment for those grey cells! Call or text 519-878-4494 to register your team or drop us a line through our Facebook Messenger page. The deadline for registration is Oct 13. The IPB truly appreciates your support as we raise funds for our East Coast trip in August 2027.



DEATH CAFE

A Death Cafe is a scheduled non-profit gathering where people drink coffee, eat cake & discuss death. There is no agenda; the attendees raise the death-related topics for discussion. The goal is to increase awareness of mortality to help people make the most of their finite lives. This global movement was launched in 2011 by Jon Underwood. Westminster United Church, 115 George St, Thamesford has been holding these events for 12 years. The dates have been set for the coming season: Sept 27, Nov 29, Jan 31, Apr 4, June 6, 1:30pm. Check deathcafe.com for more info. Registration not required. We'd love to see you!

ALPACA FARM DAYS

Meet alpacas! Learn! Play! Shop! Relax! Sept 19 & 20, 10-4pm. New this year: alpaca pellets & beans for your gardens. Fee: donation to Big Brothers, Big Sisters Oxford in lieu of admission charge. This is an outdoor event, rain or shine. Location: Carol & Jim Harrison Farm, 335358 Line 33, R.R.4, Embro. Find us on Facebook: Harrison's Alpacas. Our farm is in the heart of Oxford County's rural community.

BACK HOME

International Student Exchanges aka ISE – Ontario knows that September means coming back home to familiar routines. School is one of those. BUT what is you did something extraordinary, exciting, exhilarating instead of a regular routine? Sign up for next summer's 6 European destinations. Explore a 9-week school-year life-changing experience. Inquire about short-term, innovative group reciprocal awe. Visit www.iseontario.on.ca or email bryasmit@oxford.net & change your life for the better.



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INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB

AGM, NATURE WALK AND BBQ Sat, Sept 12, 3pm at Lawson Nature Reserve. Come join us to learn more about the Ingersoll District Nature Club and the Lawson Nature Reserve's importance to our communities. The Reserve is on McBeath Rd, south of Ingersoll. Following an informative walk around the Reserve main trail, we will hold a meeting at 4pm to acclaim our executive members, talk about the upcoming 75th anniversary year, planned projects for the Reserve and other items of interest. A BBQ & refreshments will be provided and ALL ARE WELCOME both members & non-members. RSVP if you will be staying for the BBQ by calling Sheila 519-485-2645.



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\$10 donation, Wed 6:30-8pm. No experience necessary. Just come, get comfortable & listen as the meditation guides you into relaxation & ease. Join "Ingersoll Meditation Group" on Facebook to get all the info & address or call 519-485-0629.

CURLING SEASON IN INGERSOLL!

This is shaping up to be a very exciting year at the club! A new season brings fresh opportunities to enjoy great competition, improve skills, reconnect with friends, and make new ones. The new ice refrigeration plant has been installed and is ready to 'Rock', thanks to the Trillium Foundation funding. Our club is offering a 6 week Learn to Curl Program starting in October. This is a great opportunity to learn how to throw from the hack or with a stick. We are also introducing a new daytime social league on Monday mornings at 10am with a 6 end jitney. For all the details, check out our website: ingersollcurlingclub.com. Our club has always been about more than curling. It's about sportsmanship, friendship, volunteerism, and creating a welcoming environment where curlers of all ages can enjoy the game. We encourage everyone to participate on the ice, and through social events, bonspiels, and club activities. Registration starts Aug 31 on our website. Curling starts the week of Oct 12.

FOOD PROJECT

A local food-focused initiative, is looking for volunteers to help sort food donations for local charities in Ingersoll. Hours vary from 9:15am to 7pm and are flexible to your schedule. Make a big difference today by assisting our volunteer team and helping solve hunger in Oxford County! Contact Paula D'Orazio pjdoraz@gmail.com or 519-425-2618.

CROSSROADS CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET

Get ready to kick off your Christmas shopping with festive cheer! The annual Crossroads Christmas Makers Market returns Sat, Nov 21, 11-4pm at Crossroads Bible Church, 184 Oxford St, Ingersoll. Gather your family & friends for a cozy day filled with community spirit, vibrant music, delicious food, and incredible seasonal finds. Best of all, admission is completely free! See you there!

Worship

Oxford Church 184 Oxford St - www.oxfordchurch.ca
Pastor Meine Veldman 519-602-7386 meine73@yahoo.com

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Rev. Allan Brouwer
56 Thames St. S, Ingersoll, 519-485-3390; paulsingersoll.ca
stpauls@execulink.com, Like us on Facebook
SUN Worship 10:30am. In-person & on YouTube

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

Ingersoll Christian Reformed Church ingersollcrc.ca
519-485-4941, 429 King Street West
SUN 10am Live Stream or YouTube - Ingersoll CRC

Free Reformed Church of Oxford County
284793 Pleasant Valley Rd, Pastor D. Kranendonk, oxfordfrc.com

St James' Anglican Church stjamesingersoll.com
130 Thames St S, Ingersoll, 519-485-0385
10:30am services. Livestream service on our Facebook page.

Trinity United Church 519-485-0820, 118 Church St
Rev. Joy Cowan, revjoy@execulink.com, office: 519-485-0820
trinityingersoll@rogers.com
Sunday Service: 10:30am livestream: tucingersoll.ca

Truth Community Church 519-285-2112
154978 15th Line, Thamesford, truthcommunitychurch.ca
Pastor Steve Twinem, tccthamessford@gmail.com

First Baptist Church Rev Trevor Whittingham
235 Thames St S, Ingersoll, fbcingersoll.com, 519-485-3046
SUN 10:30am Worship Service
Sept 19 Car Rally 2pm
Sept 26 The Well 7pm
Sept 28 Bible Study 1:30pm
Sept 29 Online Prayer 9am
Oct 3 Men's Breakfast 8am

Crossroads Bible Church 519-900-6281
184 Oxford St Ingersoll, crossroadsingersoll.ca
FB: [crossroadsingersoll](https://www.facebook.com/crossroadsingersoll) & IG: [ingersollcrossroadschurch](https://www.instagram.com/ingersollcrossroadschurch)
Services at 8:45am & 11:15am

Worship With Us

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

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

Southwest Oxford United Churches
Emergency Contact: Rev. David Van Patter 519-402-0147
vanpatter007@gmail.com
West Oxford 354395 Church Line 9:30am
Foldens 374097 Folden's Line 9:30am
Sweaburg 474425 Dodge Line 11am
Sept 13 regular services resume.

Huron Park Baptist Church 199 Berwick St, Wdstck
519-421-4722, office@huronparkchurch.org
10:30am Sunday Service Mid-week programs Tues & Thur

Free Reformed Church of Oxford County
284793 Pleasant Valley Rd, Pastor D. Kranendonk, oxfordfrc.com

GOD – Namadwaar Ontario
Global Organization for Divinity, 239 Ossian Terrace, Ingersoll
www.godivinity.ca, canada.godivinity@gmail.com, 548-328-1043
Mon-Fri 9:30-11am, 5:30-7pm
Sat 9:30-8pm
Sun 9:30-7pm

THORNDALE FAIR - Tractors, Tailgates and Tunes
Sept 25-27 www.thorndalefair.com. There's something for everyone! Animals, musical entertainment, Saturday parade, 4H shows, Sunday Demolition Derby and so much more! Homecraft, Youth Fair (grades 6-12) and School Fair (preschool-grade 5) Competitions! Calling crafters, bakers, quilters, antique collectors, gardeners, amateur artists & photographers of all ages! For all the details check out our website. For Assist Expo help please reach out to Laura at ljlangford@gmail.com.

EMBRO FAIR COUNTRY CONCERT TICKETS
Sat, Sept 13 the Country Music Concert is back at the Embro Fair, under the Pavillion at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. A 19+ Age of Majority Event, 8pm start. Food & drinks provided by Mad Mash Brewery. Tickets available at www.embrofair.com. Headliner Chris Clark, and opener Greg Williams & The Dirty Magnolias.

SEPTEMBER

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30 Lions Vendor & Car Show, Mt Elgin	31 Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre Exhibit: The Way We See It on until Oct 9	SEPT 1 - Euchre, Sacred Heart - Employment Help, Thamesford Library - Al-Anon, St Pauls	2 - Gentle Chair Yoga, Beachville Legion - Air Cadets, Dorch. - Coffee Hour, Thorndale Seniors	3 Kurling, Thorndale Seniors	4 - Knits n Knots, Thamesford Library - Country Music Jamboree	5 - Car Show, Happy Hills 10-3pm - Mom to Mom Sale, Trinity Church - Hands on Heritage, Beachville Museum
6	7 Chair Yoga, Thorndale Seniors	8 - Tales of the Thames Valley Trolley - Pole Walking, Thorndale Seniors	9 - London Seniors Learning in Retirement Open House - Thorndale Horticulture - Meditation, Ingersoll	10 - Progressive Euchre, Beachville Legion - Pottery Pumpkins, Creative Arts Centre - Happy 95th Birthday Margaret Armstrong!	11 - Darts, Bchvll Legion - Barn Dance, Ingersoll Museum - Cuckoo's Nest concert	12 - Reuseapaloozaha, Embro - Nature Club BBQ - EMBRO FAIR
13 Bluegrass open mic, Beachville Legion EMBRO FAIR	14 - Choral Society season begins - Modern Square Dancing begins - Messy Monday, Ingersoll Library - Aging Well, Ingersoll	15 - Dementia class, Ingersoll Library - Thames Choir CANADA'S OUTDOOR FARM SHOW	16 - Shake, Rattle, Read, Ingersoll Library - Probus Club CANADA'S OUTDOOR FARM SHOW	17 Line Dancing, Beachville Legion CANADA'S OUTDOOR FARM SHOW	18 - Bad Art, library - Country Music Jamboree - Movie Afternoon, Thorndale Seniors - Aging Well, Salford	19 - KC Sunshine Band - Book Fair, St Marys 100th Anniversary, Beachville Legion - Food Grains concert - Alpaca Farm Days
20 - Bluegrass open mic, Beachville Legion - Alpaca Farm Days	21 - Modern Square Dancing - Ontario Ancestors VILLAGE VOICE DEADLINE	22 - Ingersoll Horticulture - Al-Anon, St Pauls - Art Social, Creative Arts Centre	23 - Thamesford Friendship Club - Hump Day Darts, Beachville Legion - Drop-in Mahjong, Thamesford Library	24	25 - Outreach Bingo, Beachville Legion - Tai Chi, Thorndale Seniors THORNDALE FAIR	26 - Junk in the Trunk - Karaoke with Ken, Beachville Legion - Bingo, Thorndale Fair - Reuseapaloozaha, Sweaburg THORNDALE FAIR
27 - Bluegrass open mic, Beachville Legion - Folk concert - Death Cafe, Thmsfd - Car Show, Beachville Museum THORNDALE FAIR	28 - Modern Square Dancing - Tech Talk, library	29 - Euchre, Sacred Heart - Dementia class, Thamesford Library	30 - Oxford Historical - Air Cadets, Dorch. - Meditation, Ingersoll	OCTOBER 1 Youth Pottery, Creative Arts Centre	2 Country Music Jamboree	3 - Pie Crust Workshop, Embro - Quinn Celebrations

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Women's Emerg. Centre 519-539-4811
Kids Help Phone..... 800-668-6868
Information Oxford211
 Arena 519-485-5023
 Big Brothers Big Sisters..... 519-485-1801

Crime Stoppers..... 800-222-8477
 Fusion Youth Centre 519-485-4386
 Girl Guides..... 877-323-4545 Ext 6401
 Health Care Connect..... 888-579-6707
 Hockey, Minor..... 519-485-5858
 Horticultural Society..... 519-485-3649
 Ingersoll & District Inter-Church..... 519-933-7730
 Kiwanis Club..... 519-319-3937
 Library..... 519-485-2505
 Museum, Cheese & Agri..... 519-485-5510

Performing Arts (ITOPA) 519-485-3070
 Rotary Club..... 519-485-0750
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 Social Assistance Support Line 888-999-1142
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