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Exploring Zorra

– The Road Less Travelled

By Karen Calder

on the cover

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Message from the Mayor - Margaret Lupton



As I was preparing to write this article I reviewed my blog on the Township site. It is not possible for me to cover all issues in the space allowed in this magazine. I encourage you who

are able, to go online to the Township site for more complete coverage - www.zorra.on.ca

By the time you read this Mike Heath will be competing in London at the Paralympics. To have a Zorra Olympian is an amazing thing and I have extended to him the best wishes of all residents. When he returns, I hope to have him appear at Council to discuss his recent experiences. Groups planning programmes for the fall might consider inviting Mike and his Mother, Kelly, as they are certainly motivational speakers for people of all ages.

Our Recreation Department has had a busy summer with extra cleaning and repair activities in all facilities. The pool reopening at Thamesford was a very special, well attended event. The pool is now much more accessible with a set of steps into the water and much improved change rooms. A new funding programme was announced by the Federal government and we have submitted three applications for assistance: Thamesford Arena-compressor and lighting; Harrington Hall-wheelchair ramp and chair lift; and North Park- ball diamond improvements. These projects came as recommendations from ZRAC—after much deliberation—and now we wait for award announcements.

John McFarlan is our new Fire Chief. The reorganization of the department has been a long process and mistakes have been made but we think we have things right this time and certainly I am hearing good things from the firemen. A new Chief will have to be appointed for Thamesford and I hope to have that announcement very soon.

Chief McFarlan mentioned today the need for emergency water sources when fighting fires. It would seem that perhaps the ponds in gravel pits might be a ready source. Investigations will be done but I think this might be one way for pit owners to contribute in a very meaningful way to our community.

I am certain many have been inconvenienced this summer because of watering restrictions and fire bans. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Concerns have been expressed as to whether residents are actually using too much water or if the supply is perhaps too small. This is being investigated.

The people of Taiwan have presented Zorra with a five volume set of books containing more information about the work of Dr. George Leslie Mackay. These are available at the Township Office for your use.

Staff announced recently that many of the Township forms needed by residents are available online and many can be returned the same way. Check the website!

Earlier this week, Don MacLeod, Marie Keasey and I met with OPP Inspector Clark regarding policing issues. It would seem that the department feels it is giving Zorra good coverage and that they are actively patrolling for speeding issues as is indicated by the number of tickets issued. There is a feeling that

residents concerned with speeding vehicles think traffic is moving more quickly than it is. I believe it might be worthwhile having a radar gun for people to use and perhaps see if this is true. The speed sign has been in Zorra thirteen times since the beginning of the year and is to return shortly. Our Public Works department is using a traffic counter that also records speed. We are trying very hard to find ways to control speeders. Council is considering lowering speed limits in residential areas to 40km. This might not slow people down initially but more significant fines might increase awareness. Your suggestions would be most welcome.

Embro residents are asking about billing for the drainage work done during the sewer project. I have just learned that Staff is investigating programs being initiated in other areas whereby instead of large bills being sent to each landowner for their share of the cost, consideration is being given to initiating a monthly fee of \$8-10 which would cover not only the capital costs but also ongoing maintenance and repair costs. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

County Council will soon be starting the budget process. Zorra Councillors are being asked to consider an earlier schedule. I am interested in your comments and suggestions in this very important part of our work. So please contact me regarding this.

Margaret Lupton

Waste Diversion Calendars 2012/2013

The County of Oxford mailed the 2012/2013 Waste Diversion Calendars to all households in Oxford County during the month of March. If you did not receive a calendar, please contact our office and we will have one mailed to you. This publication contains all pertinent information on garbage, recycling and special waste programs scheduled from April 2012 to March 2013. Check out the Calendar for Waste Management Special Events & Collections.

Composting and Recycling

Composter \$10.00, taxes included. 16 gallon Recycle Bin \$4.50, taxes included. This bin is to be used for paper, cardboard, newspapers, egg cartons, etc. 22 gallon Recycle Bin \$5.50, taxes included. This bin is for containers (plastic, drink cartons, cans, glass, etc.) Recycle Bin Lids \$1.50, taxes included.

The above are available for sale at the Township office.

Oxford County Landfill Site

Location: 384060 Salford Road (County Road 46), Salford Landfill Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed statutory holidays. Tipping Fees will be applied to each load (some exceptions apply).



Halloween Pumpkin Recycling:

Pumpkins can be recycled at any of the municipal Brush, Leaf and Yard Waste Depots. See the Waste Diversion Calendar or visit the County of Oxford's website at www.oxfordcounty.ca for further information.

Keep them separated

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Paper Products

Magazines, catalogues, phone books, soft & hard cover books (remove hard covers)

Household paper

Boxes, egg cartons, tubes (flatten)

Newspapers, flyers

Cardboard boxes: Flatten & place large pieces between Blue Boxes. Bundle large quantities in stacks no larger than 75cm x 75cm x 20 cm (30" x 30" x 8")

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Dialing and texting are two of the highest risks to safety on the road, but others include:

- adjusting your GPS while you're driving
- listening to your MP3 player
- eating and drinking while driving
- being overtired



To learn more about distracted driving and the law in Ontario, visit the Ministry of Transportation's site at ontario.ca/transportation



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BOULEVARD BY-LAW

The Township of Zorra Council recently enacted By-law 50-12 to Govern and regulate the maintenance, occupancy, use of, and other matters pertaining to, those portions of public highways under the jurisdiction of the Township of Zorra known as boulevards. The purpose of the by-law is to improve boulevard maintenance, safety and aesthetics throughout the Township. By-law 50-12 defines "Boulevard" as "that part of a Highway (whether assumed or unassumed by the Township) between a Street Line and the edge of the curb or, where there is no curb, that portion of the Highway Road Allowance between the travelled portion to the Street Line. A Boulevard may or may not contain a sidewalk. A boulevard must be in a serviced area of the Township as defined in the Official Plan." By-law requirements are as follows, but not limited to:

- Clean and Clear the Abutting Boulevard of all debris, waste, refuse and litter;
- Clean and Clear the Abutting Boulevard of any abandoned items, machinery, equipment or other thing;
- Maintain grass and weeds on any Abutting Boulevard at a height which is not greater than twenty (20) cm [eight (8) in] in height;
- Maintain the Landscaping on any Abutting Boulevard so that Landscaping materials do not encroach over that portion of an adjacent Highway that is travelled or designed to be travelled by Vehicles, adjacent driveway or sidewalk.

If the by-law enforcement officer is satisfied that a contravention of the by-law has occurred, the officer may make a Work Order requiring the person who contravened the by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of the land to do the work to correct the contravention. Failure to correct the contravention will allow the Corporation of the Township of Zorra to have the property brought into compliance and recover the costs incurred from the person directed.

DUMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Please be advised that it is a violation of the Waste Disposal By-law 70-1978 to dump refuse on any land in Zorra Township. Refuse includes but is not limited to: garbage, domestic or industrial waste, automotive parts, tires, material resulting from construction or demolition projects, paper or cardboard packaging, animal remains, rubber, mechanical equipment or parts, soil, concrete, bricks, plastic containers, glass containers etc.

All evidence of dumping will be thoroughly investigated by the By-law Enforcement Officer. The results of the investigation may include in a Provincial Offences Notice of \$500.00. Please contact By-law Enforcement with any questions related to Dumping.

POOL FENCING REQUIREMENTS

Please be advised that every owner of a privately owned swimming pool in Zorra Township shall erect and maintain a fence completely surrounding such pool in accordance with the provisions of By-law No. 23-08 known as the Pool Fencing By-law.

A privately owned swimming pool is any type of pool, when filled, contains a depth of 18 inches or more of water at any given section and is not enclosed and covered by an accessory structure but does not include fish ponds, hot tubs, spas or irrigation ponds. If the pool is an above-ground swimming pool a fence is not required if the structure is at least 4 feet in height above grade, and has no permanently attached ladder which is removed when the pool is not in use. It cannot contain any exterior foothold or handholds including a pump or accessory appurtenance or structure.

Where a deck is erected at or near the rim level of an above-ground privately owned swimming pool, the deck shall be fenced and gated and such deck fencing and gates shall conform to the requirements

In addition, no owner shall fill a privately owned swimming pool with water or allow water to remain therein unless a fence has been erected in accordance with the bylaw.

Once the fencing has been completed to the specifications as outlined in the by-law, the owner shall notify the Chief Building Official or the Township Building Inspector within 24 hours or by the next business day so that an inspection may be conducted.

To obtain a full copy of the by-law which outlines materials, construction, general provisions, and enforcement please visit www.zorra.on.ca or attend the Township Office at 274620 27th Line, Ingersoll, ON.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer or Mike Hughes, Chief Building Official at 519-485-2490

SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT

Special Occasion Permits (SOP) are for the sale and service of beverage alcohol at special occasions such as weddings, charity fundraisers, receptions etc. Special Occasion Permits are issued through select Liquor Control Board of Ontario ("LCBO") stores throughout the province. For further information and access to the application form visit: <http://www.agco.on.ca/> **PLEASE NOTE:** As of June 1, 2011, for outdoor events, the permit holder must at least 30 days prior to the event, write to the local municipality, police, and fire and health departments informing them of the event. The building department must be notified as well if a tent or marquee is used. For questions regarding tent permits and inspections for these events please contact Mike Hughes, Chief Building Official at 519-485-2490 ext. 224



Please check out our New and Improved Township website!

[Our Township](#)[Our Services](#)[Our Community](#)[Information](#)www.zorra.on.ca

The newest feature includes Online Forms! You are now able to fill out various Online Forms that will be directly submitted to the appropriate Township Department.

Online Website Forms include:

- Accessibility Complaint Suggestion Form
- Accessibility Alternate Format Request Form
- Burn Permits for each Fire Hall
- By-law Enforcement Complaint Form
- Memorial Tree Form
- Delegation Request Form

To view please visit:
www.zorra.on.ca/OurServices/Forms

Please email the Township at admin@zorra.on.ca regarding any website update, events, etc

Oxford County – Water Conservation Program

County of Oxford Public Works Department notes that last year, about 250 million litres of water was used on Oxford County lawns and gardens, making it one of the biggest uses of municipal water

For further information regarding the details of the outdoor water restriction please visit the Township website at www.zorra.on.ca, call the Township Office at 519-485-2490 or contact the County of Oxford at 519-539-9800.



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– The Road Less Travelled

By Karen Calder for Zorra Now



Summer's heat and activity are snow but a memory and the reality of winter's cold is in the not-to-distant future; it is now autumn, the season of cool nights, warm days and vibrant colours, the perfect time to take a drive on the road less travelled in Zorra Township.

Zorra Township covers five hundred and twenty nine square kilometres of land in Oxford County and within this perimeter

are two established villages, several small rural communities and rich agricultural land that possess some of the most beautiful scenery, ponds, and history, making Zorra Township a perfect place to explore on an autumn day.

Slow down, grab your empty cooler and basket, get into the car and start your journey on the road less travelled. There's no need to rush, as there are businesses, along the road, that are more than happy and capable to help you pack your autumn day picnic lunch.

Fran's Village Deli is located on Dundas Street in Thamesford. A full take-out menu is offered, or you can choose meats and salads a la carte. If you order ahead of time, Fran and her staff would happily prepare a picnic lunch, ready-packed and waiting for your arrival.

If you enjoy the experience of shopping at a farmer's market, Turner's Farm Market, located east of Thamesford on Highway #2, will not disappoint. It is owned and operated by Sherri and Craig Turner and their family. This farm market stocks baked goods, eggs, bottled milk and, of course, fresh produce from Turner Farms and other local farmers, such as Zorra's Bean Haven Farms. If you would like flowers for your picnic table, Turner's carries fresh-cut flowers from Ruchurst Farms Greenhouses. If you have a sweet tooth, maple syrup, made by Len and Cathy Elliott is in stock, as is Turner's own honey. Sherri Turner says, "It's all as local as I possibly can."

If you like deli style and fresh cut meats you'll find these at Miedema Meats on Huron Street in Embro.

For those wishing to shop at a grocery store for their picnic supplies, McKay's Food Market in Embro is a small town grocery store, big on service.

Zorra Township is rich in agriculture and a trip to Sheldon's Berry Farm, located at 276347 Zorra Line 27, will offer a perfect taste of fall fare, as pumpkins, squash and fall raspberries are now season. Fresh raspberries in October, how delicious!

The only question is; do you want to pick your own or purchase ready picked? No matter which you chose, Ray and Sherry Sheldon will be happy to help you fill your order. (Please note, Sheldon's Berries is closed Sundays!)

Now that the picnic lunch is packed, it's time to find a picnic table and there is no shortage of these in Zorra Township.

Harrington Mill Pond

963656 96 Road, RR3 Embro, NOJ 1J0

For those who wish to step into the history of yesteryear, a trip to the Harrington Mill Pond is the perfect choice. Enjoy the sound of water running over the dam, while viewing the historic Harrington Grist Mill. If you feel like a hike after lunch, you can hike around the pond on the trail. This scenic and historic park is maintained by the Harrington and Area Community Association.

Embro Pond

843970 84 Rd, RR1, Embro, ON NOJ 1J0

Another absolutely pristine setting is the Embro Pond. Find a table in the sunlight or one that is secluded in the tall trees that surround the pond. Oh, and hiking/walking enthusiasts will not be disappointed; there is a trail. This park is maintained by the Embro Pond Association.

Whether you chose the Harrington Pond or the Embro Pond, be sure you have your camera, as many species of wildlife make these parks their home.

For those who do not care about being near the water, a stop at the Embro Community Centre is perfect, as you are surrounded by some of Zorra's rich agricultural fields.

Ah yes, an autumn drive that offers something for each of your five senses. No need to drive hours in search of this experience, you'll experience it all, right here in Zorra Township, on one of the many roads less travelled.



Holly (Turner) Crockett and Sherri Turner out front of Turner's Farm Market



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- Your enrolment in the Pre-authorized Payment Plan will be confirmed by letter or email indicating the amount to be withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis.
- Your final tax bill will be receipted and mailed to you.

Or Four pre-authorized payments

- If you would like your four (4) regular tax instalments to be withdrawn automatically from your bank account.
- This may be a great idea for those that like to go south for the winter, no worries about leaving the post-dated cheque at the office, or getting someone else to pay the instalment.

If you are interested in enrolling in this payment plan for 2013, you can find an authorization form on our website at www.zorra.on.ca or call Kelly Hall at 485-2490 ext. 222. Applications need to be submitted as soon as possible to ensure enrolment for 2013.

If you are currently enrolled in the pre-authorized payment plan, you do not have to re-apply each year, only if there is a change with the account.

Online or telephone banking is available for making monthly, arrears, or regular installments. All banks accept Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill.

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VACANCY REBATE PROGRAM

If your commercial or industrial property was vacant for a period of up to three months for 2012 you are eligible for a vacancy rebate. Applications can be found on our website or picked up at the Township Office. The deadline for filing is February 28, 2013.

JUST A REMINDER, if you remove a structure from your property, it is your responsibility to contact our office to have the structure written off.

Township of Zorra Fire Department

Message from Chief McFarlan

As the newly appointed full time Fire Chief of Zorra, I'd first like to thank everyone for all the cards, letters, and emails. It is very humbling to have the support of so many as I take on the new challenges of the Fire Service for Zorra Township.

Although fire prevention is a 24/7/365 days a year, ongoing practice, the hustle and bustle of everyday life seems to lower our guard, or numb us to the possibility of fires within our homes and workplaces. It is for this reason that each fall the Fire Services across both Canada and the United States rally together to bring fire safety and prevention to the forefront of our busy lives. This year, October 7th to October 13th, 2012 is Fire Prevention Week with the theme "HAVE 2 WAYS OUT."

Your three fire stations within Zorra Fire and Emergency Service – Embro, Thamesford and Uniondale, will be busy visiting the schools within Zorra, spreading the word and practice of "HAVE 2 WAYS OUT." Your children may even bring home some fire prevention "homework" for you to assist them with. I urge you to take a few moments to spend doing this with them. We don't want to miss the empty nesters either! (Those without children in school). If you belong to a group, service club or organization, we will gladly bring our message to you and your group. Please contact any one of the three stations in Zorra, or give me a call at the Township office (519-485-2490 ext. 240)

Everyone should have a fire escape plan with "2 WAYS OUT" and practice it with your family and visitors. Set your predetermined safe meeting spot, and always remember to "GET OUT and STAY OUT!" I also cannot stress enough the importance of working smoke detectors and the proper placement of them within your home or workplace. Test and check your smoke detectors on a monthly basis to ensure they are in good working order.

The Zorra Fire and Emergency Service has had a very busy year to date responding to over one hundred calls. Our emergency calls not only include fire, but encompass medical calls and assistance, motor vehicle accidents, and ice/water rescue but to mention a few. Our 58 volunteer firefighters train a minimum of twice per month to keep their skills honed and up-to-date, ready for when they receive a call. Throughout the year, your fire stations hold special events and fundraisers to assist them with costs associated with special training and equipment purchases. Do come out and support their efforts.

With the drought like conditions this summer, a County wide fire ban was implemented to help curtail and prevent the potential of wildfires. Despite these measures, we still had three major burns within our immediate area, some of which required participation from all three Zorra Stations and two adjoining municipalities.

The Township of Zorra has an "Open Air Burn" by-law that requires you to obtain a permit PRIOR to having large open air burns. Small bonfires contained in burn barrels or rings are exempt from the permit, but must be tended to at all times and extinguished prior to leaving unattended. The permit is available at no cost and can be found and completed on the Zorra web page www.zorra.on.ca Take the time to familiarize yourself with the requirements and usage of the permit.

Please help me keep both you, and our firefighters' safe by being vigilant

about fire prevention and safety in both your home and work place. Remember, "HAVE 2 WAYS OUT."

Zorra is a great place to live and do business. By working together, we can keep it a safe one!

This fall - Have Fun, Play Safe





Where to Install Smoke Alarms:

The Ontario Fire Code requires that an operational smoke alarm be installed on every floor level of your home and outside of all sleeping areas.

- If anyone in your household sleeps with the bedroom door closed, consider installing a smoke alarm inside the bedroom
- On floor levels not containing sleeping areas, install smoke alarms in the living area or at stairwells leading to an upper level
- Do not install smoke alarms closer than 1m (3') to kitchens or bathrooms (to prevent false alarms)
- Install smoke alarms high on a wall or on the ceiling. If mounting on a wall, position the top of the smoke alarm approximately 10-30cm (4"-12") from the ceiling. If mounting on a ceiling, position the alarm at least 10cm (4") away from the wall
- Do not install smoke alarms near heating registers where air movement may affect products of combustion from entering the smoke alarm sensing chamber

EVENTS:

Uniondale Station

Lakeside Christ Church/Uniondale Firefighters Chicken BBQ - Thursday September 6th, 2012. Dine-in or take-out from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Brown's Corners.

Tickets available from all firefighters – Adults \$15, Children (ages 6 to 12) \$7.50 and Children under 5 are free.

Thamesford Station

Zorra Fire & Rescue Services Annual Fundraising Breakfast – Sunday November 18th, 2012. 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Adults \$8, Children \$4 at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre. Contact the Thamesford Fire Station for further information at 519-285-2805.



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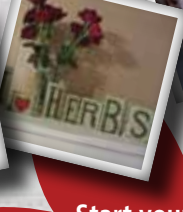
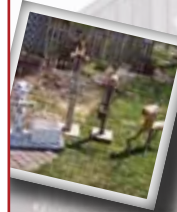
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Zorra Sports! Fury Bantams win Championship

Story and photos by Karen Calder for Zorra Now

Located on George Street, four blocks north of Oxford County Road 2 is Thamesford's North Park, home ball park for the Thamesford Fury of the Thamesford Minor Baseball Association (T.M.B.A.). While this ball park may lack the lustre and shine of new parks, it possesses a warmth and character, earning

it a place in the hearts of baseball fans throughout the area. Baseball fans, coaches and players love coming here to be part of the great game we call baseball. This year was no different as

the T.M.B.A. once again hosted the London District Baseball Association (L.D.B.A.) Bantam East (HL) Playoffs the first week in August.

When the 2012 Fury teams were first put on paper, it was doubtful if a bantam team would be a reality, due to the small number of players and a shortage of coaches. The shortage of players was taken care of with a number of players eligible to be called up from the peewee teams (there were two teams at this level), when required. When Elaine Hutchison, Jeff Carew and Reid Moffatt volunteered to take on the coaching

responsibilities, the Fury Bantam team became a reality.

The 2012 season started off very wet. After numerous rain outs, the Fury Bantams finally opened their home season on Thursday May 31 at 8:15, under the lights at Thamesford's North Park. And what a season it was, as this team finished their regular season in second place behind E.B.B.A. Kings.

The regular season over, it was time for playoffs, where the Fury Bantams went undefeated. The Fury's final 2012 season ended as it started, with rain, but not even that would not dampen the spirit of this team, that made a come from behind effort to beat the Dorchester Diamondbacks in the final game. The Fury Bantams would finish as 2012 L.D.B.A. Bantam East (HL) Playoff Champions.



Eli Mowat



Willy Baigent



Thamesford Fury 2012 L.D.B.A. Bantam East (HL) Playoff Champions

Rookie Blue

Story and photos by Karen Calder for Zorra Now

Baseball at the rookie level was twice as much fun in Thamesford during the 2012 season, as the Thamesford Minor Baseball Association boasted two teams. Known as Fury 1 and Fury 2, the twenty-three players that rounded out the teams' rosters gave their respective fans a high-level of baseball each and every game.

Fury fans doubled their pleasure on Sunday May 27, when these two evenly matched and competitive teams met for the first time at Thamesford's North Park. It would not be the last, as they would meet several times again throughout the regular season, enroute to the league championship tournament, hosted by Ingersoll Minor Baseball in August.

On Friday, August 17, at Ingersoll's Victoria Park, Fury 1 and Fury 2 would meet during championship play. You could feel the excitement. Players brought an elevated level of play to the ball park and their coaches possessed an added determination. Fans knew this was going to be a great game and they were not disappointed. This was championship baseball in every sense of the word. Each team deserved to win, but as the sun slowly started to set, it would be Fury 2 who would rise victorious.

Championship baseball continued throughout the weekend

and on Sunday, August 19; it was Rookie Blue at Ingersoll's Victoria Park as Fury 1 and Fury 2 came face-to-face in the final game. Each and every player had maintained their highest level of play throughout the tournament and today, somehow, they would have to exceed even that. Fans and coaches could not be disappointed as the players did just that. Despite brilliant baseball played by Fury 2, Fury 1 would out finesse them for the win.

Rookie Blue, indeed. At the end of their successful seasons, Fury 1 finished as League Champions and Fury 2 finished just behind them as 2012 Championship Finalists. Brenda Aarts, Coach of Fury 1, stated it best, "The championship final game was a very good and close game amongst friends. We were proud of the abilities and sportsmanship shown by all of the Fury players."

Baseball fans can only wonder what the 2013 season will bring.



Matthew Overeem, Fury 1

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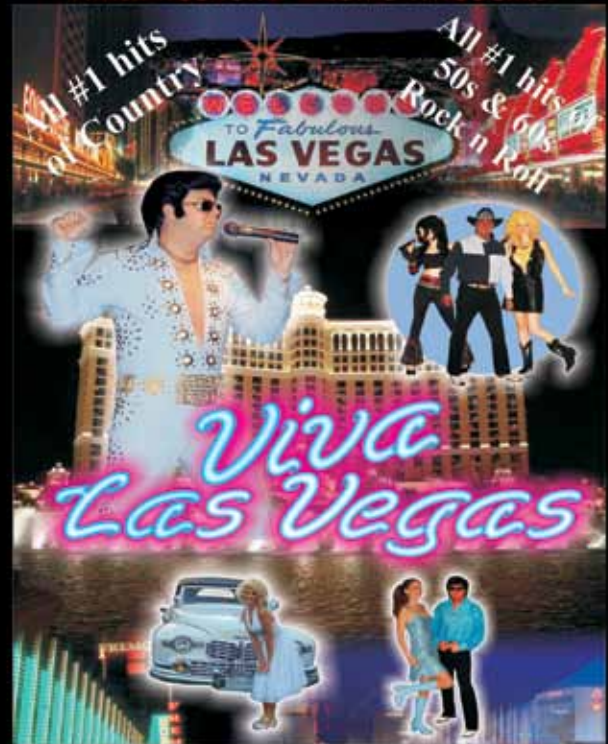
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Thamesford Pool 40th Anniversary Open House

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Thanks to everyone who worked on the renovation and those who came out to help celebrate 40 great years of swimming in Thamesford!



Photo Source: Lisa Teeple

Have you heard about **HEROES OF ZORRA?**

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If you haven't yet had the chance to hear and learn about HEROES OF ZORRA, this is your opportunity. HEROES OF ZORRA will be a website available on the internet that is dedicated to recognizing ALL of the many individuals from the Township of Zorra (formerly the Townships of West Zorra, East Nissouri and North Oxford) who have served our country from the 1860's to present day. Once this site is constructed and available, it will be a valuable resource to students, teachers, family members, those researching their family history, those with a special interest in the Military, and the list goes on. Whether a relative, friend or neighbour, every one of us has been touched by the realities of war.

The idea for such a website is the result of local residents of Zorra attending a Military Funeral Honors & Memorial Ceremony in Los Angeles, California on May 15, 2010. This event was hosted by the Government of the United States of America and the California Medal of Honor Project. It was to honor Benjamin Franklin Youngs, one of our own 'Sons of Zorra', as the recipient of a Medal of Honor. Youngs earned this Medal on June 17, 1864 during the battles of the Civil War. Advancing on Petersburg, Youngs captured the Confederate flag from the 35th North Carolina Regiment. He jumped over the breastworks and into the thick of battle, held the flag, and turned it over to his commanding general. This resulted in a promotion to Sergeant and in December 1864 Youngs was presented the Medal. He was 19 years old.

When the event concluded the Canadian attendees were asked what Zorra would be doing to recognize one of its own? After a number of meetings and discussions it was decided that if we were going to volunteer our time and energy towards something, we wanted it to be of interest to many and something that could be built upon in the years to come. Hence, the idea of a website that would recognize all of those from Zorra who have given service to their Country. With sincere gratitude to those volunteers who dedicated many hours to writing our local history books, the Military sections of these books will form the basis of this website. What is different is that any individuals who were inadvertently omitted, and those serving up to present day can now be included on this ever growing and evolving information highway.

In the next 3 months (September to December) we will be asking the residents and businesses of Zorra to help us in accomplishing this task. We need your support in helping us to make this happen. Together we can make this unique resource available to you, your family and our descendents.

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Beachville District Museum

Written by Emily Thomas

Beachville was the heart of Oxford County and possesses a fascinating history. It was one of the first settlements in Oxford since 1791, when it was first founded. Some other firsts: The first ever recorded Baseball game in North American history, first gristmill, post office, Catholic Mass and some of the largest open faced quarries in Canada.

The Beachville District Museum is situated on 4.5 acres of lush park- land. In 1851 Philander King built the first story then it changed hands several times. John Downing purchased it in 1880, he was one of the founders of the limestone quarries. In 1902 the second story was added and the house remained with the family until they sold it in 1969. Beachville District Historical Society bought it for \$2.00 in 1992 from Beachville Lime Ltd.

The Museums houses many interesting artifacts from Mastodon bones found on the O.j, Bond farm, a history of the limestone quarries and a baseball display describing the first baseball game.

The museums two agricultural buildings contain a vast array of agricultural implements, and tractors, also miniature buildings hand crafted by Mr. Wray Prouse formerly of Mount Elgin.

If you are planning on a wedding, family reunion, wedding photographs or even a picnic, Beachville District Museum has the perfect site. Call to reserve, we can accommodate almost anything.

At the Beachville District Museum there is always something going on, our special exhibits change year round, the feature exhibit being " A History of the Amish and Mennonites in our Area." Followed by an exhibit on scrapbooking coming out late this summer, we will also be having people come in to do a few classes on scrapbooking for anybody who is interested. We are currently looking for scrapbooks to use in our display, and would love to see any that people would like to have displayed in the exhibit. If interested please call the museum at 519-423-6497 for further information.

We are currently gearing up for the 175th baseball game here at the museum. For more information please contact Sue at beachvillemuseum@gmail.com or 519-287-9996.

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9:30AM to 11:15AM

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2:00PM to 3:00PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92)

3:00PM to 3:40PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92) and Road 92 (between 25th Line and 27th Line)

4:00PM to 4:50PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92) and Road 92 (between 25th Line and 27th Line)

5:00PM to 5:45PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line), 31st Line (between Rd 92 and Rd 16), 25th Line (between Rd 92 and Road 88) and Road 88 (between 25th Line and 29th Line)

Sunday Sept. 16th

8:45AM to 11:00AM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and Cobble Hill Rd - Westbound), Road 96 (between Cobble Hill Rd and Rd 6 – Eastbound), Road 6 (between Rd 96 and Rd 92 – Southbound) and Road 92 (between Rd 6 and 25th Line – Westbound)

11:00AM to 12:00PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line – both directions)
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10:30 to 11:30 am

September 2012

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Friday, September 21
1:00 to 2:00 pm

Trojan's Junior D Hockey Team Home Opener
Friday, September 14 at 7:00 pm

October 2011

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October 25th at 2:00-8:00 pm

November 2012

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Sunday, November 18
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September 18th	6:30 pm
October 2nd	9:30 am
October 16th	6:30 pm
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