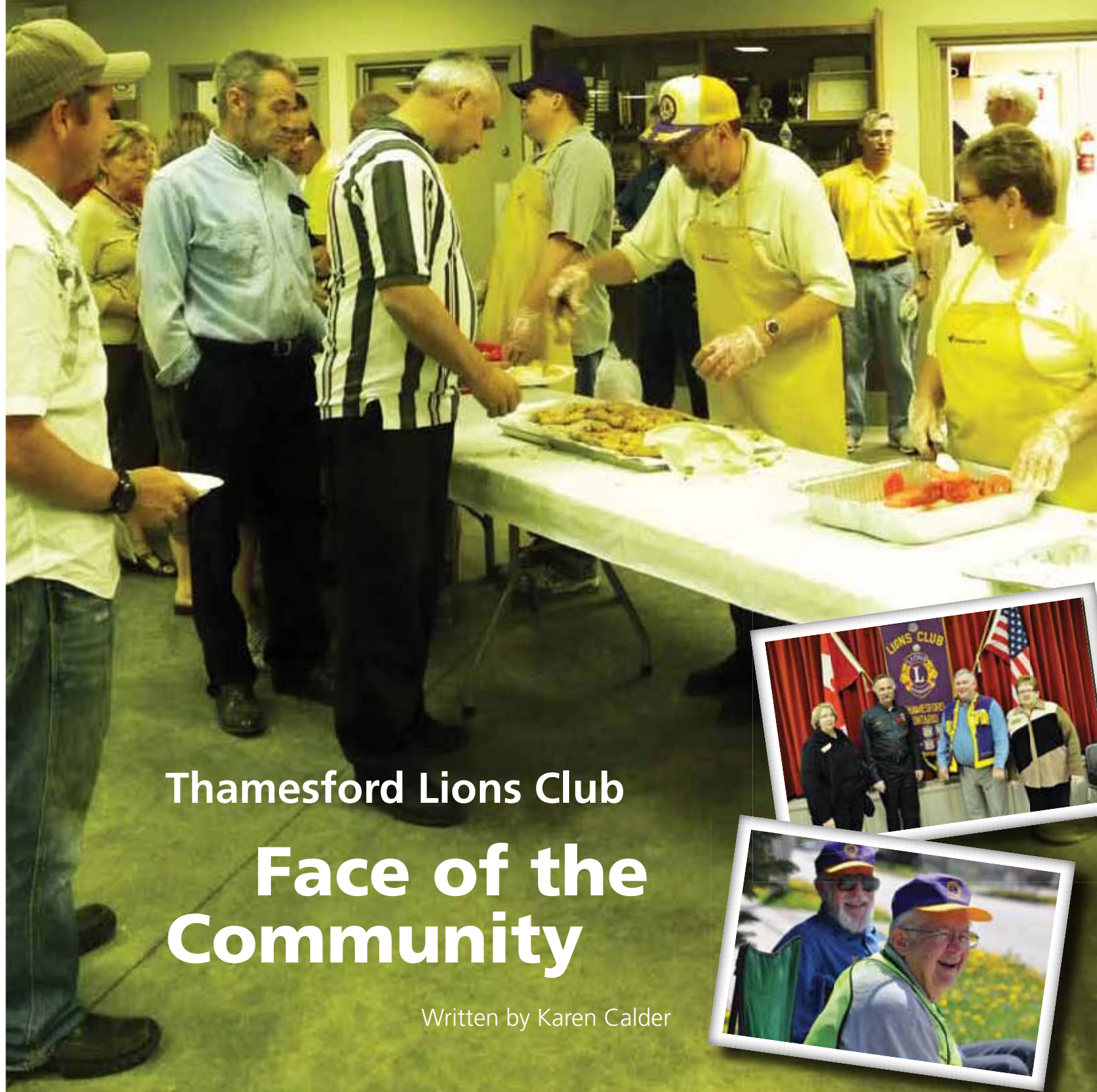


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community events and services



WINTER 2012



Thamesford Lions Club

Face of the Community

Written by Karen Calder



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Message from the Mayor - Margaret Lupton



It was a pleasure to read that Christine Reid of Thamesford competed in the New Zealand Tri (Triathlon) Games and finished 30th in her age class. She was the third Canadian to cross the finish line. Mike Heath competed well at the Paralympics in London this summer. Council is planning to recognize these and others with Zorra medals. Can

you suggest people who have competed in sports or cultural activities outside of Zorra and brought home honours for our Township? We are always looking for residents to recognize.

I am sorry to report that much of the work being done to increase our share of the levy on aggregate products is on hold until the Provincial Legislature meets again. So much of what has been done over the past year will have to be reworked as committees change and new people need to be advised of our concerns.

Reports from our By-law Enforcement Officer Mathew Paul indicate most issues have been resolved. Please remember that when incidents are reported to members of Council and/or Staff they must inform Mr. Paul. I do not think any of us drive the Township looking for problems but once we are told about them we have to act.

After many hours of discussion the committee looking for a new County CAO recommended Peter Crockett be hired. He comes to us highly recommended with excellent credentials and experience. I am looking forward to the new ideas and initiatives that will now likely occur.

The landfill proposal for Zorra South continues on the required path. As I write this the County is ready to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and the three municipalities, Ingersoll, SWOX and Zorra have indicated support. There is much to be understood about this process and I sympathize with residents who get upset with the rumours etc. circulating but have difficulty getting the true facts. That is why I am

so pleased to see this step proceeding as this will allow for us to move into the "Peer Review" stage and we will begin to receive information we can trust and know it has been held up to very recent scientific data for verification.

Several people have been asking about the Business Retention and Expansion project of last summer. Right now the CAO's of the five rural townships are reviewing the information and will be reporting to the Councils in early December.

Concerns continue regarding funding for Woodingford Lodge. Recent reports spelled out the extra expenses caused by the two smaller facilities which have difficulty achieving any economy of scale due to low resident numbers. A proposal to install kitchens in the two smaller homes for independent food service production has been proposed but no decision has been made. A comment at the meeting was that County Council would have to seriously consider whether we even wanted to be in the long term care business. This is very troubling.

We were very fortunate to have escaped the worst of storm "Sandy". I hope that many of you have in mind precautions every home should be ready to take in case of another such storm. I attended an Emergency Measures exercise in Woodstock later that week and it was stated many times that one of the key things is for residents to check on neighbours as much as possible and especially those who may have difficulty caring for themselves during such a crisis.

I spent some time with our fire fighters as they worked with school children during Fire Safety week. The theme this year was "Two ways out". The children were given homework to do with their families on this theme. I hope you encouraged your children to investigate this idea in your home.

At this special time of year, on behalf of all who work for you in the Township of Zorra, may you celebrate this season with love in your home and the promise of peace and joy in the New Year.

We look forward to serving you in 2013.



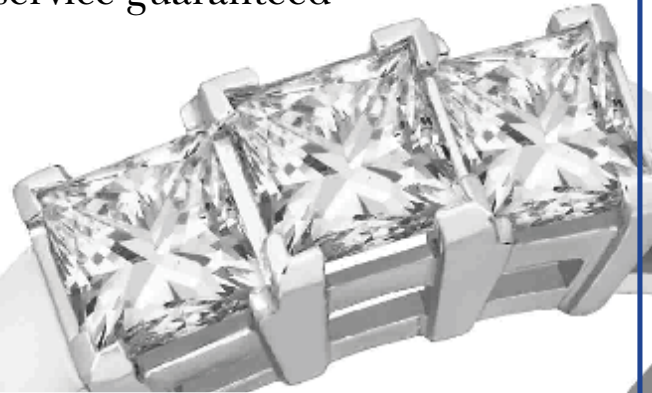
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WINTER PARKING



Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15, 2012 and remain in place until March 31, 2013 in accordance with By-law 7-95. For snow removal purposes, parking is not permitted on any road or street from 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. 7 days a week during this period. Any vehicle owner found in violation of this by-law could be fined or have their vehicle removed/towed at owners expense. The set fine for this violation is \$50.

SNOW REMOVAL ONTO ROADWAYS

This is a reminder to all residents that depositing snow from private property onto a public roadway is dangerous and in contravention of the Road Protection By-law 6-95. Pushing or placing any snow or ice or any other obstruction of a roadway is an offence that carries a Provincial Offences Fine of \$105.00.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Please note that the Motorized Vehicle By-law 18-90, prohibits motorized vehicles in public parks within Zorra Township and is subject to a Provincial Offences Charge \$105. Motorized vehicles includes but is not limited to recreational all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and snowmobiles. Parks prohibiting motorized vehicles are as follows: Grace Patterson Park, Thamesford North Park, Bob Fisher Soccer Field, Lions (South) Park, Matheson Park, Community Centre Park, Wallace Park, Memorial Park and Harrington Park. NOTE: Unless permission is obtained from property owner, ATVs are prohibited on private property. All trespassing complaints should be forwarded to the OPP.

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REDUCED LOAD SEASON

An early reminder to all drivers of heavy trucks and equipment that the reduced load season takes effect for the period of February 15 to April 30 inclusive each year. In accordance with By-law 21-03, signs will be posted on applicable Township roadways.

SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 am on Wednesday December 12, 2012 at the Township of Zorra Municipal Office for the sale of one Wheel Loader - 1993 John Deere 644G with 7466 hours, good working condition, new tires in 2009. A Reserve Bid of \$45,000 will apply to this bid. For further information and for bidding requirements contact Aden Corcoran, Director of Public Works at 519-485-2490 ext.227

WINTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE ON TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA ROADS

The Municipality of the Township of Zorra Council has defined the period when Township of Zorra employees will be performing winter roadway maintenance (salting, sanding, ploughing, and related activities) on the Township roadways. The level of service to be delivered is prescribed in the Minimum Maintenance Standards – Ontario Regulation 239/02 regarding snow and ice control. The Minimum Maintenance Standards are a regulation of the Municipal Act, 2001.

The period of Winter Roadway Maintenance is defined from: November 19, 2012 to April 12, 2013. Service will be delivered during the following hours: Monday to Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with additional hours as determined by weather conditions Saturday, Sunday, and holidays - as determined by weather conditions.



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The Zorra Fire and Emergency Service is no exception to this rule. Earlier this fall, the latest of our long service firefighters were honoured by the Ontario Fire Marshall, Steve Greason, and Dave Switzer of the Uniondale Station,

and Dennis Weaver of the Embro Station all received their 25 year service medals. Carl Hiuser, also of the Embro Station was to receive his 40 year bar – an incredible achievement.

Early this winter, the Township will be holding an additional recognition evening for all those who have not yet received their federal medals for long term service. The experience and depth of the Zorra Fire and Emergency Service can be seen by the list of firefighter's names and years of service below:

20 YEAR MEDAL

Bruce Brebner	Thamesford
John Drennan	Embro
Steve Greason	Uniondale
Jim Manzer	Thamesford
Andy Martin	Thamesford
Hilton Morrison	Embro
Dave Switzer	Uniondale
Dennis Weaver	Embro
Tim Whetstone	Embro
Charlie Weir	Thamesford

30 YEAR MEDAL

Harland Betzner	Retired
Ken Kittmer	Retired
John McFarlan	Fire Chief
Paul Mitchell	Uniondale
Bob Ross	Embro
Jamie Shewan	Embro
Rick Stewart	Embro
George Whittaker	Retired

40 YEAR MEDAL

Bill Cairns	Retired
Carl Hiuser	Embro
Al Matheson	Retired

50 YEAR MEDAL

Don Shewan	Retired
Ron Shewan	Retired

Congratulations and thank you to each of the deserving individuals.

To keep up with the demands of the fire service, the Zorra Fire and Emergency Service held two recruitment open houses searching for individuals to follow in the footsteps of the firefighters retiring this year.

It is a commitment not to be taken lightly by those individuals or their families. The new recruits, when hired, will go through a recruit training program comprised of some 125 hours of training held locally on week nights and several weekends. This training will provide them with the beginning tools needed to respond to the many emergencies they will be exposed to. Only when recruits have graduated from this extensive training will they be able to take their place alongside the others in the volunteer service. They will continue to train and expand their knowledge along with their team during regular training sessions which take place twice a month. Congratulations and welcome to all successful recruits.

As the year draws to a close, we say goodbye to one season and welcome another season that brings with it many exciting and heartwarming celebrations, as well as the challenges of the winter months.

As we decorate our homes for the Holiday season, please remember, "Candles are a glowing concern," a common cause of home fires. Keep lit candles safely away from children and pets, and blow out all candles before leaving the room. Keep your Christmas tree fire free. Keep all candles away from the Christmas tree, and make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times.

Please remain vigilant in being prepared for those unexpected emergencies.

In closing, on behalf of everyone in the Zorra Fire and Emergency Service, we would like to wish you and your family a safe, happy winter and Holiday season.



The Township of Zorra Council has adopted the 2012 Accessibility Plan. The Township of Zorra is committed to promoting a barrier-free Township for employees, citizens and all who live, work, visit, and invest in the Township of Zorra.

Please view the report on the Zorra website or contact the Township Office for a copy.

The South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) Economic Development Corporation is a regional partnership comprised of the County of Brant, Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County and Oxford County. SCOR was incorporated in 2010 as a means to provide planning and coordination for regional issues, implement regional economic development priorities, identify funding sources and to partner with other levels of government, and act as a regional catalyst for investment.

Visit the Township of Zorra Website to find useful SCOR links at: www.zorra.on.ca/OurCommunity/EconomicDevelopment.aspx

Tax Information



WHY NOT PAY YOUR TAXES MONTHLY?

Sign up now for the 10 or 12 month Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for 2013.

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.

WHY NOT TRY PAYING YOUR TAXES ON-LINE???

Online or telephone banking is available for making monthly, arrears, or regular instalments. All banks accept Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill, starting after 3227.

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

OWNERS ONLY! *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.

2012 ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Assessment Notices are scheduled to be mailed starting November 19th, 2012. Your 2012 Property Assessment Notice shows the assessed value of your property based on a January 1, 2012 legislated valuation date. The last province-wide Assessment Update took place four years ago and was based on a January 1, 2008 valuation date.

APPEALING MY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT?

If you feel that your assessment value or property classification is incorrect, I strongly urge every property owner to file a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) free of charge, with the deadline being April 1, 2013.

WHEN WILL MY 2013 TAX BILL BE MAILED?

They will be mailed the 1st week of February, with due dates of Feb 28 and May 31, 2013. Unfortunately, legislation states that the municipality is only allowed to bill half of the previous year's taxes, therefore the increase/decrease in taxes for ratepayers will not be until the Final 2013 Tax Bill is issued in August 2013.

For further information or if you have any other tax questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Season Greetings and Merry Christmas from the Tax Department and all the best for the New Year.

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Social Planning Council Oxford *Launches Website*



Social Planning Council Oxford
www.spcoxford.ca

The Social Planning Council Oxford (SPCO) is pleased to announce the launch of its website on November 1, 2012. The online resource centre will serve agencies and community members, will deliver current project and event information, and information on social issues provided in the context of Oxford County. The SPCO's first published fact sheet on Suicide in Oxford County can be found at www.spcoxford.ca.

The SPCO strives to improve the well-being of all residents of Oxford County through community development, community mobilization, research, and advocacy. The SPCO is funded by a grant of \$113,200 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The website will assist the SPCO in creating a communication network to support and strengthen the resources available to the community.

Ashley Farrar, Social Planning Co-ordinator: "I am excited to launch our online resource centre, on time, as was envisioned by our community. Oxford County is rich in program and professional resources. Communities that are committed to planning in a social context demonstrate the ability to communicate across traditional service boundaries. Our mandate as a Social Planning Council includes the challenge of bridging historic and geographical communication gaps."

For more information contact:

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Ten Years of Giving in Oxford

The Oxford Community Foundation blew out ten candles on its birthday cake this year, an achievement made possible through the generosity of individuals and organizations that have chosen to donate to the Foundation to help enhance the quality of life in their community.

As a local philanthropic facilitator, the OCF makes charitable grants to community organizations and charities based in Oxford County with annual interest off investments that have been contributed either through individual endowments or by pooled resources. Incorporated in 2002, the Oxford Community Foundation provides an opportunity for people of all means to make a lasting difference in the community by providing donors with flexible ways to ensure their charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

The brainchild of founding Executive Director Pat Smith, and in the care of an appointed Board of Directors made of community volunteers from across the County, the OCF is well versed with the needs of Oxford and can provide leadership to help donors meet their charitable goals.

Beginning with just a few dollars in 2002, the OCF now holds more than \$800,000 in donor funds and provided \$30,000 to Oxford charities last year, supporting activities in the areas of arts, culture, education, environment, health, recreation and social services in Oxford County.

The OCF helps donors by ensuring recipient charitable organizations have a registered charitable number (or have an established third party sponsorship agreement with an organization that does have charitable status) and that they are free of any discrimination based on age, race, gender, religious affiliation etc. It also identifies grant applicants who collaborate with funding partners to ensure donor funds reach as far as possible.

The Foundation prudently manages donated funds on behalf of donors, relieving them of administration

burdens yet allowing them the ability to contribute to the health and vitality of their community. Depending on size of donation and terms of the fund, donors have the ability to choose how involved they wish to be with directing grants from their fund to a particular area of interest, to a specific recipient or to allow the OCF Grant Review Committee to make the decision of who receives funds based on greatest need and impact.

While the OCF has enjoyed success in the last ten years, it is always looking for people to help grow that success. During this anniversary year, the Foundation has embarked on a second round of fundraising aimed at increasing the money in the Community Fund, a fund that accepts donations, large or small, and is designed to meet the changing needs of the County.

An initial wave of fundraising into the Community Fund was completed through the Founder's Circle in 2010. In 2012, the Builder's Circle was formed which allows donors to become part of an exclusive group of supporters by making a \$2,000 donation. However, donations of any size to this pooled endowment are welcome.

To help the OCF celebrate ten years of giving in Oxford County and to ensure your charitable contributions continue to enrich the lives of people in your community, please consider becoming part of the Builder's Circle or donating to the Oxford Community Foundation. Builder's Circle members are recognized annually in our Annual Report, on our website and will be included on a commemorative wall in the County Administration Building.

The Oxford Community Foundation belongs to the Community Foundations of Canada and is one of 170 foundations that fosters the growth of community philanthropy across the country. For more information on the organization or ways you can contribute, please contact Keith Hudson at 519-539-7447 Ext. 229.

Article by Tanya Murray, Chair of the Media/Marketing Committee of OCF

Nissouri and the War of 1812

Excerpt from the East Nissouri History Book, Edited by Patti Wallace

The War of 1812 affected the area that was to become East Nissouri in several ways. To begin with, the area had been designated Indian Land until surveying for settlement was begun in 1811. Squatters, however, did not wait upon surveyors, nor were they yet concerned with legal title. A good many homesteads were established along ancient Indian trails well before the first surveyors arrived. Work on the survey had barely begun when it was interrupted by the war and was not resumed until 1819, and completed in 1820, by Shubal Park, Deputy Surveyor of the province. Many of the early squatters in Nissouri had come from the United States in search of free and fertile land. They were not United Empire Loyalists, who came earlier and settled mainly in the lakefront regions of Elgin and Norfolk. The backwoodsmen of Nissouri were fiercely independent and often harboured republican sympathies. The Indian Land designation of the area actually prevented the land from being

legally locked up, either in the hands of speculators, or as clergy and crown reserves.

After the survey was complete, the very first land grant went to a speculator. Thaddeus Davis received his land grant in Nissouri as reward for his service in the war as Captain of the 2nd Lincoln Militia. These holdings were added to various grants through which Davis had accumulated over 10,000 acres in the province. At the same time, there were 37 lesser land grants to other veterans of the war, very few of whom ever visited their properties in Nissouri. They, like Davis, simply held onto the land until the efforts of neighbouring settlers had increased its value, or they sold it immediately. Davis' lands were sold off by his heirs after his death in 1830.

In 1839, with the completion of a courthouse and gaol in Woodstock, the new District of Brock was proclaimed. Its boundaries were identical with those of Oxford County and so included the Township of Nissouri. The District was named in honour of Sir Isaac Brock, the 'hero of Upper Canada' who defended Canada from the Americans at Queenston Heights.

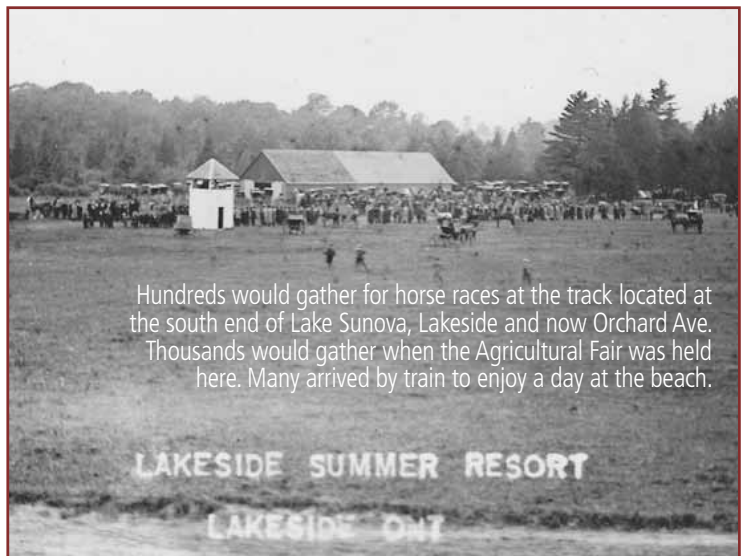
Another hero of the War of 1812, Laura Secord, can be linked to Nissouri through her half sister Appolonia (Ingersoll) Carrol, who is buried in the Christ Church Anglican cemetery in Lakeside.



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East Nissouri History Book

Written By: Gwen Greenaway

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Don't miss the chance to preserve a part of your history for your children and grandchildren. Consider PRE-PURCHASING the set of books at a price of \$125.00. (plus shipping and handling charges if you are unable to pick up at Danceland on Dec. 9th.)

TO PREORDER AND PAY - Send your cheque to Gail Adams, 211 Huron St., P. O. Box 2154, St. Marys, N4X 1A1. Make your cheque out to East Nissouri History Book. If you need a calculation of shipping and handling charges, call 519-349-2013 or email wallace@quadro.net.

We are proud of the work that has gone into making this historical record of happenings in East Nissouri. In addition to the many family stories submitted, we have chapters that cover a variety of topics including a section on Veterans and another for Home Children. We cover agriculture endeavors through the years as well as the settlements of Uniondale, Medina, Lakeside, Kintore and the north side of Dundas St. in Thamesford. Some of the other chapters include roads, government, and schools. Many photographs have been used throughout the books.

Something of great importance is the cheese factories of our Township. We take great pride in one of our researchers who found that the Adams Cheese Factory, located on the 12th Concession, was the first cheese factory in the county to produce cheese in 1864.

You will find stories of the municipal events, early roads, and the coming of railways starting in the 1880s. The railroad was very important for our early means of trade as it allowed the importing and exporting of everything from cattle in 1892 from Thamesford to England, and wheat and flour from our mills and other items manufactured in our Township to many parts the world.

We hope you enjoy our efforts, from the committee: Patti Wallace, Joyce Day, Jim Verwer, Jean Hammond, Gail Adams, Don Adams, Alex Steel, Keith Alderson, Charlie McGee, Tom Cussons, Lorna Ferguson, Shirley Garner, Bill McKay, Dave Arthur, Lorena Chalkley, and Gwen Greenaway.

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If poor weather on Dec. 9, our alternate date is Dec. 16.

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THAMESFORD LIONS CLUB

The Face of Community

Story and Photos by Karen Calder for Zorra Now

The automatic door slides open and you enter. The warm inside air feels welcome on your cold face. The aroma of french fries and fresh coffee drift through the air. Next are the all too familiar sounds of hockey bags being carried or wheeled and the hum of conversation as people discuss the calls made and the opportunities missed. You move toward the doors to the rink; it's now game time. This time cold air hits your face as you enter; and the purr of the Zamboni lures you to your seat. It's here; the 2012-2013 hockey season at the Thamesford and District Recreation Centre. There's no lockout here.

The doors at the Thamesford and District Recreation Centre opened in 1975, a big part due to the efforts Thamesford Lions Club, which, in 1974 borrowed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to contribute towards the construction of the "new" arena. (This loan was paid in full in 1977.) In 1975 the club purchased the arena's first ice resurfacing machine and would purchase two more Zambonis in 1981 and 1994. Hockey players, figure skaters and recreational skaters have spent numerous hours at the "Thamesford arena"; it's hard to think of life without it or without the Lions Club.

The Thamesford Lions Club was chartered on April 20, 1961. Since that time the club's dedicated membership has made significant improvements and contributions to our community. Every improvement and contribution started with a need that was presented at a meeting, discussed and then acted upon. The Lions Club holds three meetings a month: a dinner meeting on the first Monday; an executive meeting the second Monday and a business meeting on the third Monday.

The most recent meeting was the Dinner Meeting on Monday, November 5, 2012. It was held in the Community Hall at the Thamesford and District Recreation Centre.

Guests in attendance included five Lions from the Thorndale Club; District A15 Governor, Dr.

Daniel Ayim and Herman Boehmer from the Galt-Cambridge Lions.

Following a delicious supper, catered by Julie Cook's Eat Your Heart Out Catering, President Tony Redix

called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speaker, District A15 Governor, Dr. Daniel Ayim.

Dr. Ayim is a member of the Galt-Cambridge club. He opened by saying, "It's hard to know where to start with all your accomplishments." It was a sincere statement. After sharing with the club about the initiatives of the president, he concluded by speaking of what he calls the "Service Relay"; as the sun sets and we stop working, someone, somewhere else in the world is picking the effort up. Service never stops.

It's no wonder service never stops, when you consider the extraordinary individuals who are part of the Thamesford Lions Club. Dr. Ayim presented deserving members with service awards for their years of service, ranging from ten to forty years.

10 Years

Milne McCorkindale
Tony Webb
Burton Smith

15 Years

Wayne Romphf
Mike Hough
Jim Young
Jim Rogers
Brian Voigt
Don Knox

25 Years

Don Weir

35 Years

Ray Keddie
Harland Betzner

40 Years

Howard Ferguson
Howard Sims
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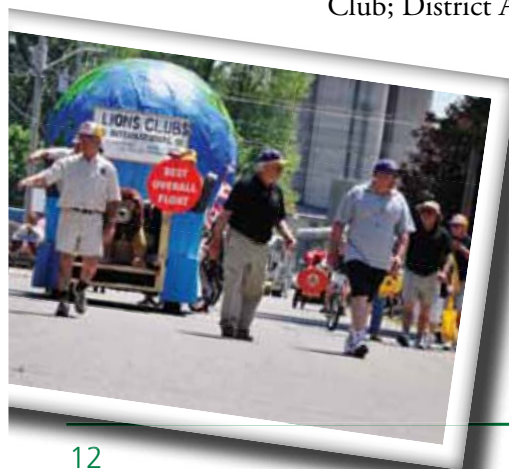
Herman Boehmer of the Galt-Cambridge club was next to speak. This witty 83 year old shared how he joined Lions in 1958 and told his captive audience, "You can do the math." The audience did, he has been a Lion for fifty-four years. Lion Boehmer closed by saying, "It's been a lot of fun because I love it." There were many nodding in agreement.

Like service, the Business of Lionism never stops and a brief business meeting took place.

Members reported on ticket sales for the Bushel of Joy. It appears some ticket buyers are loyal to certain Lions. One Lion stated that while trying to sell tickets he had been told, "I only buy from Milne (McCorkindale)."

The Bushel of Joy Fundraiser is a major fundraiser for the Lions Club each year. The money raised is used to support community projects.

Treasurer Wayne Romphf reported that the Lion's canvass for the C.N.I.B. raised three thousand and ten dollars (\$3,010.00) and that one hundred and eighty-one pairs of





glasses were collected. The club has done the C.N.I.B. canvass since 1967.

Christmas is next month and already Lion Dan Fisher is looking for volunteers to work with him on the Ingersoll and District Inter-Church Relief Fund (formerly known as “the Kettles”). Joining him so far are Tony Kelly and Don Knox. Last year several of the kettles were stolen by persons pretending to be volunteers. Lion Dan showed the new name badges that will be issued to this year’s volunteers.

At this time, the Lions Choir, under the direction of Ellen Wallace and accompanied by Ruth Calder, is in intense rehearsal for their appearance at the annual Lions Carol sing, Sunday December 2, 7:00 PM. This evening is always a success. Lion Wendy Scott and her team are busy preparing for this busy and festive event. The community hall is usually filled close to capacity as other local talent also takes the stage, so come early and bring your best voice for carol singing! Dan Fisher and his team will also be on duty for the Inter-Church Relief Fund.

Throughout the evening, Lions members viewed and voted for their favourite entry in the 2012 Peace Poster contests. Poster Committee Leader Brian Voigt was glad he didn’t have to choose the winner. There were twenty-three posters entered and each poster was exceptional. It took the entire meeting for voting to be completed. The winning poster was created by St Joseph’s student Malcolm Kersel.

Brian Voigt is no stranger to creativity and awards. He is the editor of the club’s award winning newsletter, Thamesford Pride.

Lions truly live by the motto, We Serve. When asked about their individual awards and accomplishments, they are very modest and ask that you talk about what the club is presently doing. Their greatest award is being part of a caring community. That being said, it is only fitting the community know of the accomplishments of some of these Lions Club members.



Melvin Jones was the founder of the Lions Club International. The club’s executive determines which Lion has truly exemplified Lionism. This is not an easy determination to make and the award is not presented every year.

Melvin Jones Award			
2007-2008	Bob Fisher		
1991-1992	Howard Patience	2008-2009	Dr Bob Houston & Linda Schwientek
1993-1994	Tony Kelly & Larry Taylor	2010-2011	Don Knox, Jim Rogers, Howard Ferguson, Don Ballantyne, Chris Johnston, Dave Woods, Bill Kerr
1995-1996	Ralph Johnston		
1996-1997	Dick Dufton		
1997-1998	Dan Fisher		
1998-1999	Jack Broadfoot & Gord Calder		
2005-2006	Chuck Dalton		

The Thamesford Lions Club has four members who were awarded the Helen Keller Award for District A15. These members have gone above and beyond in assisting a blind and/or deaf individual.

Helen Keller Award		
1991-1992	Harland Betzner	2003-2004 Bob Forbes
2000-2001	Joe Wallace	2006-2007 Larry Taylor

Of special note, the club’s only Charter Member is Joe Wallace, who was part of the club at the first meeting on April 20, 1961.

The club is honoured to have three Life Members: Bill Kerr, Joe Wallace and Howard Patience.

Throughout the year you’ll see the Lions listed in this article, as well as the many others, working hard within this wonderful community. While they work independently and without much fanfare, their efforts are seen and utilized every day. You can’t walk, ride a bike or drive through Thamesford without being very aware of the club’s contributions and efforts.

Some of their efforts can’t be seen; such as the medical equipment loans. The medical equipment was donated to the Lions Club by the Odd Fellows Lodge when it ceased to exist. The equipment is stored at the Thamesford and Area District Recreation Centre and is available to anyone in the area who is in need of it. A request can be made through any Lions member.

The Thamesford Lions Club has created quite a legacy; one to be proud of. Their accomplishments and contributions are numerous. To view a chronological list of the club’s many contributions to our community, or to find out more about this extraordinary group, visit their website at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/thamesford.

The holiday season is approaching and some residents will be affected by the holiday garbage and recycling schedule. If Tuesday is your regular day for garbage and recycling pickup, then the following changes will affect your household:

- Tuesday December 25th garbage and recycling will be collected on Saturday December 22nd.
- Tuesday January 1st garbage will be collected on Saturday, December 29th.
- Be sure to have your items at the curb by 7am on your collection day.

If Monday is your regular collection day, then you will not have any changes to your collection schedule.

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 or visit the Oxford County Website at www.oxfordcounty.ca to order online. This publication contains all pertinent information on garbage, recycling and special waste programs scheduled from April 2012 to March 2013.

Christmas Tree Disposal

For all Township residents, natural Christmas trees can be taken to any Leaf and Yard Waste Depots to be recycled. Please remember to remove all decorations and plastic bags used for transportation.

The Leaf and Yard Waste Depot is located across from the Kintore Public Works Yards at 783036 Road 78.

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. Please note that the Oxford County Landfill site is closed on statutory holidays. Tipping Fees will be applied to each load (some exceptions apply).

The Oxford County landfill will be closed on Tuesday December 25, 2012, Wednesday December 26, 2012 and Tuesday January 1, 2013. Regular hours will be maintained all other days.

The Thamesford Lions Club will pick-up natural trees within the Village of Thamesford on January 3-4, 2013. Trees are to be placed at the curb no later than 9 a.m. on January 3rd, 2013.



**KEEP YOUR TREE
FIRE FREE**

**Keep all candles away
from the Christmas
tree.**

**Water your tree
daily.**



WINTER GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION NOTICE

Winter Garbage and Recycling Collection

Inclement weather in the winter months often leads to many problems for garbage and recycling collection. In some cases of severe weather, collection may be suspended or delayed. Check the Oxford County Website for details as it will be posted there immediately or call your local municipal office.

Tips for successful winter garbage and recycling collection:

- Place your garbage and recycling where it can be clearly seen and safely collected.
- Ensure material is free of snow and ice and is visible to the collection crew. Do not place material on top of snow banks.
- White garbage bags are difficult to see in the winter. Black or green garbage bags are best to use in winter weather.
- Keep a path from the road to your collectibles clear of snow and ice.
- Collection staff cannot climb over snow banks to pick up material. Safe placement of collectibles helps avoid worker injury.
- Keep material out of the path of snowplows and sidewalks. This may mean placing bags curbside (before 7:00 am) on collection day. Broken bags may not be collected, and clean up is your responsibility.
- Should you have acceptable on-site storage, you may wish to not set out materials during times of extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall).
- Place bag tag around the neck of the garbage bag so that the ends of the tag are stuck to one another. This will prevent lost tags as some tags may not stick to a cold plastic bag.

For more information please call the Oxford County Public Works Department at 519-539-9800, extension 3114.

Robert Walton, P. Eng.
Director of Public Works
County of Oxford

NEW BLUE BOXES!

Oxford County recently purchased a large quantity of durable blue boxes. These blue boxes come in two sizes - 16 gallon for papers and 22 gallon for containers. As a result of this bulk purchase the County was successful in securing reduced pricing while quantities last.

For those of you interested in having a lid for your blue box, lids can be for purchase at a cost of \$1.50 each.

To purchase new boxes and lids, simply visit the Township of Zorra Office or the County administration building at 21 Reeve Street, Woodstock.

**NEW: Blue boxes are also available for sale at the Embro West Zorra Community Centre and the Thamesford District Recreation Centre.*



16 gallon bin only \$4.50 (Papers)

22 gallon bin only \$5.50 (Containers)



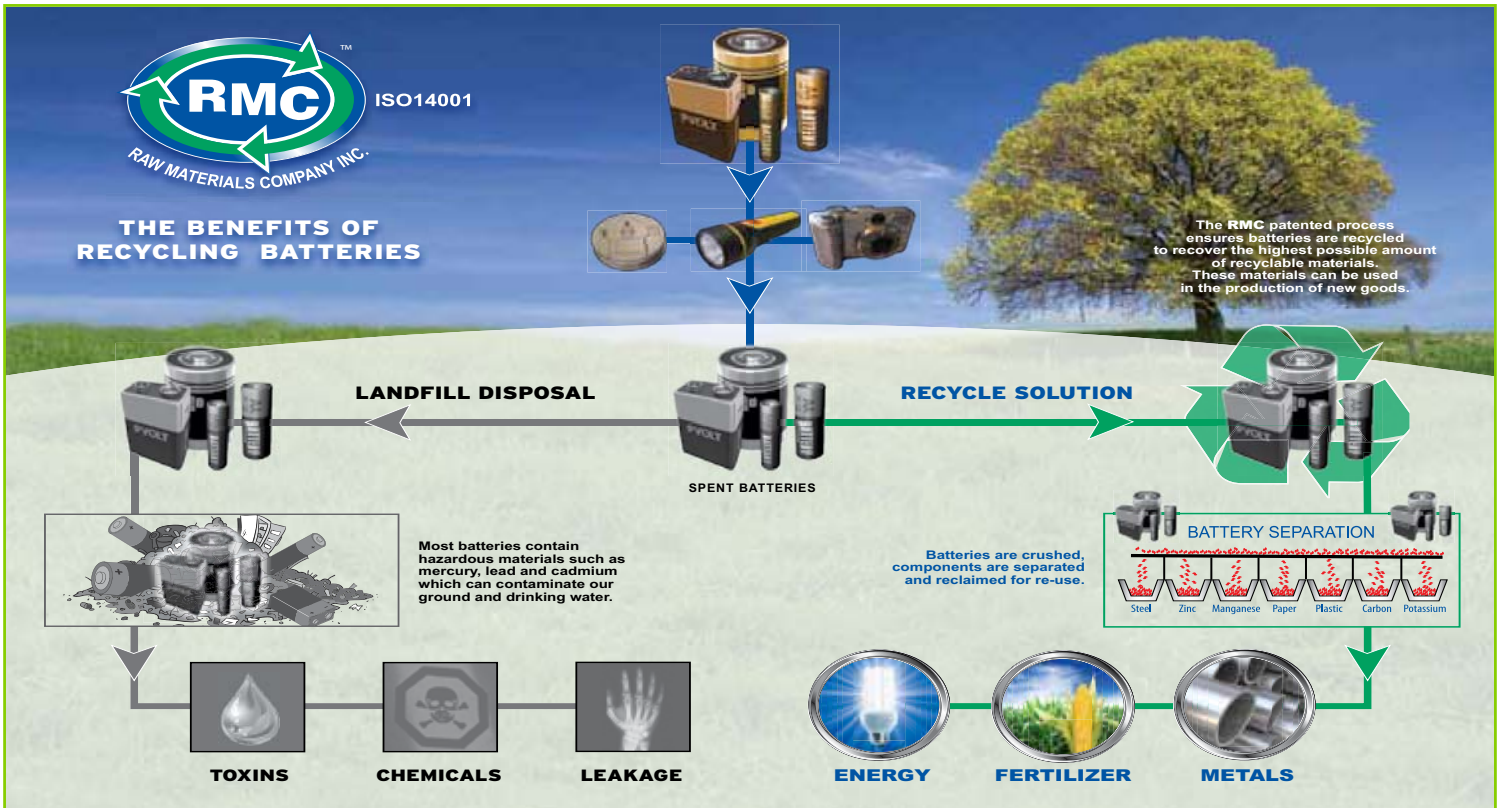
BATTERY RECYCLING

The Township of Zorra has started a free program for recycling of household batteries through Raw Materials Company Inc. (RMC). The program is being offered at four locations throughout the Township:



- Township of Zorra Municipal Office, 274620 27th Line, RR 3, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J6 519-485-2490
- Thamesford Arena, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 519-285-2236
- Embro Arena, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON N0J 1J0 519-475-6909

Please feel free to drop off your batteries at any of the above locations.



Thamesford Events

Thamesford Santa Clause Parade December 23rd, 2012 at 6:00 pm

Thamesford Arena

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (ends March 31)
2:00 to 3:00 pm Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Tuesday (ends March 26)
9:30 to 10:30 am

Adult/Senior Skate:

Every Tuesday (ends March 26)
10:30 to 11:30 am

December 2012

Lions Community Carol Sing
Sunday, December 2 at 7:00pm

FREE Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

December 23, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
December 27, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
December 30, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

January 2013

Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

January 3, 2013 2:00 to 3:00 pm
January 4, 2013 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Higgins Old Shifters Tournament

January 24-27, 2013 (Dance on January 26)

February 2013

Thamesford Minor Hockey – Las Vegas Night
February 9, 2013

Lions Family Day Event

February 18, 2013
Free skating 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Food and Silent Auction in the Hall

March 2013

Thamesford Skating Club Carnival
March 23, 2013

Lions Ham Hassel

March 28, 2013

Ice Ends March 31, 2013

(depending on the Thamesford
Trojans Playoff Schedule)

Embro Events

Embro West Zorra Community Centre

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (ends March 24)
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Except Holidays and March 10 & 17

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Wednesday (ends March 27)
10:00 to 11:00 am

Adult Skate:

Every Wednesday (ends March 27)
11:00 to 12:00 pm

Pick-Up Hockey

Every Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 pm
Contact Dave Lee 226-228-3769

December 2012

FREE Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

December 23, 2012 2:00-3:00p.m.
December 27, 2012 2:00-3:00p.m.
December 28, 2012 2:00-3:00p.m.
December 31, 2012 2:00-3:00p.m.

January 2013

Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

January 2, 2013 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
January 3, 2013 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
January 4, 2013 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

March 2013

Ice Ends March 31, 2013

Beachville Museum Open House December 2nd – 2:00 to 4:00 pm



Special thanks to
Tim Hortons for sponsoring
our Christmas Public Skating.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Thamesford District Recreation Centre will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24th, 2012 and will open on December 27th, 2012. It will also close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31st, 2012 and will open on January 2nd, 2013.

The Thamesford District Recreation Centre will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2012 as well as January 1, 2013.

The Embro West Zorra Community Centre will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24th, 2012 and will open on December 27th, 2012. It will also close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31st, 2012 and will open on January 2nd, 2013.

The Embro West Zorra Community Centre will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2012, however will be open for ice rentals on December 31st, 2012 – Please contact 519-475-6061 for availability.



ZORRA SPORTS!

Thamesford's Christine Reid finishes 30th in Age Group At New Zealand World Tri Games!

Christine Reid of Thamesford, Ontario came in at 3 hours 14 minutes and 17 seconds making her 30th in an age group of 43 women (55-59) at The New Zealand Tri Games on October 22, 2012. Congratulations Christine!!

Please contact the Township Office if you have any interesting and exciting Sports News regarding local athletes!!

THE OXFORD COUNTY Trails Council



Walking and hiking is an activity that is almost universally enjoyed by all. But where do you find new and interesting walking trails? Who can you talk to about improving your favourite trail? The answer may be closer than you think. The Oxford County Trails Council (OCTC) is a community-based, non-profit organization composed of Oxford residents working for the development, coordination, linking, preservation and use of trails in Oxford County.

The members of the Oxford County Trails Council share a common vision for the future that includes coordinated trail development and development of a County Trails Master plan.

The principal goals of the OCTC are to create, maintain, rehabilitate, enhance, and protect trails in order to provide easily accessible opportunities for the public while encouraging public use of trails for a healthy lifestyle and for the appreciation of nature. This will require that OCTC members work to educate the public on responsible trail use and respect for the designated uses of the trails.

On an ongoing basis, OCTC intends to restore damaged trails and the habitats surrounding them, while encouraging community involvement in stewardship of the land and, all the while providing a united voice to advocate for non-partisan political support of trails and for the purchase and/or preservation of the open space that will best serve the public good.

For information about OCTC activities or membership in the organization check out www.oxfordcountyltrailsCouncil.ca or phone 519-536-9122.





On now!

Remembrance Day and Early Oxford 1812-1814 War exhibit.

Come in and learn something new about Oxford's part in the wars and our development through time. Admission is free. Exhibit runs until the end of 2012.

On December 2, 2012, the Beachville District Museum will be holding a

Christmas Open House. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate from 2-4pm.

Also coming soon is our Annual Baseball Game, keep an eye out for more information on this fun event!

Hours: Mon-Sat 9:30-4:30, Sun 1:00-4:30
584367 Beachville Rd. P.O. Box 220,
Beachville, Ontario, N0J 1A0

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175TH anniversary celebration!

Plans for 2013 anniversary event are underway at the **BEACHVILLE DISTRICT MUSEUM** to celebrate the 1st recorded baseball game in North American played on June 4, 1838.

Festivities will be held over 2 weekends; May 25 & 26 and June 1 & 2, some of the activities; baseball games being played by a number of teams including the London Tecumsehs and Woodstock Actives, Canadian Tug of War Association Teams will be present May 26. Saturday, June 1 an Outdoor Market with hand crafted items including live alpacas on-site. Both weekends will exhibits, a balloon artist, face painter, entertainment and food vendors. Randomly selected attendees will be asked a Baseball Trivia question, answer correctly and they win a free prize!! There is also

the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for some great prizes - take a moment to review the blog created for the 175th anniversary which is updated regularly www.beachvilledistrictmuseum.wordpress.com . Need more information contact Sue Howe, 519-287-9996 or beachvillemuseum@gmail.com

Harrington & Area Community Association 2013 Garden Tour

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Trees Available!

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority has trees & grants available for spring 2013. Landowners who reside in the Upper Thames River watershed and own a minimum of 1 hectare (2.5 acres) are eligible to participate in the UTRCA's Tree Planting on Private Lands program.

The program offers:

- Large stock trees (coniferous and deciduous)
 - Seedlings (coniferous and deciduous species, as well as wildlife shrubs)
- Trees purchased through this program may be planted by the landowner or through the UTRCA's full planting service.

Please contact

John Enright,
UTRCA Forester at
(519) 451-2800 ext. 243 or
enrightj@thamesriver.on.ca for more information.

**Upper Thames River Conservation
Authority**
1424 Clarke Road
London, Ontario N5V 5B9
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www.thamesriver.on.ca



*Township of Zorra
Memorial Trees*

The Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Program was established in 1995 by the Zorra Cemetery Committee and Council in co-operation with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (U.T.R.C.A) and various funeral directors in the immediate area.



Memorial trees are planted in various public locations throughout the Township. Planting takes place annually in the Spring at a pre-selected and approved site made in consultation with the U.T.R.C.A. A donation may be arranged through the Township of Zorra or one of the participating funeral directors. The name of the deceased will be published in the "Memorial Tree Dedication Record."

The current cost of having a memorial tree planted is \$40.00. (An income tax receipt will be issued by the U.T.R.C.A).

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THAMESFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION Street Beautification Project



Anyone travelling through Thamesford over the past year will note that we have two new additions to Thamesford Business Association's ongoing Street Beautification project! At the corner of Dundas and George Street a beautiful perennial garden was created featuring Thamesford's very own Inuksuk as a focal point, surrounded by many donated flowering plants, and rocks. You may note that our Inuksuk charmingly dresses for the occasion and can be seen with his Santa's hat, Valentine's, St. Patrick's day, and Easter attire, bringing smiles to the faces of many travelers along our busy Dundas Street. A park bench was donated by the family of the late Helen Kepinski in her memory for area residents to sit and admire this new garden and chat with people passing

by. Eric Tonnisen created his woodworking magic once again with yet another wooden bench, that is flanked by bushes creating another tranquil area for pedestrians to have a rest and visit with their neighbours. Many Thamesford Business Association members, residents passing by as we were working and resident Thamesford Business Association members donated their time, talents and materials to add some visual interest to this corner of our busy main street. Many thanks to Rocks, Blocks and Stones for their work and donations of pea gravel and stones as well as our engraved stone marking this new park. Two park benches donated in memory of Sy Glover and Ron and Nita Hogg are a welcome place to rest between the flowering pear trees in front of Thamesford Variety and Thamesford Pizza.



Thanks to a generous donation from RBC Royal Bank, Thamesford Branch a beautiful new Park was created at the entrance to our new Municipal Parking lot. Paving stones, a Pergola, two new benches and beautiful wooden flower boxes filled with flowers, perennials and flowering trees make this area a show stopper! We have received many compliments from area residents. This garden was created by the skilled craftsmanship of Eric Tonnisen and as always Eric's skill and creativity make it one of a kind! Many volunteers helped Eric donating their time and labour and the finished product is something that Thamesford can be truly proud of for many years to come! The Thamesford Business Association has been working hard for the past 11 years improving our main street with its perennial flower beds in our medians, banners, hanging baskets, benches and concrete flower boxes and garbage cans, Christmas lights and decorations throughout town. This is a labour of love, and we cannot thank everyone enough who have joined us year after year working hard to create and maintain our projects! We are the entrance to Oxford County and Zorra Township and we hope the many passersby think Thamesford is a pretty little Village and area that they may wish to make their home or start their new business! We welcome any volunteers to join us!!!

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EMBRO WEST ZORRA NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE ROAD SIGN

The road sign was installed at the EWZCC on July 6, 2012 and fully became operational on November 1, 2012.

The new LED board is fully customizable. The Recreation Department is able to put up the date, time, outside temperature, and any upcoming events



at the arena. The display is in red letters and can have three different lines, double sided.

If you have an event at the EWZCC and wish to have a message put up, please let the recreation staff at the arena know and they will be more than happy to do this for you at no cost.

Municipal Holiday Closures

The Municipal Office will be closed at 1:00 p.m. on Monday December 24th, 2012 and will re-open Wednesday January 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

In case of an emergency requiring Township staff, please call 519-485-2490 and leave a message at extension 226.

Messages will be monitored on a daily basis and forwarded to a contact person.

At any time during this holiday season, the Township Public Works Department will provide service if weather conditions warrant snow removal to ensure public safety.

Merry Christmas

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- birthday and anniversary scrolls
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- explaining how new legislation will affect you
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Township of Zorra Hunting Regulations

Sunday Gun Hunting in the Township of Zorra is prohibited. For further information visit the Ministry of Natural Resources website: www.mnr.gov.on.ca

In accordance with Township By-law #43-09, Municipal licenses are not required for hunting rabbit and pheasant in the Township of Zorra



Safety Tips for Winter Walking

When the winter air is crisp and the ground is covered with snow, there's nothing like taking a walk to enjoy the beauty of the season — and walking is one of the best ways to keep fit.

On the other hand, winter can be a challenging time of year to get out and about. Freezing rain, icy surfaces and piles of hard-packed snow pose a hazard for the innocent pedestrian.

A few simple measures can make it safer to walk outdoors in the winter. Removing snow and ice, putting sand or salt on areas where people walk, and wearing the right footwear all make a big difference.

Basic Precautions

The Canada Safety Council offers seniors some practical suggestions to stay active in winter.

As winter approaches, outfit yourself for safe walking:

Choose a good pair of winter boots. For warmth and stability look for these features:

- well insulated and waterproof;
- thick, non-slip tread sole;
- wide, low heels; and
- light in weight.

Ice grippers on footwear can help you walk on hard packed snow and ice.

But be careful! Grippers become dangerously slippery and must be removed before walking on smooth surfaces such as stone, tile and ceramic. Before buying the grippers, be sure that you are able to attach and remove them from your boots, this is best done sitting down.

Use a cane to help with balance. Have it fitted to the right height for you. When your cane is held upside down, the end should be at wrist level. Speak to your doctor, pharmacist or local public health department about how to use your cane properly. Attach an ice pick at the end of your cane. Cane picks will be slippery on hard surfaces so be sure to flip it back as you get indoors. Picks are available at most drug stores.

Wear a hip protector (a lightweight belt or pant with shields to guard the hips). It can help protect the hips against fractures and give added confidence.

Help other road users see you by wearing bright colors or adding reflective material to clothing.

Prevent heat loss by wearing a warm hat, scarf, and mittens or gloves. Dressing in layers may also keep you warmer.



Source: Canada Safety Council
www.safety-council.org

Safe Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling has become a very popular winter sport for Canadians. There are currently over 700,000 registered snowmobiles in Canada and over 125,000 kilometers of snowmobile trails.

Every year people are injured and killed while participating in a pastime that should be remembered with only fond memories. Injuries and deaths that are related to snowmobiling can be prevented. Frequently reported contributing factors in collisions include excessive speed, drowning, unsafe operation, inattention, and operating under the influence of alcohol.

One of the safest snowmobiling rules is never to cross lakes or rivers. Besides the danger of plunging through the ice, you have far less traction for starting, turning and stopping on ice than on snow. Collisions

on lakes account for a significant number of accidents. Don't hold the attitude that lakes are flat, wide-open areas, free of obstructions. Remember, if you can ride and turn in any direction, without boundaries, so can other riders. The threat of a collision, then, can come from any direction.

However, if you do snowmobile on the ice, make absolutely sure the ice is safely frozen. Don't trust the judgment of other snowmobilers. You are responsible for your own safe snowmobiling. Drowning is a leading cause of snowmobile fatalities. Consider buying a buoyant snowmobile suit. If you go through the ice, remember that your snowmobile suit (even a non-buoyant one) and helmet may keep you afloat for several minutes. Slide back onto the ice, using anything sharp to dig in for better pull. Kick your feet to propel you onto the ice, like a seal. If the ice keeps breaking, continue moving toward shore or the direction from which you came. Don't remove your gloves or mitts. Once on the ice, roll away from the hole. Don't stand until well away from the hole.

Source: Canada Safety Council www.safety-council.org



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Upcoming Council Meetings:

2012

December 4 9:30 a.m.
December 18 6:30 p.m.

2013

January 8 9:30 a.m.
January 22 6:30 p.m.
February 5 9:30 a.m.
February 19 6:30 p.m.
March 5 9:30 a.m.
March 19 6:30 p.m.
April 2 9:30 a.m.
April 16 6:30 p.m.

Township of Zorra Employee Announcements

The Township of Zorra Staff would like to congratulate Jim Manzer on his recent appointment as the Thamesford District Fire Chief.

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Embros West Zorra Community Centre
519-475-6061
Email: ewzcc@zorra.on.ca

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool
519-285-3063

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and Happy New Year from the Township of
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Zorra Skating Club	519-475-4646
Embros Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embros Minor Soccer Association	519-475-4210

Kintore:

Kintore Minor Soccer	519-283-1120
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Thamesford:

Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3401
Thamesford Skating Club	519-461-0291
Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Ball	519-285-5521
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-285-9936
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	519-268-2232
Thamesford NBC League	519-285-2164
Zorra Girls Hockey	519-461-0347

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Embros

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Kintore

A.J. Baker Public School	519-283-1098
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Thamesford

Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
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Thamesford Lion's Club	519-285-2734
Kintore Optimist Club	519-283-6321

Other

Alzheimers Society	519-421-2466
Beachville District Museum	519-423-6497
Caledonian Society	519-475-6765
Calithumpian Committee - Andrea Wright	519-285-5129
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Embros West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embros Library	519-475-4172
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Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-3749
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President: Sam Coghlan	519-475-4097
Harrington Public Library	519-475-6909
Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222
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Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts	519-485-3070
MacKenzie, Dave MP	519-485-5225
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OPP	800-265-7191
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Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3496
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
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David Blight (President)	519-432-2729
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