

Mosquito Squadron Soars into Zorra

By Karen Calder - Story Page 12

Message from the Mayor Margaret Lupton



As I write this I have just returned from the "Official Opening" of the Thamesford Farmer's Fresh Market. This project is a huge success providing a very valuable service to all who attend. Many thanks go to TBA and especially Liz McKinnon and Marie Keasey who have worked faithfully each Thursday afternoon and, I am sure, many times in between, to make sure things go smoothly. Today along with

several booths selling fresh fruits and vegetables, we had vendors with maple syrup, honey, homemade chocolates, Tupperware, delicious baking and potpourri. There was a face painting booth, another with information regarding Save AJ Baker and an ice cream vendor offering free cones. I probably have missed someone and I apologize. Since Council first talked about cleaning up the area I have been hoping for just this kind of event taking place and I am so pleased to see so many enjoying the opportunity to purchase not only many quality items but also to have a chance to visit with friends and neighbours. Now I am wondering what we will do when the cooler weather arrives. Do you think there is any possibility of using the building on the property? We might not have as many fresh food vendors but at least until Christmas could we offer some booths with gift and decorating items, Christmas treats and baking?

Since the last Zorra Now edition we managed to hold a "gravel pit " meeting in the Harrington area, very few local residents attended and they are the people we want to hear from. We are reviewing the idea and may change the format slightly for next year. We realize most people are too busy to attend meetings so we are going to look for other ways they can express concerns or satisfaction with the way the pit is operating.

I want to comment on the work done by Steve Houston who had the idea of a beach volleyball court for Thamesford. He took on this project organizing the resources needed and managed, pretty well singlehandedly to get most of what was needed, donated locally. I very much admire his initiative and resourcefulness. People often have ideas for project but expect Council to provide what is needed. Steve has shown how much better local residents are at mustering support from the community and getting a project done by them for very little cost. Thank you Steve.

The landfill issues continue to take up a great deal of my time. Much work is being done behind the scenes in preparation for our opposing this proposal. The Peer Review team is busy reviewing documents and the steering committee of Mayors and CAO's communicate regularly. Be watchful for opportunities to comment as your participation will be critical.

After many years of service Ron Greason, Public Works Foreman at the Kintore Shop has retired. We are going to miss his knowledge and experience but I can tell you he retired for all the right reasons and we all hope he enjoys his "new life" for many years. Ross Ball was the successful candidate as the replacement and I have every confidence he will continue to be a great leader in the department.

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We are considering the possibility of combining both shops onto one property. Council has been talking about this for quite some time and in October we will be holding a meeting to hear your opinions of this proposal.

In September we will be holding an information session for anyone interested regarding changes to Special Occasion permits issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Committee of Ontario. If you or your organization is thinking of holding a fundraising event that includes the selling of liquor I urge you to attend. Rules are changing and Council will be obliged to enforce them or be liable in case of infractions.

Schools in Zorra are being reviewed under the ARC. A J Baker School at Kintore has been suggested as a school that would be closed. The community there is working hard to save their school. They will need your support in order to be successful. There is a survey on the Zorra website you might review and submit. With the number of children in Zorra decreasing and the serious concerns facing the School Board regarding limited funding, none of our school areas should feel safe. The risk for unwanted and perhaps unpleasant changes is very real for all of us.

Please remember to watch for announcements regarding public meetings which should be of great interest to all citizens. Council is looking for your opinions as we consider some significant changes in our Township. We are anxious to hear from you. Take time to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you and learning from you.

My Zorra



Within Zorra Township are individuals who graciously give of their time and efforts to make their community the best it can be. They do so quietly and, quite often, without rec-

ognition. If you know one of these special individuals within your community and would like to see them recognized for what they do, we'd love to help you by featuring them in MY ZORRA in the next edition of Zorra Now.

Simply forward, your name, your community, the individual's name, the reason(s) why, and a picture of the individual to admin@zorra.on.ca prior to November 1, 2013. **Be sure to mark the subject as MY ZORRA!**

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Dave MacKenzie

Member of Parliament for Oxford

Please contact any of my offices for assistance with federal government issues, such as employment insurance, citizenship, immigration and passports.

Celebrating a birthday? An anniversary? I would be pleased to arrange for a special greeting to be sent.

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Waste Management and Special Collection Programs



Waste Diversion Calendars 2013/2014

The County of Oxford mailed the 2013/2014 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 2013 to April 2014. Check out the Calendar for Waste Management Special Events & Collections.

Zorra Brush, Leaf & Yard Waste Depot

Location: 783045 Road 78.

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 all locations.

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. 519-539-9800

Tipping Fees will be applied to each load (some exceptions apply).

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.

Battery Recycling

The Township of Zorra provides 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
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By-Law Enforcement

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LEAVES/SNOW REMOVAL ONTO ROADWAYS

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

DOG CONTROL

Please be advised that it is a violation of by-law 3-95 to walk your dog without a leash. In addition it is also a violation

if your dog wanders off your property onto a neighbouring property or street. The definition of "Running at Large": A dog shall be deemed to be running at large if found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of any person. The charge for allowing a dog to run at large is \$105 plus a surcharge.

DOG BARKING/NOISE

The Township of Zorra has a noise By-Law, 69-2012, which prohibits the persistent barking from dogs in all zones of the Township. Persistent barking would be described as causing excessive noise that has disrupted residents in the surrounding area. The Zorra Noise By-law, 69-2012 states:

- 2. No person shall, at any time, emit, cause, or permit to be emitting or caused, any noise created by:
- 2.1 The persistent barking, calling or whining of any domestic pet.

The fine for a violation to the noise By-law is set at \$125.00, plus victim surcharge.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer at 519-485-2490 ext. 230







The Township Council is seeking two individuals to serve as the Township's appointees on the Rural Oxford Prosperity Corporation Board of Directors. To apply you MUST be a Zorra Resident.

The Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the Townships of Zorra, East Zorra Tavistock, South-West Oxford and Norwich and will be responsible for providing governance and direction to the newly established economic development corporation. The Board will meet on a monthly basis initially and bi-monthly thereafter. Given the mandate of the Board, Council is seeking individuals with experience in business, finance and marketing.

If you are interested in applying to serve on the Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest, by mail or email, to the below address by September 26, 2013. If you require additional information please contact the Township Office or visit the Township website at www.zorra.on.ca.

Don MacLeod, CAO, Township of Zorra P. O. Box 306, 274620 27th Line Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5 dmacleod@zorra.on.ca



What you need to know about **Cutting Trees in Oxford County**

Your property, your trees: can you cut them?

That depends. The Municipal Act gives Ontario municipalities the authority to restrict or prohibit tree cutting through forest conservation by-laws. This helps to safeguard the economic, environmental, health and aesthetic benefits private forests provide to an entire community.

Oxford County also has a Woodlands Conservation By-law that restricts or regulates the destruction of trees within woodlands or forests. This by-law gives the municipality the power to issue permits, impose and enforce conditions on how trees in a woodland or forest are harvested, or to require minimum qualifications of people involved in forest management.

Before you cut

If you are planning to harvest trees from a woodland (or forest) on your property, you must contact the County of Oxford Woodlands Conservation By-law Officer before cutting:

519-539-9800, ext. 3132 Toll-free 1-800-755-0394

A "woodland" is land that is at least one (1) hectare or more in area, with at least 1,000 trees of any size per hectare.

To remove single trees, please contact your local municipality for regulations.



Ontario's tree cutting by-laws

The value of trees on our ecosystem and economy are well understood today, but that wasn't always the case. From the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, southern Ontario forests suffered from overharvesting for timber.

Although tree-planting legislation in this time period attempted to respond to this problem, it wasn't until 1946 that the Province granted stronger powers to municipalities under the Trees Conservation Act. This Act gave counties the authority to pass by-laws restricting and regulating the destruction of trees, and also allowed for the appointment of officers to enforce the provisions.

Today, it is the Municipal Act that consolidates all of Ontario's earlier tree conservation acts into one comprehensive law that protects the province's forests.

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ZORRA RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Are you interested in starting or participating in a recreational activity in your area? Is there an activity that you would like to see available for you? Recreation is a broad term and can include such activities as Zumba dance, yoga, karate, hiking, walking, ping pong, badminton, playing cards, a pick-up game of baseball, tai chi, teen dancing or even just a social time to meet and talk with neighbours and friends. Would you like to be the catalyst that starts the activity or just participate in any of these activities? Do you need a place to conduct these activities?





The Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee would like to help you with your wishes. The Township of Zorra has several buildings, halls, and fields throughout the Township that are available for more than just organized sports and these facilities can be available for your use at an adjusted rate.



Please contact the Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee at Township Offices at 519 485 2490 and speak with Lisa Teeple (Iteeple@zorra.on.ca) or Trevor Sanderson (tsanderson@zorra.on.ca) and let us know.



The next scheduled meeting for the Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee is September 30th 2013 at 7 pm at Harrington Hall.

ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

The Zorra
Community
Policing
Committee and
Zorra Council
would like to
introduce the NEW
Zorra Speed Sign!!



The sign has been and will be placed

at various locations throughout the Township! The speed sign is able to record data and will provide Township Staff and the Ontario Provincial Police with target areas throughout the Township.

The next scheduled meeting for the Zorra Community Policing Committee is October 2, 2013 at 7 pm at Township Office.

THAMESFORD DOG PARK WILL BE OPENING BEFORE WINTER 2013!



THAMESFORD OFF LEASH DOG PARK

- 1. Open from Dawn Dusk, 7 days a week.
- 2. PICK UP YOUR DOGS POOP don't make others do it.
- 3. Dog must have all vaccinations up to date and dog licenses.
 - 4. Use the off leash dog park at your own risk.
 - 5. Leash your dog while entering and exiting the park.
 - 6. Keep your dog in sight and verbal control at all times.
 - 7. No puppies under 6 months of age, female dogs in heat, sick dogs or aggressive/out of control dogs.
- 8. No play toys, balls or food of any kind allowed in the park.
- 9. Unsupervised children under 14 years are not permitted.
 - 10. If your dog digs holes in dirt, please repair holes.
- 11. Pitbulls as defined under the Ontario law must be muzzled and leashed at all times whether they are in an off leash dog park or not.
 - 12. No glass containers allowed at dog park.

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By Karen Calder for Zorra Now

Molly Nicholson proudly wore her Thamesford Fury (mosquito 2) uniform as she patiently waited at the dugout door. With the flagpole securely held within her hands, she intently watched as the two baseball teams lined up along their respective baselines; Dorchester along the third base side and London South along the first base side. There was heightened excitement in the air, yet she remained calm. Soon she would be directed to step onto the field and escort 1st R.C.R. Veteran Ron Young to the pitcher's mound, where they would serve as the colour guard for the opening ceremonies of the 2013 Eager Beaver (E.B.B.A.) Mosquito House League Playoffs.

With the colour guard proudly in place, the announcer invited all baseball fans to rise and join Ellie Teeple in the singing of the national anthem. Ellie Teeple, proudly wore her Fury (peewee) uniform as she delivered a strong and confident rendition of O Canada. Ron Young then presented Ellie with flowers, on behalf of the Thamesford Minor Baseball Association.

As the fans were seated, Alexander Barr, backcatcher for the Thamesford Fury 1 (mosquito) team, shook Ron Young's hand and presented him with the baseball for the ceremonial first pitch. Barr returned to home plate and waited. As the ball cut its way through air and into Barr's glove, you could feel the anticipation and excitement from players and fans alike.

The anticipation and excitement had been building throughout the week, as tournament play started midweek at both the North Park and the South Park. Eight teams had made their way to Thamesford to play championship







London, two from Dorchester and two from Thamesford, simply known as Fury 1 and Fury 2.

By Saturday, August 10, Thamesford's

North Park had taken on the feeling of a major league baseball park. Music was playing as baseball players and fans arrived. The Diamond Café was open for business and was serving up its delicious fare. There was a bouncy castle for the younger fans to enjoy and then there was the tent where raffle prizes were on display. The Thamesford Minor Baseball Association (T.M.B.A.) invited baseball players and their fans to bring three nonperishable food items for the local food bank. Those who did received tickets for the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive Draw. For those who forgot their food donation, they were invited to purchase ten draw tickets for five dollars. Half of the monies raised will be donated to the local food bank and the other half will be used for the programs of the Thamesford Minor Baseball Association (T.M.B.A.)

The tournament was double knockout format; this means that after your second loss you are out of the tournament. Unfortunately, despite playing great baseball, two losses came far too early for Fury 2; it would be up to Fury 1 to keep the hometown fans in the stands.

Fury 1, who finished the regular season in sixth place, would meet up with the 2013 E.B.B.A. League

Champions, the Crusaders, 11:00 Saturday, August 10 at the North Park. At this point in the tournament, neither team had suffered a loss, but soon that would change. They Fury would give the Crusaders a real savvy fight, but at the end it would be the Crusaders who would win this meeting, but the weekend wasn't over yet.

On Sunday these two teams would meet again. The Crusaders had a perfect record with no losses and the Fury had only one loss, which took place against this very team just the day before. On any given day, any team can win and the Fury proved that as they administered the first loss of the tournament to the Crusaders.

With records now tied, that meant a tie breaking game would follow. Again the Fury would not give up. Even when they found themselves losing 9-2 in the bottom of the final inning they would not quit. The team would score four runs before the Crusaders could administer the third out, ending the Fury's bid for the win.

As the two teams were presented with their awards, happiness, disappointment and pride seemed to blend together into a single passion for the great game of baseball.

The Thamesford Minor Baseball Association shares that very passion. This year the association had teams in every level from tee-ball to junior and don't forget there were two teams at the mosquito level, the Fury 1 and the Fury 2, who did their hometown fans proud!

For more information about the Thamesford Minor Baseball Association and for a list of the businesses who generously donated to help make the tournament so successful, visit www.thamesfordfury.ca.



Township Website

Please check out our New and Improved Township website!!!

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
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- 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.

****NEW***** Renting Zorra Township Facilities

The Recreation Department is pleased to announce that all Zorra rentable facility availability can be viewed from the comfort of your home at www.zorra.on.ca

Here are the step by step instructions on how to check availability and how to book your event.

- Step 1 Go to Township of Zorra Website from your home computer (www.zorra.on.ca)
- Step 2 On the right hand side of home page go to Quick Links
- Step 3 Click on the "Facility Availability" Link
- Step 4- Click on which facility you are wanting to check availability on
- Step 5 Here you will be able to cycle through each month of the year or following years
- Step 6 As soon as you have chosen the facility and date of your event and the date is still available, click on the link for either "Thamesford Booking" for Thamesford Facility's or "Embro booking" for Embro Facility's (this link will redirect you to a new email message, where you can now email in your request to book a facility). The recreation department will then respond to your email.

If you would still prefer to stop in at either arena or call to book your event that is still available to you.

Fire Prevention Week, October 6 – 12, 2013



what you heat. Always stay in the

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Fire Prevention Week runs October 6 – 12, 2013. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires and Get Cooking with Fire Safety!"

Cooking is the #1 cause of residential fires in Ontario.

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- Attempting to cook while under the influence of alcohol.

The Facts About **Cooking Safety**



Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires.

Don't leave your cooking unattended.

Keep an eye on your fries!

Cooking shouldn't kill make sure to:

- · Stay in the kitchen and pay attention when cooking!
- · Drink responsibly when cooking.
- If a fire occurs, get out immediately and call 911

Tax Department



The Final Residential, Farmland, Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential 2013 Tax Bills were mailed the last week of July, if you have NOT received your bill, please contact me immediately.

The 3rd Instalment is Due August 30, 2013 and the 4TH AND FINAL Instalment of your 2013 Taxes is Due October 31, 2013.

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN

Sign up now for the 10 or 12 month Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for 2014. If you are interested in enrolling in this payment plan for 2014, you can find an authorization form on our website at www.zorra.on.ca

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If your commercial or industrial property was vacant for a period of up to three months for 2013 you are eligible for a vacancy rebate. Applications can be found on our website or picked up at the Township Office. Deadline for submission is February 28, 2014.

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

Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to Kelly Hall, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer 519-485-2490 ext 222 khall@zorra.on.ca







212 Bysham Park Drive, Woodstock, Ontario, N4T 1R2 P: 519-539-7447 Ext. 229 F: 519-539-7332

Email: info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org

Fall 2013

For most of us our name is a stamp of who we are. We are proud of it and we want our Neighbours to be proud of it.

How can we make our name last long after we are gone? One way is through our family.

Another way is by creating an Endowment with the Oxford Community Foundation. This really isn't as difficult as it sounds. You can make a commitment to pay \$2,000 per year over 5 years and you can have a named Endowment in our Community Endowment Fund.

As grants are given on a yearly basis to Charities and Not For Profit groups from Oxford County who have a CRA number and are selected by our Grants Committee, your name will be mentioned each year as a reminder to the community of your ongoing commitment to Oxford County.

For more information about endowments and tailoring one to fit your expectations, please contact Keith Hudson Executive Director for the Oxford Community Foundation at 519-539-7447 or email at info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS



Uniondale Station

Lakeside Christ Church/Uniondale Firefighters Chicken BBQ Thursday September 5th

Dine-in or take-out from 4:30 to 6:30 pm 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 17th

9:00am-1:00pm

Adults \$8, Children \$4 at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre.

Contact the Thamesford Fire Station for further information at 519-285-2805.

Lakeside Triathlon



It is triathlon time again!

The Lakeside Triathlon will be held on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th, 2013.

MultiSport Canada is running the event and they have been granted permission by the County of Oxford and the Township of Zorra for road usage and for the police to manage short partial road closures during high traffic periods on both days. MultiSport can assure that Lakeside residents will still have access to their homes, however there may be short delays. The roads in use will be as follows:

Saturday September 14th

9:30AM to 11:15AM

 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)

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 September 15th

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)

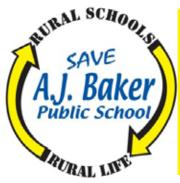
11:00AM to 12:00PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line both directions)
- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92)

More information regarding the MultiSport Canada Triathlon Series can be found at: **www.msctriathlon.com.**

A NOTE FROM THE.

Save AJ Baker Committee:





The Thames Valley District School Board has recommended that AJ Baker Public School in Kintore be closed. If you've been to AJ Baker School, you will know it is a close-knit rural school that fosters individual students to succeed in their academic lives within their community. The TVDSB is a large school board that tries to solve enrolment problems the same way whether a particular school is in a large urban centre, or a widespread population base. They have learned through a study they did themselves, that amalgamating schools into large centres does NOT improve outcomes for students. They can only say it will save money. BUT, what is the cost to bus kids 75 minutes to school? What is the cost of adding more staff to the larger school to accommodate the extra students? What is the cost to renovate a school to add students to it? What is the cost to lose students to another (closer) board or home-schooling? And, what is lost when a rural school is closed. Can that truly be said to be the right thing to do? We are parents who strongly believe that our one-hallway school is the best way for our kids to be educated. We have a library that is the best run in the board. We have excellent EQAO results. We have great safety and student participation rates. We are technically over-capacity with steady year-to-year enrolment. We do not believe any of the schools in the ARC should be closed... each serves its own area, and it is right that they do. What can you do to help? Go to www.saveajbaker.com or "Like" our Save AJ Baker School page on Facebook. As the school year starts, this process really hits the road. We need YOU to come out to our meetings (posted on those sites). We need YOU to make a presentation (we've even got some prepared for you, you just have to read it). We need YOU to think about what AJ Baker means, or has meant to you & do a presentation to the ARC. The next ARC meeting is September 26th and it is at AJ Baker. We would like to invite you to come on out to AJ Baker for a premeeting rally at 6pm. Check the website & Facebook page for more details. Wear your Save AJ Baker t-shirt & whatever blue & yellow clothes you have. Bring a sign! Let's show the trustees & the other ARC members how much our school means to us & to the kids.



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Thursday September 12, 2013

7:00-9:00pm Exhibit entries accepted

Friday September 13, 2013

8:00am-12:00 Exhibit entries accepted

12:00 noon Exhibits in place. Judging begins.

7:30pm Friday Night (Arena)

Official Opening, Ambassador Competition, Family Entertainment, FAPP, Silent Auction all weekend!

Saturday September 14, 2013

8:00am Gates Open

9:00am South Western Ontario Highland

Dance Competition (hall)

9:30am Parade Registration at Matheson Park
10:00am Open 4-H Dairy Showmanship
10:30am Parade begins at Matheson Park
11:30am Parade Awards at the fairgrounds

11:30am All Breeds Dairy Show

12:00 noon Meal available in Hall (Zorra Skating Club)
12:30pm Mayor of Zorra Showmanship Class
1:15pm Ingersoll Kiwanis 4-H Achievement Day
1:15pm Bennington/Cody's 4-H Achievement Day
1:30pm FREE kids activities (baseball diamond)

2:00pm Variety Show (arena) 9:00pm Exhibit Hall Closes

9:30pm 19+ Dance (Dry County Band)

Sunday September 15, 2013

8:00am Gates Open

10:00am Non-Denominational Church Service10:00am Heavy Horse and Haflinger Show

11:00am Brunch in the Hall (Sim School of Highland Dance)

11:00am Exhibit Hall Opens

11:00am Beach Volleyball Tournament

1:00pm FREE Kid's Activities
1:00pm Tug-o-War & Jr. Tug-o-War

1:00pm Baby Show

(Silent Auction Closes at Conclusion of Baby Show)

3:00pm Pet Show

4:00pm Pick up Entries from Exhibit Hall

www.embrofair.com





Recreation Department



Thamesford Events

Westminster United Church presents "JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT"

November 7, 8, 9, 15 & 16 - Dinner and Balcony seating November 10, 12 & 14 - Traditional seating

Tickets sales start on Saturday, September 28, 9:30 a.m. until noon at Westminster United Church 115 George Street, Thamesford. Please contact 519-285-2767 or email glpike@rogers.com for additional information.

Thamesford Arena

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (starts Sept. 29) 2:00 to 3:00 pm - Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Tuesday (starts Sept. 10) 9:30 to 10:30 am

Adult/Senior Skate:

Every Tuesday (starts Sept. 10) 10:30 to 11:30 am

September 2013

Professional Activity Day Public Skate Friday, October 11 and December 20 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Trojan's Junior Hockey Team Home Opener Friday, September 13 at 7:00 pm

October 2013

Flu Clinic - October 23 at 2:00-8:00 pm

November 2013

Thamesford Firefighter's Breakfast Sunday, November 17 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm Admission: Adults \$8, Children (Under 12) \$4

Lions Tribute Night Dinner and Show - Viva Las Vegas Friday, November 15

Contact: Linda at 519-285-5123

December 2013

Lions Community Carol Sing Sunday, December 1st

Embro Events

Thistle Theatre presents "Opening Night"

by Norm Foster

Directed by: Ed Williams - Produced by: Ann Parker Embro Town Hall

November 7, 8,9 at 8:00pm, November 10 at 2:00pm November 14, 15, 16 at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$20 per person, \$18 per member

Tickets will be available online at www.ticketscene.ca OR Contact Chris and Nancy Cockle at 519-475-4201

Embro West Zorra Community Centre

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (starts October 6)

2:00 to 3:00 pm Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Wednesday (starts October 9)

10:00 to 11:00 am

Adult Skate:

Every Wednesday (starts October 9)

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Yoga Sessions

Every Tuesday

7:30 to 8:30 am \$12 for drop in or \$70 for 7 weeks

9:00 to 10:15 am \$15 for drop in or \$84 for 7 weeks

10:45 am to 12:00 pm \$15 for drop in or \$84 for 7 weeks

Contact Christine Mathias 519-488-1630

September 2013

Knox United Church Barbeque Wednesday, September 4 Contact: Mary Ellen Garner 519-475-4437

Zorra Skating Club Registration Saturday, September 7 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday, September 11 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Contact: Colleen Shrigley 519-475-4395

Embro Fair September 13 to 15 Contact: Carol Hanlon 519-485-0668 or Marie Scholl 519-475-0187 or Natalie Hazeleger 519-949-4978. Embro Fall Fair Events Calendars are available at the Township of Zorra Office.

November 2013

Knox United Church Craft Show Saturday, November 9 Contact: Ann Cooper 519-285-2232

Caledonian Society -St. Andrew's Night Friday, November 29 Contact McKays Food Land

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Fish Fry Saturday November 2 Contact Natalie Hazeleger 519-949-4978

Public Works Department Centralization of Shops Public Consultation Process

The Township of Zorra Council has formed a Committee to examine the future housing needs of the Public Works Department. This was due to the age of the existing public works shop in Embro and Kintore, ongoing and anticipated repair costs, Building Code deficiencies, occupational health and safety concerns for employees and visitors, as well as the ability to serve future needs. The Committee carried out a thorough review of our existing facilities, noting building deficiencies and the feasibility of correcting and improving the existing shops in Kintore and Embro. The Committee also toured recently constructed shops as a review of current construction practices for public works shops.

The Committee has made a recommendation to Council that a new centralized public works shop be constructed near the geographic centre of the Township and/or enlarge the Kintore Shop property and construct a new shop there.

In order to assist Council in the decision-making process, a public meeting is scheduled to be held on October 10, 2013, in the Township Council Chambers at 7:00 pm. Additional information will be available on the Township website at www. zorra.on.ca. We would ask that all comments be submitted prior to the public meeting to:

Aden Corcoran, Director of Public Works Township of Zorra 274620 27th Line P.O. Box 306 Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5 acorcoran@zorra.on.ca Fax 519-485-2520 Ph. 519-485-2490 ext. 227

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

Most mishaps take place outside the bus, so here are someprecautions you can take:

- Don't let your children arrive at the stop too early. They may be tempted to wander or get into mischief.
- Make sure they know what to do if they miss the bus: come back home; or if at school, report to a teacher — and never, never accept a ride from a stranger.
- If the stop is a long way from home, plan and discuss with your children where they can go in an emergency.
- If it is dark on the way to or from the bus, make your children visible. Use retro-reflective tape on their clothing and avoid dark colors.
- Make sure they wait well away from the roadway, and stay well back until the bus has comes to
 a full stop and the door opens.
- Explain they must walk at least three metres (10 feet) away when crossing in front of the bus so the driver can see them.
- Forbid running, pushing and horseplay!
- Tell your children to come straight home from the bus no detours.

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



North Oxford History Book

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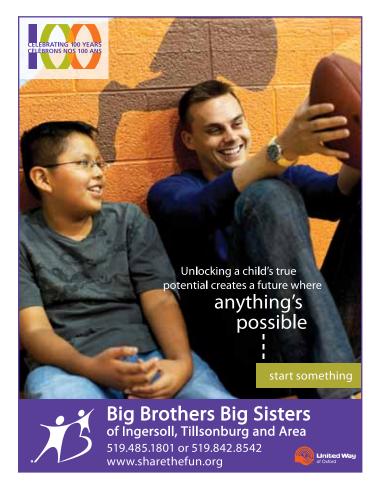
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Upcoming Council Meetings:

Sept 17 6:30PM Oct 1 9:30AM Oct 15 6:30PM Nov 5 9:30AM Nov 19 6:30PM Dec 3 9:30AM Dec 17 6:30PM

Above meetings are all at the Council Chambers – Township Office

Employees

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Chief Building Official/ Drainage Superintendent - Michael Hughes Phone: (519) 485-2490 Ext. 224 Email: mhughes@zorra.on.ca

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Email: egilbert@oxfordcounty.ca

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Administrative Assistant - Lisa Teeple Phone: (519) 485-2490 Ext. 221 Email: Iteeple@zorra.on.ca

Special Council Meetings

- Long-Term Financial Planning -September 23, 2013 4:30pm at Embro West Zorra Community Centre
- Embro Parkette Meeting September 23, 2013 7:00pm at Embro West Zorra Community Centre BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR WHAT TO DO WITH THE SPACE LOCATED AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF COMMISSIONER STREET AND COUNTY ROAD 6, EMBRO.
- DATE CHANGE Public Works
 Housing Committee Public Meeting –
 October 10 7:00pm at Council
 Chambers, Township Office

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Foreman – Embro Works Yard - Steve Oliver Phone: (519) 475-4088

Email: embroshop@zorra.on.ca

Foreman – Kintore Works Yard - Ross Ball

Phone: (519) 283-6335

Email: kintoreshop@zorra.on.ca

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Embro District Chief - Bob Ross Phone: (519) 617-2740 Email: embrofire@zorra.on.ca

Thamesford District Chief - Jim Manzer

Phone: (519) 617-2540

Email: thamesfordfire@zorra.on.ca

Uniondale District Chief - Paul Mitchell

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Email: uniondalefire@zorra.on.ca

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Recreation and Facilities Manager -Trevor Sanderson Phone: (519) 617-7977 Email: tsanderson@zorra.on.ca

Thamesford District Recreation Centre

519-285-2236

Email: tdrc@zorra.on.ca

Embro West Zorra Community Centre 519-475-6061

Email: ewzcc@zorra.on.ca

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool 519-285-3063

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519-421-2466

Minor Sports	
Embro:	
Embro Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-475-4646
Embro Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embro Minor Soccer Association	519-475-4210
Thamesford:	
Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Ball	519-285-5521
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-285-5408
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	519-268-2232
Zorra Girls Hockey	519-461-0347
Schools (Elementary) Embro	
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ZOTTA HIGHIANG PUBLIC SCHOOL	319-473-4121
Kintore	
A.J. Baker Public School	519-283-1098
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Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
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John Knox Christian School	519-539-1492

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

Other

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Beachville District Museum	519-423-6497
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Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area	519.485.1801
	or 519.842.8542

ingtburg@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca	www.sharethefun.org
Caledonian Society	519-475-6765
Calithumpian Committee - Andrea Wrig	ht 519-285-5129
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Canadian Cancer Society	888-939-3333
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Harrington Public Library	519-475-6909	
Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222	
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Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre	519-485-4691	
Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts	519-485-3070	
MacKenzie, Dave MP	519-485-5225	
Ontario Early Years Programs	800-539-9800	
OPP	800-265-7191	
Oxford County Jr. Farmers	519-469-3281	
Thamesford Block Parents	519-285-1126	
Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3249	
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219	

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T'TAG Contact: Keith Cosby 519-285-5126 Scouts - Thamesford 519-285-5835

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