

Zorra now

community events and services



Winter 2013



It's on with the Show
at the Embro Fair

Photography and Article by Karen Calder. Story on page 10



A great deal of my time lately has been spent dealing with issues connected with the proposed landfill. I have heard from very few Zorra residents and I would welcome your input. Most of the people who contact me have been told that Zorra is in favour of this proposal. Zorra Council is on record as opposing this project. No other stand would make any sense. We have so many questions

and concerns that “supporting” is quite out of the question. We are working with the Peer Review Team and they are the experts in all of the fields that need to be investigated for potential problems. In the end it will be the proponent who will have to prove a landfill could be established and run safely before any kind of support could be even contemplated. There are so many concerns but Number One with everyone is the safety of our groundwater. The process is expected to take many years and the arguments and decisions will be based, not on suppositions or fear mongering, but on hard science. I am very grateful to be surrounded by very capable professionals who are not only experts in their own field but have experience investigating similar proposals.

One good thing is that so many are seriously reviewing their own production of garbage and trying to find ways to have less. I am hearing of people delivering items to people who have found uses for them. Composters are again in demand and this time many are really serious about learning how to use them correctly. I have heard from people who after reading my comments about the Waste Management audit that showed that the average bag of garbage in Oxford County is really only one third garbage and that the remainder is material that could be recycled and/or composted, have stepped up their efforts to sort material correctly and are seeing great changes in amounts being sent.

The Rural Economic plan is moving forward and I believe the newly appointed Board will soon begin to meet. We had hoped for more applications for Zorra’s two positions but in the meantime I have agreed to fill one place. We are hopeful that after the election next year this group will have organized and moved forward and business people from Zorra will be anxious to participate.

Since the last issue Zorra Council has held special meetings for public input on projects under consideration. We have had good discussions with those who attended but I think there are many more who could have helped. The proposed consolidation of the two Public Works shops is a very large project financially and deserves serious thought. A committee has been formed to work on plans for the lot at Huron and Commissioner in Embro. I am hoping it will become a kind of “town centre” similar to what has developed in Thamesford. The market held there this summer was a real gift to those who participated and I know I miss the social activity Thursday afternoons.

Those of you who have asked for the signs indicating historic settlements in Zorra will soon see them in place. We may have missed some places and will welcome ideas for more locations to be marked.

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Over the summer the Heroes of Zorra project launched their website with the commemorative weekend in Brooksdale. This is a “living” site that can be added to. Information about you or someone you know would be welcomed. To be included you need to have been born in Zorra OR enlisted from Zorra OR have lived a period of time in Zorra. Statistical information, stories and pictures are all part of the site so please help us make it complete.

ARC reviews continue. Much time and effort is being spent trying to convince our Boards of Education of concerns re closing schools. There are many issues surrounding this process and emotions are running high.

I attended a conference in Woodstock this week based primarily on water and wastewater. The keynote speaker was a man from Walkerton who told the story in great detail and then proceeded to tell us about the survivors and the medical issues they will face for the rest of their (perhaps shortened) lives. It was one of the most compelling and heart wrenching events I have ever attended. No one realized until it was over that he spoke for about two hours. It certainly impressed upon many in the audience who work at County facilities just how important their work is and how critical it is that treatments are done accurately and well.

It seems early as I write this but I want, on behalf of your Township Council and Staff, to wish everyone happy celebrations over the coming Christmas Season and the New Year festivities. I am hoping we will all take time to share some of our joy with others. Again, thank you for the opportunity of working for you as your Mayor.



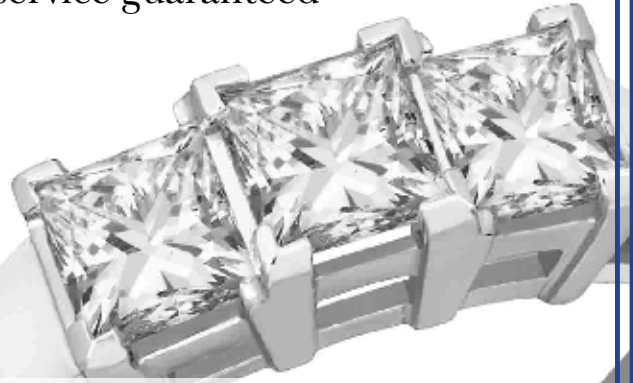
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Online or telephone banking is available for making monthly, arrears, or regular instalments. All banks accept Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill, starting after 3227.

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 2013 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, 2014.

WHEN WILL MY 2014 TAX BILL BE MAILED?

They will be mailed the 1st week of February, with due dates of Feb 28 and May 30, 2014. 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 2014 Tax Bill which are processed in August 2014.

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

Kelly Hall, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer
519-485-2490 x 222
khall@zorra.on.ca

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION (MPAC)

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Also filing a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) is a pre-condition to filing an Assessment Review Board (ARB) appeal for properties in the residential, farm or managed forests property class. The deadline to file an RfR is April 1, 2014.

ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

The Township Council is seeking one (1) individual to serve on the Zorra Community Policing Committee. To apply you MUST be a Zorra Resident. Appointment to the Committee expires on December 31, 2014.

The committee is to be composed of motivated and caring members of the community who will partner with their local police to resolve problems within their areas that are, or are perceived, to be police related matters. It is best to have a diverse group in relation to ages, professions, and interests.

This committee will provide a means of communication between the police and their community.

If you are interested in applying to serve on the Committee, please submit a letter of interest, by mail or email, to the below address by December 12, 2013.

Karen Martin, Clerk, Township of Zorra
P. O. Box 306, 274620 27th Line, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5
kmartin@zorra.on.ca

WINTER PARKING



Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15 and remain in place until March 31, 2014. Parking is not permitted on any road or street from 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. seven 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 the owners expense. The fine for this violation is set at \$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:

Thamesford District Recreation Centre – Entire property, 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 and Snowmobiles are prohibited on private property. All trespassing complaints should be forwarded to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Thank you for your co-operation.

For more information contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer at 519-485-2490 ext. 230

Public Works



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 18, 2013 to April 11, 2014.

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, holidays - as determined by weather conditions.

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.

Municipal Holiday Closures

The Municipal Office will be closed at 1:00 pm on Tuesday December 24th, 2013 and will re-open Thursday January 2nd at 8:30 am

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!

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



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 recognition. 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 **April 1, 2014**. Be sure to mark the subject as MY ZORRA!

Township of Zorra Fire Department



Union Gas Donates to Zorra Fire & Emergency Services

The Zorra Fire & Emergency Services is upgrading its emergency training materials with the help of \$5,000 credit from Union Gas. The Project Assist donation – part of a partnership between Union Gas and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council – was presented to the volunteer department by Ian Ross, Union Gas district manager for London/Sarnia.

Thermal Imaging Camera

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services receiving their new thermal imaging camera (TIC), from John Peter, sales representative for AJ Stone Company. The new camera is the first of its kind in Ontario, with features allowing for video and image capture, high resolution colour thermal imaging, laser range finder, 2X/4X zoom and built in compass to name a few of its features. The new camera will replace the older camera purchased some years ago through donation from Cold Springs Farm, (at that time) and the Thamesford Fire Fighters association.



Photo (L to R)

John Peter, Sales Rep - AJ Stone; John McFarlan, Fire Chief - Twp. of Zorra; Jim Manzer, District Chief - Thamesford Station.



KEEP YOUR TREE FIRE FREE

Keep all candles away from the Christmas tree.

Make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times.

Working for You!

Please contact my office for any of the following items or for help with any concerns you may have.

- Assistance with birth, death or marriage certificates
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- explaining how new legislation will affect you
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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

519-451-2800

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."



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Monday	Closed

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It's on with the Show

at the Embro Fair

Photography and Article by Karen Calder for Zorra Now

Anna Houston, a grade 2 student at A.J. Baker Public School, sat on the parade float. Her mood was as bright and warm as the September day. With the help of her parents, Brent and Polly Houston, Anna had successfully kept the secret which would soon be revealed to her unsuspecting audience. The stage for this reveal was set the night before at the opening ceremonies of the 155th Embro Fair

On Friday, September 13, the arena of the Embro West Zorra Community Centre was transformed into a theatre, complete with stage, lights and sound system. At 7:30 PM, Elaine Northmore, the M.C. for the evening,

stepped out of the darkness and into the stage lighting to welcome those in attendance. Warren McKay, the Fair Board's Volunteer of the Year, joined Northmore on stage and declared the fair officially open at 7:39 PM.

Northmore wasted no time as she introduced Teresa Walker, Martin Mason and Laura Langford as the judges for this year's Fair Ambassador competition. It was obvious their job would not be an easy one, as contestants Margaret Walton, Alexis Kramer and Thomas Knoops made their presentations and answered questions. Following the competition, Northmore instructed the contestants to exit stage right to the Green Room.

As the judges left to deliberate, Northmore was back at work introducing the play, *On with the Show*. The play, written by Sue Garner and Joan Veldman and produced by Deb Matheson, highlights some of the best treasured memories in Thistle Theatre's twenty-five year history. The written script was lifted from the pages and expertly brought to life by members of the all-star cast: Joan Veldman, Andrew Norris, Elaine Northmore, Hank Hazeleger, Ralph Flood, Peter Johnson and Deb Matheson. The audience showed their appreciation with resounding applause when the play ended.

As the cast took their bows, the comedy of





the performance gave way to the absolute suspense of the moment. Contestants and judges made their way on to the stage; joining them was Mary Walton, 2012-2013 Fair Ambassador, who delivered a heartfelt farewell speech. Northmore then opened the envelope and announced Alexis Kramer as the 2013-2014 Fair Ambassador.

The next morning Kramer felt the warm September sun on her face as she sat in the open convertible at Embro's Matheson Park. Riding in the parade would be one of her first appearances as the 2013-2014 Fair Ambassador. She was excited, but no more excited than Anna Houston who was patiently waiting to reveal her secret.

Along the parade route Ken and Deb Furtney heard the bagpipes and knew the parade would soon approach. As they watched the parade, they were very surprised to spot their granddaughter atop a float, holding her award winning pumpkin. Anna Houston's secret was finally revealed! Her grandparents now knew she had won 2nd Prize in the Biggest Pumpkin Category at the 155th Embro Fair.

As the parade disbanded at the Embro Fairgrounds, it was now on with the rest of the show as the various events continued throughout Saturday and Sunday.

To see more amazing photos of the 155th Embro Fair, visit www.zorra.on.ca/Information/ZorraNow

**Don't miss the Spring 2014 Feature Article:
*Business as Usual in Zorra***



Dave MacKenzie

Member of Parliament for Oxford

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Celebrating a birthday? An anniversary?
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MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2014



The next municipal election will be held on **October 27, 2014**

Running for the next Municipal Election?

Nomination forms may be filed:

- Between January 2, 2014 and September 11, 2014, at a time when the Clerk's Office is open (Mon.-Fri. 8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- On Nomination Day, September 12, 2014, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There is a \$100 filing fee for all positions, except for office of the Mayor which is \$200.

The fee is due when the nomination form is filed. Candidates will receive a refund of the nomination fee if he or she receives more than 2% of the votes cast in the election for the office.

Eligibility

Candidates must:

- Live in the municipality, be an owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of an owner or tenant
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be at least 18 years old on voting day

ELECTION 2014

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The holiday season is approaching and there will be NO changes to garbage collection for Zorra residents this year. Please be sure to have your items to the curb by 7am on your collection day.

Waste Diversion Calendars 2014/2015

Be sure not to throw out the current Waste Diversion Calendar as it provides information through to the end of April 2014. New calendars will be mailed out next spring. Be sure to refer to the calendar regularly for information regarding your pickup days as well as special collection events going on around the county.



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.

The Thamesford Lions Club will pick-up natural trees within the Village of Thamesford on Monday, January 6, 2014. Trees are to be placed at the curb no later than 9 a.m. on January 6, 2014.

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).



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.

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

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.

Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 251lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for Recycling.

Thamesford Events

Thamesford Santa Claus Parade

December 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.



Thamesford Arena

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (ends March 23)
2:00 to 3:00pm
Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Tuesday (ends March 25) 9:30 to 10:30am

Adult/Senior Skate:

Every Tuesday (ends March 25) 10:30 to 11:30am

December 2013

Lions Community Carol Sing
Sunday, December 1 - 7:00 p.m.

Free Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

December 22, 2013	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
December 27, 2013	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
December 29, 2013	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
December 31, 2013	2:00 to 3:00

January 2014

Free Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons
January 2, 2014 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Higgins Old Shifters Tournament

January 23-26, 2013 (Dance on January 25)

February 2014

Thamesford Minor Hockey – Las Vegas Night
February 9

Lions Family Day Event

February 17, 2013 Free skating 2:00 to 4:00pm
Food and Silent Auction in the Hall

March 2014

Thamesford Skating Club Carnival
March 29

Lions Ham Hassel
March 28

Ice Ends March 31, 2014

(depending on the Thamesford Trojans Playoff Schedule)

Embro Events

Embro Zorra Community Centre

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (ends March 24) 2:00 to 3:00pm
Except Holidays and March 9

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Wednesday (ends March 26) 10:00 to 11:00am

Adult Skate:

Every Wednesday (ends March 26) 11:00 to 12:00pm

Pick-Up Hockey

Every Saturday 9:30 to 11:00 p.m.
Contact Dave 226-228-3769

December 2013

Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

December 22, 2013	2:00-2:50p.m.
December 23, 2013	2:00-2:50p.m.
December 27, 2013	2:00-2:50p.m.
December 29, 2013	2:00-2:50p.m.
December 30, 2013	2:00-2:50p.m.

January 2014

Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

January 3, 2014	3:00 to 3:50p.m.
January 5, 2014	2:00 to 2:50 p.m.

March 2014

Skating Carnival
March 9

Ice Ends Saturday March 31, 2014

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Thamesford District Recreation Centre will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2013 and will open on December 27, 2013. It will also close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013 and will open on January 2nd, 2014.

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Harrington & Area Community Association

The Harrington & Area Community Association is a small, but vibrant group of individuals who give tirelessly of their time and talents to promote the tiny village of Harrington and its surrounding area. Fundraising events in support of the Mill renovations, Hall and other community projects are held throughout the year. Concerts featuring local talent such as Alison Lupton and Philip Kerr, as well as a series of Tribute Concerts (Patsy Cline, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Elvis, Neil Diamond,) have proved very popular, and have filled the Hall - formerly Broadview United Church - to overflowing! Our Pork BBQ - held at the edge of the scenic Harrington Pond is in its 13th year, and is successful due to the hard work of many community folk, as well as club members, and of course the patronage of those who come from near and far each year. An Antique Tractor display, and tours of the Grist Mill are also part of the BBQ. Country Dances are held a couple of times a year and are enjoyed by all who attend. The group organizes and staffs the Beer Tent at the Zorra Highland Games each year, and members have a wonderful time being part of that event. For the last 2 years they have also assisted with staffing the Beer Tent at the very successful Embro Tractor Pull.



HARRINGTON HALL HALLOWEEN PARTY

A children's Halloween party for the tiny tots of Harrington and area was hosted by Valery and Hillary Robinson, Kira Prekup, and Shelby Major. Twenty young ghosts and goblins played games and squirmed at the spooky decorations provided by the Harrington Community Association, Peggy Sheldon and the girls themselves.

Later a teen dance was held, followed at the end of the night with Diane Borman winning \$31.00 from a draw.



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The Rural Road Shows Arrive in Oxford County

What older adults in Oxford County DON'T know could fill a book. In fact, while we have an abundance of local programs, facilities and information available right here to older adults, very few even know where to start looking for information when we really need it. That is the problem that the 50 Plus Initiative is tackling with the development of the Rural Road Shows. In case you were wondering about the name "Rural Road Show", that label was chosen because, by provincial definition, everything in Oxford County is classified as being "rural" – even all three larger urban centres.

During the development of the Oxford Master Aging Plan, it became apparent that many older adults in Oxford didn't have a clue about the organizations and services that already exist to serve their needs. Most people would generally agree that it is important to do research in advance major decisions. We all spend some time checking out different appliances or cars before we buy one. But how many of us have already started researching assisted living residences? Or long term care facilities? We are all far better off by knowing something about issues that we may encounter in the future. The last thing you want to do is have to make a decision in haste and without the opportunity for examination and consideration of facts and options. But the reality for many is that a catastrophic illness of a loved one can result in the need to find long-term care or support services in a matter of days or even hours. A decision made in a panic is often a poor decision.

Each Rural Road Shows session will present up to 3 separate short presentations to familiarize older adults with some of the issues or services they might need now or in the future. Thanks to a grant from New Horizons for Seniors that will flow through the United Way of Oxford, the 50 Plus Initiative will present numerous sessions all across Oxford County between mid-October 2013 and April 2014. The topics will vary at each session.

At some sessions, you will find out the Ontario 211 program or how your local CCAC (Community Care Access Centre) serve you. Many program providers such as the Alzheimer Society of Oxford, Red Cross, Ontario Provincial Police, Canadian Mental Health Association, and topics such as estate planning, housing downsizing, seniors' recreation centres, retirement homes, funeral planning, adult education programs and more will be addressed both by professionals and expert volunteers. While some of the topics may make you uncomfortable, we all have to be prepared to address the reality that aging brings.

After each of the Rural Road Shows, you are invited to stay for refreshments and further discussion.

The Rural Road Show is coming to Thamesford Public Library (Beatty Room) on Monday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m and to Embro Arena on Wednesday,

December 11th at 1:00 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free. Please plan to attend.

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Gifts of a charitable donation reflect personal interest through the charity of choice and give satisfaction in knowing the gift will continue to benefit to society for years to follow. Canadian statistics show that one third of Canadians have an unwanted gift stored in a closet and eBay Canada reports that approximately the same number of Canadians re-sell unwanted gifts on their site post-holidays each year, so why not think about a charitable donation for the "hard to buy for" instead?

The Oxford Community Foundation offers a number of options for gift alternatives so people of all means can make a lasting difference in our community. The Foundation has flexible ways to ensure charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact by using pooled funds to make

charitable grants to community organizations in Oxford County. It also allows for donations to be directed to an area of interest including:

- Arts and Culture
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Recreation; and
- Social Services

Even one small donation made in lieu of a tangible gift can go a long way to supporting our community when many people choose that option. If this sounds like a perfect holiday solution for you, please contact Keith Hudson, Oxford Community Foundation Executive Director at 519-539-7447 x. 229 or by email at info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org to discuss how you can make a meaningful contribution this season.

The Oxford Community Foundation would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of Diane Stuart, one of our previous Board Presidents and a tireless supporter of Oxford County. Diane's Leadership was instrumental during the Foundation's formative years and we continue to grow the OCF with Diane's passion for community in mind. Our condolences to all of Diane's family and loved ones.



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Upcoming Council Meetings:

2013

December 3 9:30 a.m.
December 17 6:30 p.m.

2014

January 7 9:30 a.m.
January 21 6:30 p.m.
February 4 9:30 a.m.
February 18 6:30 p.m.
March 4 9:30 a.m.
March 18 6:30 p.m.
April 1 9:30 a.m.
April 15 6:30 p.m.

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Township of Zorra Employee Announcements Congratulations to Ron Greason on his recent retirement from the Township of Zorra!!

After almost 40 years of dedicated service with the Township of Zorra, Ron Greason, Public Works Foreman at the Kintore Shop retired this year. He will be missed but he has moved on to new adventures of spending time with his wife, two sons and grandchildren. I know his grandchildren will enrich his life even further as he enjoys his many endeavors in the retired future.

Ron served on the Township Health and Safety Committee for 10 years and made sure that the township members were safe. Ron served as a dedicated member on the Zorra Fire Services for 34 years. Ron was a Captain for 20 years and served 14 years as District Chief at the Uniondale Station.

We appreciate all the time Ron served and his dedication to the communities in Zorra. Best wishes Ron in your future adventures.



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