

Zorra NOW

community events and services



Spring 2016



The Thamesford Fire Station

Grand Opening

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Message from the Mayor

First a unique opportunity for all residents: Oxford Community Foundation is planning a “Roast” for Oxford mayors October 22nd, 2016. I am looking for someone willing to do the honours (?) for Zorra. It is only a very brief speech—and I will hold no grudges! Let me know if you are interested in this event designed as a fundraiser for this very worthwhile organization.

I just learned that a former resident of Zorra has made a donation to the Recreation Department as a “thank you” for experiences enjoyed in our arenas etc. years ago. The gift is very much appreciated but I think more importantly is the compliment to Staff members who continue to serve our public well. I hope you have met our new Recreation & Facilities Program Coordinator, Stephanie Starchuck. She comes to us very well qualified and already is making a difference. If you see her, please make an effort to welcome her....and watch for the new programmes. One of her responsibilities will be to formulate a Strategic Plan for her department. We have been wanting a Recreation Master Plan for quite some time but are hoping this will work until we have the funds required to formulate that document.

I welcome the Zorra Strategic Plan. You will see it referred to in every deliberation and decision made at Council. Find it on our website.

I am sure you have heard that after over a year of study the Province has approved the Terms of Reference for the Landfill Proposal. This is not a decision on the Landfill itself but rather an acceptance of a plan for studying the potential effect such a project would have on Zorra and the environment. The Plan was formulated by the proponent with additions and changes because of input from municipalities and individuals. We did not get all that we requested. This is now the time when the JMCC and its Peer Review team will be required to monitor very closely the investigations being done and the results presented. I encourage each of you to continue voicing your opinion of this proposal.

I have been following progress of the Oxford Sustainability Plan. I hope many of you attended their EXPO which was a huge learning opportunity. Evidently early results of the new Waste Collection Programme are positive but we all need to do more. Check the booklet (available at the Township Office). I constantly learn of new things I can recycle. Watch for the event April 23 at the Embro CC where you are invited to donate items of equipment from your office, household, etc. that are still useable but also to pick up, free of charge, donations from others you can use. There will be a place to dispose of electronic materials of all kinds—also free. Watch for ads for complete details.

I personally have become very interested in LED lights. They are not inexpensive but are guaranteed for 5 years and expected to last for 20 plus. They are much brighter than the lights promoted a few years ago and are said to pay for themselves within a year. I have replaced the lights in my home that I use most and am waiting to see the effect on my hydro usage. I have also learned to plug in my computer, TV and microwave to a power bar and to shut off these machines when not in use. If you keep the power bar visible it becomes an automatic thing to do and will cut down usage.

The Township Office has blue boxes and lids at very reasonable prices. Ask for the little “market” basket that will work well in bathrooms and rec rooms. They are stackable and I think will be very handy and inexpensive for storing all sorts of other items.

People continue to ask about our loss of the former McKay (Matheson) flyer which so many of us used as a reminder of local events. Is there some way we can get it going again? A student project? Or an organization? I realize there were costs to this but could we look for sponsors? Many people acknowledge they would gladly help financially. Think about this and contact me with your ideas.

Margaret Lupton







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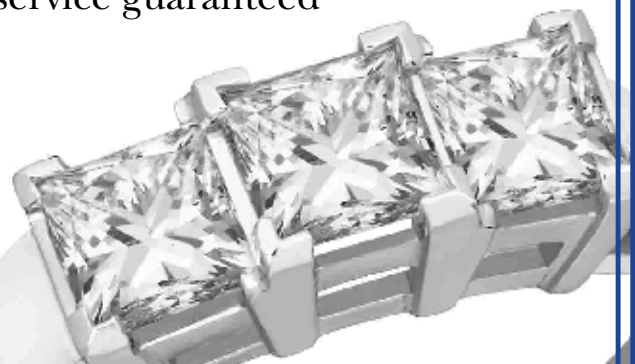
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TRAFFIC CALMING INFORMATION AND OPTIONS:

The Township of Zorra has received many complaints about speed, traffic volumes and truck traffic on roads and streets throughout the municipality. We have reduced speed limits, installed all-way stops, added crosswalks and painted roadsides in an attempt to alleviate these issues.

Traffic engineers refer to three "E's" when discussing traffic calming: engineering, education and enforcement. Some neighborhood traffic management studies have shown that residents often contribute to the perceived speeding problem within their neighborhoods, instructions on traffic calming stress that the most effective traffic calming plans entail all three components—that engineering measures alone will not produce satisfactory results.

What are some Traffic Calming devices?

- speed cushions
- raised intersections and crosswalks
- textured crosswalks
- curb extensions
- roundabouts



What are NOT Traffic Calming devices?

- traffic signals
- all-way stops
- 40 kilometres per hour reduced speed zones
- posted speed signs
- children at play signs
- rumble strips
- speed bumps

The following are options to be considered by Council.

- Installation of Speed Display signs. Subjective opinions are of the impression that these do assist in traffic calming. Cost of \$6,380.00 each plus taxes plus installation.
 - o **Pros:** Relatively low cost.
 - o **Cons:** Require maintenance, become a benign feature after people get used to them.

- Installation of all way stops. Cost is \$1,245 plus taxes for a three-way intersection and \$1,660 plus taxes for a four-way stop plus installation and subsequent removal of some of the signs following a 30-day period.
 - o **Pros:** Relatively low cost
 - o **Cons:** Not recommended by the Ontario Traffic Manual as a method of traffic calming, create driver frustration, cause premature road deterioration at intersections.
- Installation of elongated Speed Humps. Cost for a 4.0 metre wide hump is \$12,000 and the cost of three of a 7.0 metre width hump is \$18,900.
 - o **Pros:** Have some success with traffic calming.
 - o **Cons:** Expensive, difficult to maintain road in area of installation, cause excessive noise from acceleration/ deceleration.
- Installation of Speed Cushions. Cost for a set of four cushions would be \$4,800 plus the related advance signage and traffic marking for a total cost of \$6,100.
 - o **Pros:** and **Cons:** See above comments on Speed Humps.
- Installation of a traffic circles/roundabouts. This has not been costed but would require a survey, an engineering design and land acquisition. It is estimated the cost would be in the \$30,000 range.
 - o **Pros:** Eliminate head on and T-bone type of collisions, cheaper life cycle costing versus a signalized intersection.
 - o **Cons:** Difficult to construct in existing urban areas, require a bigger land footprint than a typical intersection, difficult to remove snow from roundabouts.
- Traffic medians in the middle of a block. The cost, without any widening of the curbs, would be in the vicinity of \$4,000.
 - o **Pros:** Relatively low cost.
 - o **Cons:** Become benign once people are familiar with them, maintenance becomes difficult especially during snow removal.

For more information, please contact:

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DRAINAGE - LEGAL OUTLETS:

With the pressure of too much work and not enough time, there may be a temptation to take shortcuts. We have been hearing about some tile drainage systems being directed to questionable outlets. This is a reminder that the following are NOT legal outlets:

- **Roadside Ditches:** You can only use roadside ditches as an outlet if permission is granted by the road authority. If permission is granted, we recommend that you secure the permission in WRITING.
- **Private Ditches:** Private ditches are private infrastructure and unless permission is given, another property owner has no right to connect a newly installed tile drainage system to a private ditch that flows across a neighbouring property. Similar to using a roadside ditch as an outlet, if permission is given, make sure it is in WRITING. If work needs to be done on the neighbouring property, make sure all parties are clear on cost-sharing and also that all parties are clear on the extent of work and the potential disruption of land.
- **Municipal Drains:** Municipal drains have a defined watershed; the lands within that watershed have paid for the construction and management of that drain and only these lands have the right to connect to the municipal drain. If you are installing tile drainage on a property, it is possible that only a portion of that property has the legal right to connect into that drain. If you are not sure, check with the local drainage superintendent before undertaking the work. If there is a section of land that is outside the limits of the watershed, you must ask for permission to connect those lands to the drain.

- **Wetland or low area:** Sometimes it's tempting to outlet a tile drainage system into a wetland area, particularly if the wetland is located on your client's property. However, before doing so, you should examine the area to determine if the outletting of the tile drainage system could be any impact on other property owners. If there could be, don't do it without first acquiring permission.

If a property owner is unable to secure an outlet, that owner has the right to petition their municipality under the Drainage Act for an outlet. Although it takes longer to get the outlet using the Drainage Act, when it is done, you can have confidence that the tile drainage work you perform will not result in legal action. If you still decide to take shortcuts on legal outlets, remember that the courts consider the tile drainage contractor to be an expert. You may want to check out the liability risk of you and your business.

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Drainage Superintendent
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Tax Department

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your tax bill.

Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to
Kelly at 519-485-2490 ext 222 or khall@zorra.on.ca



Township of Zorra Fire Department

FIREWORKS

Please keep in mind that the Township has a Fireworks By-law, #36-2014. The by-law regulates selling fireworks, displaying fireworks and special events.

All retail sales of consumer fireworks requires and application permit, fees, and approval from the Fire Chief or his designate.

All fines related to fireworks are set at \$200.00 plus surcharge.

If you plan on celebrating a national holiday (Canada Day, Victoria Day, Labour Day), with the use of fireworks, please review the By-law which can be found at www.zorra.on.ca, or contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Fire Chief for further details.

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Train4More in Rural Oxford

In 2016, you can Train4More with the assistance of the Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation. Train4More is a program designed by the ROEDC to address the widely reported gap in local access to skilled training.

According to Bernia Wheaton, the economic development specialist for this area, “by bringing technical training opportunities to Rural Oxford, we are assisting youth to access relevant training, while also giving employers the opportunity to tap into customized courses that meet the needs of their existing workforce.”

Local courses will be organized in a number of disciplines that include but are not limited to, Forklift Certification, Qualitative Fit Testing, Working at Heights, and Welding courses that are in demand in the local manufacturing sector as well as in agriculture. The ROEDC understands the need to stay in touch with industrial advances, and as such, will work with top training providers to deliver the programs that meet industry standards and requirements. Bringing this training to Rural Oxford ensures a highly qualified and competitive workforce.

To kick off the Train4More program, the ROEDC organized and sponsored a skills training workshop for a group of students at College Avenue Secondary School. Twelve students took the mandatory 'Working At Heights' training that is required by the Ministry of Labour for those working in construction. This course was delivered by the Technical Training Group [<http://www.technicaltraininggroup.org>] who has local instructors certified in the delivery of this critical training.

According to Wheaton, “The program was delivered at College Avenue Secondary School (CASS) because this school offers Construction as a high skills major. Students are currently being exposed to Construction technology, and will head toward this industry after graduation. Many will also complete co-op placements with local contractors and businesses and we want our future workforce to be certified and ready to contribute to our local economy.” There has been interest in further courses at CASS as well as numerous other schools in the county that offer courses in Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Construction.

According to the data provided in the Employees - EMSI 2015.3 report, Construction is Rural Oxford’s third largest industry, next to manufacturing and agriculture. Just shy of 1,000 jobs are attributed to construction, which is up from 569 jobs in 2006. That is a dramatic increase in the past ten years, and with employers reporting a shortage of skilled workers, the Train4More program is designed to fill that gap.

“The ROEDC believes that by investing in our future workforce, we can help youth show that they're serious about employment in rural Oxford, while also helping employers be as competitive as they can be,” Wheaton added.

To find out more about the Train4More program, visit the ROEDC website at www.roedc.ca/our-programs or contact Bernia Wheaton, the local economic development specialist for Rural Oxford and find out if your classroom or business can benefit from the Train4More program.



From left to right: Blair Couwenberg, a Grade 11 student from Norwich, Mark Jentz, a Grade 12 student from Sweaburg, and Tyler Grevers, a Grade 12 student from Woodstock were three youth who completed the 8 hour certification in Working At Heights. Tyler plans on pursuing a level one electrical apprenticeship after graduation.

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Contact Information: Rural Oxford Economic Development Specialist,
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Meet **Stephanie Starchuck**, Zorra's new *Recreation & Facilities Program Coordinator!*

The Township is pleased to announce that we have hired a new Recreation Program Coordinator. This is a newly created position that will really enhance our recreation services.

Stephanie has a diploma in Sports Administration & Physical Education from Mount Royal College in Calgary, as well as valuable experience that she is able to utilize here at the Township. Stephanie was raised in Thamesford and has resided there full-time for the past 10 years, which makes her very familiar with our municipality.



Stephanie will be responsible for the design, development and monitoring of community programming in the recreation/leisure field, as well as the operation of recreation services including administration and development of programs to enhance the quality of life for our residents. This position will oversee services and programs at Township recreation facilities including the arenas, pool, parks, playgrounds and open spaces. Stephanie will also be Township's liaison for user groups. Stephanie will be working out of Embro Community Centre and Thamesford District Recreation Centre. Feel free to contact Stephanie at ssarchuck@zorra.on.ca, or by phone: 519-617-7977



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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV's):

If you are an owner of a recreational vehicle (including trailers and boats) and you reside in a Residential Zone, please keep in mind that the Zoning By-law regulates both the size of RV/boat, location, and length of time to which it can be parked in your driveway.

'The owner or occupant of any lot in a Residential Zone may store or park not more than two recreational vehicles that do not exceed 9m (29.5 ft) in total length in the front yard of such lot for a total period of not more than 72 hours in one calendar month.'

You may park your RV at the interior side lot and or rear yard provided that it is more than 1 metre from the lot line.

SMOKING REGULATIONS

Please note that smoking and the use a smoking product is prohibited on any Township facility, including but not limited to municipal parkland, playground equipment, sports fields and spectator seating, at all times. Regardless of whether or not there is a "No Smoking" sign posted.

THEFT OF HISTORICAL SIGNAGE

There has been a number of Historical signs stolen from locations around the Township of Zorra. The Township of Zorra intends on pursuing criminal charges to anyone caught stealing signage or is in the possession of stolen property of any Township asset. Theft is a Criminal Offence described under Section 322 of the Criminal Code of Canada. The maximum punishment is set at 6 months imprisonment and or a \$2,000 fine. If you have any information to the theft of any Township assets, please contact By-law Enforcement at 519-485-2490 Ext 230 or the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

RULES ABOUT DOGS

As the weather is now changing and dogs are outside for extended periods of time, please be aware of the Noise by-law, 69-12 Section 2 (2.1), as it relates to barking; the result of which may be a fine of \$125. Dogs require a leash at all times when walking off of your property. They shall not wander (Running at Large) on public or other private properties, the result may be a \$105 fine. In addition all excrement must be picked-up as outlined in the Stoop and Scoop By-law 54-97, failure to do so could result in a fine of \$105.

YARD AND LOT MAINTENANCE

The main purpose of the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-Law is to ensure that all properties are maintained with consistency and with regards to safety and appearance. Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height less than 8 inches. Further, properties shall be free from industrial and domestic wastes, unlicensed motorized vehicles, excessive brush, heavy undergrowth and all noxious weeds.

The process for a Yard and Lot Maintenance inspection is as follows:

Upon inspection of a yard that does not conform to the by-law, the Owner will receive a Work Order from a By-Law Enforcement Officer in person or by mail. The order will notify the property owner of the items in need of attention, provide a reasonable deadline, and a notice that the property needs to stay within compliance for a 12 month rolling period. If, within time noted on the work order, the property still does not conform, the Township will charge an inspection fee of \$95 + HST collected the same as taxes and will arrange to have the yard remedied at the Owner's expense.

SWIMMING POOL FENCING

As the spring and summer weather quickly approaches, those who are considering installing a backyard pool must ensure that the pool and fencing meets the requirements of the By-law.

Please be advised that every owner of a privately owned swimming pool in Zorra Township shall erect and maintain a fence completely surrounding such pool in accordance with the provisions of By-law 23-08 known as the Pool Fencing By-law.

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

Where a deck is erected at or near the rim level of an aboveground privately owned swimming pool, the deck shall be fenced and gated and such deck fencing and gates shall conform to the requirements. In addition, no owner shall fill a privately owned swimming pool with water or allow water to remain therein unless a fence has been erected in accordance with the by-law. Once the fencing has been completed to the specifications as outlined in the by-law, the owner shall notify the Chief Building Official or the Township Building Inspector within 24 hours or by the next business day so that an inspection may be conducted.

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 vaccinations up to date and dog licence
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 the 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 park or not
12. No glass containers allowed at dog park
13. NO smoking, By-law No. 23-11 is in effect at the dog park

Location: 140 Allen Street Thamesford, ON

Thank you for your co-operation. If you have any questions about any of the Township of Zorra's by-law, please feel free to contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer 485-2490 ext. 230, or mpaul@zorra.on.ca

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The Thamesford Fire Station

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On Saturday March 5 the new Thamesford Fire Station opened their doors to the public for an official ribbon cutting open house. A large number of people came out to tour the new state of the art facility. Mayor Lupton and Council were in attendance to officially cut the ribbon, as well as to help serve up cake and coffee to those who wanted to check out the new facility.

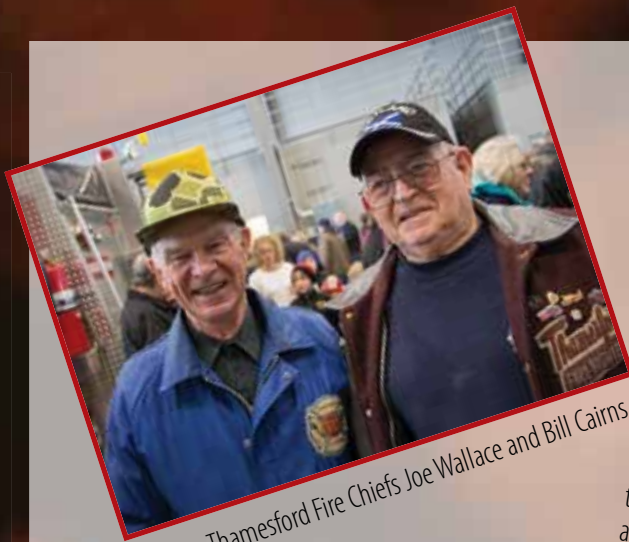
The previous Thamesford Fire Hall was built in 1968 and was located on Allen Street. The building of a new fire hall has been a project that has been several years in the making. In September of 2012 the Fire Station Committee was formed to officially start exploring the possibility of building a new fire hall. The committee was made up of members of Council and Township staff, all of whom wanted to assist with putting this idea into motion. In May of 2014 the Township purchased the property at 682820 Road 68 to build the new fire hall. The following year on May 1, 2015, the Township hosted a Sod Turning Ceremony which officially marked the beginning of construction of the new Thamesford Fire Hall. Staff officially moved into the new facility a little less than a year later on March 3, 2016, just in time for the upcoming open house that was scheduled for March 5th. There was a lot of

excitement surrounding the new hall that included staff, Council, those living in the community, as well as all over Oxford County. This new, state of the art building will house a brand new, larger fire truck and provides the latest state of the art technology for the Township. The new fire hall will also have the latest training technology, as well as serve as the Emergency Operations Centre for the Township.

A special mention to those who generously donated to the new fire hall. The Township extends a huge THANK YOU to Gordon Ruth and Company Limited, King Solomon Masonic Lodge and the Thamesford Lions Club for their generous donations towards the new fire hall. Gordon Ruth and Company Limited donated and installed entry and the security system for the new hall, King Solomon Masonic Lodge donated training room furnishings and the Thamesford Lions Club donation went towards the training room projector and kitchen appliances.

With the new hall finally up and running, staff and Council could not be more pleased with the end result. The new fire hall will be a valuable asset to the Township for many years to come!

Open House a BIG Success!



Former Thamesford Fire Chiefs Joe Wallace and Bill Cairns



The Perry Family (Clockwise from top left) Ella, Avery, Murray, Nathan and Colleen



Al Lockhart with his grandson Gavin Lockhart



(left to right) Councillor Marcus Ryan, Mayor Margaret Lupton, Councillor Ron Forbes, District Chief Jim Manzer and Councillor Marie Keasey



Tanner Strom



(left to right) Kaci, Jeremy and Jack Wallace



(left to right) Marion Rutledge, Anne Manning (formerly McFarlan) and Jean Manzer



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ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

In 2013 the Township established the Zorra Community Policing Committee. The committee's mandate is to advise on all aspects of the provisions of police related matters in the Township of Zorra and to promote and maintain communication with the public. The committee meets on a quarterly basis. The next scheduled meeting for the Zorra Community Policing Committee is June 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm. All meetings are held at the Township Office located at: 274620 27th Line, P.O. Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5.



Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Awards the Community Service Award 2016

It isn't normal that we present the community service award AFTER the play at dinner theatre, but with this year's recipients this was the only option... The winners of the 2016 Embro and Zorra Agricultural Society Community Service award are none other than Chris and Nancy Cockle. No strangers to the stage, theatre community or the general Embro community, this young couple exemplify the type of people the fair board thinks about when they nominate someone for the award.

Chris and Nancy were swine farmers in the area for many years and raised their two sons Matt and Tim on the farm. Chris now retired from active farming, spends much of the spring tapping trees for wonderful maple syrup. And when he gets some free time, can be found driving either on the golf course whenever he can, or driving for Embro Farm Systems.

Probably best known recently, for Chris playing his many roles on stage, sometimes even getting laughs before he makes it on the stage, and Nancy running the box office for Thistle Theatre, they were two of the founding members of Thistle Theatre.

Nancy was the Embro fair board homecraft president in 1982 and still helps with the fair each year. Both she and Chris have helped to organize many dinner theatres.

Both extremely involved in Knox United Church Embro, Nancy has been a member of the choir, the UCW and the Oxford Presbytery. Chris has served as a trustee at Knox. Over the past couple of years, both Chris and Nancy have been instrumental in organizing mission trips from Embro to Nicaragua on 2 occasions and last year to Peru.

Nancy was a 4-H member in the 50's and was leader in the 80's and 90's. She has been an active community volunteer with Knox United, Embro fair, Zorra Highland Park Public School, the Cancer Society, minor soccer and hockey.

Chris has played and coached soccer with Embro minor soccer and the Embro Masters soccer. And he coached minor hockey. Chris is currently serving on the ZRAC recreation committee. In 2014 Chris was presented with Senior of the Year from the Township of Zorra.

Chris continued his dedication to youth helping for 10 years with the Embro scouts and venturers and went to jamborees in Kananaskis Alberta and Thunder Bay.

It is with great pleasure I present the 2016 Community Service Award to Chris and Nancy Cockle.

Live Music at Club Harrington

Craving the atmosphere of a big city nightclub? Well, it might be closer than you think! On Saturday May 28, the Harrington and Area Community Association will transform Harrington Hall into “Club Harrington”, an intimate, candle-lit setting featuring live music and cash bar. The association, which, over the past couple of years, has hosted concerts by renowned musical acts from across Canada and the U.S., will this time feature artists who may be more familiar to local audiences. The “bill”, for this more casual evening of music, will be shared by five artists who are sure to provide a memorable evening, with tunes from rock to reggae, standards, and the blues to boogie-woogie.

Audiences from Stratford to Woodstock to Grand Bend will know Yeager, who has been hosting weekly jams in clubs and bars in those, and other towns in between.

On this occasion Yeager will be joined by multiple Juno Award-winner Eric “Guitar” Mahar, who has performed in major venues across Canada and the U.S., in such shows as Floyd Collins at the Shaw Festival, and a Canadian tour of “Don Messer’s Violin”, and in local venues such as Fosters, The Boar’s Head, Mercer Hall, Revival House and more. Mahar is also an inductee into the Canadian Country Hall of Fame. Yeager & Eric will perform original music sprinkled with covers of more familiar songs by artists such as Neil Young, John Prine, Bob Marley, Tom Petty and others. The ladies of “Katfight Keys” Chuckee Zehr and Gail Selkirk will perform selections which run the musical gamut and will also raise the roof with their inimitable style of dueling pianos. Katfight Keys are well known to audiences at Stratford’s Masonic Hall, London Music Hall, Kitchener Blues Festival, and the London Hunt Club. The ladies will be joined by Antonio Blanca, who will add more familiar tunes and novelty numbers, along with his special audience repartee.

This CLUB HARRINGTON event will take place Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30). Harrington Hall is located at 539 Victoria Street, corner of Victoria and Albert Streets, in Harrington,

CLUB HARRINGTON presents :
YEAGER & ERIC and **KATFIGHT KEYS**
with Antonio Blanca
Saturday May 28, 2016 at 8:00 PM
an evening of great music
from rock to reggae, blues to boogie woogie

*featuring
the music of
Janis Joplin,
James Brown,
Neil Young
and many more.*

Harrington Hall
539 Victoria Street
Harrington ON
doors open 7:30 PM
CASH BAR
snacks
door prizes
advance tickets \$15
call 519 475 0484
or
www.eventbrite.ca

proceeds benefit ongoing projects of
The Harrington and Area Community Association



which is only 10 minutes south of Stratford west of the Embro Road. Advance tickets are \$15 and are available by calling 519-475-0484 or at www.eventbrite.ca

BATTERY RECYCLING



The Township of Zorra offers 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 – phone 519-485-2490
- Thamesford Arena, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 – phone 519-285-2236
- Embro Arena, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6909

Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 1,071lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for Recycling.

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



www.embrofair.com

Is where you can now find the Jr. Prize Book for Embro Fair 2016! We are working on the main prize book so keep checking website for it to appear.

Embro Fair is hosting a Monster Truck Show at 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 17th!

We will also have a Monster Truck available for rides Saturday afternoon and maybe even Friday night. A beer tent along with karaoke will be open at the 7 p.m. show.

The Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society is working with Zorra Highland Public School on June 2nd to promote Farm Safety. If you wish to help us, please contact Christine Kramer (519-475-4537) and she will give you a job!!!

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, cast & crew of **“Bedtime Stories”**. **IT WAS A HIT!** This is one of our fundraisers to provide funds for our activities and programs at Embro Fair. THANK YOU to our patrons for your support by purchasing tickets so we would sell out all of our performances.

ANOTHER FUNDRAISER COMING SOON – Spaghetti Supper & Family Entertainment will be held on Friday, April 29th at the Embro & Zorra Community Centre. Come out to be amazed by The Illusionist, Lucas Wilson who holds 3 records in the Guinness World Record Book! For tickets or more information, contact Natalie Hazeleger 519-949-4978 or Robynn Donker 519-485-5712.

Thanks for your help in promoting Embro & Zorra events

Carol Hanlon, Secretary

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society

519-533-3962 info@embrofair.com



Township of Zorra 2016-2018 Dog Tag Campaign *It's easy, and it's the law!*

Save Time,
Apply Online!
www.zorra.on.ca

***** NEW *** Representatives from the Township will no longer be going door-to-door to sell dog tags.**

The onus is on the dog owner to have their dog registered. We hope that you will find this new initiative more convenient. The price for a dog tag remains unchanged at \$15.00 per dog per year and we have **raised the maximum number of dogs from 2 to 3 on all Zorra properties**. Online forms are available www.zorra.on.ca or you can contact the office by email admin@zorras.on.ca or by phone 519-485-2490 Ext 221 for your new tag.

Payment methods include cash, cheque, debit, or charge to taxes.

Failure to obtain a dog tag may result in a fine of \$125.00.

Visit the Township office or mail the completed application form (on back) with your payment to
Township of Zorra 274620 27th Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5.

***** New Animal Care and Control By-law 43-15 *****

- Requires all dogs over **3 months** of age to be licensed with the Township.
- Dog owners are required to obtain a dog tag.
- **Failure to register your dog may result in a fine of \$125.**
- A valid tag will assist animal control staff in returning your dog should it ever become separated from you.
- A maximum of **3 dogs** are permitted in each dwelling.
- Prohibits or regulates the running at large of dogs within the Township of Zorra. All dogs in Zorra must be kept on a leash when not on the owner's property. If a dog strays it can be impounded and its owners can be fined for "permitting a dog to run at large." The dog that is impounded is not being punished but rather protected.
- To protect individuals and other pets from disease, Zorra requires that any person who owns, harbours or possesses a dog shall immediately remove and sanitarily dispose of any feces (droppings) of the dog. Failure to do so may result in the owner being fined.
- Canine Service Animals, Livestock Guardian Dogs, Police Working Dogs, and Dangerous Dogs shall only be licensed at the Township Administration Office.
- Kennel licenses can be issued to Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) members only and proof of valid CKC membership is required. Kennel licenses will now also require an approved Site Plan, must adhere to minimum standards, and will be subject to an annual inspection. Kennel licenses are issued at the Township office only.
- All dog owners must adhere to the minimum health and general well-being standards.
- **PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT ALL DOGS HAVE CURRENT RABIES VACCINATIONS.**
- All animal bites should be immediately reported to The Oxford County Board of Health at 519-539-9800.
- By-Law 69-12 Noise By-law. Barking dogs are an annoyance and a nuisance. Barking falls under the Noise By-Law which is enforced by the Zorra By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Pay with debit
at the office!



Who do I contact for Canine Control?
(Dogs running at large, found dogs)

Kismutt Small Dog Rescue

Kimberly Thomas
519-283-6585

kismutt@sympatico.ca
www.kismutt.com

Township of Zorra



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Township of Zorra 2016-2018 Dog Tag Application

Save Time,
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www.zorra.on.ca

Name of Owner: _____

Full Address, including 911 number and mailing address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

- If you no longer have a dog, please notify the Township Office at 519-485-2490 ext 221 or by email: admin@zorra.on.ca

Name of Dog 1: _____

Colour: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: \$15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: _____

Name of Dog 2: _____

Colour: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: \$15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: _____

Name of Dog 3: _____

Colour: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: \$15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: _____

(office use only)

Payment Received: \$ _____

Cash cheque Debit Taxes

Roll No: _____

- Owner certifies that rabies vaccination is up-to-date for all dogs listed.
 Owner certifies that dog(s) has not been declared a Dangerous Dog.
 Owner gives consent to release name & phone number if dog is found.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to *The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and will be used for the purpose of Dog Licensing and Canine Control. Questions about this collection should be directed to The Corporation of the Township of Zorra, 274620 27th Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5. Phone 519-485-2490 Ext 228.

CARPET BOWLING

Every Wednesday this past winter, many Township residents travelled to Thamesford Community Centre for Carpet Bowling! With the equipment for 3 courts and aids to help everyone regardless of their skill and ability, it would appear that Carpet Bowling is something that everyone should try! The third season will start up again in the fall, we hope to see you there!



ZORRA GIRLS FUZION HOCKEY!

The Zorra Girls Hockey Association had a fantastic season this year. Girls aged seven to nineteen played in both competitive and house league divisions this year and had many successes. Zorra was represented in many tournaments and during regular season play all over south western Ontario. An inaugural pre novice (tyke) program was held this year and a senior team also competed for Zorra. The Atom C team went to provincials April 8-10, 2016 in Toronto to represent the community and did a fantastic job! Next season the Ingersoll Ice and Zorra Girls will amalgamate to form the WEST OXFORD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

This is very exciting news for our communities! Tryout dates and registration dates are listed on the websites www.zgha.ca and www.ingersollgirlshockey.com Please check back frequently because they are subject to change. See you at the rink!



Please see our website
www.zgha.ca
for more information.



The Zorra Girls Hockey Association

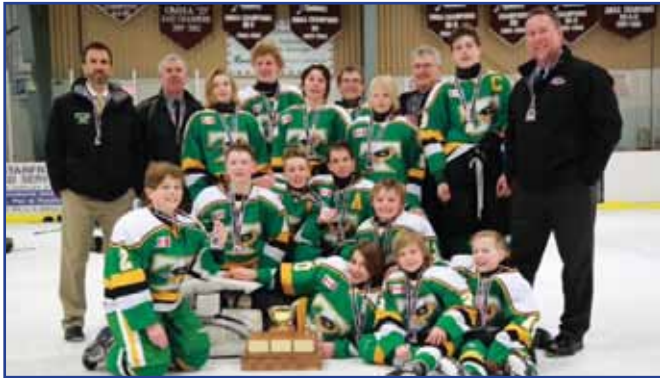
ZORRA SKATING CLUB

Zorra Skating Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary! To commemorate this very special milestone, photos and memorabilia from each of the 40 years at our Anniversary Carnival were displayed. Alumni from years past were present and over 30 enthusiastic skaters took to the ice and performed a wonderful number. This past season we were able to represent our Club at multiple competitions all over Ontario and within Michigan. One of our senior skaters, Ella McRoberts, qualified to represent our Club and Western Ontario Section at the Provincial StarSkate Championships in Sudbury, bringing home a Bronze Medal in the Bronze Triathlon Event and placing 5th in the Junior Silver Freeskate Event. For more information on how to becoming involved in Figure Skating with Zorra Skating Club, check out their website at zorraskatingclub.ca

For More Information on Recreation in Zorra Township, Please Contact Stephanie Starchuck at [sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca](mailto:ssstarchuck@zorra.on.ca) or 519-617-7977.

Thamesford Minor Hockey

Thamesford Area Minor Hockey celebrated a successful season with both the Atom and PeeWee Rep teams finishing the season as OMHA Finalists. Congratulations! TAMHA is already looking forward to next season with online registration officially open now. Check out www.tamha.net for more information.



Congratulations to the Embro Edge Bantams

Congrats go out to the Embro Edge Bantams in becoming the Southern Counties B Division Champions. Embro also celebrated the 40th Anniversary of their longstanding hockey exchange with the Kent Cyclones from Ohio. Many residents of Embro travelled to Ohio in the beginning of April to play some friendly games between the two clubs and honor their common love for the game of hockey, friendship and tradition.



HEROES OF ZORRA

HONORING OUR MILITARY

Do you have any **‘ANCESTORS IN THE ATTIC’?**

Your Heroes of Zorra (HOZ) committee is asking for your help in ensuring all of our military Heroes are recognized on the Heroes of Zorra web site, and also that information on each and every one is as complete and accurate as possible. Currently there are 1,141 profiles of service persons that were born, or lived a significant part of their life here in Zorra Township. These men and women have (and continue to do so) given of themselves to protect and defend our Canadian citizenship and make us proud to be Canadian.

Many still familiar names such as Baigent, Butterworth, Crawford, Elliott, Hogg, Hutcheson, Minogue, Nadalin, Patience, Patterson, Thornton and White are just a few of those that can be enhanced with additional information/photos. If you are unsure as to whether or not your information may be relevant, please just contact the web site committee members – Helen Brenneman, Joyce Day, Shirley McCall-Hanlon or John Milner. We will be happy to speak with you. Alternatively you can contact any/all of us right on the ‘contact’ section on the HOZ web site. For those of you who utilize Facebook and Twitter you may also join our links to these social media resources. Our sincere appreciation to John Milner for all the work he does in the social media area.

As well as the veterans of the former North Oxford being recently added to the web site, there are also a few other new areas. Check out the song “Red Petal Flower” written and sung by Ted Comiskey, Mayor of Ingersoll. We sincerely thank Mayor Comiskey for sharing this with all of us. Under the “History” tab you will see where we are now adding information on some of the various smaller communities throughout Zorra. Bennington is almost complete (waiting for more info on the Bennington WMS and a photo of one of the tug-of-war teams). We have the History Books for reference and a few of the books that were created when communities were celebrating anniversaries. If you have anything like that, it would be appreciated if we could borrow it from you. These, some long gone, others still alive and vibrant, communities helped to form what we now know as the Township of Zorra.

If you have not taken the time to visit the web site www.heroesofzorra.ca please do so. We hope you will be pleasantly surprised.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26

Oxford Community Foundation's 13th Annual General Meeting

7:00 pm at Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre, 121 Thames St N, Ingersoll
ALL WELCOME! Presentations by 2015 grant recipients. Get involved in your community!
Oxford Community Foundation is interested in recruiting board members. Call 519-539-7447 x 229 or email info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org for more information.

May 7

Thamesford Lions Country Music Night

Featuring "The Ozarks" - 60's/70's oldies country dance music
Saturday May 7th, 2016 8pm - ? Thamesford Recreation Centre
Snacks provided - age of majority required
Tickets \$15, for more info call 519-317-6974 or 519-285-3952

May 22

Thamesford Lions Trout Brunch

Sunday May 22nd, 2016 11am - 1:30pm Thamesford Recreation Centre
Tickets \$15-adults, \$6-children 12 and under. For more info call 519-285-5764

June 24

2016 Warden's Golf Tournament

Registration begins at 7:15 am at The Bridges at Tillsonburg Ontario . Help support Oxford Community Foundation with a full program of 18 holes of golf, shared cart, breakfast, lunch, and a participation gift for each player. Shot gun tee off at 8:30 am. Call 519-539-7447 x 229 or email info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org to register. \$130 per golfer.

Township of Zorra Recreation Department

POOL SCHEDULE

We are looking forward to another great swimming season! Our pool schedule has been finalized and you will see some changes with the addition of evening lessons! We hope this change will help fill some missing gaps in our programming and make our pool even more sustainable and successful. If you have additional feedback or new ideas, please let us know! Registration for swim programs will begin June 1st and you should see the flyer with all the details arrive in May. Also, watch for some upgrades to our pool this spring in preparation for the summer season.

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
9-12	SWIMMING LESSONS						
12-1	SWIM TEAM	SWIM TEAM	STAFF TRAINING	SWIM TEAM	SWIM TEAM	SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS	FAMILY SWIM
1-2	SWIM TEAM LANE SWIM	SWIM TEAM LANE SWIM		SWIM TEAM LANE SWIM	SWIM TEAM LANE SWIM		
2-4	PUBLIC SWIMMING						
4-6:30	SWIMMING LESSONS (5:30-7:00)	SWIMMING LESSONS (5:30-7:00)	ADVANCED / PRIVATE LESSONS			OPEN FOR RENTAL	OPEN FOR RENTAL
6:30-8			LANE SWIM (7:00-8:00)	LANE SWIM (7:00-8:00)	OPEN FOR RENTAL		FUN NIGHT



We would love to hear from YOU!!!

If you have a story, pictures or ANYTHING that you would like to share about your community please contact Ashley Sage at asage@zorra.on.ca or 519-485-2490 ext. 228 to have it appear in an upcoming Zorra Now Edition.



ADVERTISING RATES

	Size	Rate (HST included)
Business Card	3.5 x 2.25 inches	\$96.05
¼ Page	3.5 x 4.75 inches	\$169.50
½ Page Vertical	3.5 x 9.5 inches	\$282.50
½ Page Horizontal	3.5 x 4.75 inches	\$282.50
Full Page	6.875 x 9.5 inches	\$536.75

For further information and to book your space please contact Jill Miles-Redman at the Township Office at 519-485-2490 ext. 231 or jmiles-redman@zorra.on.ca.



The Township of Zorra is committed to promoting **“Buy Fresh, Buy Local.”** For further information regarding this visit the Buy Local Oxford website – www.oxfordbuylocal.ca Remember to always support our Local Farmers!!

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Contact Bill Wilson at 519-421-7904
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The Zorra Girls Hockey Association

The Zorra Girls Hockey Association had a fantastic 2015/2016 season. Our teams competed all year in their divisions and did our community proud! Our association would like to thank the following sponsors GOLD Tremblets Independent SILVER Brent Reg Construction, Anderson Appliances, Thorndale Dental, Banner Road Vets, Thamesford Lions Club, Tim Hortons BRONZE Allied Associates, Vipond Fire Protection, Egan Electric, Precise Planting Services, Lori Goldhawk, Three Brydges Automotive, KDM Erectors, Brock and Visser Funeral Home, Little Caesars Woodstock, McFarlan Rowlands, Knoops Farms COPPER Zorra TV and Appliances, Thamesford Pizza Company, Matt Langford Insurance, Henderson Towing, Cooksville Tire, Langford Auto Care, Thamesford Accounting and Financial Services. Our association would also like to thank the Oxford Community Foundation and Heartland Farm Mutual (Oxford Mutual Insurance) for the grants we received this year. We were able to purchase and stock trainer bags and also purchase new much needed practice equipment for all our teams with their help! So thank you!!

Finally the executive would like to thank all our volunteers in our association. The coaches, trainers, managers, and dressing room volunteers who help make everything work on a daily basis. Our kids are able to play hometown hockey because of all the contributions of everyone above. That is truly an amazing thing and a testament to our great community. We hope to see everyone back for our inaugural year combined with Ingersoll Girls Hockey as WEST OXFORD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION. Our initial try out dates are for BB/B and B/C teams ongoing so please check the websites www.zgha.ca or www.ingersollgirlshockey.com for updated tryout dates, times and any other registration information.



2015 Annual Accessibility Plan



At the January 12, 2016 council meeting, Council approved the 2015 Annual Accessibility Plan, which is mandated under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The plan highlights a number of items, most notable being the accessibility related accomplishments to date and the Accessible Feedback Policy.

A copy of the plan can be found at www.zorra.on.ca. Accessible formats are also available upon request.

Staff is always looking for ways to improve and enhance the accessibility in the Township. If you have any feedback, or suggestions we encourage you to please let us know. Feedback and suggestions regarding any Township service can be received:

- In person at the Township office: 274620 27th Line, Ingersoll, ON
- Via email at: admin@zorra.on.ca
- Via telephone at: 519-485-2490
- Via mail at: 274620 27th Line, P.O. Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5



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Recreation Department - Community Events

Thamesford Events

Calithumpian Weekend

Friday May 20-23, 2016

Contact Katie Davies at Katiegrigg26@gmail.com

or 519-295-0105

www.thamesford.org

Thamesford Lions Club Trout Brunch

Thamesford District Recreation Centre

Sunday May 22, 2016

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Contact Jim Keron – 519-285-2825

Thamesford Trojans Fish Fry

Thamesford District Recreation Centre

Friday June 17, 2016

Dinner – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dance – 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Tickets - \$125.00 (includes dinner and dance for 2 & chance to win 9 door prize draws)

Contact Connie Henderson at 519-285-3510

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool

Early season hours:

June 20-24 & 27th weekday public swims 4-6 pm, weather permitting.

Regular schedule starts Saturday July 2nd

Pool closes Friday August 23rd with last swim

2-4 pm, and Dog Swim 4-5 pm.

Contact 519-285-3063 starting June 1, or

thamesfordpool@gmail.com

Embro Events

15th Annual Wienerfest Dog Festival and Home County Craft Festival

Any dog is welcome! Free admission, donations appreciated. Come experience a whole different kind of fair. Local artisans and crafters welcome.

Come showcase your local home-based business.

Embro West-Zorra Community Centre,

Highland Games Field

June 25, 2016 9:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Contact Linda Collier at 519-285-5123

info@wienerfest.ca or visit www.wienerfest.ca

Also visit our Facebook page for show details.

Embro Highland Games

Embro West Zorra Community Centre

Friday July 1, 2016

Contact Warren McKay at 519-475-4148

www.embrohighlandgames.ca

Embro Truck & Tractor Pull

Corner of County Roads 6 & 33

Friday July 29th & Saturday, July 30, 2016

Contact Frans Knoops at 519-475-4148

Embro Fair

Embro West Zorra Community Centre

September 16-18, 2016

Knox Church Chicken BBQ

September 7, 2016



Wienerfest Home County Festival

Saturday June 25th, 2016 9am to 4 pm at the Embro Community Centre

Come join us for a great fun outdoor adventure. Our new outdoor crafters and artisans market is quite an experience for the whole family, including the dog. It may be called Wienerfest, but it is just not for the wienerdog, any dog can attend.

Of course along with the cool shopping, you can enjoy the entertainment of seeing costume contests, dogs bobbing for wieners and of course the ever popular WIENER RACES!!!

We will also have Cynder the dachshund who knows over 100 tricks to entertain you.

Have your dog try out the Lure Course. Your dog will love it!

You can also meet M. E. Law, a local artist from the Canterbury folk festival, as she will be there for the movie viewing of the Canadian launch of *The Wiener Takes All*.

A microchipping clinic will also be held that day for \$30.00. Please call to book your dog in for a microchip. Linda Collier 519-285-5123

RIDE FOR RESCUE event – Tiny Paws Dog Rescue will be holding our second motorcycle fundraising run for our dog rescue group. Come enjoy an awesome day on your motorcycle as you travel the beautiful countryside of Oxford County. Hosted by the Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Units (CAVMU), the 1st CAV MU ORTONA UNIT. Registration is \$25.00 FREE with \$150.00 or more in pledges. Registration will be at noon, location will be a Legion hall in the area, Ride will end at the Embro Community Centre at 3:30 pm. For Event Info & Detailed Timings call 519-285-5123.

Council



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Employees

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Email: mhughes@zorra.on.ca

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Embro District Chief - Matthew Cockle
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Thamesford District Chief - Jim Manzer
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Recreation Department

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Recreation and Facilities Program Coordinator
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Embro Zorra Community Centre
Phone: 519-475-6061
Email: ezcc@zorra.on.ca

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool
Phone: 519-285-3063

Township of Zorra Employee Announcements

Congratulations to Zorra Clerk, Karen Martin and her husband Brad on the birth of their daughter Isabel Ann Martin on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Embro Shop Foreman Steve Oliver has achieved the Certified Road Supervisor - Intermediate (CRS-I) designation from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors. Steve has now attained the third level out of four in this designation process.

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Upcoming Council Meetings 2016

All meetings held at the Township Office – Council Chambers

2016

May 3	9:30 a.m.	June 7	9:30 a.m.	July 12	9:30 a.m.
May 17	6:30 p.m.	June 21	6:30 p.m.	August 9	9:30 a.m.

*PLEASE NOTE: Only one meeting will be held in July & August

Community Contact Listing



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
 Tim and Katrina DeWit 519-475-0460
 Ingersoll Minor Ball
 Doug Thomas 519-485-3218
 Kintore Minor Soccer 519-349-2120

Thamesford:
 Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc. 519-285-3796
 Thamesford Skating Club 519-285-5556
 Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club 519-285-3107
 Thamesford Minor Baseball 519-285-5567
 Thamesford Minor Soccer 519-285-5408
 Thamesford NBC 519-639-4507
 Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch 519-268-2232
 Zorra Girls Hockey 519-852-4509

Schools (Elementary)

Embro
 Zorra Highland Public School 519-475-4121
 Kintore
 A.J. Baker Public School 519-283-1098
Thamesford
 Thamesford Public School 519-285-2043
 Roch Carrier French Immersion 519-537-7321
 John Knox Christian School 519-539-1492

School Boards

Thames Valley District School Board 519-452-2000
 1-888-224-3354
 London District Catholic School Board 519-663-2088

Service Clubs & Community Groups

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society
 Carol Hanlon 519-485-0668
 Thamesford Lion's Club
 Dan Fisher, First Vice President 519-285-2729
 Thamesford Scouts
 Jackie Van Daele 519-283-6159
 Kintore Optimist Club 519-283-6321
 Harrington & Area Community Association
 Doug Diplock 519-475-0060

Other

Alzheimers Society 519-421-2466
 Beachville District Museum 519-423-6497
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of
 Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area 519-485-1801
 or 519-842-9000
ingtburg@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
www.sharethefun.org

Brooksdale Women's Institute 519-475-4502
 Caledonian Society 519-475-6765
 Calithumpian Committee - Andrea Wright 519-285-5129
 Canadian Blood Services 888-236-6283
 Canadian Cancer Society 888-939-3333
 Canadian Red Cross 519-539-0265
 Children's Aid Society, Oxford County 519-539-6176
 Crime Stoppers 800-222-TIPS
 Cuckoos Nest Folk Music 519-473-2099
 Embro West Zorra History Book 519-475-4443
 Embro Library 519-475-4172
 EmbroArea Business Association

Karon Cowan email: embrobiz@gmail.com
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 Fanshawe Pioneer Village 519-457-1296
 Girl Guides - Thamesford 519-285-1126
 Harrington Public Library 519-475-6909
 Hardeman, Ernie, MPP. 519-537-5222
 Horticultural Society (Ingersoll) 519-485-1808
 Ingersoll Choral Society 519-285-2825
 Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre 519-485-4691
 Ingersoll Services for Seniors 519-485-3869
 Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts 519-485-3070
 Lawn Bowling Embro 519-475-4729
 Thamesford 519-285-2734

MacKenzie, Dave MP 519-421-7608
 Ontario Early Years Programs 800-539-9800
 OPP 800-265-7191
 Oxford County Jr. Farmers 519-469-3281
 Oxford County Federation of Agriculture 519-852-8856
 Oxford District Women's Institute 519-475-4502
 Thamesford Block Parents 519-285-1126
 Thamesford Business Association 519-285-3249
 Thamesford Public Library 519-285-3219
 Thamesford Snowmobile Club
 Harold Hacon (trails) 519-461-0855
 David Blight (President) 519-432-2729
 Thistle Theatre - Chris Cockle 519-475-4201
 Tiny Paws - Linda Collier www.tpdr.ca
 Township of Zorra 519-485-2490
 Scouts - Thamesford 519-285-6159
 Welcome Wagon 519-485-2990
 Wienerfest/Dog Rescue - Linda Collier 519-285-5123
 Women's Canadian Club 519-471-8924

Places of Worship

St. Andrew's United Church
 924044 Road 92, Brooksdale, Ontario
 519-475-6011

Chalmers United Church
 842993 Road 84, Kintore, Ontario
 519-283-6376

Crossroads Alliance Church
 194552 19th Line, R.R. 3
 Ingersoll, Ontario
 519-485-4440

Knox Presbyterian Church
 115 St. Andrews Street
 Embro, Ontario
 519-475-4816

Knox Presbyterian Church
 963727 Road 96, Harrington, Ontario
 519-475-4011

Knox United Church
 116 Kincardine Street, Embro, Ontario
 519-475-4060

Maple Grove Christian Retreat
 194936 19th Line
 Thamesford, Ontario
 519-285-3334

St. John's Anglican Church
 220 Dundas Street
 Thamesford, Ontario
 519-285-3218

Truth Community Church
 154978 15th Line (Banner Rd.)
 Thamesford, Ontario
 519-285-2112
www.truthcommunitychurch.ca

Westminster United Church
 115 George Street
 Thamesford, Ontario
 519-285-3212

East Nissouri Union Church
 519-349-2333

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New Memorial Forest Sign!! Located on the 43rd Line, North of Road 68.

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

Memorial Trees can be purchased, in memory of loved ones, at the Township Office for \$40.00 through the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA). Individuals may also have their loved ones name added to a memorial tree sign when they purchase a tree for an additional fee per. Signs are located at Grace Patterson Park in Thamesford, Embro Conservation Area and Harrington Conservation Area. The trees are planted in various locations throughout Zorra on Township or UTRCA property at a pre-determined location. Approximately 60 trees, usually 6'-8' sugar maples, have been planted throughout the Township since the start of this program in 1995. Fill out the Memorial Tree Request Form on the Zorra website www.zorra.on.ca or contact the Township Office.

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA MEMORIAL TREE FOREST

Zorra Township has partnered with Brock and Visser Funeral Home – Thamesford Chapel and UTRCA to have trees planted in memory of those individuals whose funeral arrangements have been conducted through Brock and Visser Funeral Home. The Memorial Tree Forest is located on the 43rd Line, North of Road 68 on land owned by UTRCA. The trees are purchased by Brock and Visser Funeral Home. The trees that are being planted are native species, 6'-8' in size. In 2015, 36 trees were been planted in the forest. Contact Brock and Visser for more details at 519-285-2427.

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA REPLACEMENT TREE PROGRAM

Currently when the Township of Zorra Public Works staff take down a tree along a road side or near private property, they offer the land owner two trees to replace the one that was removed. The two trees are for planting on their private property. In 2015, 150 6'-8' sugar maple trees were planted through this program. Fill out the Tree Replacement Form on the Zorra website www.zorra.on.ca or contact the Township Office.

UTRCA PRIVATE LANDS PROGRAM

Landowners who reside in the Upper Thames River watershed and own a minimum of 2.5 acres of property are eligible to participate in the UTRCA's Tree Planting on Private Lands program. The program offers large stock trees and seedlings. For further details visit the UTRCA website at www.thamesriver.on.ca.

COUNTY OF OXFORD TREE PROGRAM

Currently, if trees are removed on the County's road allowance, the County of Oxford will replace the trees, if the landowner is willing to plant on their own property and not the road allowance. The trees are replaced using a 1 to 1 ratio. As for the species, it typically is native to the area and depends on the soil conditions. Contact the County of Oxford for further information at 519-539-9800.

For additional information on any of the above, please contact the Township Office at 519-485-2490.

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