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community events and services



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Message from the Mayor

Snow is on the ground and I hope everyone is driving safe.

The Province's Regional Government Review is complete and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has announced

that there will be “no forced amalgamations” and “no top down approach” to changes in municipal boundaries, structure, or Council structures. This is good news as it is exactly what both Zorra and Oxford County Councils have advocated for. You may remember that all of the area municipalities (including Zorra and Oxford) have undertaken a service delivery review to examine how services are delivered now and by who, and if there are more effective, efficient ways to deliver them in the future. We mean to do our part to find the most effective and efficient ways to deliver services with the tax dollars we collect and so this review will be completed, even though the review no longer requires it, and I look forward to the opportunities it presents.

The long awaited Thamesford redevelopment is now a “done deal”. This \$5,960,000 purchase of 121 acres for redevelopment will add approximately 178 single family dwellings, 203 townhomes, 75 condominium townhomes, 350 medium density apartment units, and 9 000 sq.m. of commercial space. As a result of this redevelopment there will be an increase in Zorra's population of approximately 1,750 people over the next 20 years, and an estimated increase in property taxes of \$700 000 per year when complete. Final numbers after land transfer tax and legal fees are not known yet, but the Township will have a net profit on the deal that Council will have to decide how to handle, but this is a good problem to have. Staff executed this deal within very tight restrictions put on them by Council to minimize the Township's risk and Staff delivered a deal better than we ever hoped for. We look forward to working with Kingwood and Hogg Construction to make this development all it can be for Zorra.

This redevelopment will allow us to address some immediate housing supply and variety issues. This development is “brownfield” redevelopment keeping agricultural land in production, it is infill and densification to make the efficient use of our expensive municipal infrastructure like water and waste water, roads, etc. These new homes will be walkable to businesses, school, and recreation. There are people of all ages in Zorra looking for smaller, more affordable housing, so they can move out on their own or downsize and the lack of that housing forces some to leave our community. One of the largest constraints on our economy, our local businesses, right now is labour availability and this is made worse by a lack of housing supply, variety, and rentals in particular. We are hopeful that as this development progresses it will help unleash our economic potential.

As the development proceeds, and the benefits are realized, it will hopefully allow us to address some other needs like allowing us to offer more recreation programming and attract new businesses and services to Zorra.

The Thamesford redevelopment addresses all of our strategic goals: Zorra is vibrant, prosperous, engaged and environmentally conscious.

Council will be beginning the 2020 Budget in November and hoping to complete it in February. This is an earlier start and accelerated work plan resulting in an earlier finish date. Council has targeted an earlier finish date so that we can reduce “pre-budget approval” for capital items and get capital projects out for quotes earlier in the year to get better pricing and earlier start dates of construction projects.

We strive to make Zorra better by doing our part. Zorra is progressive, environmentally conscious, economically strong, and prosperous.

Check in on the website, follow the Township on Facebook or Twitter, phone or email Staff or Council: we want to hear from you.

Join us, and add to your community by doing your part!

Marcus Ryan

COME GROW WITH US.



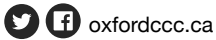
Sign your child up today.

Thamesford Preschool

St John's Anglican Church
220 Dundas Street, Thamesford

Thamesford Preschool is open September to June on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:30am to 12pm. We welcome children ages 2.6 to 5 years old. It is a great place for learning, social interaction and fun!

For more information contact: preschool@oxfordccc.ca



COME PLAY WITH US.



Do you have a child between 0 to 6 years old? If so, join us at EarlyON!

We offer FREE drop-in programs where children can play, learn and grow with their families. Our team of professionals can offer support and community connections.



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FIND US ON THURSDAY'S FROM 9:30-11:00 AM IN...

THAMESFORD

*Thamesford Library & Resource Centre
165 Dundas St, Thamesford*



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FIND US ON FRIDAY'S FROM 9:30-11:00 AM IN...

EMBRO

*Embroid Legion
138 Huron St, Embro*



Building and Drainage Department

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.

CONSTRUCTION DRAINS

- Construction drains are initiated by a petition that is filed by the landowner, county or even the roads of a municipality.
- Council will either accept the petition or it can be rejected.
- If Council accepts the petition then Council will appoint an Engineer to do a study and a report.
- Drainage meetings will be arranged and notifications will be mailed to the landowners within the watershed.
- It is very important that ANY notifications that a landowner receives from the Township is FULLY understood by the landowner. It is essential for all landowners to understand all of the deadlines, appeal dates and all the financial implications of the drainage work.

BUILDING

Obtaining a Building Permit in Zorra:

Fill out a Building Permit Application, either in person at the Township Office or online www.zorra.ca In addition to the completed application form, applicants must also submit building drawings, plans and other documents to the Township of Zorra for processing. A detailed description of the planned work and intended occupancy, identification of the building lot or site, a valuation of the proposed work including materials and labour costs are required.

Building Permit Fees:

- Residential: (including new homes, additions, renovations, decks) – \$100.00 + 0.40/sq. ft.
- Agricultural: (including coveralls, barns, storage sheds, workshops) – \$100.00 + 0.20/sq. ft.
- Sheds - \$50.00 flat rate
- Swimming Pools - \$100.00
- Demolition Permit - \$50.00

A Building Permit is NOT required for a fence. A full list of Building Permit Fees are located on our website, www.zorra.ca

SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEMS

The Township Building Department now oversees the private sanitary sewage system (Septic systems) approvals for Zorra. Historically, Southwestern Public Health managed this function, however it has been passed on to the Township to manage. If you have questions or concerns regarding these approvals contact the Building Department.

Any building or drainage questions should be addressed to

Mike Hughes

Chief Building Official/Drainage
Superintendent

519-485-2490 ext. 7224 mhughes@zorra.ca

By-Law Enforcement Department

WINTER PARKING

Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15 and remain in place until March 31, 2020. 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 could be fined or have their vehicle removed/towed at the owners expense. The fine for this violation is set at \$50.

RECREATION VEHICLES

Notice to all RV/boat owners. The Zoning by-law allows front yard driveway storage of RVs and boats from May 1- October 31. After October 31, these vehicles shall be removed and stored elsewhere. The vehicles may be stored on your side lot or rear lot provided that they meet the 5 foot setback.

LEAVES AND SNOW:

Did you know that it is a by-law infraction to push your leaves and snow onto the roadway or neighboring properties? Depositing your leaves on the road or private property is considered dumping and may result in a significant fine of \$700. Also, depositing snow or ice onto public or private property carries a \$200 fine! If you wish to review the Clean and Clear by-law it can be found on our website at www.zorra.ca.

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.



For more information contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer at 519-485-2490 ext. 7230

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kmartin@zorra.ca www.zorra.ca



Township Holiday Closures

The Township office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020. In case of an emergency requiring staff, please call 519-485-2490 and leave a message at extension 7226. Messages will be monitored on a daily basis and forwarded to the contact person.

The Thamesford District Recreation Centre and the Embro Zorra Community Centre will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2019 and will reopen on December 27, 2019. They will also close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2019 and reopen on January 2, 2020.



Public Works Department

REDUCED LOAD SEASON - February 15 - April 30

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.

HALF LOAD SEASON RATIONALE

- Minimize long term damage to infrastructure
- Problems caused when roads are soft often require major repairs
- Prevent additional damage to culverts and bridges
- Heavy loads do damage to road sub-base that is difficult to detect
- Changes in the size of agricultural equipment (i.e. large liquid manure trailers)
- Multiple aggregate producers in Township
- Infrastructure repair costs borne directly or indirectly by residents

All of the above lead to safety issues during half load season.

WINTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE ON TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA ROADS

The winter 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. Service will be delivered during the following hours:

Monday to Friday—7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

There will also be additional maintenance hours as determined by weather conditions. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays will also be determined by weather conditions.

Any roads questions should be addressed to

Steve Oliver, Director of Public Works 519-485-2490 ext. 7227 or soliver@zorra.ca

Winter Waste Collection Christmas Tree Disposal

For all Township residents, natural Christmas trees can be taken to any Leaf and Yard Waste Depot 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 Yard at 783036 Road 78.



Fire & Emergency Services Department



BURN PERMITS

Zorra Township has a Permanent Fire Permit process for open air burning. This process involves a one-time application which will reduce the effort required to set up permission for an open air burn. All applications will be reviewed by the Fire Chief and upon approval, the applicant will be able to proceed with open air burns by calling into dispatch directly to report the burn details. Visit our website at www.zorra.ca to review the application form and conditions for the new permit, then complete your application!

Please note: small recreation burns within a ring or fire pit in backyard don't require a permit.

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.ca or contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Fire Chief for further details.

Please contact the Township's Fire Chief/CEMC, John McFarlan at 519-485-2490 ext. 7240 or at jmcfarlan@zorra.ca if you have any questions.



Would your family benefit from a licensed daycare in Thamesford?!

The Township of Zorra is seeking feedback on a potential licensed daycare in Thamesford. Please contact the Township if your family would directly benefit from this and if your children would attend.

**Please contact the Township at
admin@zorra.ca or call 519-485-2490**

'Tis the Season to be Careful



ENJOY A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Smoking and cooking are the **top 2 causes of fatal fires** during the holidays (Nov, Dec, Jan).

Injuries caused by smoking account for **1 in 10 home** fire injuries during the holidays.

Smoking accounts for **30%** of all home fire deaths during the holidays.

Cooking fires account for **19%** of all home fires during the holidays.

27% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires during the holidays.

**Alcohol is a factor in many fatal fires involving smoking and cooking.
DRINK RESPONSIBLY!**

John McFarlan, Fire Chief / CEMC
Zorra Fire & Emergency Services
www.zorra.ca

Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management
www.ontario.ca/firemarshal

How do I protect my family during the holidays?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- ❖ Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.
- ❖ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- ❖ Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

ARE YOU PROTECTED BY SMOKE AND CO ALARMS?

- ❖ In 34% of fatal home fires there is no smoke alarm warning.
- ❖ Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- ❖ CO alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.



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Tax Department

WHY NOT PAY YOUR TAXES MONTHLY?

Sign up now for the 10 or 12 month Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for 2020.

If you are interested in enrolling in this payment plan for 2020, you can find an authorization form on our website at www.zorra.ca or call Kelly Hall at 519-485-2490 ext 7222. Applications need to be submitted as soon as possible to ensure enrolment for 2020.

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



WHY NOT PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE?

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. For example, 012-010-13100-0000, you would enter this as 01201013100, if an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.

WHEN WILL MY 2020 TAX BILL BE MAILED?

Bills will be mailed the 1st week of February, with due dates of Feb 28 and May 31, 2020. Unfortunately, legislation states that the municipality is only allowed to bill half of the previous year's taxes, therefore an increase/decrease in taxes for ratepayers will not be until the Final 2020 Tax Bill which are processed in July 2020.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

MPAC is a not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. MPAC's roll is to accurately value and classify all properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and related regulations set by the Government of Ontario.

**YOUR PROPERTY. MPAC ASSESSMENT
KNOW MORE ABOUT IT**

Learn how & why your property was assessed the way it was with AboutMyProperty. You can also compare your property assessment with others in your neighbourhood and community, all free of charge. Look for your Roll number and Access key on your Property Assessment Notice and visit www.aboutmyproperty.ca

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 March 31, 2020.

BATTERY RECYCLING



The Township of Zorra has a free program for the 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 ext. 7221
- Thamesford Community Centre, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0
- phone 519-485-2490 ext. 7245
- Embro Zorra Community Centre, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0
- phone 519-485-2490 ext. 7251

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 2,403 lbs of batteries to Raw Materials Company for Recycling.

Zorra Committees

ZORRA LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In 2017, the Township of Zorra approved the formation of the Zorra Local School Committee (ZLSC). The Committee comprises of five community members, Councillor Katie Davies and Mayor Marcus Ryan. The Committee's mandate is to identify current and future opportunities to support youth in Zorra Township by enhancing the relationship between the Township of Zorra and its schools and thereby improving student well-being, and increased programme options. The Committee will work to develop a "School Retention Plan" in accordance with the Township's Strategic Plan.

ZLSC meetings are held on a quarterly basis, usually on the third Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Township office. The next meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, January 20, 2020**. Members of the public are welcome to attend the ZLSC meetings.

ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

The Zorra Community Policing Committee (ZCPC) advises Zorra Council on all aspects of the provisions of police related matters in the Township of Zorra and promotes and maintains communication with the public on such matters. The Committee comprises of eight community members, Councillor Katie Davies and Mayor Marcus Ryan. The committee recently supported and provided input to Council on the Township's Decoy Police Car Pilot Project.

ZCPC meetings are held on a quarterly basis on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Township office. The next meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, January 20, 2020**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Committee Information Flash:

You can report speeding and other non-emergency situations to the Ontario Provincial Police by calling 1-888-310-1122 or *OPP on your cell phone. Add this number to your contacts NOW so you will have quick access when needed! The more information you can provide to the OPP, the better! For example, make/model of car, licence plate, company name for commercial vehicles, etc.

The Township Council is seeking one (1) individual to serve on the Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee (ZRAC). To apply you **MUST** be a Zorra Resident. Appointment to the committee expires on December 31, 2022. If you are interested in applying to serve on the committee, please submit a letter of interest, by mail or email, to the Township's Program Coordinator, Stephanie Starchuck ssarchuck@zorra.ca
Township of Zorra PO Box 306, 274620 27th Line, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5

ZORRA RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee (ZRAC) is the Township of Zorra's longest standing advisory committee. The Committee comprises of eight community members, Councillor Steve MacDonald, Councillor Paul Mitchell and Mayor Marcus Ryan. The committee's mandate is to advise on all aspects of the provision of leisure and recreation services in the Township of Zorra and to promote and maintain communication with the public on parks and recreation needs.

ZRAC meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, excluding the months of July, August and December when no ZRAC meetings are held. The meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at various Township facilities. There is no December meeting for ZRAC. The upcoming 2020 ZRAC meeting schedule will be determined in December and posted on the Township's website.

ZORRA SPLASH COMMITTEE

The Zorra Splash Committee has joined the Zorra Committee forces! In April this year, Council supported the formation of a Zorra Committee to promote a potential splash pad in the Village of Embro. The committee promotes the construction of an Embro splash pad by encouraging community support for the project, leading community fundraising efforts, and work alongside staff to provide advice to Council on the plan, design and construction of the potential Embro splash pad.

The Committee comprises of six community members, Councillor Steve MacDonald, and Mayor Marcus Ryan. The committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Embro-Zorra Community Centre. The upcoming Zorra Splash Committee meeting schedule is as follows:

NOVEMBER 28 & JANUARY 23
(NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

For further information on any of the above committees visit the Township of Zorra website at www.zorra.ca

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!! FEEL FREE TO ATTEND!

Local Government Week

Local Government Week was developed to celebrate the key role that Ontario local governments play in helping to define the character, priorities, amenities and physical make-up of communities. The goal of Local Government Week is to put a face to local government staff and elected officials, engage youth and create an interest in community leadership.

Local Government Week was held from October 20 - October 26. On October 2, 2019 Township Council and staff held the Council meeting at Zorra Highland Park Public School; on October 16, 2019 the Council meeting was held at Thamesford Public School; and on November 6, 2019 the Council meeting was held at AJ Baker Public School. All three meetings were a great success and saw Grade 4-6 students presenting various delegations to Council. On behalf of the Township of Zorra Council and staff, we would like to thank all the students and teachers for participating in the Council meetings. Thank you for doing your part!!



Township of Zorra Staff Update



The Township would like to congratulate Steve Oliver on his appointment of Director of Public Works. Steve has worked for the Township of Zorra in the Public Works Department since 2001 and became the Foreman of the Embro Public Works Shop in 2007. The Township would also like to congratulate Scott Simmons who accepted the position of Foreman for the Embro Public Works Shop and Cody Brown who accepted the position of Public Works Crew Person at the Embro Shop.



Finance Department

Please watch our Township website and social media for more information regarding the 2020 budget meetings. If you have questions regarding our Budget please contact Maureen Simmons, Director of Finance at 519-485-2490 ext. 7225

2020 BUDGET PROCESS



19-11-20

November 20, 2019 Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Council consideration of 2020 salaries & wages and 5-year capital budget - All Departments

19-12-04

December 4, 2019 Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Council adopt-in-principle the 5-year capital budget plan.

20-01-22

January 22, 2020 Special Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Presentation of Operating budget - All Departments

20-02-05

February 5, 2020 Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Reconsideration of Operating and approved-in-principle Capital Budget

20-02-19

February 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Public Information Session, Adoption of Operating and Capital Budget and Budget Adoption By-law

20-04-01

April 1, 2020 Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Tax Rating By-law Approval (Pending School Board and Oxford County final figures).

Recreation Department

WINTER SKATING CALENDAR 2019-2020

Embroid Zorra Community Centre	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Shinny (1:00-2:00pm) Public Skating (2:00-3:00pm)		Adult Skate (9:30-10:30am) Parent&Tot (10:30- 11:30am)	Adult Shinny (10:00-11:30am)	Shinny (4:30-5:30pm)		

Thamesford Recreation Centre	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Public Skating (2:00-3:00pm)	Adult Shinny (10:00-11:30am)	Shinny (5:00-6:00pm)		Adult Skate (9:30-10:30am) Parent&Tot (10:30 -11:30am)		Shinny (3:30-4:30pm)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

Public Skating

Get on the ice with your friends and family! There's no better way to spend your afternoon!
(\$3.00/person or \$8.00/family)

Parent & Tot Skate

A time to bring your pre-school children out for a quiet skate. Strollers permitted & skate aides are available.
(\$3.00/person, pre-school age free)

Adult Skate

Enjoy a skate around the rink during this adult-only drop in program. (\$3.00/person or \$8.00/family)

Shinny

Non-competitive 'pick-up' hockey for all ages and abilities. *Required equipment: skates, helmet, stick and hockey gloves. (\$5.00/person or \$13.00/family)*

Adult Shinny

Non-contact, adults-only, pick up hockey. *Required equipment: helmet, skates, gloves and stick. (\$5.00/person or \$13.00/family)*

Additional Public Skating is always scheduled from 2:00pm-3:00pm during school holidays and PD Days!

Check out our FREE sponsored skates below!

FREE PUBLIC SKATING!

The following dates have been generously sponsored by local businesses to provide free public skating in your community!

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, October 15

Friday, November 15

Sunday, December 8

Sunday, December 22

Monday, December 23

Friday, December 27

Sunday, December 29

Monday, December 31

Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 3

Sunday, January 5

Friday, January 24

Sunday, January 26

Sunday, February 16

Sunday, March 29

Embroid Zorra Community Centre

Harrington Area Community Association

David W. McRoberts, CPA

Sponsorship still available, book now!

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Edpro Energy

Tim Hortons

Tim Hortons

Tim Hortons

Tim Hortons

Oxford Holstein Club

David W. McRoberts, CPA

Heartland Farm Mutual - Mary Ellen Garner & Matt Garner – Insurance Advisors

Sponsorship still available, book now!

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Thamesford District Recreation Centre

Coopers Custom Exteriors

Bayson Heat Treating Inc.

Alison Porter Finally Home Team – Century 21

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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES WINTER 2019/2020

Walk & Talk (FREE!)

Walk & Talk is a FREE, drop-in social program that's filled with conversation, activities and fun! Join us for coffee, conversation, a walk around the facility, or one of our planned activities.

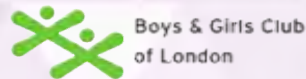
Tuesdays - Beaty Room, Thamesford Library
Thursdays - Embro Zorra Community Centre
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Pickleball

Come out and play the fastest rising sport in North America! A great low-impact activity for players of all ages and abilities. Beginners welcome! \$2.00 per person

Thamesford District Recreation Centre
Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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BAKE IT! (Ages 7-12 years)

Bake It! is a program that challenges older children by following recipes to create delicious baked goodies. In addition to muffins, cookies & other treats, they will also learn basic decorating techniques. *\$100.00/child for 6 weeks on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting January 9, 2020 at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre.*

ART ATTACK (Ages 8-13 years)

These young art enthusiasts will work with a professional artist to learn the fundamentals of sketching, painting and more! *\$80.00/child for 6 weeks on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting January 8, 2020 at the Beaty Room in the Thamesford Public Library.*

Register today at
kidscape.ca/thamesford-life-skills

These programs are provided by Kidscape and their Life Skills Academy, powered by the Boys and Girls Club of London

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MARCH BREAK CAMP!
March 16 - 20, 2020
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Recreation Department continued

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For smaller events, the Beaty Room in Thamesford and the Small Hall in the Embro Zorra Community Centre is an ideal location for a variety of events, such as business meetings and bridal showers! With a capacity of up to 100 people, these halls also include tables, chairs, and access to a well stocked and inspected kitchen.

Consider renting at some of Zorra's historical locations for your special event. The Embro Town Hall or the Harrington Community Centre facilities boast a rich heritage and a unique setting for your event. With capacities between 50 – 100 and many of the amenities you can enjoy at our other facilities, these beautiful space will provide an experience you can't find anywhere else!

For more info & to book these rooms & all other recreation spaces, please email us at booking@zorra.ca

Rental room rates can also be found online at www.zorra.ca

PUBLIC SKATING SPONSORSHIPS



The Recreation Department is looking for businesses who would like to help support free access to our Public Skating programs in your community. Skating is an integral part of this community. Skating gives families, groups and individuals the opportunity to be active throughout the winter months while building memories in their own community.

Consider supporting your community by sponsoring a public skate. Your \$120.00 sponsorship fee will include advertisement through all Township social media platforms, in our recreation facilities, and in the Zorra Now magazine. Contact Stephanie Starchuck at sstarchuck@zorra.ca for more information!

WE'RE HIRING!!

The Recreation Department is now hiring for the following seasonal positions for the 2020 summer season:

- Pool Supervisor
- Lifeguard/Instructor
- Camp Coordinator
- Camp Leader

Full job applications will be available for review by **January 6, 2020** at www.zorra.ca

Community Events

THAMESFORD DISTRICT RECREATION CENTRE

**NOV
2019**

Lions Community Carol Sing
November 30, 7:00 p.m.

**DEC
2019**

Calithumpian Holiday Parade
December 22, 6:00 p.m.

**JAN
2020**

Thamesford Trojans Trivia Night
January 25, 7:00 p.m.

**FEB
2020**

Lions Family Day Event
February 17, 2020
Free Skating
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Food & Silent Auction in the Hall
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**MAR
2020**

Thamesford Skating Club Carnival
March 28, 2020

**APR
2020**

Lions Elimination Draw
April 17, 2020

EMBRO ZORRA COMMUNITY CENTRE

**NOV
2019**

Embros Zorra Caledonian Society
St Andrews Night Banquet
November 29, 2020

**FEB
2020**

Tanner Auction
February 8, 2020

Embros & Zorra Agricultural Society
Dinner Theatre
See page 37 for show dates

**MAR
2020**

March Break Day Camp
March 16 to March 20, 2020
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Zorra Skating Club Carnival
March 14, 2020

**APR
2020**

Knox United Church BBQ
April 4, 2020

ReusalooZaha
April 25, 2020
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



On August 17, 2019, Zorra hosted the Tri-County Swim Meet at the Thamesford Pool. Zorra had four swimmers who placed BEST OVERALL in their age category as an accumulation of their results from each individual race for the day.

Alayna Egan - 2nd Overall, Girls 9-10 age group

Michael Verhoeven - 1st Overall, Boys 9-10 age group

Nicholas Barnes - 3rd Overall, Boys 11-12 age group

Haley Betzner - 1st Overall, Girls 13-14 age group

The competition was the season-end event for the swim team. Swimmers travelled or competed against the swim teams from Aylmer, Dorchester, Otterville, Woodstock, Strathroy and Delhi.

Congratulations to all the swimmers and a big thank-you to all volunteers!

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DO YOU HAVE A 2019-2021 TAG ON YOUR DOG(S)?

You don't have to take any action for the new year. Your tag is good until the end of 2021. The annual administration fee of \$15.00 will be added to your final 2020 tax bill.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW DOG?

Contact the office to obtain a new tag or complete the dog tag request form on our website. The fee is \$15.00 per year, per dog. Your new tag will be mailed out to you.

DO YOU HAVE A DANGEROUS DOG?

Dangerous dogs must be registered in person at the Township Office each year before December 24th. Be sure to bring current vaccination records for your dog. Annual fee for a dangerous dog is \$30.00.

QUESTIONS?

Call the office 519-485-2490 ext 7221 or email dogtag@zorrap.ca

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Local Talent at the Zorra Municipal Office

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2019-20 HOLIDAY COLLECTION GARBAGE AND RECYCLING



WILL YOUR COLLECTION DAY CHANGE?

Residences and businesses in Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Norwich, South-West Oxford, Ingersoll and Zorra will have regularly scheduled collection during the holidays.

LOCATED IN WOODSTOCK OR TILLSONBURG?

Please see below for adjusted collection dates.

ORIGINAL DAY	MUNICIPALITY	NEW COLLECTION DAY
December 24	City of Woodstock	December 23
December 25	City of Woodstock Town of Tillsonburg	December 27 December 28
December 26	City of Woodstock	December 30
January 1	City of Woodstock Town of Tillsonburg	January 2 January 4

Remember to have all garbage bags and recycling bins to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

When severe weather hits this winter, collection may be delayed or cancelled. Monitor local news, visit www.wasteline.ca or download the wasteline app to receive service alerts.

DON'T LET YOUR HOLIDAYS GO TO WASTE

Follow these simple steps for quick and simple recycling this holiday season:

1. Break down and flatten all cardboard boxes, no larger than 75 x 75 x 20 cms
2. Wrapping paper can be recycled, with the exception of foil-based wrapping paper. Please remove all ribbons and bows.
3. Place your garbage and recycling where it's easy to find – not behind a snowbank or parked car.
4. For the safety of our collection crews, do not place garbage and recycling on top of snowbanks. Shovel out a separate area if necessary.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Wednesday, Dec. 25 | Thursday, Dec. 26 | Wednesday, Jan. 1

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Contact: Lion Tony 519-285-3618

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Thamesford Recreation Centre
Contact: Lion Tony 519-285-3618

Carol Sing

Saturday Nov 30, 2019
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Zorra completes agreement to purchase Maple Leaf Foods Inc. Thamesford site

The Council of the Township of Zorra is pleased to announce it has finalized an agreement of purchase and sale with Maple Leaf Foods Inc. for the Township to acquire a 121-acre parcel of land in Thamesford. The parcel of land includes two existing industrial processing plants, office buildings and an industrial/residential draft plan of subdivision. Purchase price for the property is \$5,960,000.

Maple Leaf Foods announced in November 2016 the Thamesford facility would cease production in early 2018 impacting 400 workers. The Township and Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation (ROEDC) immediately began strategizing how to mitigate the impact on the municipality and the specter of large vacant industrial buildings in Thamesford's core.

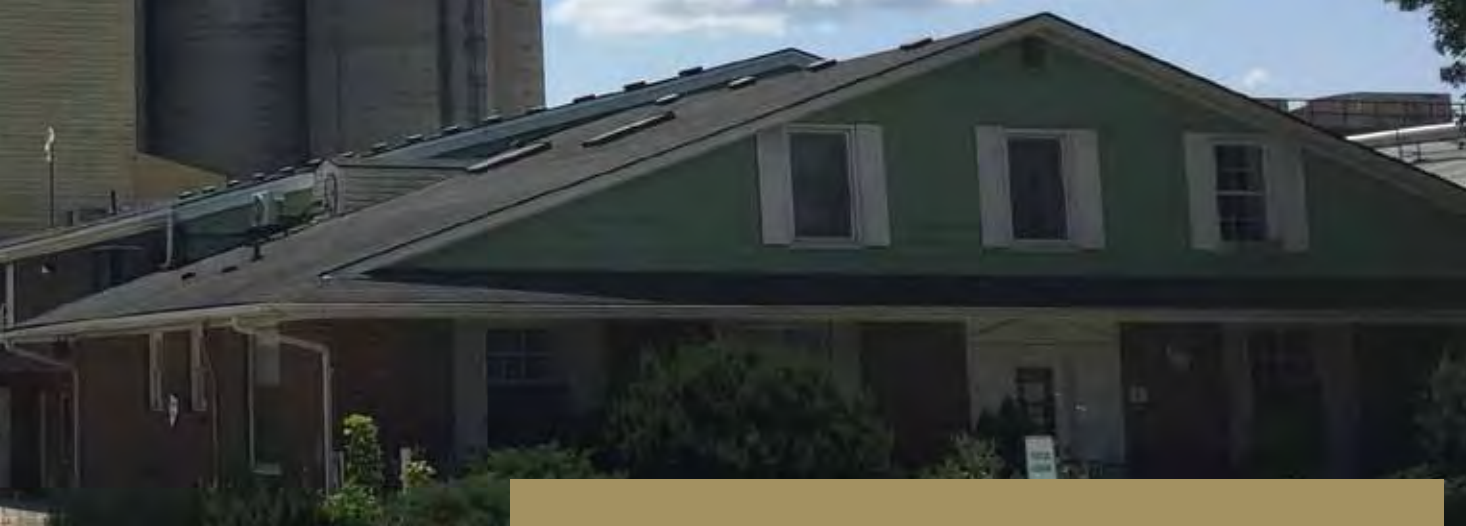
The Township and ROEDC explored many options over the past 18 months and through its due diligence determined there was potential for the municipality to purchase the property and sell off distinct parcels to interested parties. The municipality sought development proposals for eight separate parcels and in response the Township has received signed offers of purchase and sale for six of the parcels.

Kingwood Land Inc., a Mississauga based development company, has agreed to purchase 112 acres for a mixed-use development and agreed to pay \$6,350,000 for the land. Kingwood Homes has gained a reputation for building award-winning master-planned communities throughout southwestern Ontario. They have over 30 years of

home building experience and have developed mixed-use communities building single-detached dwellings, townhomes, condominiums and low and mid-rise apartment buildings. With respect to the Thamesford property, they are proposing to construct 178 single-detached dwellings, 203 townhome units, 75 bungalow condominium townhomes and 350 medium density units. In addition, Kingwood is also proposing to construct 9,000 square metres of commercial space. The necessary planning approvals will still be required for a portion of the lands and Kingwood hopes to begin construction in late fall or early winter of 2019.

Hogg Construction Ltd. has agreed to purchase two vacant parcels and one existing single detached dwelling for a total price of \$539,500. The Thamesford based development company is proposing to construct a senior-oriented apartment building and is contemplating constructing a licensed child care facility. In addition, a single detached building lot is to be subdivided into two semi-detached lots.

Mayor Marcus Ryan was pleased to make this announcement, and remarked "When the plant closure was announced, Council and the public were very concerned this land would sit vacant and become detriment to our community. Now we have a transformative development that will allow us to provide a much-needed housing mix, additional commercial space and park development along the Thames River. This brownfield redevelopment is an example of what can happen when a municipality thinks outside



the box and takes an innovative approach to community building. This development checks off all the boxes in our Strategic Plan: we are vibrant, we are prosperous, we are engaged, and we are environmentally conscious.”

Ward 2 (Thamesford) Councillor Katie Davies noted that “Our community needs to provide alternatives for first time home buyers and those wishing to downsize but continue living in Thamesford and this development will meet the community’s need for years to come.” Chief Administrative Officer Don MacLeod said, “the Township will carry out full consultation and public engagement starting in late November or early December. I am pleased to see this deal come to fruition and we look forward to working with Kingwood to provide a sustainable, environmentally conscious development that maintains and enhances the uniqueness of Thamesford.”

Thamesford Redevelopment Proposal PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

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As a first step in this process, the Township Council will be holding an open house on December 12, 2019, to update the public on the process and to solicit comments. The open house is being held at Thamesford District Recreation Centre from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with a brief formal presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Additional information will be available on the Township website at www.zorra.ca in the week prior to the open house. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Don MacLeod
Chief Administrative Officer
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MEDINA RESIDENT ACHIEVING GREAT RESULTS IN UNIVERSITY AND CLUB ROWING

Written by Stew Slater

If it's 10 minutes after four in the morning on a university in Ontario, the stereotype is of students just getting home from a lively night on the town. But first-year University of Guelph student Grace Hutton, a Medina resident and daughter of Bryan Hutton and Joyce Edye, turns that stereotype on its head every day except Sunday.

And she has a successful few years in the sport of rowing to thank.

As she completed her secondary school studies at St. Marys DCVI in 2018-19, thanks to strong results as a member of the London-based Western Rowing Club, Hutton received inquiries from a number of universities in Ontario, as well as outside the province, expressing interest in having her attend the school and join the varsity rowing team. She settled on U of G, where she's now studying towards a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

"It's hard, sometimes, to wake up from my naps to get to some of my morning classes," she smiled during a recent interview. Why is she napping? Because she started her day several hours earlier, waking just after

4 a.m. in order to arrive at a conservation area north of the city in time for the team's daily 5 a.m. workout.

During what she calls "on-water season," the team works out on Guelph Lake six days a week, unless they're away at a competition. That season recently wrapped up, with the varsity rookie Hutton – a specialist in Single Sculls – following up on a second-place finish in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) championships in late October with a very respectable fifth-place ranking in the Canadian University championships on Nov. 3.

Hutton barely squeaked into the A Final at the meet, held in Victoria, BC, by recording the sixth fastest time during preliminary time trials on Saturday, Nov. 2. But she was, overall, pleased with the result because it put her in the position, as a university rowing rookie, to compete on Sunday largely against athletes with more experience. "They've pretty much all been racing at this meet for a lot longer than I have."

Plus, she improved her ranking by one from Saturday's time trials, moving up from sixth to fifth overall.

But wrapping up the outdoor racing schedule doesn't mean the early wake-ups have ended for the U of G squad. Although early-morning treks to Guelph Lake won't resume until next spring, there are still a few indoor competitions to look forward to as part of the "off water" season. These are held on specially-equipped rowing machines – called "ergometers" – and the team, in preparation, still gathers six mornings per week.

"But it's right on campus, and it's at 6 a.m. So I get to sleep in nice and late," Hutton laughed.

Grace took up rowing in 2016 after being recruited at DCVI through the "Row to Podium" program, which sees Rowing Canada representatives visit high schools looking for student-athletes who might have the potential to succeed in the sport. She recalls that characteristics such as physical stature and endurance were some of the things the Row to Podium program looked for.

From there, she joined the Western Rowing Club and began a hectic schedule of workouts at Fanshawe Lake and competitions at such venues as the historically-significant Henley course in St. Catharines.

"If anyone knows anything about rowing in Canada, they probably know that one," she said of the Martindale Pond course in the heart of St. Catharines – host of the annual Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. It's here that Hutton has, perhaps, celebrated her best results as a club rower, including victories in Under-23 Women's Singles and, this year, in Women's Doubles with her partner (and OUA competitor) Hayley Chase of Fergus. Chase is currently studying at Laurentian University in Sudbury, and outpaced Grace in Singles Sculls to capture first place during the OUA championships on the Henley course on Oct. 25.

Hutton's future goal, though, is to move beyond the Royal Canadian Henley sphere into the upper echelons of rowing in Canada. She explains that, despite the St. Catharines event's historic significance, very few of the country's national team members compete at the annual meet.

"If you plan on staying a club rower, it's still the biggest thing," she said of the Henley. But starting

in 2019, Hutton began setting her sights higher by attending what are known as the "Speed Orders" which serve as tryouts for the national Senior and Under-23 teams. In June of this year, they were held on the very same Elk Lake course in Victoria that later hosted the Canadian University championships, and Grace recalls being somewhat disappointed with her results.

She was much happier, she added, with a subsequent participation in another top-level rowing meet – the National Rowing Championships, held in September in Burnaby, BC. In that event, she placed fourth in the C-final.

In both cases, though, the Medina native took pride in being able to glide up to the start line against rowers who are in training for the Olympics. It served as significant motivation to take her rowing to a higher level, and she's looking forward in 2020 to getting a second chance at the Speed Orders and, hopefully, a spot on the national Under-23 squad.

In rowing, the difference between victory and failure to qualify can be agonizingly small. In the preliminary qualifiers for the OUAs in October, Hutton placed second in her heat by finishing nine seconds back of a Western University athlete. But in the A-final – for which they both qualified – Hutton had saved enough energy to narrowly edge out her Western competitor for the silver medal. Her margin of victory, over 2,000 metres, was a measly 1.13 seconds.

It's understanding what it takes to succeed in such tight races that keeps Grace motivated in rowing . . . motivated to keep setting the alarm for extremely early wake-ups; motivated to keep putting her body through extreme workouts aiming for peak physical conditioning at just the right days in the racing schedule; and motivated to sacrifice much of what an average university student might enjoy so she can remain dedicated to the sport she loves.

"I really enjoy it," she says of rowing. "I do love the sport. It's really about having that inner motivation."

"In a race, you have to keep pushing yourself. And you get to a point in every race when it's really hard to keep pushing yourself, and to not let the pressure off, and to keep going for it."

All the best in the 2020 season, Grace! Zorra Township will be pulling for you.



How many students from Zorra can exchange to France?

The sky is the limit! In fact, to get to France, Zorra resident students from 13 to 17 will see a good bit of the sky via Air France, then will stay with host families and a partner chosen for shared interests for 2 or 3 months.

How tall are Swiss mountains? Tall enough that hiking the Roman road to the top will leave you breathless! But under them lies the Hadron collider where scientists will talk to you about recreating the Big Bang. Is that all there is? What about Germany, Spain or Italy! Life is sweet there too. All five of these European destinations are available through ISE Ontario. Currently, students can enrol via www.iseontario.on.ca for extraordinary reciprocal exchange experiences.

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Get Involved! Become an Ally.

As a middle or upper-income person within your community, you have a chance to help make real, positive change within a person's life and within the community.

Allies are volunteers from all walks of life that are willing to create a real, supportive and meaningful friendship built on mutual respect with a Leader (and their family). An Ally works directly with a Leader and their family to help them in accomplishing their action plan.

The Circles Ally has three main goals:

1. Make meaningful, friendship with the individual or family in poverty and join them in their quest for financial independence, meaning and friendship
2. Increase awareness of one's own stereotypes and class rules
3. Use experience of friendship to advocate within the community for changes to barriers that keep poverty in place

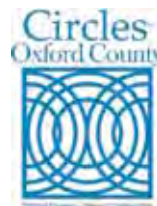
All applicants will be required to have a criminal reference check completed and will need to sign an Oath of Confidentiality.

What is the commitment?

- Allies will be asked to make a two-year (24 month) commitment to the Circles program which involves attending weekly meetings (including supper), for a total of 6-10 hours a month.
- An Ally should call/email/text the Circle Leader at least once a week.
- Allies are expected to meet with a Circles Leader at least once a month. When planning an outing with a Circle Leader, it should be low or no cost.

Do I receive support or training as an Ally?

An Ally will attend a Bridges out of Poverty or Ally Training session to start. There is lots of collaboration within Circles to promote a supportive environment so the Allies and Leaders always have someone there for them.



For more information please contact:

Lynda Bartlett, Circles Coordinator/Human Services Manager, Oxford County
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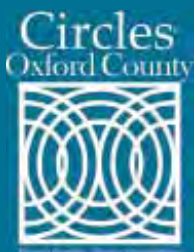
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PJHL HOCKEY

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Over the years the Trojans hockey club has provided many players the opportunity to advance their hockey training. Many do not advance to professional hockey, but they are able to continue their studies. Some have moved on to become a doctor, lawyer, accountants, business exec, electricians, etc. These ex-Trojans still play the game of hockey, just visit the arenas and witness the nbc league sun mornings.

The Trojans have been at it for 43 successful years. The coaches, the executive and the players do this for the love of the game. The league has been rebranded, it is still Junior 'C', but is now called the PJHL (Provincial Junior Hockey League). This rebranding better expresses who we are: a collage of abc and d players. The league is made up of 62 teams making it the largest league in Canada. The league is still under the OHA but was incorporated this past spring.

It is hoped that in the end, the players will boast with pride that they played hockey in the PJHL and when they leave will become PJHL alumni supporters.

The Trojans have great sponsor support but we also require the fans in the stands. Very few teams can survive for long without the fans to cheer on the team. The Trojans have iced another great team and would love to share the love of the game with you. Please plan on bringing the family out to a game, (Mom, Dad and 3 kids=\$20). Our last regular season home game is January 31st., and then into playoffs.

Check out the league on line at PJHL or Thamesford Trojans or read the Village Voice for game schedules and upcoming events.

Hope to see you at the games and keep your stick on the ice.

T. Redix, President

Thamesford Trojans Schedule

HOME

AWAY

LucanFri, Sept 13, 7:30pm
 N. MiddlesexFri, Oct 4, 7:30pm
 Pt. StanleyFri, Oct 11, 7:30pm
 Mt. BrydgesFri, Oct 18, 7:30pm
 Dorchester.....Tues, Oct 22, 8:30pm
 ExeterSun, Oct 27, 7:30pm
 AylmerFri, Nov 1, 7:30pm
 Dorchester...Tues, Nov 12, 8:30pm
 Pt. Stanley.....Fri, Nov 15, 7:30pm
 Exeter.....Fri, Nov 22, 7:30pm
 Mt. BrydgesFri, Nov 29, 7:30pm
 N. Middlesex.....Fri, Dec 6, 7:30pm
 Mt. Brydges..Tues, Dec 10, 8:30pm
 Lucan.....Fri, Dec 13, 7:30pm
 ExeterFri, Jan 3, 7:30pm
 AylmerSun, Jan 5, 7:30pm
 DorchesterTues, Jan 7, 8:30pm
 N. MiddlesexFri, Jan 10, 7:30pm
 Lucan.....Fri, Jan 17, 7:30pm
 Aylmer.....Fri, Jan 24, 7:30pm
 Pt. StanleyFri, Jan 31, 7:30pm

N. MiddlesexSat, Sept 14, TBD
 Pt. StanleySat, Sept 21, 7:00pm
 Mt. Brydges ..Sun, Sept 22, 3:30pm
 Aylmer.....Sat, Sept 28, 7:15pm
 AylmerSat, Oct 5, 7:15pm
 ExeterTues, Oct 15, 8:30pm
 N. Middlesex ..Sun, Oct 20, 2:30pm
 Lucan.....Sat, Oct 26, 7:45pm
 Lucan.....Sat, Nov 2, 7:45pm
 N. Middlesex.....Sat, Nov 9, 8:00pm
 Mt. Brydges..Sun, Nov 24, 7:30pm
 Exeter.....Tues, Nov 26, 8:30pm
 AylmerSat, Dec 7, 7:15pm
 Pt. Stanley.....Sat, Dec 14, 7:00pm
 ExeterFri, Dec 20, 8:00pm
 Dorchester.....Sat, Dec 21, 7:30pm
 DorchesterSun, Dec 29, 3:30pm
 Pt. Stanley.....Sat, Jan 11, 7:00pm
 Mt. BrydgesSun, Jan 19, 7:30pm
 Dorchester.....Wed, Jan 29, 7:30pm
 Lucan.....Sat, Feb 1, 7:45pm

Oxford Rural Entrepreneurs

Zorra is rich with ORE. Not silver or gold, but ORE that is even more valuable than the gravel and limestone we already mine. Zorra is awash with a wealth of Oxford Rural Entrepreneurs (ORE), whose value is yet to be fully mined, but who's impact helps to keep our communities thriving.

Glimmers of rich veins of ORE were visible in Embro Town Hall this October when a full room of enthusiastic entrepreneurs from across Oxford's rural townships gathered at a networking event to start new conversations, share ideas, and generate opportunities and support. The event was organized by a consortium of service providers who wanted to spark grassroots discussions. With a first attempt having proven successful and found to be worthwhile by the many participants, the wish is to further expand the reach across all 5 townships in Oxford County.

After our attention was sparked by Zorra's eloquent Town Crier Doug Turvey, Mayor Marcus Ryan welcomed all and highlighted the significant impact and value of back road businesses. October's networking event was the first effort to create a virtual community of ORE, reflecting the best of rural – entrepreneurs wanting everybody to know their business, working together to encourage our back road business community.

One attendee, in explaining what makes it amazing to be a rural entrepreneur stated, "Being supported locally and supporting local in return". Isn't that what rural is really all about?

The ad hoc consortium that collaborated on this inaugural effort included the following organizations, all with the goal of supporting the



success of our rural businesses and communities:

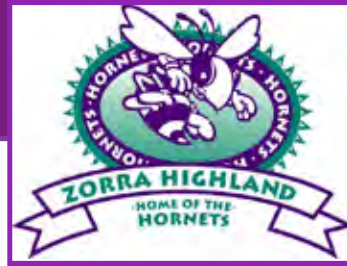
- Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation (www.roedc.ca; @RuralOxfordEDC)
- Oxford County Library (www.ocl.net; @oxfordcountylibrary)
- Community Futures Oxford (www.cfoxford.ca; @CommunityFuturesOxford)

The Small Business Centre also provided their encouragement.

As the ORE community grows, these support organizations will continue to share their services and tailor their offerings to what is most important to rural entrepreneurs. Each organization fulfills their own unique niche, however with their strong collaboration, there is "No Wrong Number"; one call and you are connected into the network, and will be directed to where there is a best fit.

The goal is for the ORE community to develop a grass roots working group of rural entrepreneurs ready to lead the focus, direction, and future path of ORE, with support from the service organizations. A number of business owners have already volunteered to assist with developing momentum. Others are welcome to come to the table and if interested, just contact any of the above organizations – remember we are all here to help and there is No Wrong Number.

Zorra Highland Park PS



Save the Date

60th Anniversary Open House

Thursday, December 5, 2019
1:30-3:00p.m. and 6:00-7:30p.m.

We are currently looking for community involvement to help plan this event. If you are interested in being part of the 60th Anniversary planning committee, please contact the school at 519-475-4121. We are also looking for memorabilia from the past 60 years, including school spirit wear for display. If you have items to lend for the display, please contact the school. Many documents and pictures have been collected and digitized, thanks to the efforts of the Brooksdale/Embros&West Women's Institutes. Student projects and a slideshow will be showcased, along with displays of items lent to us for this event. We are looking forward to a celebration that brings many generations of our community together.



BEACHVILLE DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Annual Open House and Ye Olde Tyme Christmas Songfest at the Museum

*Sunday, December 8, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Songfest 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)*

Drop in for light refreshments, conversation and to view the museum. Reminiscent of Christmas long ago, you may also gather around an historic pump organ and welcome the season with your favourite Christmas carols (requests encouraged).

For Christmas giving . . .

The Beachville District Museum has in stock a number of books of local historical interest, some written by Historical Society members. The latest are two by Society member and retired history professor Dr. George Emery. The first book is an expanded version of his prior work on millponds, millstreams and people in Ingersoll. The second describes financial and other incentives given to entice industry to Ingersoll from 1873 to 1927, typical of many municipalities. These publications are available exclusively through the Beachville District Museum and the Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum. Dr. Emery is donating the full sale amount to the respective museum.

“Art, Asphalt and Additions to Staff at Beachville District Museum”

If you visited the museum earlier this year, you may have stumbled across Harvard aircraft fragments and pilots’ logbooks, or vivid images of Formosa and the life of George Leslie Mackay. Through the month of October, though, our rotating exhibit space was transformed into a contemporary art gallery. Oxford Creative Connections, and its member artists, developed a show called “Art in Oxford” that featured works on canvas, sculptures and photographs. A reception was held at the museum on October 4th and art remained on display until October 31st.

There were a few projects we had to undertake at the museum before the winter weather arrived and the ground froze. With expert advice from Backyard By Design, a collection of shovels, and hot chocolate and cookies on hand, members of the Beachville District Historical Society and volunteers planted over 250 bulbs in our front yard. While this project will show few results in the next few months, we’re excited to look for the blooms (and reap the rewards of this fall project) in the spring.

Crews from South-West Oxford Township and Peter’s Paving laid a sleek new driveway at the museum just as the village of Beachville saw its first snowfall. Crumbling curbs and old asphalt was torn up, fresh layers of gravel were spread and new storm grates were installed. The west portion of the driveway was also extended to make it snowplow ready. Bring on the white stuff!

During the month of remembrance, it was fitting that the Beachville District Historical Society’s speaker series featured special guest, Bruce Julian. His presentation provided an opportunity to reflect on the history and relevance of the Royal Canadian Legion. We thank, our partner, the Beachville Legion for all the work they do in our community to document and share veterans’ stories.

With students well into their school terms, we welcomed a new Educational Coordinator to our staff. Jessica Matthys joined our team as a Young Canada Works intern. She has extensive experience in museum programming and interpretive design, and will be working to develop creative, curriculum-specific, educational kits that highlight local histories and artifacts. If you’re a teacher thinking about class activities for next semester, keep an eye out for our new educational programs in 2020.

Looking ahead to 2020, we encourage those who have an interest in local history and community service to stop into the museum. Tell us about the projects you are interested in, brainstorm with us about a new initiative, sign up to be a volunteer or ask us about joining a committee. How would you like to get involved?



Thamesford Handbell Choir

The Thamesford Handbell Choir is a group of eleven people from communities around Thamesford. We meet once a week to ring handbells and share our love of music. Susan Carscadden-Mifsud of Ingersoll is the director of the ensemble.

Four octaves of Schulmerich bronze handbells were purchased after a federal Horizons Grant was approved in 1993 resulting from the foresight of thirteen senior Thamesford residents who initiated this project. Initially, Charlotte McIntosh capably directed the performers and by 1995, Lorna Ferguson was directing the “Ringing Stars”. They practiced for concerts at church services, senior centers and holiday events. Upon Lorna’s retirement, Susan Carscadden-Mifsud became the group’s director.

The group has performed at many community church services, at seniors’ homes and in 2012 performed at Santa’s Village in Ingersoll. They have appeared at the Thamesford Lion’s Carol Sing several times and were guests at the Ingersoll Senior’s Centre Christmas Dinner. The ringers have also attended several Ontario Biennial Handbell Festivals.

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, the Thamesford Handbell Choir presented “*Bells, Bids ‘n’ Bites*” a concert and silent auction recognizing their 20th anniversary and honoring past choir members.

The ringers have also collaborated with Susan’s other handbell ensembles, Bells Ablaze and Bellissima Ringers to present concerts at ITOPA

Theatre in Ingersoll. Our next performance at ITOPA will be on Sunday December 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. - a varied program of seasonal music featuring bells and other instruments including violin, flute, keyboard, percussion and singers.

Tickets can be purchased through ITOPA and we are excited to share our love of ringing with the audience once again.



The members of the group are:

Mary Bilyea
Ron Bouwman
Monica Cotrill
Anita Hartfield
Noreen Holbrough
Linda Knox
Donna Kuhun
Theresa Moore
Wendy Porter
Carol Robson
Sandra Wullms



CALITHUMPIAN



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**THAMESFORD
CALITHUMPIAN
HOLIDAY
PARADE**

DECEMBER 22, 2019

TIME: 6:00PM

\$250 FOR BEST DECORATED FLOAT

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CREATIVITY!
BUSINESSES, FRIENDS & FAMILY! GET YOUR FLOATS READY!

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**5050
RAFFLE**

**CASH FOR
CHRISTMAS**
LL# M766758

\$2

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
JC GRAPHICS & BRUNNY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL
UP UNTIL FRIDAY DEC 20TH
OR ANY CALI COMMITTEE MEMBER

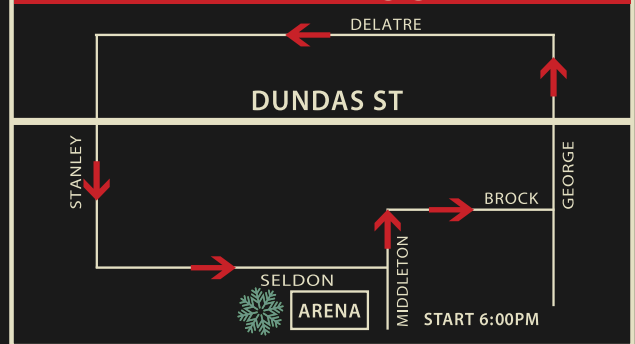
➡ GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY! ⬅

WIN UP TO \$4000

DRAW TAKES PLACE AT THE PARADE

❄️ - HAPPY HOLIDAYS - ❄️

PARADE ROUTE



- ➡ SET UP 5:30 PM AT ARENA
- ➡ PARADE STARTS AND ENDS AT THE ARENA
- ➡ NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CALI WILL BE DONATING \$100 TO THE LOCAL FOOD BANK
INSTEAD OF GIVING OUT CANDY!

**THAMESFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT
WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS!**

QUESTIONS CONTACT
KRISTEN - krisahughes@hotmail.com



**Crackerjack
Palace**

HARRINGTON HALL
539 Victoria St., Harrington
Feb 8th, 2020

Valentine's Dance

Crackerjack Palace is a local classic rock cover band formed in 2004. They cover songs from The Beatles and The Rolling Stones to Steely Dan and The Eagles. They focus on authentic reproductions of the original tracks from the 60's and 70's and continue to add new songs to their performance set lists.

More details to follow!
exploreharrington.ca

Steel City Rovers

Harrington Hall
Nov.30th
8pm



Winter Tidings Concert

Tickets \$20
Advance Only
www.eztix.com/scr or 519-475-4384
Refreshments available
Cash Bar 50-50 draw
Doors Open 7:30

539 Victoria St., Harrington (above the Library)

Steel City Rovers play a fusion of celtic, bluegrass, folk and roots, and will include both original and familiar winter-themed music.

Harrington Hall




For Rent

**Planning a function or celebration?
Bright, accessible, cheerful space.
Holds up to 100, Reasonable rates!
For more information or to book:
Call Michelle at 519-301-2623 or ece22010@gmail.com**

Harrington & Thamesford Public Library – Branch of Oxford County

Harrington Library offers Friday Family Movies 6:30 pm Popcorn is served
Come out Friday Nights to the Harrington Library - we host a FREE Family Movie Nights - Free Popcorn (bring your own drink). Movie titles available - just contact the library at 519 475-6909 or email harringtonlibrary@ocl.net

Thamesford Library Programs
Tales for Tots Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30
Come in for a half hour of fun featuring songs, rhymes, stories and more followed by free play and social time.

Books for Babies Friday mornings 10:30-11:30 am
Rhymes, Bounces, Scarves, Giggles, Puppets and More

All Zorra libraries offer free wifi, sell garbage tags and host a variety of programs for all ages
Gail Kavelman is the branch Supervisor in Thamesford until March 2021 and Gail would love folks to drop by and say hello



Andrew's Legacy & Smile Cookies

Andrew's Legacy is a campaign to have AED's in all public places across Ontario. Andrew's Legacy, a small local family, community oriented charity was given the opportunity to raise some incredible funds to place more AED's (automated external defibrillators) in public places.

From September 16 to 22, 2019 \$1 from EVERY SINGLE SMILE COOKIE SOLD IN THE THAMESFORD TIM HORTONS location was donated to this charity.

9645 cookies were sold! Thamesford store was the 3rd in ranking of #SmileCookie sales in London and surrounding area!!!! For further information visit <http://andrewslegacyforever.com/>



2020 Embro Dinner Theatre Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Presents

SUBURBAN STANDOFF

by Michael Grant

Directed by Doug Turvey Stage Managed by Geoff Innes

Produced by Marieve Gagnon & Sara Stephenson

Box Office: December 14th 2019 8am-11am in the Embro Community Center Lobby
Tickets available after box office at Workshop Supply
(100 Commissioners St. Embro, 519-475-4947)

Show dates:

Saturday Feb. 29 (Dinner & Show) - \$40 Sunday Mar.1 (Brunch & Show) - \$40

Thursday Mar. 5 (Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar & Show) - \$20

Friday Mar. 6 (Dinner & Show) - \$40 Saturday Mar. 7 (Dinner & Show) - \$40

Suburban Standoff by Michael Grant Produced with special arrangement with PLAYWRIGHTS GUILD of CANADA

Tree Planting around Zorra!



Trees help to clean the air and fight against global climate change, they also impact aesthetic, social, economic and health benefits.

Environmental needs are becoming increasingly important across our globe and every tree helps!!

Throughout the Township of Zorra there are various tree planting programs available for residents. Available programs are as follows:

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. 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 148 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.ca or contact the Township Office.

Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Forest

In 2015, Zorra Township 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. Since 2015, 256 trees have 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 2019, 150 6'-8' sugar maple trees were planted through this program. Fill out the Tree Replacement Form on the Zorra website www.zorra.ca or contact the Township Office.





PLAN YOUR SPRING TREE PLANTING PROJECT NOW!

TREES AVAILABLE

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

The program offers:

- **Large stock trees** (coniferous and deciduous)
- **Seedlings** (coniferous and deciduous species, as well as wildlife shrubs)

Trees purchased through this program may be planted by the landowner or through the UTRCA's full planting service.

For pricing and availability please contact:

UPPER THAMES RIVER
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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

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Email: embrofire@zorra.ca

Thamesford District Chief - Jim Manzer
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Email: ezcc@zorra.ca

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool
Phone: 519-285-3063 (Seasonal)
Email: thamesfordpool@zorra.ca

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Upcoming Council Meetings

All meetings held at the Township Office – Council Chambers

*Council recently changed meetings times to the first WEDNESDAY of the month at 9:00 a.m. and the third WEDNESDAY of the month at 6:00 p.m.

December 4 at 9:00 a.m.
December 18 at 6:00 p.m.
January 15 at 9:00 a.m.
January 22 at 9:00 a.m.
*Budget Meeting
February 5 at 9:00 a.m.

February 19 at 6:00 p.m.
March 4 at 9:00 a.m.
*Only one meeting in March
April 1 at 9:00 a.m.
April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CONTACT LISTING

Minor Sports

Embro:

Embro Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-281-1402
Suzanne McRoberts	519-469-9782
	www.zorraskatingclub.ca
Embro Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embro Minor Soccer Association	
Tim and Katrina DeWit	519-475-0460
Kintore Minor Soccer	
Kate Henderson	519-320-8660

Thamesford:

Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "C" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Baseball	519-851-9548
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-670-7002
Thamesford NBC	519-639-4507
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	226-926-9016
West Oxford Girls Hockey Assoc.	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	
Nicole Barndt	519-533-2208
Embro Highland Games/ Zorra Caledonian Society	519-475-4451
Thamesford Lion's Club	
Jim Keron, President	519-639-1910
Thamesford Scouts	
Jackie Van Daele	519-283-6159
Kintore Optimist Club	519-283-6321
Harrington & Area Community Association	
Philip Kerr	519-475-0484
Harrington Grist Mill Restoration Project	
Tim Van de Kemp	519-475-4376
Oxford County 4-H	oxford4-h@explornet.com

Other

Alzheimers Society	519-421-2466
	1-877-594-2368
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
Calithumpian Committee - Katie Davies	226-268-4495
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	
Helen Brenneman	519-475-4874
Embro Library	519-475-4172
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
North Embro Cemetery	
Darwin Cooper	519-475-4385
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
South West Community Care Access Centre	519-539-1284
	info-woodstock@sw.ccac-ont.ca
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 Dog Rescue - Linda Collier	www.tpdr.ca
VON Oxford	519-539-1231
VON Sakura House	519-537-8515
Welcome Wagon	519-485-2990
Wienerfest - 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
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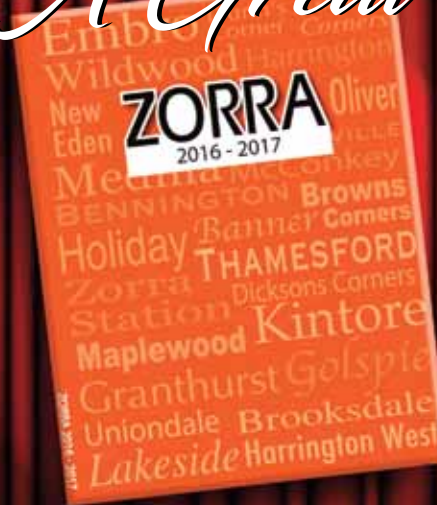


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