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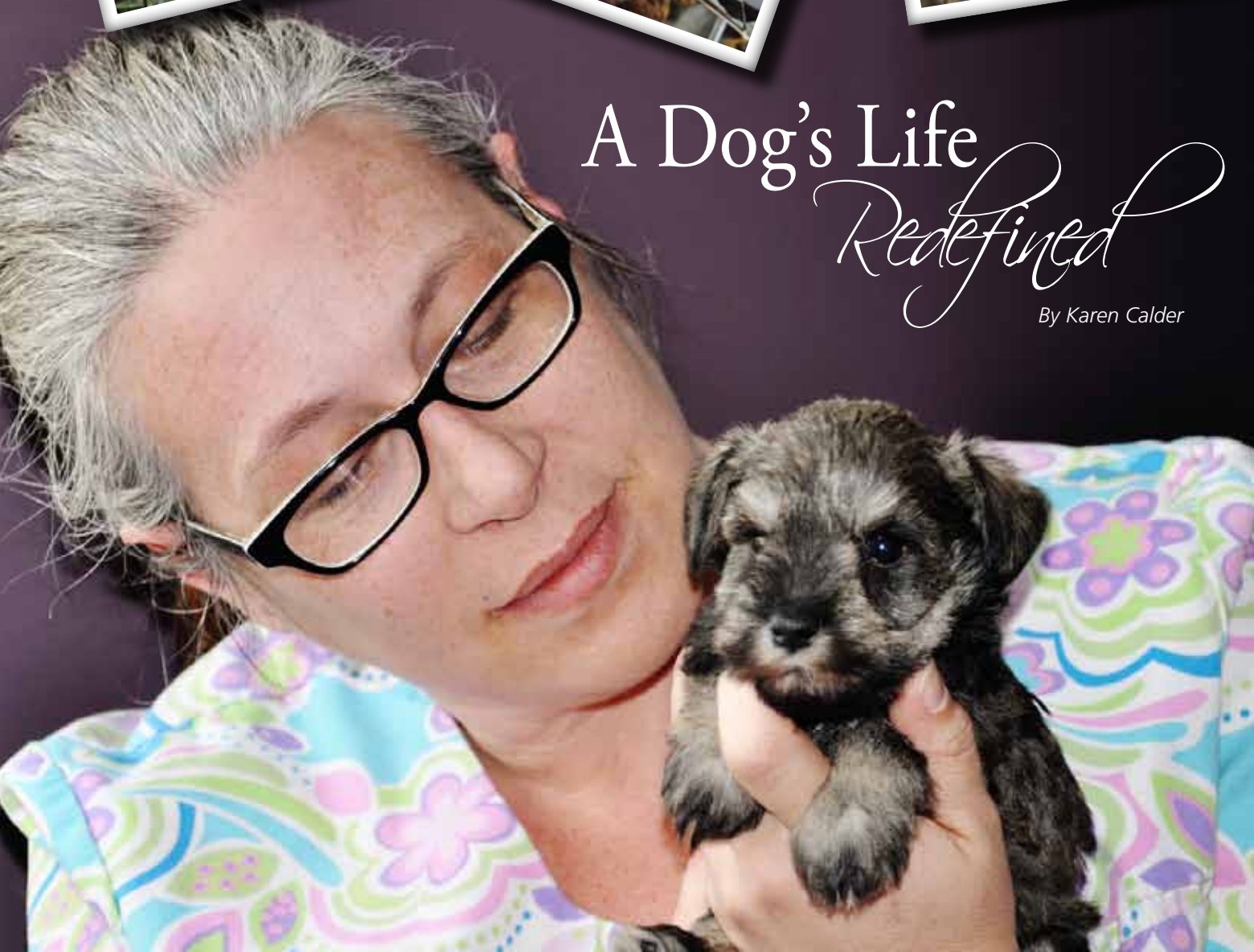


Spring 2013



A Dog's Life *Redefined*

By Karen Calder



Message from the Mayor

Margaret Lupton



Our 2013 budget is the biggest concern at present. I think I have been warning people of the difficult choices I knew we would have to make this year. We were aware our debenture payments would be at an all-time high with the final section of the Township's two sewer projects being added. We also have costs like OPP and insurance that have increased but there really is little choice but to pay. Certainly government

grants have decreased steadily over the past few years but their demands and downloading have not. Just maintaining services involves the usual increased costs for materials and wages. There have been difficult choices made, especially in the awarding of grants to the many organizations in our Township who have applied. Right now Zorra taxes are to increase approximately 6% although the overall increase when combined with County and Education charges will be about 4%. We are hoping for some relief next year with the decrease in debenture payments and the final payment being made at the end of 2013 from reserves for our gravel pit. However, much depends on increased costs and decreased government support. Certainly some new development would be very welcome to increase our assessment base. This year saw a significant number of houses, barns and other buildings being taken down. As a Township we are working with others in Oxford to establish an Economic Development department. We may not be overly successful in attracting new businesses to our area but the hope is that we can assist those we have to stay and perhaps expand. I don't have to remind you how important it is for everyone to support local businesses.

I had the opportunity to meet with some women in the Embro area who are working together to encourage and support the many other women who are carrying on businesses here. There are a surprising number of female entrepreneurs in Zorra running an astonishing number of businesses and we need to know about them and give them as much support as possible.

I attended the annual meeting of Creative Connections, an Oxford organization working to support local artists of many different skills. I am looking to find some way of spotlighting at least those in Zorra for now. There is much very beautiful work being created and I want to give more residents an opportunity to experience this.

There is not much new to report regarding the Landfill proposal. It is a very slow moving effort with many steps to be taken. We have completed selecting our Peer Review Team and I am confident they will be a very great asset as we progress. We all have our ideas about the problems such a proposal could cause but these arguments will be of no value if they cannot be supported by science. That is the job of the team: to be able to research and comment on all information being presented—within their particular field of expertise. Without this professional assistance I think most of us would be completely lost as to assessing the validity of material put forward. Your comments are very welcome and I encourage you to contact me.

I have recently been asked by the County to sit on an ad hoc committee that will be reviewing among other things, all aspects

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of service delivery at Woodingford Lodge. We are certainly not questioning the level of care. The 500 person waiting list attests to that. We want to assure the sustainability of the operation. This will be a very open and transparent discussion and your comments and suggestions are important to me.

Zorra schools are being reviewed by our school board under what is known as an ARC. There is much concern about the future of AJ Baker and the community is working hard to prevent its closure.

You will be hearing about the Heroes of Zorra project which is trying to recognize all military veterans from the very beginning of Zorra. Be sure to watch for the big weekend this August in the Brooksdale area that will feature a historical re-enactment. I am also hearing about a possible Farmers' Market in Thamesford this year. Be sure to let me know about your special events as I want to attend as many as possible. It gives me a chance to get to know Zorra and Zorra citizens better and gives you a chance to share your opinions, concerns and questions. I will look forward to seeing many of you over the summer months.



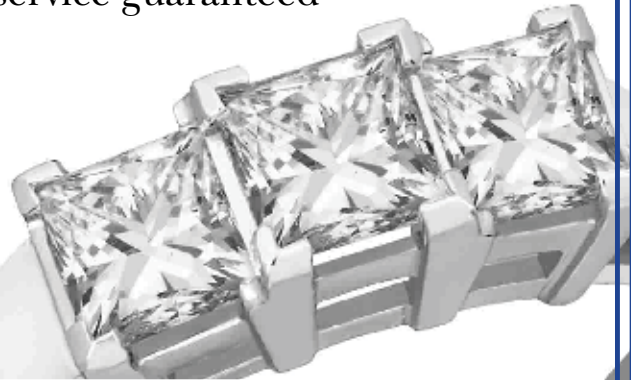
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The current cost of having a memorial tree planted is \$40.00. (An income tax receipt will be issued by the U.T.R.C.A).

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Waste Diversion Calendars 2013/2014

The County of Oxford mailed the 2012/2013 Waste Diversion Calendars to all households in Oxford County during the month of March. If you did not receive a calendar, please contact our office and we will have one mailed to you. This publication contains all pertinent information on garbage, recycling and special waste programs scheduled from April 2013 to March 2014.

Oxford County Landfill Site

Location: 384060 Salford Road (County Road 46), Salford
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Zorra Community Police Advisory Committee

In the fall of 2012 the Township of Zorra, in conjunction with the Ontario Provincial Police, established a Police Advisory Committee whose 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 consists of 8 citizens who reside in Zorra Township, One Council Member (Jim Verwer), One representative from the Ontario Provincial Police, (Sergeant Mike Butler) and Two Township Staff Members (Karen Graham, Clerk and Matt Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer). The Committee Chair is elected by members of the committee for a two year term and the current chair is Doug Diplock.

The Police Advisory Committee meets at various times throughout the year and it is our intention to have many of these meetings in public buildings throughout Zorra. The time and location of the meetings will be posted on

the Zorra Website at www.zorra.on.ca

The meetings are open to the public and the Committee would like to invite you to attend any of the meetings.

It is the information and concerns from all residents of Zorra Township that will enable us to provide guidance and assistance to the Ontario Provincial Police and other Law and Regulatory Enforcement Agencies to enhance Safety and Security within our area. The information and concerns that you provide us is valued and vital to successful and effective co-operation with Law Enforcement.

Recently the Township has enacted a new by-law to cover certain residential streets in the south end of Thamesford that effectively reduces the speed limit to 40 km per hour. This new limit is being monitored and where necessary and practicable it will be enforced.

The Police Advisory Committee has requested Council to obtain a portable Radar Speed Monitoring Device to be used throughout the Township to identify areas where speeding is an issue and while identifying the issue it visually serves as a warning to those who are speeding and in addition it will enable us to provide law enforcement with precise times and locations where enforcement is required and create a safer environment and a more effective use of Police resources.

The Police Advisory Committee has also requested Council to have the Ontario Provincial Police conduct a review of Police costs and services within the Township and report back to Council on options available.

The Committee is also initiating a survey among residents of Zorra inviting concerns and comments that will help improve Safety and Security. This Survey accompanies this article and will also be available at various functions that are being held throughout Zorra in the coming Year.

The Survey is dated to assist in receiving a timely return, however the Survey, and addressing any concerns you may have, are an ongoing initiative and can be returned and repeated at future times, should situations arise that you would like to see addressed.

Dave MacKenzie

Member of Parliament for Oxford, Chair of the
Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights

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

Celebrating a birthday? An anniversary?
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Zorra Community Policing Committee

The Zorra Community Policing Committee (ZCPC) needs your help. We were appointed by the Township of Zorra Council to identify policing issues within our Township. With that in mind, would you please rate the following using a 1-10 scale, where **10** is your *most* important policing issue, and **1** is your *least* important issue. (If you believe all issues are a 10, indicate that.)

If you believe, an issue is more important in just one location, area, or intersection, of the Township, please indicate that for us.

1 **5** **10**
Least Important **Most Important**

	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Location</u>
Break & enters		
Dumping		
Disobeying traffic signs		
Loose Animals		
Noise		
Parking		
Speeding		
Street Lighting		
Theft		
Vandalism		
Other		(please describe)

Would you like someone to follow-up with you? If so, please provide us with your contact information here. This information will only be used, if you want a follow-up call.

Please return your completed survey by dropping it off at any one of the following locations – Zorra Township office, Thamesford District Recreation Centre, Embro West Zorra Community Centre, or e-mailing it to **kgraham@zorra.on.ca**.

Thank you!

Zorra Community Policing Committee

The personal information, as defined by the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*, is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with the provisions of MFIPPA. Personal information on this form will be used for the purpose of the Township of Zorra’s Community Policing Committee. If you have any questions regarding this collection, use, and disclosure of information, contact the Township of Zorra – Karen Graham, Municipal Clerk 519-485-2490 or kgraham@zorra.on.ca

PLEASE SUBMIT THE SURVEY BY JUNE 13, 2013

**YOU CAN ALSO COMPLETE THE SURVEY ONLINE AT www.zorra.on.ca
IT WILL BE EMAILED DIRECTLY TO THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE.**

Zorra Fire & Emergency Service

In 2012 Zorra Fire & Emergency Services responded to 165 incidents originating from 911 calls, up one from 2011, but up substantially from 2010 when we responded to 148 incidents.

Of those 165 incidents, 26 were fire calls, 5 being structural in nature involving either a home or farm building. Any number above zero is one too many. We have been fortunate in that we have not suffered any fatalities related to these recent fires. Nearby municipalities, however, have been dealt an ugly reminder about how quickly fire can spread leaving little or no time to get out. Everyone must remain vigilant in practicing fire safety both at home and in the work place.

To prevent a tragic fire in the township of Zorra I am urging residents to ensure that they have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of their home.

Your home is required by law to have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. These can be hard-wired or battery operated depending on when your home was built. Both types are required to meet the same standard for smoke alarms, and both are equally effective and acceptable under the Ontario Fire Code. If you do not have a smoke alarm on every storey of your home, it is vital that you install them as soon as possible.

Test your smoke alarm every month by pressing the test button. If the alarm fails to sound and it is a hard-wired smoke alarm, make sure you have it looked at right away. If it is a battery operated smoke alarm, make sure that the battery is installed correctly or install a new battery. If the alarm still fails to sound, replace the smoke alarm with a new one. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and batteries should be replaced every year. Smoke alarms don't last forever. They have a shelf life of 10 years and should be replaced if they are more than 10 years old.

Just as important as having working smoke alarms, is making sure everyone in your home knows exactly what to do to escape

before a fire occurs. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire household.

Simple steps for home fire escape planning include:

- Determining who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults or anyone else that due to cognitive or physical limitations may require additional assistance to escape.
- Making sure everyone knows two ways out of your residence.
- Checking that all exits are unobstructed and easy to access.
- Designating a meeting place outside the home, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.
- Calling the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or neighbour's home.
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.
- Practicing your home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

Despite everyone's best efforts, accidents will occur. In order to ensure that our fire department can respond efficiently to any emergency that may arise, we embarked upon a recruitment program in late 2012. In early 2013 we brought 9 new volunteers to the Zorra Fire & Emergency Services. Len Brown, Ryan Green, Norm Hewitt, Kyle Hooper and Dave Munro have been added to our Embro Station while Jason Brekelmans, Mike Henderson, Ian Hunter and Eric Strom round out the ranks of the Thamesford Station. Uniondale Station remains at status quo. These 9 new faces along with the other 48 that you've come to know form your fire department. These men spend many hours on a monthly basis honing their skills in hope that they will never have to use them.

Please help us make 2013 a safe and fire free year!

Have Fun and Play Safe.

John McFarlan, *Fire Chief / CEMC*



Uniondale Station

Left to right back row: Scott Matheson, Dave Switzer, Perry Robinson, Ryan Ehgoetz

Left to right middle row: Glenn Rounds, Capt. John Renkema, Dist. Chief Paul Mitchell, Deputy Dist. Chief Ron King, Capt. Mike Pickering, Matt Munro, Rob Wakem

Left to right front row: Kelly Linton, Jeff King, Mike McKone, Steve Greason, Dan DeBoer



Thamesford Station

Left to right front row: Capt. Jim Forbes, Jason Brekelmans, Capt. Rick Langford, Fire Chief John McFarlan, Dist. Chief Jim Manzer, Deputy Dist. Chief Andy Martin, Eric Strom, Capt. Mark Woods, John Janzen

Left to right middle row: Matt Gasson, Shawn VanAlphen, Kevin Rye, Charlie Weir, Bruce Brebner, Ian Hunter, Alan Thirkettle, Marty Winters, Dave Rutledge

Top Centre: Jeremy Wallace

Absent: Mike Henderson



Embro Station

Left to right back row: Cheif John McFarlan, Capt. Dennis Weaver, Scott Hayward, Colin Smith, Capt. Chris Schurman, Matt Ross, Corby Kirwin, Deputy Dist. Chief Matt Cackle, Matt Van Ginkel, Gerry Brandow, Shawn Krafft, DJ Ross, Capt. Mike Belanger, Dist. Cheif Bob Ross

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At the February 5, 2013 Council Meeting, Mayor Lupton was presented with a "Retrofit Incentive" cheque by Duane Orth, Director, Energy Services from Erie Thames Powerlines. The cheque was in the amount of \$9, 446.91 for the Streetlight Retrofit Incentive which began in May, 2012 in the Township of Zorra. The Township looks forward to continuing to work towards reduced utility energy costs.



Award Presentation

At the March 19, 2013 Council Meeting, Zorra Council recognized two Zorra residents. Christine Reid was recognized for her participation in a triathlon in New Zealand and Sherry Sim for the success of students of her Highland Dance School. Congratulations on behalf of the Township of Zorra!



Christine Reid

Mayor Lupton stated: "It was interesting to have two very different types of achievement being recognized. I was very pleased with the award for a cultural achievement. I want to encourage those achieving excellence in the arts to come forward so we can honour the work you have done."



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Thamesford Lions Club Trout Brunch

Thamesford District Recreation Centre
Sunday, May 19, 2013 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Contact Jim Keron 519-285-2825

Thamesford Trojans Fish Fry

Thamesford District Recreation Centre
Friday, June 21, 2013
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 Trojans Men's Slow Pitch Tournament

May 24-26, 2013
Contact Stu MacPherson 519-285-3222 or
Steve Glover 519-670-3455

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool

Early season hours: June 17-26, weekday public
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Regular schedule starts June 27 with 6:30-8:00pm
public swim.
Pool closes August 23, with last public swim from
2:00-4:00pm
Contact: 519-285-3063

Exhibitor's Workshop presented by the Homecraft Section of the Embro Fair

Come out to get a behind the scenes look at the judging process on Wednesday May 29th at 7:00 at the Embro West-Zorra Community Centre (small room). This year we will have a Photography judge and a Flower judge. There will be a flower arranging demonstration, entry do's and don'ts and a question and answer period.

This is a FREE (no cost) Workshop. It is open to all Junior and Senior Exhibitors, past and future. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. All pre-registered participants will be entered into a draw for a special door prize. To register, contact Karen Walton at 519-475-4684 or karenwalton@xplornet.ca.

If you haven't pre-registered and find you are not busy that evening, just drop in. See you there!

Embro Events

13th 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 artists and crafters welcome. Come showcase your local home-based business.

Embro West-Zorra Community Centre
Highland Games Field
June 22, 2013 9:30 to 4:00 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.

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Embro Fair

Embro West Zorra Community Centre
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There is still time for you to sign up for our Pre-Authorized Payment Plan offered by Zorra Twp. Online or telephone banking is also available for making monthly, arrears, or regular instalments. All banks accept the Township of Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill.

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

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

The Zorra Caledonian Society Invites one and all to the 76th Annual Embro Highland Games!

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The Society's other annual celebration is the St. Andrew's Night Supper, locally known as The Haggis Supper held at the end of November. Here you'll be treated to a traditional and delicious dinner, complete with haggis, but only after the ceremonial piping in of the flaming haggis and the recitation of Robbie Burns' Ode To The Haggis, with true Scottish flair! Entertainment features the Ingersoll Pipe Band and dancers from the Sim School of Highland Dance, located in Embro. We'll be glad to welcome you to the 2013 edition of the St. Andrew's Night Supper!

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A Dog's Life

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Story and Photos by Karen Calder

Five years ago Rebecca Weiler made a phone call that would change her life. The young mother was unable to work after surviving a heart attack and, without income, was unable to pay for the grooming for her much loved dog, Crocker. Rebecca didn't know Tracy Hiuser personally, but by reputation as one of the top dog breeders, groomers and owner of the Meinkismah Registered Kennels and Dog's Paw.

In Embro, Tracy Hiuser answered her telephone. The conversation that followed was between two women who shared a love for dogs and their well-being. It wasn't long before Rebecca and Crocker made their way to the Dog's Paw in Embro, a division of the Meinkismah Registered Kennels, where she met Tracy Hiuser for the first time. Conversation seemed easy between these two women and Tracy soon learned that Rebecca was a licensed hair stylist, aesthetician and aroma therapist. These certifications, as well as this seemingly chance meeting, would prove valuable for both these women.

In 1977 Tracy and her parents, Paul and Donna Hiuser welcomed the first Miniature Schnauzers into their Embro home. In 1997 the Meinkismah Miniature Schnauzers were being bred and shown. Worldwide success and recognition would follow. The Meinkismah Miniature

Schnauzers have earned titles in ten countries and five continents.

Throughout her success, Tracy has met many people; some, like John Huigenbos, Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine, have become friends. John Huigenbos earned Tracy's friendship and trust because of his caring and very capable veterinary skills and expertise.

John Huigenbos owned a large and successful veterinarian hospital in Brantford until 2002 when he decided to sell. For the next ten years, John would "keep busy" by working part-time in different clinics in this area. Tracy Hiuser remained a client and continued to refer her own clients to him. Tracy says "He is a truly talented diagnostician and surgeon."

In 2012, John gave up his license and fully retired from veterinary medicine; it was time to concentrate on his property management business, or so he thought.

Trusting John's expertise, Tracy showed him her plans for opening a pet wellness facility. His response was objective, Tracy says, "Essentially he decided that I needed guidance." Tracy continues by saying, "John was the one who came up with the plan on how we were going to build it and how we were going to lay it out. This building was designed for wellness to maximize animal welfare and to help distressed dogs deal with the stress of being away from their own home. This building is designed to minimize that stress."

This stress minimizing design greets dogs and their owners as they enter as the lobby. Natural light floods through the large windows, emphasizing the warm colour palette. And with an aroma therapist on staff, a warm and calming scent circulates. This lobby serves as the main artery to the entire resort. The entrances to the condos, exercise yard and spa (The Dog's Paw) are all visible from the front door.

The Dog's Paw was originally located in Tracy Hiuser's home in Embro, where Tracy built her reputation as one of the best dog groomers in the field. She was busy, but not too busy to help another dog owner who was struggling through a very difficult time. She remembers the phone call that took place five years ago and the young woman who came to learn.

Rebecca Weiler was not looking for a handout or a job; she simply wanted to learn to groom and care for her own dog. However, it didn't take long for Tracy to see that Rebecca had the talent to do well in the business. Being a licensed hair stylist meant Rebecca already knew how to use the scissors properly. It was obvious she possessed the desire to learn, a strong work ethic and a love for dogs; all four would be



John Huigenbos visits Flutie, a guest, at the Condos



Playtime for Rebecca and Crocker

an asset to Tracy's new business, Woof! Pet Wellness Resort.

Tracy smiles "She's learning the same way I did." This means hands-on training. Tracy didn't learn her skill as a groomer in a classroom; she learned it by watching other experienced groomers. Rebecca Weiler is learning the very same way. Tracy would cut the dog along one side as Rebecca closely watched. Rebecca then copied the cut on the other side as Tracy watched. The hair stylist became a talented and able dog groomer.

A dog's life is certainly redefined during their appointment time at the Dog's Paw, as a full list of spa services and treatments are available.

- Bath and Brush Outs - For larger dogs this can mean a trip to the custom walk in shower, which ensures greater comfort for both the dog and the groomer.
- Nail Clipping and Teeth Brushing
- Paw-dicures and Funky Fun Cuts
- Chris Christensen Grooming Supplies (by special exclusive agreement)
- Special Occasion Styling (including temporary dye jobs)
- Wellness Procedures (ear cleaning, specialty shampoos)
- Custom Shampoos
- Specialty Treatments (hot oil, de-skunking)

John Huigenbos states, "You have to remember they are all individuals." This statement speaks volumes about the vision behind Woof! Pet Wellness Resort, where dogs do not stay in kennels, but in private condos. John Huigenbos does not like chain link fence or the effect it has on a dog's mental well-being, so condos and patios were built instead of kennels and runs.

Doggy condos are private and clean. Each condo includes its own private outside patio, separated by partitions, not fencing. Dogs have complete privacy inside and out. Condos for smaller dogs have guillotine doors, which must be opened by the condo manager, where the condos for larger dogs have saloon doors, giving the larger dogs full access to their outdoor patio. The condos and patios are cleaned on a regular and "as required" basis by staff.

John missed no detail in his planning of these condos. The walls are plastic covered brick, making them easy to keep clean. Outside, the private patio partitions can be easily removed to make two patios into one large one. This detail was used recently when a client brought their two large dogs to Woof! for boarding. While each dog had their own private condo, they were able to be together outside, as the two patios became one. Even though they were away from home they were still able to be together.

The natural light that is so welcome in the Dog's Paw and in the lobby also emanates into the condos through sky lights and into the patios through a frosted plastic roof.



Dog friendly household cleaning products are available

As wonderful and bright as these patios are they cannot replace a good outside play area and this detail was not overlooked at Woof!. As dogs enter the play area they do not see a chain fence; a high wood privacy fence surrounds the large yard. Here dogs can interact with each other. Like humans they too have friendships; however, as John earlier stated, "...they are all individuals"

Tracy, John and Rebecca respect each individual and tend to their needs.

Sometimes a dog arrives who is very timid and does not want to play. This dog is put on a lead and accompanied by staff into the yard. The staff will stay by the dog's side to reassure as other dogs "stop by" and introduce themselves in the "doggy way". After time, these timid and shy dogs will soon join the other dogs in active play.

Fresh clean air is important to dogs' health and to ensure this is maintained indoors, Woof! has an extensive state-of-the-art air system which exchanges the inside air with fresh outside air. This efficiently happens on a consistent basis. One cannot help but notice there is no strong odour throughout the resort; this is due to this effective air circulation system.

The resort also boasts an in-floor heating system which is dryer and more comfortable for the dogs. Hot water pipes run underneath all floors of the resort, maintaining a consistent floor temperature throughout. This system is shut down in the hot summer months when air conditioning is used to cool the resort.

Tracy Hiuser and John Huigenbos share a philosophy: animals first; owners second and money third. John Huigenbos, though no longer a licensed veterinarian, works as a consultant. Tracy says, "His involvement is very reassuring to clients. If something happens, we can deal with it very quickly." John adds, "We're not just addressing the wellness of the dogs; we're addressing the mental well-being of the owners."

Whether your dog has enjoyed spa time at the Dog's Paw, a day at Doggie Day Camp or an extensive stay with the Board Silly package, he/she will want to stop by the Woof! Boutique before leaving. Here dogs and their owners can browse through the many products and delectable treats, such as the frozen bones stuffed with Shepherd's Pie, cinnamon buns and/or various sweet treats.

For more information about Woof! Pet Wellness Resort, you can visit them personally at 684459, Oxford Road 68 (formerly Highway 2), phone them at 519 421 PETS (7387) and/or visit them on the web at www.woofpetresort.com.



The Harrington & Area Community Association...

is a small, dedicated and vibrant group of individuals who work year round to raise funds for projects including the Continuing Restoration of the Harrington Grist Mill, making the Harrington Hall/Oxford County Library Branch a handicapped accessible building, and other community betterment initiatives. Our fund-raising events include the Annual Pork BBQ, Country Dances and...

The 13th Annual Harrington & Area Community Association's Pork BBQ

You won't want to miss our 13th Annual BBQ on Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 5pm to 7pm. The event will be held at the Harrington Hall, the Grist Mill as well as at the Conservation Area this year. There will be the always delicious meal of smoked pork chops, baked potatoes, corn on the cob & dessert, and the event will also feature an Antique Tractor Display, and musical entertainment. Tickets are \$14/adult, \$7 for kids 6 to 10 yrs, and kids under 6 are free. For tickets or more information call 519-475-4376 or email ourharringtonhome@live.ca. In case of rain, seating will be available in the Hall.

The Harrington & Area Community Association's 2013 Garden Tour

We are pleased to announce that we will be presenting our 2nd Garden Tour - on Sunday July 14, 2013 from 1pm to 5pm. Map and tickets can be picked up at the Harrington Grist Mill on the day of the Tour. See 6 wonderful gardens, tour the Mill and visit Sheldon's Berry Farm. We are planning to have artwork from local artisans at some of the gardens - others will include musical entertainment. Tickets are \$10 each, and are available the day of the Tour, or in advance by calling 519-475-4097 or emailing ourharringtonhome@live.ca.



HARRINGTON & AREA

DOG TAG COLLECTORS

Dog tag collectors will be going door-to-door in the Township during the months of April and May to issue new dog tags. The fee for a dog tag is \$15 per year per dog. Property owners will have the option to pay cash or cheque or have the fee added to their final tax bill.

DOG TAGS

As per the Township of Zorra By-law number 4-95, all dogs over six months of age are required to be licensed with the Township. A maximum of 2 dogs per household is authorized. The new tags being issued note 2013-2015, however there is an annual administrative fee of \$15 per tag. Lost tags will be replaced free of charge. Failure to register your dog can result in a fine of \$105. A valid tag will assist animal control staff in returning your dog should it ever become separated from you.

Kennel licenses can be issued to CKC members only and proof of valid CKC membership is required. Kennel licenses are issued at the Township office only. Please contact Lisa Teeple at the Township office for more information. 519-485-2490 ext 221.

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.

LAND CLEARANCE

The main purpose of the Land Clearing 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 Land Clearance 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

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 above-ground 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 within 24 hours or by the next business day so that an inspection may be conducted.

Thank you for your co-operation! If you have any questions on any of the above matters feel free to contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer at 519-485-2490 ext. 230.

BURNING REGULATIONS

Open Air Burning

Open-air burning within the boundaries of the Township of Zorra is prohibited unless permission has been given by the Fire Chief in the form of a Fire Permit. Please review By-law 25-08 for more information. It is also available on the Township Website.

Recreation Burning

Recreational fires may be permitted which are contained within non-combustible containers or pits specifically designed for open-air burnings. Some General Provisions are listed below, however, please see By-law 25-08

Schedule B for all General Provisions :

- Burning may be conducted between the hours of 4pm and midnight only.
- No materials other than dry seasoned wood, commercially produced charcoal and briquettes may be burned
- Open-air burnings shall be confined to non-combustible containers or to a pit no larger than two feet by two feet with flames not exceeding 2 feet in height.
- The burning pit shall be confined to a location at least 15 feet in all directions from adjacent properties and or structures.
- An extinguishing agent of sufficient size and with the capability extinguishing the fire shall be immediately available for use.
- The fire shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times and shall be completely extinguished before the site is vacated.
- Open-air burning is prohibited when the wind speed exceeds fifteen kilometres per hour or during rainy or foggy weather conditions or when a smog alert has been declared.

Working for You!

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

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Excerpt from the East Nissouri History Book

Greasons Supply and Service

“ Until 1937, the southeast corner in Uniondale was just another farm pasture. That year, Elmer Greason chose the location to open his engine repair business. An article in the St. Marys Journal Argus reported that “from an early age Elmer showed an aptitude for mechanics and a thirst for knowledge of new technologies.” In the late 1920s and early 1930s Elmer worked for Copeland’s Garage in Ingersoll then Cooper’s Garage in Medina before setting up his own repair shop on the family farm on Con 8 where he was born and raised. After the shop was destroyed by fire in 1937 he erected a new shop on the present day location in Uniondale and by 1938 Greasons Garage was in full operation.

In 1951 Elmer built living quarters for his wife Irene and their family. He increased the business by adding hardware lines and TV sales and service. In 1961 his oldest son Robert, who was a licensed mechanic, joined the family business. In 1974 Elmer built a new house on the property, and shortly after this, his son Thomas and grandson Steven joined the firm. The name was changed to Greasons Supply and Service. Elmer and Irene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1982, and the business continued to grow under Elmer’s direction until his death in 1992.

Before the formation of the Uniondale Fire Department, Greasons Garage was the informal coordination centre for firefighting efforts in the community. The switchboard in Medina assisted in communicating a fire emergency to the local residents by ringing all of the lines continuously. Bob Greason recalled that his father, Elmer, had pails and fire extinguishers on hand that he could throw into his vehicle to respond quickly to a fire. One time an Amish farm had a barn fire. They started pumping water by hand into pails to throw onto the fire in the hay mow. George Pickering, who at the time worked for the Uniondale Cheese Factory, was driving the whey truck with a full load and diverted it to the farm, backed up onto the gangway, and let the hose drain out to provide whey for the men fighting the fire. Even East Nissouri Reeve Grant Sutherland arrived on site, and in the confusion and excitement of the moment threw a pail of whey up to someone up in the mow and doused him. Thanks to the efforts of all involved, this fire was eventually extinguished, saving the barn. Bob Greason became a member of the Uniondale Fire Department when it was established in 1976 and retired in 2009. His son Steve also followed his father’s footsteps and joined in 1986.

Bob also operated the garage’s tow truck. For many years he has been called out, rain or shine, to respond to calls for aid with the Uniondale Fire Department. Tom Greason was an avid baseball player and was coach of the Uniondale Night Hawks for many years. In 1998 Dan Newman was hired by Greasons Garage as a mechanic after Steve went to work for Hutton Transport.

You can still stop at Greasons and get a friendly smile and hello from Tom, Dianne, Bob, or Dan, and catch up on the local news. For as long as anyone can remember, Greasons has always been a place to get some gas, have a vehicle repaired or buy parts needed for a weekend repair job. It remains one of the last independent gas stations around and provides quality vehicle repair and industrial supply products for the surrounding area. We hope Greasons will stay open for many years to come.



East Nissouri Township:
People, Perseverance, Progress

Last chance to get a copy of this local history book. We will be doing a reprint in early summer. If you’d like to get a copy of the two book set for \$125, please submit your name before May 30, 2013 to wallace@quadro.net or by calling Patti at 519-349-2013.

In addition, we will be publishing an addendum in time for Christmas 2013, so if you missed getting your family story, the history of your business, or a great photo into the book, this is your chance. Deadline for submissions for this East Nissouri Annual is October 1, 2013. Contact information is the same as above.

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2013 Oxford County Federation of Agriculture Awards of Excellence

Two of the winners at the Oxford County Federation of Agriculture Awards were from right here in Zorra!

Congratulations to the winners:

Large Agri-Business Award

31st Line Strategic Communications

The Embro-based public relations company employs 18 people and work in business-to-business and consumer communications in agriculture and agri-food markets. They have helped build some of the biggest brands in Canadian agriculture through brand development, corporate identity and social media.

Innovation Award

McIntosh Embryo Transfer / Alex McIntosh

Family owned and operated, McIntosh Embryo Transfer is one of Canada's largest embryo transfer businesses and exporters. Alex McIntosh was the first person in Canada to successfully split an embryo that resulted in identical calves, (1983). He began freezing embryos in 1984, which was a very helpful tool in the industry. Through the late 1980s, he began experimenting with direct-transfer methods and, by the early '90s, he helped fine-tune the ethylene glycol method, which is what we still use today.



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Saturday	9:00 - 4:00
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Monday	Closed

www.zorratv.ca

Beachville District Museum Summer Camp 2013: July 2nd – August 23rd

Week 1: Scooby Doo Adventures

Join the Museum Gang to solve mysteries for some awesome Scooby snacks!

Week 2: Time Travel

From the groovy seventies to the classic pioneer days all the way back to when Dinosaurs roamed the earth, join us in seeing the world as it was!

Week 3: Galaxy Quest

Travel along the Milky Way and past all the planets we know looking for new species and cool stars!

Week 4: Mission Impossible

Ever wanted to become a superspy? Well, during this week you can be! Come create awesome gadgets with us and gain your 007 status!

Week 5: Splash Works

Summer gets hot and this week is full of activities to cool you off! Slip 'n' Slides, water balloons and much more!

Week 6: Musical Madness

Sing from your soul and play your own home-made instruments for a fun week of music we all know and love!

Week 7: Underwater Exploration

Swim through the great oceans of our world and learn about the fantastic creatures that live in their depths!

Week 8: Hogwarts Magical Museum

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At the April 16th Council Meeting, Zorra Council recognized the Zorra Fuzion PeeWee B Girls Hockey team who played in the Provincials in Ottawa and were crowned the Champions!! Congratulations!



Back row left - right: Asst coach Rob Oliver, Asst coach Jeff Irwin, Lindsay Bessegato, Abbey Luther, Katie Irwin, Brynn Oliver, Belle De Graafe, Megan Bates, Trainer Anne Goor, Coach Curtis Gartly, Mayor Lupton

Front row left - right: Keelie Eaton, Kira PreKup, Rachel Gartly, Jenna Winter, Makala Egan. Absent from photo - Asst Coach Morgan Bates

Exciting plans underway to launch new website...

HEROES OF ZORRA

Thanks to the generosity of you (many residents and businesses across Zorra), a web site is currently under construction that will pay tribute to all of the past and current military individuals who have served our Country and uphold the freedoms we currently enjoy here in Canada.

What has happened since December of 2012? First and foremost the new web site "Heroes of Zorra" is now being created and we anticipate starting to upload information in May. Three sub-committees have been formed that will concentrate on this area of the project. First is the Design Advisory Committee that is working with the Web Designer in creating a site that will be appropriately functional and user friendly. The Development Committee will be responsible for entering the information on each individual service person and finally the Proofreading Committee will endeavor to pick up any errors or typos that may have inadvertently occurred. One question that we have received is when may I send you information that I have on my relative? The answer is you may now forward that information by email to shirl@cyg.net or call 519-475-4617.

An event to celebrate this project is being planned for August 16, 17 and 18 at St. Andrews United Church in Brooksdale. Again numerous sub-committees have been put in place to focus on all of the necessary planning details. Friday afternoon will be an Educational Event for youth and families from 2 to 4 p.m. Re-enactors will be on site and you will have an opportunity to go from station to station to learn more about what life was like during the 1860's and how war affected everyone. These volunteer re-enactors (from across Ontario and the USA) will be arriving from Friday morning until Friday evening. We anticipate 90 – 100 re-enactors will eventually be on site for the weekend. Saturday afternoon at 1:30 will be the Official Launch of the web site. Veterans, Dignitaries, Legion Members, a special guest speaker and others will participate in this ceremony. This will be followed at 3 o'clock by a live re-enactment presented by the Re-enactors. Saturday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. will be an old-fashioned Social Evening of

music and dancing. Sunday morning will be a memorable Church Service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Doug Peck will be in period attire of the 1860's and music will be provided by the Choir of Chalmers United Church, Kintore. Following this service lunch will be enjoyed by all in attendance and then at 1 o'clock there will be a second and final live re-enactment.

In April a "Meet The Neighbors" evening was held at Brooksdale Church as a way of informing neighboring residents of the planned weekend activities. It also provided the opportunity to address any questions or concerns that folks had. If there are any more questions we certainly invite you to contact us as soon as possible.

An event of this magnitude takes many willing and helping hands from across the Township. How can you help? If you, or an organization you belong to are able to help out during the weekend please contact any committee member. If you know of any veteran living within our area, or any current service person, please contact us with their name and address. We would like to ensure these individuals receive a special invitation to attend. To provide for safe parking along County Road 6 we have secured the parking areas of Zorra Highland Park Public School and will then transport all visitors down the road to Brooksdale by buses. All visitors parking will be at Zorra Highland Park. Accommodations will be made for those in wheelchairs or walkers and unable to safely board a bus.

The weekend of August 16th, 2013 may not be officially recognized as a Time of Remembrance, but for many whose roots are in/from Zorra it will be. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join your friends and neighbors as we pay tribute to all those who have served and are serving.

*Shirley McCall Hanlon, Chairperson on behalf of the
Heroes of Zorra Committee:*

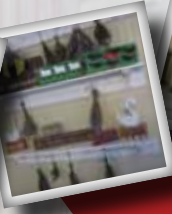
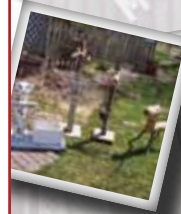
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Emergency Preparedness Week 2013 is May 5-11 and Emergency Management Ontario's focus this year is seniors and the importance of emergency preparedness. Go to the EMO website: www.ontario.ca/beprepared for an EP Week Planning Kit that includes guides, posters, templates and other resources. Don't forget to sign up for EMO's free emergency alerts too.



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SYNOPSIS:

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or go to www.wodl.on.ca

THE OXFORD COUNTY Trails Council



The Oxford County Trails Council (OCTC) is pleased to note that it's time for many people to come out of hibernation and get back in touch with nature. Hiking along a trail is one of the best ways of relaxing and de-stressing while getting some outdoor exercise. Walking is the cheapest and most readily accessible form of recreation for all ages and abilities and all you need is a pair of shoes. More and more local residents are enjoying the benefits of hiking on the numerous trails here in Oxford County. Zorra Township has several well-known trails that are available for you to try out. You can find a portion of the Avon Trail near Harrington (www.avontrail.ca). The trail at the Embro Conservation Area is always popular. And in the Beachville area, the new Oxford Thames River Trail with its interpretive signage is becoming quite popular with nature watchers.

The Oxford County Trails Council always welcomes new members. The Trails Council is a community-based, non-profit organization working for the development, coordination, linking, preservation and use of trails in Oxford County. The OCTC's principal goal is to create, maintain, rehabilitate, enhance, and protect trails in order to provide easily accessible opportunities for the public. Check out our website (www.oxfordcountyltrailsCouncil.ca) for information on many more trails. We are also pleased to be actively participating in the development of the Oxford County Trails Master Plan that will provide direction for trails development and management for generations to come.

Happy Hiking!



BATTERY RECYCLING

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

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



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

Since the start of this program in September of 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 203lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for recycling.



Tax Tips for not Tipping on Your Taxes

You must pay taxes. But there's no law that says you gotta leave a tip.

-Morgan Stanley advertisement

As the 2012 income tax season closes, and remittances or refunds are top-of-mind with many Canadians, some Oxford County residents may be making a late New Year's resolution to become more tax savvy.

There are various options a financial advisor can give to help you manage how your income tax dollars are collected and spent but some specific options can help you achieve those goals and contribute to the health and well-being of the community in which you live, such as formalized plans for charitable giving.

Planning ahead is key to ensuring you will be happier with your tax situation next April. If 2013 is the year you are thinking of making a major business, personal or financial decision, or you just want to keep more money in your pocket, you should be thinking about how your decisions now will impact your 2013 tax situation.

Having a formal plan that includes charitable giving if you are planning for your estate, selling a business or another major asset, planning for retirement or if you have received an inheritance, can return a receipt for the entire amount or fair market value of the donation you give come tax time next year. By creating an endowment through an organization like the Oxford Community Foundation, you can keep more of your tax money and have more of a say in how your tax money is used.

A donation of cash to the Oxford Community Foundation will return a donation receipt for the full amount of your contribution which can be applied against your income. Donations of listed securities will return a receipt for the fair

market value of contribution. Bequests of retirement plan accumulations or bequests through an estate not only provide shelters against capital gains taxes they also allow you to maintain full control over personal security or property. Gifts of real estate or tangible personal property can offset 50 to 100% of taxable capital gains.

If your donations go toward the creation of an endowment, you can spread your charitable giving over a number of years. This can help you maximize the tax potential for your planned gift. For instance, the establishment of a Field of Interest Endowment can be contributed to over five years to the value of \$25,000 so you and your financial advisor can determine the most advantage to you during that time. A Field of Interest endowment allows to you to decide where interest from your contribution would be granted. If culture, science or social organizations are important to you, an endowment can provide you with a way to ensure they will receive funds on behalf of you now and in the future.

Morgan Stanley was correct - we must pay taxes. What the ad slogan cleverly points out however, is that we have some control over how much we pay and where that money goes. Oxford Community Foundation and your financial advisor can help you make sure you aren't leaving a tip.

For more information on charitable giving through Oxford Community Foundation, please call Keith Hudson at 519-539-7447 or email info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org.

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Upcoming Council Meetings:

May 7	9:30 a.m.
May 21	6:30 p.m.
June 4	9:30 a.m.
June 18	6:30 p.m.
July 16	9:30 a.m.
*One meeting in July	
August 13	9:30 a.m.
*One meeting in August	

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Thamesford Area Swimming Pool
519-285-3063

Minor Sports

Embroid:

Embroid Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-475-4646
Embroid Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embroid Minor Soccer Association	519-475-4210

Thamesford:

Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Ball	519-285-5521
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-285-5408
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	519-268-2232
Zorra Girls Hockey	519-461-0347

Schools (Elementary)

Embroid

Zorra Highland Public School	519-475-4121
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Kintore

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

Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
Tollgate Central French Immersion	519-537-7321
St. Joseph's Catholic School	519-660-2784
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

Thamesford Taking Action Group	519-285-3919
Thamesford Lion's Club	519-285-2734
Kintore Optimist Club	519-283-6321

Other

Alzheimers Society	519-421-2466
Beachville District Museum	519-423-6497
Caledonian Society	519-475-6765
Calithumpian Committee - Andrea Wright	519-285-5129
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
East Nissouri History Book	519-349-2069
Embroid West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embroid Library	519-475-4172
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Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-1126
Harrington & Area Community Association	
President: Sam Coghlan	519-475-4097
Harrington Public Library	519-475-6909
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Horticultural Society (Ingersoll)	519-485-1808
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OPP	800-265-7191
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Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
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