

## **Area Information**

### **ST JOHN'S EUCHRE RESUMES on Wednesdays**

Welcome back to Wednesday St. John's Euchre Club in Thamesford.

Starting date will be **Sept 13** at 7pm (due to the church's chicken BBQ on Sept 7).

For more info call Brenda 519-285-2375. Everyone welcome for a night of fellowship.

### **THORNDALE ACOUSTIC SOCIETY on Tuesdays**

Join us every Tuesday at the United Church in Thorndale. Bring your acoustic guitars, banjos, harmonicas, fiddles and bass to this jam. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$3, 7-10pm. For info, call Mildred Pourchez 519-461-0452.

### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM beginning this school year**

Westminster's popular after school program is back with additional times & programming. We will now be offering both MMA and Drama, on Tuesdays & Wednesdays after school, and have programming available for Kindergarten to Grade 9.

See [makingconnexions.com](http://makingconnexions.com) for more details & to register! Spaces limited.

### **Thamesford ST ANDREW'S CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM**

St Andrew's Cemetery on Delatre St E, Thamesford has new columbarium niches for sale.

Contact Sharon Warner for more information 519-202-2110, [standrewscemetery@rogers.com](mailto:standrewscemetery@rogers.com).

### **PICKLEBALL IN ZORRA TOWNSHIP – Tuesdays until February**

Zorra Township continues to offer Pickleball for another season in both Embro, Thamesford & now Kintore! Fun for all ages & abilities, Pickleball is enjoyed most by those with a love of racquet sports or those interested in a new fitness activity.

With its low-impact nature, basic equipment & simple rules, this is a sport that anyone can learn!

Drop-In Program 6:30-8pm (\$2.50/player) Every Tuesday at Thamesford District Recreation Centre

Every Wednesday at Zorra Highland Park Public School, Embro Drop in when you can! Bring a friend!

All skills & abilities welcome. Learn to Play

The first of each month is 'Learn to Play' & 'Beginners' night. Come to help instruct & share your love of the game! Learn to Play/Beginners Development, 6:30-8pm (\$2.50/player) 1st Tuesday of the month

at Thamesford District Recreation Centre 1st Wednesday of month at Zorra Highland Park Public

School, Embro \*NEW\* 1st Thursday of the month at A.J. Baker Public School, Kintore

Join us on the first of the month where we will have an instructor on site to teach you how to play!

Ideal for those who are interested in the sport but don't know how to play, or beginners who would like a little more practice. Program runs until February.

While Pickleball is easy to learn, we find that it is best suited for children aged 10 years & older.

Children under 16 years must be supervised by an adult.

Contact: Stephanie, Township of Zorra Recreation, [sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca](mailto:sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca).

### **SPORTBALL IN ZORRA – beginning in September**

After a very successful March Break Camp, Zorra Township will once again offer the Sportball program to kids during the fall! Sportball is a program where children will learn skills for multiple sports & engage in fun gross motor games that will encourage physical literacy, teamwork, &

confidence. If you're looking for a way to expose your child to multiple sports, without committing to a

full season, then this program is for you!

**THAMESFORD on Thur** Thamesford Arena, **Sept 28-Nov 30**

9:30-10:15am: for 2-3 years old, Parent & Child Program (8 weeks)

5-5:45pm: for 2-3 years old, Parent & Child Program (10 weeks)

5:50-6:50pm: for 3.5-6 years old, Child Only Program (10 weeks)

**EMBRO on Wed** Embro Zorra Community Centre, **Sept 27-Nov 29**

9:30-10:15am: for 2-3 years old, parent & child program (8 weeks)

5-5:45pm: for 2-3 years old, parent & child program (10 weeks)

5:50-6:50pm: for 3.5-6 years old, Child only program (10 weeks)

Registration info can be found at: [www.sportball.ca/london-ontario](http://www.sportball.ca/london-ontario)

**INGERSOLL PIPE BAND**

The Ingersoll Pipe Band invites you to contact the group if you are interested in learning how to play the bagpipes or the drums. The band is 107 years old and is the oldest continuously running, unsponsored pipe band in Ontario. Many hundreds of players have contributed to the rich tradition of the band over the years, and it is common for several generations of one family to have been members. The band is a non competition community band. We play at various parades & engagements, wearing our distinctive ancient Royal Stewart kilts. We also travel farther afield on occasion to the United States. As a learning Piper or Drummer you will get weekly lessons held on Thursday evenings at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall in Ingersoll. These lessons are given at no cost but students will be required to purchase either a pipe chanter & book, in the case of piping, or a drum pad & sticks, for drumming students. You will get information about this at your first lesson. You are expected to put in practice time at home in order to meet the assignment set by your teacher for your next lesson. If you are unable to attend your lesson, you are required to phone your teacher in advance. Youth ages 10 & up, teens & adults are welcome to contact the band about becoming a learner.

For more information call 519-4850760.

**ZORRA SKATING CLUB WELCOMES YOU BACK - September**

The Zorra Skating Club invites you to our fall 2017 Pre-Season Warmup. Skating will be offered at the Thamesford Arena for the month of Sept. For further info, visit our website: [zorraskatingclub.ca](http://zorraskatingclub.ca), or email Suzanne, Club President at [suzanne.mcroberts@hotmail.com](mailto:suzanne.mcroberts@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to another great year for our skaters!

**UPCOMING DEATH CAFÉS**

Westminster United Church, 115 George St, Thamesford will be holding Death Cafés on **Oct 22, Dec 10, Feb 25, and Apr 22** at 1pm. Many people feel that our culture has an unhealthy fear & discomfort with the topic of death. Jon Underwood of England felt so strongly that opening up the dialogue about death would help people cope better with their own mortality, that he established a movement ([deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com)) which he called Death Café, where people could meet together to talk about any aspect regarding death of their choosing. Since the first of these events in 2011, there have been over 4,000. Westminster United Church held 4 last year, with great success. These meeting are not about grief counselling; there is no agenda, or advice giving and they always include cake & coffee. Jon Underwood's sudden death earlier this year at the age of 44 makes it all the more important to carry on this work of gaining acceptance of death through conversation.

If you are curious at all, please join us at the church on one or all of the above mentioned dates.