

Happening in Thamesford, Ingersoll and area

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ZORRA WATER & WHEELS

The newly formed Zorra Water & Wheels committee was thrilled to continue plans in January 2017 after receiving budget consideration of \$150,000 at the December council meeting. The building of a **Skate Park & Spray Pad in Thamesford** is expected to begin in 2018 while ongoing planning & fundraising continues. The committee has been overwhelmed by the support of the **Thamesford Lions Club** who have selected this project as their main fundraising project with a commitment of \$50,000 towards our total project goal of \$400,000! Meetings have been held with the selected Ron Koudys Landscape Architects after requesting submissions from local landscape architect firms, a timeline has been formed & site meetings, reviews & drawings have been presented to the committee. Our 1st Open House is planned for Mon, Apr 10, 5-8pm at the Beaty Room at the library. We encourage everyone to attend & provide feedback and consideration for the proposed sites & conceptual designs. The Zorra Water & Wheels committee has been meeting semi-monthly to set community fundraising goals & activities, source grant funding & review drawings & research with RKLA. The committee is excited about the original design logo contest that is underway at our local elementary schools by the students who have prepared delegations for council, canvassed neighbourhoods for support & demonstrated a great deal of enthusiasm for this project over the past year.

This process is moving ahead quickly & we will be looking for continued support from our community. Specifically, we are looking for individuals who would like to participate in workshops to discuss the design specifics of what our Skate Park & Spray Pad should look like.

If you are interested in providing your feedback or have some knowledge of what makes a great Skate Park or Spray Pad, please submit your interest to waterandwheelsthamesford@outlook.com.

Please come out to the Open House & voice your support, suggestions & concerns about the site and scope of our project. Information is available on the Zorra Township website where minutes are posted from Zorra Water & Wheels meetings (www.zorra.on.ca).

You can also follow us on Facebook, Water and Wheels Committee.

NEW WATER RATES FOR 2017 – 2020

As new rates take effect Apr 1, township water system users will move to metered rates. New water & waste water rates for the next 4 years (2017-2020) have been approved by Oxford County Council. The new rates vary depending on where you live & the water or waste water system needs of your community.

Residents can visit the County's website to learn more about their specific rates.

The biggest change to take effect April 1 will be for the Township water & waste water system users, who are moving to a metered system & away from a flat fee. The new system will allow residents to manage their water use & see a reduction in their water/waste water bill for conserving water. Work on installing new water meters & reading equipment will be completed this spring.

Residents who have been unable to have a meter installed to date should contact customer service to avoid increased charges when the metered rates take effect. The water & waste

water rates vary by community. Oxford County provides municipal water services to 21 communities, 11 of those also have municipal wastewater services. All of the wastewater systems & 3 urban water systems are maintained as independent financial systems, while the township water systems are grouped into one financial system to achieve economy of scale.

Another change you will notice on your water/wastewater bills, starting April 1, the monthly Community Servicing Assistance Program (CSAP) fee has been suspended. The CSAP fee was developed to provide financial assistance to existing landowners where municipal water & sewers have been extended to replace private water & wastewater systems.

There are 4 Source Protection Plans (SPPs) applicable to Oxford County that have been under development by local Conservation Authorities & county staff since 2006. In order to support the program activities within these plans, incentives for implementing best management practices; retention of experts to assist with risk management plans; administration; and, where necessary, purchase of highly vulnerable lands, requires funding. To fund this program, a Source Water Protection monthly charge will be billed to every water customer at a rate of \$0.03/m³, with a minimum charge of \$1.20 per month.

THAMESFORD GUIDING

Girl Guide cookies have arrived! You can contact any Spark, Brownie, Guide or Pathfinder to get a box of chocolate & vanilla cookies. You can also call or text Heather at 226-373-1527 to arrange delivery.

Excitement is ramping up as our sleepover at the Ontario Science Centre approaches. We can't wait for a night full of science & discovery exclusive to Girl Guides on Apr 8.

We are looking forward to warmer weather so we can turn our attention to exploring the outdoors & celebrating Earth Day with some local service work.

In March the Brownies celebrated International Women's Day learning about female role models around the world, and they also worked on their Key to I Can as they learned how to fix some of their broken toys.

The Sparks toyed around with some science activities, making & testing out mini launchers. Our Guides experimented with various forms of communication, including non-verbal, dance & artistic.

The Pathfinders planned & carried out a spa night.

Our group is growing! To continue to provide programming for all ages, we need help!

Please consider volunteering to make a difference in the lives of girls in our community.

For more information, please contact Heather at 226-373-1527.

THAMESFORD LIONS

The Thamesford Lions have taken a big leap of faith into Thamesford's future by pledging \$50,000 to a Sprinkle Pad & Skateboard Park. The difference between a Sprinkle Pad and a Splash Pad is that a splash pad has water in it & a sprinkle pad just drains away which is much safer. There may be opposition to a Skate Park. We would like to see the teens & preteens speak up & make some noise. We are doing this for you! We will need a lot of help raising this amount of money.

The Thamesford Lions are saddened by the loss of our 50 year member **Howard Patience**.

Whenever we traveled to other Lions Clubs or events we were always asked "How is my friend Howard". He knew everybody & was friends with everybody. Our condolences to Kay & family.

Bernia Wheaton of Rural Oxford Development Corp. spoke to us about the closing of the turkey plant. She is optimistic all employees will find jobs in Maple Leaf or elsewhere. The plant can't be sold to a competing food processor, but will probably be split up into smaller

units. They already have enquires. When this Village Voice comes out, you can still purchase chocolate Easter Bunnies. If you haven't got yours, call Lion Jim R 285-3952. The Thamesford Lions are spending a lot of money on the "Water & Wheels" project for our community youth. We need your support at fund raisers like our "Social Gaming Event & Elimination Draw" Fri, Apr 21 at the Community Centre. You get lunch, a chance to win a thousand bucks or a ham & lots of games of chance. If you don't go, you can still win the \$1,000 and know you did a good thing .There are tickets left: call Lion Jim Y 519-868-3409. Lions-We Serve (and have done for almost 100 years). We are going to have a big celebration of the Lions Club's 100th birthday & Canada's 150th at Lions South Park June 17. Mark your calender for these events. Lions - We Serve.

THAMESFORD LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Next **meeting Tues, Apr 4**, 6:30pm in the Lions Den at the Library.

LITERARY BOOKLET "WRITE IN THAMESFORD" Posters are up around the village making reference to "Canada 's 150th Celebration"

We hope everyone interested in writing a story, poetry, free rhyme or rhyming, a short story (1,500 words or less), an interview, descriptive paragraph, Canada 150 thoughts. To be printed in a booklet which will be available Cali Weekend, at our Book Sale.

Entries can be left at the library. Don't forget our annual Book sale at the library.

Anyone wanting to donate books for the sale please drop them off after May 1.

2nd ADULT COLOURING PARTY in the Lion's Den Sun, Nov 13.

These party's provide an opportunity for fellowship & meeting others.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR YOUNG RESIDENTS Nov 26, 10-11:30am. Register at the library so we purchase enough kits and supplies.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION Dec 16. An incredible program for geared for decorating for Christmas. The arrangements will be given to people in the audience based on a draw.

Admission for all of these events will a Toonie (\$2) each.

Please submit your entries electronically to: tplac.sub@gmail.com or drop off at the library by closing Mar 18.

THAMESFORD Public Library news for April

Stop by the Thamesford Library & get ready for those rainy April days. Stock up on books, movies, graphic novels, puzzles, magazines & more.

Start the month off with a bang with our special **Wish Tree story time on Sat, Apr 1**. Register for the program for a chance to win your very own copy of this book.

The Winter 2017 session of our **Tales for Tots** program is now complete but stay tuned for another program starting up soon.

Our **Chess Club** continues on Wed, Apr 12 & 26, 6:308pm. Beginners to skilled players ages 5-16 are welcome to attend.

Please call the library at 519-285-3219 or thamesfordlibrary@ocf.net to sign up.

The Wednesday Afternoon Movie event falls on National Canadian Film Day this month. Come out to join the world's largest film festival featuring the Canadian film "The Grand Seduction."

Join us on **Wed, Apr 19**, 1pm for a screening of this movie, free popcorn & door prizes.

The library will be closed on Fri, Apr 14 for Good Friday.

Thamesford Library phone number 519-285-3219 and email: thamesfordlibrary@ocf.net.

THAMESFORD LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Curling is almost done for this season, so it is time to start thinking about a summer activity. Lawn bowling is a non aggressive activity that is fun, come out & give it a try. We hope to have the “greens” ready to go in early May (Mother Nature is in control of that). “Try Lawn Bowling” is offered free. All we ask is that you please wear flat shoes (sneakers). We have all the equipment required including delivery aids for those that have a problem bending. You do not need to have white hair to lawn bowl. Watch the May Village Voice for more details. We are hosting the 2017 District Pairs Playdowns June 10 & 11. We should see some Ontario & Canadian champion bowlers competing that week end, you are welcome to come & watch. This year we are pleased to be able to assist the area Junior Bowlers in their program that has been previously run in Ingersoll, so if you are passing the greens & see a bunch of youngsters bowling stop, watch & give them some encouragement. We have 5 tournaments scheduled for this year, these are all sponsored by local businesses. More details in the May Village Voice. For more information please contact Tony Webb 519-285-2734, Jim Gillespie 519-285-3349.

AG SOCIETY PRESENTS SAFETY DAY

Farming is one of Canada’s most dangerous industries & children are often present in the workplace – one that exposes them to machinery, chemicals, livestock & other hazards. Too often, children have access to the entire farm & view it as one big play space. Children must be taught about farm dangers. According to the Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting (CAIR) program, from 1990-2005, there were 217 agricultural fatalities among children & youth aged 14 or younger. Approximately 45 per cent were under the age of 5. Run overs & drownings are the most common cause for fatality among young children. Machine run overs caused 42 percent of fatalities, followed by drownings (15%), machine rollovers (11%), animal-related injuries (7 %) and being caught in or under a non-machine object (5 %). Every year, children are run over & killed by farm machinery. Bystander run overs & extra rider run overs occur when a child falls from a machine they had been riding on as a passenger & were subsequently run over. Teaching children the fundamentals of safety, such as which areas are off-limits, is important. As they grow older, we need to explain why certain things are dangerous. When they start helping with the work, make sure they are properly trained, keeping their limited strength & experience in mind. The safe way to do things is not always obvious to a child, so always explain & enforce the safety aspects of the job. Children often imitate what they see. Above all, farmers & their workers must set a good example, both for their own safety & as a role model for children.

Thamesford Public School has a unique opportunity to assist in raising awareness & educating their students who primarily live in a rural setting with many of the students coming from local farms. Progressive Agriculture Foundation® is on a crusade to bring safety & health information to the farming communities who desperately need it. At the heart of this effort the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. This educational program provides training & resources for local communities to conduct one-day safety & health programs. Safety Days are designated to be age-appropriate, hands-on, fun & safe for children. The mission of the Progressive Safety Days is simple – to provide education, training & resources to make farm life safer & healthier for children & their communities. Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society is a local society that is made up of a dedicated group of volunteers who are devoted to raising the awareness & improvement of agriculture & related activities. We are planning our 2nd Safety Day to be held Thur, June 8 during Safe Kids Week at Thamesford Public School. The whole school will participate in stations that will be age appropriate, led by trained volunteers, station leaders & involve hands on activities. The day is free thanks to our sponsors with support of the Thamesford Home & School Assoc. If you would like to help sponsor or

volunteer as a presenter of one of our safety stations call Marian 519-872-1707.

THANK YOU – Roger & Linda Coker would like to express our profound gratitude to our very dear friends who have supported us through Roger's long & dark journey. Daily drives to the hospital, help with shopping, dinner invitations & many other kindnesses have made our lives so much easier, not to mention the emotional support & encouragement. We want you all to know we could have not made it this far without you.

Thank you Steve & Nancy Turner, Larry & Mary Ann Binning, Dennis & Sandy Stead, Jerry & Wendy Lake, Rick Markham, Jack & Myrna Hammond, Al & Cheryl Lockhart and Judy Fickling. We will have a celebration with you all in the spring!

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT IN THAMESFORD

The following positions will be available at Westminster United Church this summer for students aged 15-30: Assistant Camp Director & Camp Counsellors (3). The positions will include 8 weeks of employment including 1 week of paid practical training. Position descriptions & applications are on our website – makingconnexions.com and/or email campconnexions@gmail.com. Another 'Year of the Child' endeavour offered to the community by Westminster United Church! Deadline: Mar 31, for resumé & application submissions.

SUMMER KIDS' DAY CAMP IN THAMESFORD Get your children registered early for a great experience! 'Camp Connect' is a weekly day camp (9-3:30) for children JK-Grade 8 running all summer at Westminster United Church. Drop your children off each morning & pick them up in the afternoon to hear about all the fun they had – sports, singing, crafts, games, field trips, water fun, good times with good friends! Before & after care will also be available. Sign up for any of the following weeks for only \$150 per week: July 10-14.....JK-Grade 3.....Lego Land July 17-21.....Grade 1-5.....Under the Sea July 24-28.....JK-Grade 3.....Emergency Services July 31-Aug 4.....Grade 1-5.....Making Motion Aug 8-11*.....JK-Grade 3.....Barnyard Palooza Aug 14-18.....Grade 1-5.....Around the World Aug 21-25**.....Grade 6-8.....Film & Drama *\$120 for 4 days – no camp on the Civic Holiday. **\$200 for Film & Drama as they will be working with equipment. Registration opens Mar 20, at makingconnexions.com – don't miss out! Another 'Year of the Child' endeavour offered to the community of Thamesford by Westminster United Church!

WAITING FOR STRAWBERRIES Sometimes the scary news that Bryan Smith gets by email is true. One piece is about strawberries. **Imported American strawberries are laden with chemicals which have world-wide bans** & which US growers apply annually to have waived so they can soak their crops in them. So says a recent news blast from the Environmental Working Group in the USA. Fortunately, Canada's crop is coming! Looking forward to fresh, seasonal produce in the Farmers' Markets around Oxford – near Rayside, in Ingersoll, in Woodstock, in Tillsonburg – and at roadside stands is one of the pleasures of early spring. Eating locally is better for the environment because less travel means less diesel fumes, better for you because freshly picked food is higher in nutrition & taste, and better for Oxford County. Eat locally, eat hearty!

EAST MISSOURI 4-H DAIRY CALF CLUB

We welcome everyone age 9-21 as of Jan 1, 2017 to attend our first 4H meeting of the East Missouri 4-H Dairy Club. The meeting on Sat, Mar 18 will start at 9:30am and will be at the farm of Gerry & Debbie Roefs (Roesbett Holsteins), 295883 29th Line, RR# 3, Lakeside. Just south of the Kintore Side Rd 84.

Please bring a cheque in the amount of \$85 per member. Remember, if you do not have a calf, but would like to join, we will provide one or make arrangements to find one for you. We look forward to meeting all of you and showing you all 4-H has to offer!

For more information, please contact any club leader below:

Nicole Barnett 519-533-2208, Racheal Kettlewell 519-320-8725

Katelyn Fraser 519-532-6853, Christine Baigent 226-237-2788.

OXFORD JUNIOR FARMERS UPDATE This year, Oxford JF has the largest membership in recent history, but we are always looking for more eager young farmers to join us. Meetings are the 2nd Friday of the month at the Woodstock

TREASURER NEEDED

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society is looking for a person to fill the position of Treasurer. A working knowledge of Quick Books or an accounting program, and Office is required. Training will be supplied. There is an annual honorarium supplied for this position.

The Embro Fair is a volunteer organization responsible for running the Fair, Dinner Theatre, Fish Fry and Spaghetti Dinner. Interested persons should contact Marian Sterk at 519-872-1707 or Doug Turvey at 519-537-9037.

LITTLE STREETSIDE LIBRARY

Embro has joined a worldwide movement to offer free books at a small little "library" in front of Knox United Church on Kincardine St. There are no rules, you can take a book, exchange a book or donate a book. We also have some magazines. And children's books too. All NEW selections as of April 1st! Check it out.

THISTLE THEATRE Embro April 21-23 and 27-29

Thistle Theatre, has good news & even better news! We are in production for our spring show "Strangers Among Us" a funny & poignant play about people who meet and fall in love over & over... they are in an Alzheimers facility. Our amazing cast includes Elizabeth Williams, Chris Cockle, John Butcher, Ron & Wendy Marshall, Dave Parker, Grace Carbilledo, Phoebe Campbell, Ellen Hook & Colleen Zehr.

This show is not one to miss. On stage from April 21-23 & 27-29 at the Town Hall in Embro.

The shows are at 7:30 except the Sunday matinee at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Chris & Nancy Cockle 519-475-4201 or www.Ticketscene.ca. Box office will be open at the theatre April 1, 8, 15 from 10am-12pm.

The better news for us & our community is the announcement of an Ontario 150 grant for \$160,000 to be used to install an elevator & an accessible washroom in the town hall so that all will be able to use the building for many years into the future. Thistle Theatre will raise \$22,000 for their portion of the cost. If you would like to invest in the future of our community, donations can be made payable to the Township of Zorra & sent to Thistle Theatre Box 333, Embro, ON. N0J 1J0. Make a notation that the cheque is for the Embro Town Hall & you will receive a charitable tax receipt for any amount over \$20.

We are planning to be finished the work for our fall production, Queen Milli of Galt.

SPURTLES & SPORRANS, PLAIDIES & PIPES – July 1

What the Scots brought to Canada. The Zorra Caledonian Society is excited to extend an invitation for you to show off your Scottish treasures at the **80th Embro Highland Games** on July 1 this year. New to the Games will be this display of historical items honouring the memory of settlers (from earliest to newest) who brought them from Scotland to what we now call Zorra Township & surrounding area. If you have an artifact that you are willing to share for the day, there is only one guideline for submission: it will have come from Scotland! The display will be in the lobby of the Embro & Zorra Community Centre, safe from whatever the weather may bring & carefully monitored all day. Please contact Katherine 519475-6163, katherinegrieve@gmail.com for more information, or with your offers.

100 YEARS OF INGERSOLL HORTICULTURAL

Let's celebrate Canada's 150th and Ingersoll Horticultural Society's 100th Anniversary by participating in a portable container contest.

Enter 1 or all of the 4 categories: 1 - Canada's 150th – all red & white 2 - Ingersoll Horticulture 100th – predominantly yellow with extra points for incorporating the club's emblem of yellow roses in your design 3 - Open – your choice of container & colours 4 - Recyclable Container. 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50 for each category.

Registration deadline May 31, free to current members of any horticultural group, \$10 for non-members. Planters to be taken to Ingersoll Cheese Museum June 28, for judging June 29.

Winners on display July 1 at Victoria Park. More details to follow.

For info contact: marilynn_atkinson@rogers.com or 519-485-4230.

INGERSOLL LIBRARY

Canvas & Kombucha! Fri, May 12, 7pm. At the end of a long week filled with work & responsibilities, it's time to relax & get creative. Let's sample some Kombucha tea & paint together! Bring your BFFs, make new friends, enjoy some Kombucha & snacks, and paint your soul out! We provide the refreshments, the paint & canvas, and lead you with step-by-step, easy instructions while you chat & share. Space is limited & registration is important so we can get all the supplies & snacks for the evening. All supplies are included and of course Kombucha & snacks. Open to teens & adults. Cost: \$30 per person, non-refundable.

Registration & payment required by Fri, May 5 to ensure your spot. This special event is held after hours at the library.

All About Booch! Wed, May 17, 7pm. Learn about the craft organic Kombucha movement. Shannon from Booch Organic in London is here to talk about what Kombucha is, and why it's not only good tasting but good for you! There will be samples! Open to adults, teens & children accompanied by adult. Please register for this free event, either at the front desk or by emailing ingersolllibrary@ocl.net.

Teen Hangouts Tuesdays 4pm, 1st Saturday of each month 1pm. Check the web calendar at www.ocl.net for details. Each week there is a different craft or activity! Tech Boot Camps Mondays 2-4pm in the Ingersoll Library program room For adults. Free, no registration required.

PA Day Mon, Apr 17 Kennedy's Kridders will be here! Meet Willow, Grunt, Shelley & more – Mathew Kennedy will be bringing some of his interesting animal friends that you can not only learn about, but interact with! Mathew & friends will be here 10:30am-2:30pm. There will be a show from 1-1:30pm & the rest of the time is "discovery time". Don't miss this free event for all ages. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Friday Movie Matinees April 7 Arrival, April 13 (Thurs) Silence, April 21 Assassin's Creed, April 28 Lion. Friday matinees are at 2pm, free & for adults only. Movies are subject to availability, & we may need to offer a substitute.

This is just a sample of our events & activities. Visit the Ingersoll Branch calendar at <http://oclc.net/Program-calendar> or call 519-485-2505.

Are you clueless about the latest technology? Wondering what an app or a Google account can do? Join us at the Ingersoll Library for a lesson & tech help from Meagan. Each week we cover a new topic with time after the presentation for questions & help. If you have your own tablet or laptop please bring it along.

Check our web calendar for topics (no boot camp on Apr 17).

Ingersoll Public Library, The Town Centre, 130 Oxford St., Ingersoll, 519-485-2505.

ICAC ANNUAL MEMBERS' EXHIBITION – April 23

On Sun, April 23 the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre presents its Annual Members' Exhibition. Join us for an afternoon of celebration of our members' creativity – pottery, painting, photography, fibre arts, quilts & rug hooking. During the opening reception there will be presentations to our Newell Award & Craft Ontario Affiliate Award recipients.

Opening reception is 1-4pm with opening remarks and presentations at 2:15pm. Voting will also be open for our Viewer's Choice Award of the exhibition, which runs until April 30.

Free admission, everyone welcome! Refreshments will be served.

The Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre's Annual Members Exhibition is sponsored by Shirley & John Clifford and runs until May 14.

For info: www.creativeartscentre.com, 519-485-4691 or follow us on Facebook & Instagram.

The Arts Centre is open Mon-Fri 9am-12pm & 1-4pm; Sun 1-4pm; closed holiday weekends.

INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB for April

CALTON MARSH Sat, **Apr 15**, (near Vienna, ON) 8pm at the Marsh. Carpool behind Ingersoll Arena at 7pm. Join us on a guided tour of Calton Marsh. Night time is a busy time at the marsh, come hear the surreal sounds that come with spring's arrival. Bring your camera. Limited to 12 people. Call Dave to sign up 519-482-6508. Rain date Apr 22.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP AT LAWSON RESERVE Sat, **Apr 22**. Please come & help with trail, building & signage maintenance at the Reserve 9am to noon. Snacks & refreshments will be provided. Reserve is on McBeath Rd, south of Ingersoll, see our website for map www.ingersollnatureclub.com. More info call Sheila 519-485-2645.

FROG WATCH, CENTREVILLE POND Thur, **Apr 27**. Please meet at the pond at 6pm. Sign up for an exploration of Centreville Pond and its many amphibious friends. Led by naturalist Dave Baird, kids big & small will learn how frogs survive the winter & act as beacons for our environment. Contact Dave 519-482-6508.

VAN SITTART TRAIL Sat, **Apr 29**. Please carpool behind the Ingersoll Arena at 9am, then we'll drive to Woodstock. This trail loops through hardwood & pine forests with one long incline, the rest is relatively flat. Great opportunity to get outdoors & enjoy the return of spring! Contact Ken 519-539-5234.

INGERSOLL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Open– your choice of container & colours Recyclable Container. 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50 for each category. Register every Saturday & Sunday in May at Backyard By Design Garden Centre, 399 North Town Line, Ingersoll. You can also register at Tremblett's, Your Independent Grocer Garden Centre, 273 King St, W, Ingersoll, May 13 & 20; May 14 & 21 & May 22. Deadline May 31 – free to current members of any horticultural group, \$10 for non-members. Planters to be taken to Ingersoll Cheese Museum June 28. Judging June 29. Winners on display July 1 at Victoria Park during Canada Day festivities. For more info: marilynn_atkinson@rogers.com 519-485-4257.

Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum Musings

What does Canada mean to you? "My Canada Includes" is the current exhibition on view at the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum. It contains a variety of images & items which are reflective of our country. But what would you put in a display like this? Visit the museum & let us know. "My Canada" will be on display until the end of April. In early May, the next installment of the Oxford Remembers Oxford's Own display will open at the museum & run until Aug 8. "Where Honour Leads We Follow" examines some of the life stories of individual men & women from Oxford who served in the Great War. To supplement this exhibit, the Ingersoll Museum will be conducting a number of related mini events with guest speakers addressing such subjects as The Gallant 21st Battalion on May 9, the role of the YMCA on May 24 & even a Donut Day on July 21. The main thrust however will be a major military manoeuvre at the museum on June 11 when we present: VIMY 100 Presented in cooperation with WW1 re-enactors from the History Matters Association & with the financial support of the Ingersoll Community Foundation, this all-day event will bring history to life. From an enlistment office to parade grounds to a casualty clearing station, the day will offer visitors the chance to experience life on the front lines of history & culminates with the Battle for Hill 290. Students from Grades 7-8 & up will be welcomed Mon, June 12 for a full day WW1 education day. To learn more, to volunteer, or to book your class, contact the museum at 519-485-5510.

OXFORD COUNTY MUSEUM SCHOOL – June 11-12

The Oxford County Museum School is pleased to announce that they are recipients of an Ontario Trillium Foundation 150 Grant to improve the heating system in the Museum School. Working with the Town of Ingersoll, the Museum School expects to have its new system installed this spring. We will have a welcoming ceremony **July 1st Canada Day** as part of that day's festivities.

Join us for the celebrations planned at **Centennial Park** with the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum and the Oxford County Museum School.

The Museum School will be participating in the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum's event **Vimy 100** being held June 11 & 12.

Join us as a volunteer & become a WWI soldier, medical aid worker, or a Suffragist! These are just some of the exciting opportunities available.

For more information, contact curator@ingersoll.ca or info@museumschool.ca.

SALFORD LEISURE CLUB

Salford must be on the map! We seem to be drawing members from all areas, including, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Stratfordville, Putnam, Ingersoll & London. There is no substitute for good food, good cheer, good companionship and good fun! Here at our little club, we seem to have plenty to go around. Shuffleboard on Wednesday's is always well attended & we are looking forward to the up coming members tournament. Shamrocks set the theme for March's pot luck and 2 lucky members received them as door prizes. As usual, there were many tasty

dishes & casseroles for the first course and lots of delicious dessert to enjoy. Committee members for this month, Lynne Stewart and Bruce Taylor, have kept busy keeping everything organized. Last month's euchre prize winners were Irene Hansford and Ruth Anne Rath, scoring high points, with an amazing 22 points in the 1st round of the game. Under new business, day trips were discussed, with some of the members deciding to attend the Purple Hill Opry on April 2. We are now looking forward to spring & next month's activities.

HARVARDS PREPARING TO FLY

Spring is in the air & soon the yellow birds of Tillsonburg will be too! The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association is gearing up for another fun-filled flying season. The all-volunteer group is proud to keep Canadian aviation history alive with its monthly meetings, Fly Days and air show appearances. Come visit us at Tillsonburg Regional Airport & see what we're all about. There's always activity in our service & restoration hangars on Tuesdays & Saturdays from 9am-4pm. Check us out at www.harvards.com. Visitors & new members are always welcome!