

## **THAMESFORD LIBRARY in August**

It's summer reading time at the Library & for the first time we have reading challenges for all ages! Join the TD Summer Reading Club, for ages 3-12. Read books all summer long & help us reach our goal of 350 books read by the children of Thamesford. Visit the library to register & receive your log book, stickers & more.

Drop in each week for a Canada themed activity & share what you've been reading.

New! Summer Reading Challenge "O Canada" BINGO for our adult & teen readers! Fill up spaces on our Canadian themed BINGO card. Every BINGO line will earn you a ballot for a prize. For an interactive BINGO card & access to reading suggestions visit [www.ocl.net/CAN150ATOCL/BINGO](http://www.ocl.net/CAN150ATOCL/BINGO). Challenge open Til Sept 21.

Here's what is happening in August at the library. Registration required for most programs.

Drop in to find out more information.

Fanshawe Pioneer Village presents Canada Eh-Zed Tues, Aug 1, 2pm-3pm Ages 6+.

Mad Science "Super Structures" Aug 3, 11am-12pm, Ages 5-12

Creative Canucks Drop-In Tues, Aug 8, 10am-2pm. All ages.

Makey Makey Challenge Thur, Aug 10, 2-3pm. Ages 10+

Library Lego Tues, Aug 15, 6:30-7:30pm. Ages 4+

I Love Canada Crafts Thur, Aug 17, 2-3pm. Ages 6-10

Summer End Party with That Magic Guy Peter Mennie, Aug 22, 2pm.

Jubilee with Jillian Jiggs Fri, Aug 25, 11-11:30am. Ages 3-8

Canadian Game Night Wed, Aug 30, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm All Ages

Stop by the Thamesford Library and get what you need to enjoy your leisure time this summer. Stock up on books, movies, graphic novels, puzzles, magazines & more.

There is something for everyone at the Thamesford Library!

<http://www.ocl.net/Branches-hours/Thamesford>

## **THAMESFORD AREA SWIMMING POOL – August**

Did you know that our pool is **HEATED**? If you seem to remember the cool waters from when you had lessons many years ago, it's time to come back & create some new memories! It's a great way to beat the heat and spend the afternoon with other families & friends! We are still taking registrations for our last 2 swimming lesson sessions. Being able to swim well is an important & life-saving skill that everyone should have! Don't forget to join us **Aug 19 for DIVE-IN**, an outdoor movie following the evening swim and **Aug 31 for DOG DAYS OF SUMMER**, when all our furry friends can go for a dip before the pool is closed for the season. Call the pool at 519-285-3063 for more information.

## **INGERSOLL HILLCREST LEGION, INGERSOLL – August**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 119, 211 Thames St, N, Ingersoll. 519485-2580. Please check our Facebook page for more details. For hall rentals, call Betty White 519-485-1207.

You do not have to be a member to enjoy the Legion events.

Karaoke Aug 4 & 18, free, everyone welcome, 8pm-1am

Meat Draws Aug 4 & 18, start 1pm

Euchre every Wed, 1pm

SUMMER SPORTS start time 7pm

Wed Mixed Darts

Fri Pub Night & Bingo

Sat Open Snooker, Open Darts Golf \$50, Aug 12, 8am Steak BBQ 4:30-6pm \$20 Aug 19.

## **BEACHVILLE LEGION, BRANCH 495 - August**

Open Thur at 6:30pm; Fri at 4:30pm; Sat at 4pm.

Aug 11 Friday Supper 5:30pm - Banquet Burgers & Salad

Aug 17 Biker's BBQ 6-8pm

Thursday Night Euchre 7pm Friday Night Fun Darts 8pm

Call us if you need to fill community hours or would like to volunteer!

HALL RENTAL: Banquets, weddings, family gatherings – see our website for more info or call us. For a small party or family get-together: we supply the bar / entertainment, call us for more info.

Phone:519-423-6363, [www.rcl495beachville.com](http://www.rcl495beachville.com).

## **SWEABURG LIONS CLUB GOLF CLASSIC – Aug 16**

The Sweaburg & District Lions Club is holding it's 26th Annual Kids Camp Charity Golf Classic Wed, Aug 16. The Classic is being held at the Creekside Golf Course on Highway 59, just south of Highway 401. Coffee & donuts, courtesy of Tim Hortons will be available at 8:30am. Shotgun start at 9am. There will be prizes & a BBQ beef lunch. For more information and a registration form, go to the Sweaburg Lions website or call Rick at 519-456-3065.

## **37th KIWANIS RURAL-URBAN DINNER EVENT – Aug 16**

Wed, Aug 16, 5:30pm social, dinner 6:15pm at Ingersoll Arena, 37 Mutual St. Tickets cost \$35. What do you get for your money? You get a delicious meal of prime rib, pork, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, baked beans, bread, carrot salad, mushrooms, meatballs, vegetables, & desserts. You also get music, fellowship & a great sense of community. If this isn't enough, you also get an opportunity to be a part of an evening that primarily is planned to raise funds to help the children & youth, as well as community groups of Ingersoll.

Tickets are available from any Kiwanis member, or online at <http://www.ruralurban.ca/rsvp.html>. You can also check out our website and see more of what we do: [kiwanisingersoll.ca](http://kiwanisingersoll.ca).

## **BEACHVILLE MUSEUM BBQ – August 18**

Annual BBQ This year, the Beachville District Historical Society Museum's Barbecue will be held Fri, Aug 18, starting at 5pm! Get tickets & come by for a fun evening. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults: \$15, children 6-12: \$7, children 5 & under: free. For BBQ tickets, contact Eleanor at 519-423-6776

## **ZORRA SKATING CLUB WELCOMES YOU BACK – Aug 18**

The Zorra Skating Club hopes that everyone is enjoying their summer and are ready to beat the heat this September in our fall 2017 Pre-Season Warm-up. Skating will be offered at the Thamesford Arena for the month of Sept. Register before Aug 18 & receive a discounted rate! For further info, visit our website: [zorraskatingclub.ca](http://zorraskatingclub.ca), or email Suzanne McRoberts (Club President) at [suzanne.mcroberts@hotmail.com](mailto:suzanne.mcroberts@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to another great year for our skaters!

## **PURPLE HILL COUNTRY MUSIC HALL – Aug 18-20**

*Just West of Thamesford on Purple Hill Rd.*

**“Blue Grass Opry Reunion” Tailgate Pickn’ • Camping • Step Dancing**

with The Allen Family Reunion Band • Rescue Junction • The Stompin’ Flyers • Winterline •

The Nelson Family • The Nissouri Boys with special guest Doug Moerschfelder

**GREAT FOOD • LARGE TENTS FOR YOUR COMFORT • VENDORS**

**Weekend pass: \$60/per Fri. Sat. & Sun. Camping • Concerts • ALL EVENTS**

## **Ingersoll Harvest Festival – Aug 19-20**

### **CARS & COMBINES: CALLING COLLECTORS**

Do you have a vintage or classic car tucked away in your garage? Show it off at this year's Ingersoll Harvest Festival Classic Car Showcase!

Featuring vintage classics & modifieds of all makes & models, the Ingersoll Harvest Festival is the place to showcase your ride. Join us at the festival Sun, Aug 20, 9am-5pm, for this year's Classic Car Showcase! There is no registration fee for entering your classic; we just ask that it looks its best for an audience! Cars not really your thing, but you have a love of all things Massey or Deere? Bring your vintage tractor to this year's Harvest Festival & share the love! Tractor collectors are invited to join us for the whole weekend to show off their machines. All makes, models & vintages are invited; we just ask that it looks it best for an audience.

For more information, please visit [www.ingersoll.ca](http://www.ingersoll.ca) or call 519-485-0120.

**ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY BOOK SIGNING** Book signing at the Ingersoll Harvest Festival Aug 19 & Aug 20, noon to 5pm. Federate Women's Institute of Ontario Canada 150 project "Ordinary to Extraordinary" - 150 stories as unique as the women who lived them will be available for sale during the Festival at Centennial Park – east end with the Oxford 4-H tents. The Book contains approximately 300 pages and includes 12 stories written by Oxford County Women's Institute members. Signing day special \$25.

**FREE FAMILY FUN AT HARVEST FESTIVAL** Join us August 16-20, as our community comes together to celebrate Ingersoll's rural roots with a variety of family friendly activities & events! Start the fun at the Ingersoll Kiwanis' Rural Urban dinner on Wed, Aug 16. Featuring a delicious barbeque pork & beef dinner with all the sides, as well as a cash bar, you won't leave town hungry! On Friday, head downtown to find some great deals in our local shops & enjoy a tasty hot dog from the Ingersoll Kiwanis Hot Dog Day BBQ! The excitement continues in Centennial Park on Saturday & Sunday with historical demonstrations, lawn tractor races, live musical entertainment, inflatable amusements, vendors, petting zoo, pie eating contest, exotic animal display, family fun races & more! Also, don't forget the fireworks on Saturday night! Before the fireworks, be sure to catch illusionist Lucas Wilson, Canada's only 4 time Guinness World Record holding illusionist, as he performs feats of magic & illusion to dazzle you! For more information, please visit Ingersoll Tourism & Events on Facebook.

### **OXFORD COUNTY MUSEUM SCHOOL**

At the Canada Day welcoming ceremony in Victoria Park, the Oxford County Museum School received their plaque from the Ontario Trillium Foundation 150 for their grant to improve the heating system in the Museum School. MPP Ernie Hardeman presented the plaque to Board Member Cathy Mott, who wrote the grant. The new system is now installed & everyone is welcome to come see it & bask in the cool generated by the air conditioning unit. Don't forget to see us at Harvest Fest, Aug 19 & 20, when we will have special crafts & activities at the Museum School!

Thanks go to the Town of Ingersoll and the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum for their assistance in this project. Many thanks also to the anonymous donor who made a sizeable donation that allowed this project to come to fruition.

**DISCOVER 4-H AT INGERSOLL HARVEST FEST** 4-H Club members & volunteers from Oxford 4-H Association will be hosting the "Discover 4-H" activity area at the Ingersoll Harvest Festival in Centennial Park on Aug 19, 12-5pm) and Aug 20, 10-5pm. Explore the activity stations to make a birdhouse, healthy snacks, try some simple exercises, learn about farm safety, care of a Jersey calf and meet 4-H members & volunteers to see what 4-H is all about. Also try the computer game "Journey 2050" on Sustainable Agriculture. Funding received from 4-H Connecting Canadians Fund.

## **OXFORD COUNTY PLOWING MATCH – Aug 19**

Attend the 73rd Annual Oxford County Plowing Match & Antique Machinery Show at Knoops Farm Equipment 884024 Road 88 north of Embro on Sat, Aug 19, 9:30am-1pm. Classes for boys & girls 10-14 years of age, 15-18 years, ladies class, utility class (3 or more furrows), antique classes (mounted & trail), horse drawn classes (walking & sulky plows), garden tractor class, township officials class, Queen of the Furrow competition, Provincial Queen will attend. For the first time, Oxford will have 2 women judges, champion plowgirls, to judge the plowing.

Your county match is integral to the International Plowing Match, This year it will be held near Walton (Sept 19-23). Michaela Lievre is Oxford's

reigning Queen at the IPM. The Queen of the furrow competition began in 1960 & Oxford has always been well represented. In 1985, Oxford representative Christine Gee won the Provincial Queen.

Plowing is not the only skill learned by competing in this community event.

Buzzy's Catering will provide beef on a bun at 1:30pm. Limited number of tickets available. Phone 519-462-2430 or 519-469-3338. Admission is free. Bring your lawn chair. For young prospective 4-H plowers or anyone, a coaching day will be held at the same site on Sun, Aug 13 from 9:30am-3pm.

## **4-H DAIRY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT DAY – Aug 19**

We would like to invite our community to the Achievement Day for the East Nissouri 4-H Dairy Club which will be held Sat, Aug 19, with the show beginning at 12 noon. Location: Roesbett Farms (Gerry & Debbie Roefs) 295883 29th Line, RR 3 Lakeside. We are very proud of all of our 18 hard-working 4-H members this year: Iain Grieve, Nathan Bruschetto, Cassidy MacDonald, Isabel Pike, Sophie Pike, Lili Smith, Dani Karn, Jack Donker, Sam Donker, Ed Donker, Tykan Zehr, Quinn Arts, Jackson Arts, Ava Wilks, Christopher Reynolds, Keenan Grieve, AJ Visscher, and Sean Terpstra! Members will be competing against each other, showing off their showmanship skills & the conformation of their calves. Please bring your lawn chair, enjoy our club BBQ, and support these fantastic 4-Her's! Any questions, please do not hesitate to call Nicole 519-475-4319 or Racheal 519-320-8725.

## **ZION 7th LINE DECORATION DAY – Aug 20**

Decoration Day at Zion 7th Line Cemetery August 20. Your donations are greatly appreciated for the operation of the cemetery.

## **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE – Aug 20**

The annual Memorial Day service for the Harrington cemeteries will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrington on Sun, Aug 20, beginning at 11am. Guest minister is Rev. Dr. David Thompson. Special music from St Andrew's Gospel Quartet (Stratford). Lunch will be provided following worship.

## **STRATFORD LAKESIDE ACTIVE ADULTS - Aug 23**

DUNDURN CASTLE Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton Wed, Aug 23.

Experience a guided tour of a 40-room Italianate-style villa built in the 1830's. The former site of a fortified military encampment established by the British in 1813, today's Dundurn Castle tells the story of the family who lived above stairs & the servants who lived and worked below stairs to support an affluent lifestyle.

Departs: 9am, returns 6pm. Cost: \$91. Includes: Transportation, lunch, admissions, driver's tip, taxes Stratford Lakeside Active Adults Assoc. at the Kiwanis Community Centre, 111 Lakeside Dr, Stratford. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-12pm and 1-4:30pm.

Contact: 519-271-4310, [www.stratfordactiveadults.ca](http://www.stratfordactiveadults.ca).

### **WOODSTOCK FAIR - August 24-27**

Woodstock Fairgrounds 875 Nellis St, Woodstock August 24-27.

Celebrating Canada 150 with **free admission for all!** Midway, horse shows, 4-H, llama & cattle shows, home craft & horticulture competitions, kid's bouncy castles, mini tractor pull, mutton busting, pie contest & auction, pet show & much, much more.

### **WINGS & WHEELS AND MORE ! - Aug 26**

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association has lots of activity at its home base at Tillsonburg Regional Airport this summer. The 10th annual Wings & Wheels Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sat, Aug 26 (rain date Sun) at Tillsonburg Regional Airport. Come see the planes, cars & dozens of vintage & specialty vehicles from 9am-4pm. Admission by donation. For more information or to get involved with this amazing volunteer group, visit [www.harvards.com](http://www.harvards.com) or check us out on Facebook or Twitter.

### **BANNER CEMETERY DECORATION DAY – Aug 27**

Banner Cemetery Decoration Service Sun, Aug 27, at 10:30am. Lead by Pastor Mary Dillon.

### **SPORTBALL IN ZORRA – Sept**

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)

### **ITOPA WELCOMES THE MUDMEN! - Sept 1**

Fri, Sept 1, one night only! The Mudmen bring their own brand of fun & Celtic Rock to ITOPA's stage, as they continue with their "Old Plaid Shirt Tour". This is a CD release concert for these Canadian treasures, so don't miss it! Doors open at 6:30, the show starts at 7:30. Tickets only \$25. Order them today by calling 519-485-3070 or our website [www.itopa.ca](http://www.itopa.ca). A Red Plaid Production. Cheers!

### **CHICKEN BBQ – Sept 6**

Knox United Church, Embro is hosting its annual Chicken BBQ at the Embro Community Centre on Wed, Sept 6 from 5-7:30pm. Adults \$17, 12 and under \$8. Eat in or take-out.

**Advance tickets only, call 519617-6974 or [awilks@hotmail.ca](mailto:awilks@hotmail.ca).**

### **ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CHICKEN BBQ – Sept 7**

Thurs, Sept 7, 4:30-6:30pm. Adults \$15 & children \$7.

For tickets see any member of the church or Call Brenda at 519-285-2013.

## **UNIONDALE FIREFIGHTERS CHICKEN BBQ – Sept 7**

Uniondale Firefighters Annual Chicken BBQ at Brown's Corners - Church Shed. Sept 7, 4:40-7pm.  
Adults \$17, half chicken dinner.

Advanced ticket sales only. Call Ryan for tickets- 519-349-2039.

## **FASHION SHOW – Sept 7**

The Sacred Heart Church CWL will be holding a Fashion Show on Sept 7 at Henderson Hall, John St, Ingersoll. The show starts at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm.

At intermission there will be desserts by Dee-Lights Bakery & door prizes will be drawn. Tickets are \$15 and are sold in advance only. They can be purchased by calling Nancy at 485-4142 or Marlene at 425-0074. Funds raised will be used to support the mission work done by the CWL.

We hope to see you there.

## **ROTARY CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNEY – Sept 8**

Fri, Sept 8, registration 9am, 10am shotgun start at Ingersoll Golf & Country Club. The Rotary Club of Ingersoll is celebrating 27 years of giving back to the Ingersoll community. We host: the Santa Claus Parade, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Annual Fishing Derby at Smith's Pond Park, Rotary Rink Mates, mental health initiatives and many international humanitarian projects. In 2015, we were the first group to put financial support towards the future Multi-use Recreational Facility, with a \$100,000 minimum commitment. We would sincerely appreciate your participation, contact Lawrence Beckett 519-537-9999. If you don't golf, you can still support our efforts by sponsoring a hole \$150, be a live auction sponsor \$500 or a pot of gold sponsor \$1,000. We would also be pleased to accept your item or service towards our silent auction.

## **SALFORD TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT – Sept 9**

Sat, Sept 9, 8-10pm. Test your Salford and area knowledge for a fun night of Team Trivia. 10 tables of 8 players competing for Grand Champion Prize. \$25 or \$200 entrance fee per table of 8. Light refreshment will be served. To book your table, please call or email Trevor [tmfinkenzeller@gmail.com](mailto:tmfinkenzeller@gmail.com) or 519-709-8086.

## **THORNDALE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Sept 9**

Thorndale Fair has volunteer opportunities for teens & adults! Join us Sat, Sept 9 from 10am-12pm at the Thorndale Library to learn when & where we need volunteers for the 160th Thorndale Fall Fair.

Lots of different opportunities to suit your interest & time availability. It's a great way to get involved & meet new people in the community!

If you can't make it, but would like to get involved, contact Nancy 519-461-1079.

## **ZORRA SKATING CLUB - Sept 9**

The Zorra Skating Club will be holding a winter skating registration this September in the small hall of the Embro Community Centre. Registration times include Sat, Sept 9 (10am-12pm) and Wed, Sept 13 (6:30pm-8:30pm). There are a variety of programs offered to meet all levels of our skaters. We look forward to a great year ahead & to meeting many new skaters this season as well as welcoming back past skaters. 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 look forward to seeing you at the rink!

## **INGERSOLL SKATING CLUB REGISTRATION – Sept 9**

It is time to register your children for CanSkate, StarSkate, Learn to Skate, Parent & Beginner Skater

and Power Skating with the Ingersoll Skating Club. We offer a variety of skating programs on Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays. Programs start the middle of September so get your skates & helmets out! Skaters of all ages & abilities are welcome. Payment plans & new skater promotions are available. Registration packages will be available in August for the Ingersoll Skating Club for all skating programs. Registration will be Sat, Sept 9 & 16 and also Sun, Sept 10 & 17 from 1-4pm in the lobby of the Ingersoll Arena. For further information please call Barbara 519-485-1039 or email [ingersollskatingclub@outlook.com](mailto:ingersollskatingclub@outlook.com) We are looking forward to another year of fun and learning on the ice! Check out our new website at [www.ingersollskatingclub.com](http://www.ingersollskatingclub.com).

### **STRATFORD LAKESIDE ACTIVE ADULTS - Sept 10**

TORONTO BLUE JAYS VS. DETROIT TIGERS Toronto Sun, Sept 10. Departs: 9am, returns: 6pm. Cost: \$80. Includes: transportation, game admission in 200 level outfield, driver's tip, taxes. Stratford Lakeside Active Adults Assoc. at the Kiwanis Community Centre, 111 Lakeside Dr, Stratford. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-12pm and 1-4:30pm. Contact: 519-271-4310, [www.stratfordactiveadults.ca](http://www.stratfordactiveadults.ca).

### **THAMESFORD SKATING CLUB – Sept 12**

Hockey? Figure Skating? Sign up for our Learn to Skate program to get the fundamental skills you need to succeed! Our season starts in October with options for 1 or 2 days per week (Tues nights, and/or Sat mornings). Already know how to skate? We also offer CanSkate B, Preliminary, Junior & Senior. Our trained coaches will be able to ensure that you are placed in the correct level & will help you achieve your skating goals. Registration in the Thamesford Arena coatroom: Sept 12, 6-8pm Sept 16, 10am-noon. For more info please email: [thamesfordsc@gmail.com](mailto:thamesfordsc@gmail.com) or call: Lesley 519-285-5088.

### **MAJORETTES begins Sept 13**

COME OUT & TRY MAJORETTES Ages 6 & up, starts Sept 13. Try it free for 3 lessons at Thamesford Public School. Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm, \$25 per child or \$35 per family for a month. Most outfits are supplied. We go in parades & competitions. Any questions, call Teresa 519-485-1796 or [triley58@hotmail.com](mailto:triley58@hotmail.com).

### **Embroidery Fair – Sept 16**

Call to all organizations wishing to display at Embroidery Fair this year. Class 56 is non-competitive and display the Fair theme "Canada Rocks 150". Displays may measure up to 5 ft. Please register as soon as possible, first come first served. Class 57 is competitive & may contain up to 10 articles. Knitting, needlework, flowers, arts & crafts, food, photography, fruits roots & veg, Christmas corner, sewing & surprise us. See 2017 fair prize book for details. For more info & to register call Mary Verhoeven 519-485-2685 or email [bverhoeven@execulink.com](mailto:bverhoeven@execulink.com).

### **ANNUAL 3 ON 3 ROAD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

Sat, Sept 16, at the Embroidery Fair. Get your friends together & enter a team. Spaces are limited so sign up early. Contact Stacy Crown: 519533-8838 or [stacycrown18@gmail.com](mailto:stacycrown18@gmail.com). For more information and registration forms go to [www.embroideryfair.com](http://www.embroideryfair.com).

### **EMBROIDERY FAIR BABY SHOW**

Calling all babies! The Embroidery Fair Baby Show is looking for babies born Mar 17, 2016-Sept 16, 2017 to participate in this year's event. All pre-registered babies receive a goody bag, prizes for every baby! This year's theme: CANADA ROCKS 150. To register call Allison Wilks 519788-5457 or [efbabyshow@hotmail.com](mailto:efbabyshow@hotmail.com).

## **INGERSOLL & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Sept 19**

Tues, Sept 19, upstairs at the Ingersoll Legion at 7:30pm, we will hear about the countryside around the Vimy Ridge Memorial in France. Bryan Smith will present a story about the area & the people nearby as we continue to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Great War. On Tues, Oct 17, 7:30pm at the Legion George Emery will tell us all about the various mill ponds of Ingersoll & the industries associated with the water power produced alongside these ponds. On Tues, Nov 21, 6pm, we will hold our annual dinner catered by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Tickets will be available in advance for this delicious meal. Then we will be treated to the 4th installment in Professor Jonathan Vance's ongoing World War I series of lectures. Please come out & join us as we continue to explore our history.

## **Thorndale Fall Fair 160 Years, Aged to Perfection! Sept 22-24**

The Thorndale Fair is coming up Sept 22-24 celebrating 160 Years!

Mark your calendars for this fun filled weekend! Animals, rides, musical entertainment, childrens entertainers, Saturday parade, chuck wagon & lawn mower races, Sunday demolition derby & much more! Check out [www.thorndalefair.com](http://www.thorndalefair.com) for full details! Or [facebook.com/thorndalefair/](https://www.facebook.com/thorndalefair/)

**THORNDALE FAIR HOMECRAFT COMPETITION** Calling all crafters, bakers, quilters, antique collectors, gardeners, amateur artists & photographers! Check out this year's Homecraft Competition at [thorndalefair.com/homecraft/](http://thorndalefair.com/homecraft/) for a listing of all the different categories, including: Baking, Canning, Arts & Crafts, Sewing, Quilting, Photography, Fine Art, Antiques, Fruits & Vegetables, Horticulture & more! New this year is the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Butter Tart Competition with the winning tarts moving on to regional & maybe even provincial level competition!

**FAIR AMBASSADOR NEEDED!** Looking for youth aged 17-22! Leadership training, overnight travel, networking, cash bursary for all participants, resume-worthy experiences... if you are interested in a fun & rewarding experience then the Thorndale Agricultural Society is inviting you to participate in the 2017 Thorndale Fair Ambassador Program. This year's competition takes place at the Thorndale Fair Opening Ceremonies & Variety Night on Fri Sept 22. Good luck to our current Thorndale Fair Ambassador Bridget Heeman who will be travelling to Toronto for the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs competition Aug 18-20, 2017! If you would like more information please visit [www.thorndalefair.com / ambassador-competition/](http://www.thorndalefair.com/ambassador-competition/) or Laura Langford 519-319-0214 or [lj.langford@gmail.com](mailto:lj.langford@gmail.com).

**YOUTH FAIR & SCHOOL FAIR COMPETITION** Beat the summer boredom or fill those rainy days by preparing your entries for the Thorndale Fair School Fair & Youth Fair Competitions! See [www.thorndalefair.com/2017-fair/](http://www.thorndalefair.com/2017-fair/) for a listing of all categories (arts and crafts, lego, creative design & more!) Prize money will awarded at the fair!

## **Joint 150th Canada Celebration – Sept 29 to Oct 1**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...**for the Joint 150th Canada Celebration in Mount Elgin & Salford on Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2017. Weekend event includes entertainment, food, games, quilt show & high tea, antique & toy tractor show. Lots of fun for the whole family! Stay tuned to next edition for further information!

## **MISSION TEAM - October**

The Knox United Church and Zorra Community Mission Team are planning a trip to Bolivia with Friends of the Orphans Canada in October 2018. Anyone who is interested in joining the team should



contact Marion Wilks at 519-475-4888, email [marionwilks@xplornet.com](mailto:marionwilks@xplornet.com) or Chris Cockle at 519-475-4201, email [cockle@xplornet.ca](mailto:cockle@xplornet.ca).

**INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB – Oct 3**

4th Annual Photo Contest 'Back Roads Oxford'. In celebration of our beautiful county & Canada 150, we invite all photographers to send in their best pictures of back road nature scenery in Oxford County. Deadline is Oct13, 5pm. More info. contact Rob 519-608-3032 or check our website [www.ingersollnatureclub.com](http://www.ingersollnatureclub.com) where you can see past winning entries.