

# Thorndale News

## Updates from I Love Thorndale

## Thorndale Dental Centre shining brightly in second year of operation

**Wednesday Jan. 28:** Thorndale agricultural society, annual general meeting.

Potluck dinner at 7 pm, followed by meeting at 8:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Tuesday, Feb. 3:** Blood donor clinic at the community centre from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

**Monday, Feb. 16:** Winter carnival at the community centre & fairgrounds from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, presented by i love thorndale in co-operation with the thorndale community groups & service clubs. An afternoon of outdoor winter activities, followed by some musical entertainment and social indoors. This event is free including hot dogs & warm drinks!!! Everyone is welcome!

**Tuesday, Feb. 17:** St. George's anglican church, thorndale. Annual ham & pancake supper at the church. Served from 4:30 – 7:00. Tickets at the door, take-out available.

**Saturday Feb. 21 @ 6:30, Sunday Feb. 22 @ 12:30, Feb. 27 & 28 at 6:30:** Dinner Theatre \$35/ticket.

"Arsenic and old lace." Preview thursday Feb. 19 (no meal) \$10. Tickets available at ace hardware (519-461-0280). Payable by cash or cheque. For more info call jackie 519-461-0218 or ace hardware.

**Sat. Feb. 28 & Sunday Mar. 1st:** first aid & cpr-c course (Red Cross Certified) to register: dapatterson@start.ca

Phone: **519-461-0043**  
cost \$124.30 (\$110 + Hst)  
location thorndale dental centre

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By Dan Rankin

Until Sept. 30, 2013, residents of Thorndale that needed dental work done or who wanted a checkup had to look outside of their borders for those services. But since

Dr. Nick Masse opened the Thorndale Dental Centre, the growing community has embraced having Dr. Masse's office right there in their back yard, at 100 King Street.

"Clients love the office," said hygienist Lindsey McLeod-Finkbeiner. "It's new, it's modern, it's up to date. A lot of them just climb through the fence there and come and see us."

Dr. Masse has similarly embraced the chance to give back to the place where he grew up. "Thorndale has never really had a dentist and we're at a good point now where we're starting to grow," he said. "New housing, new everything - and it's just one extra service I can provide for the community and give back to the community that raised me."

One big selling point is their digital X-Ray capabilities, which can help clients see their teeth in a whole new way.

"I see myself as an educator," Dr. Masse said. "I went to school for a pretty long time to learn certain things. Now it's my job to relate those things to a patient, and the best way to do it is with photos. A lot of people haven't seen their teeth the way we see their teeth." That's why, for his new practice, he invested in digital photography and digital imaging to give his patients a better understanding of what's going on in their mouths. "People may feel something is jagged with

their tongue, but they don't realize just what's going on," he said. "It's just a different way to show people their teeth. Having these types of tools hits it home a little bit better that this is what things we'd recommend. A lot of people have commented during the new patient exams that they've never had anyone take the time to discuss this with them. Most times the dentist would just say 'you need a filling' and they would just go with it."

Dr. Masse, a graduate of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western, previously practiced in Strathroy, where he still works one day a week, as well as in Lucan. Since he's come to Thorndale, many of his old patients now make the trip to Thames Centre to see him. "A lot of clients have been quite devoted to him, moving where he's gone," McLeod-Finkbeiner said. "They come from St. Marys, Lucan, Thamesford, Dorchester, Arva, Kintore, Ilderton..."

And the office's visible presence on King Street has also pulled in a lot of new clients, she added. "The sign out front seems to be doing wonders," she said. "We have lots of people just stopping by, which is great. You'd be surprised the amount of people coming in from that sign. It's crazy."

Dr. Masse said he doesn't

expect to see a time when the dental centre would not accept new patients. "We're always looking to grow as much as the community grows," he said. "We don't want to be too busy so that we can't provide the education we provide now, but we'll always accept new patients and emergencies as well."

He estimates that, since the Thorndale Dental Centre opened its doors, he has filled about 800 teeth. But his contributions to Thorndale don't end there, as he's also demonstrated a commitment to dental health out on the ice. "We've sponsored the Zorra Fuzion girls hockey teams as well, providing a monetary sponsorship and free mouth guards," he said.

The basement of the dental centre has also been made available to groups ranging from CPR and First Aid training to Weight Watchers. "It helps keep the community tight and let's them know we're here for them," he said.

Current hours for the Thorndale Dental Centre are Mondays 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Thursdays 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Fridays 8:00 am to 3 pm. For more information or to book an exam, call 519-549-9000 or visit their Web site at ThorndaleDentalCentre.ca.



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preview February 19 \$10.00 (no meal)

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